

TITLE: Wednesday Afternoon Club Collection

DATE RANGE: 1918 – 1970

CALL NUMBER: Y-MS 44

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2 linear feet (4 boxes)

PROVENANCE: Unknown.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: The Wednesday Afternoon Club was a women's social club in Yuma, Arizona. It was first formed in 1918 by a group of women in Yuma who worked with the Red Cross during World War I. At the end of the war these women decided to form a social and charity group. On March 5, 1919 the Wednesday Afternoon Club was officially incorporated with Mrs. C. Louise Boehringer as its first president. Soon after its founding the club was federated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The group was involved in a number of charitable events and projects, including donating money to schools and hospitals and obtaining the first school doctor and nurse. The club organized a number of senior citizen activities before the events became larger than they could handle and the organizational duties were handed off to others. The club was disbanded in 1975. All of their remaining funds were given to Mark Massaro a young man in need of specialized surgery.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This collection is comprised of administrative and commemorative materials from the Wednesday Afternoon Club. The constitution folder holds two different versions of the club's constitution and by-laws. The meeting minutes cover a random selection of years but are generally complete within a year. The finances folder contains a financial ledger from 1930 and a few loose papers from subsequent years.

The yearbooks are generally complete but there are a few gaps in the earlier years. Oversized yearbooks are contained in the scrapbooks in this collection. The publications folder holds a list of plants that can survive well in Yuma and when to plant them, compiled by the club. Included is a copy of the club song, a re-written version of *In the Valley of the Moon*.

The memorabilia folder contains a plaque presented to the club and a recording of the 69th annual convention of the Arizona Federated Women's Clubs. There are four scrapbooks in this collection. The scrapbooks mainly cover the events of a single year each. However, one scrapbook documents the history of the club up to the late 1950s.

There are no series.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	Constitution and By-laws	1929, n.d.
	2	Meeting Minutes	1921 – 1941
	3	Meeting Minutes	1948 – 1964
	4	Finances	1930 – 1938
	5	Yearbooks	1921 – 1955
	6	Yearbooks	1955 – 1969
	7	Publications	n.d.
2	OV	Oversize, Memorabilia	1954 – 1960
	OV	Scrapbooks	1951 – 1953
3	OV	Scrapbooks	1955 – 1964
4	OV	Scrapbooks	1959