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**HISTORICAL NOTE:**

Soroptimist International of Phoenix is currently one of the largest Soroptomist clubs in the world. Its members represent the downtown and central Phoenix communities of executive and professional women. The club was chartered in 1936, and membership is by invitation. Each member is “classified” according to the principal activity of the company, institution for which she works or spends occupational time.

It is a charitable organization which focuses on numerous service projects to benefit women and children. Its program areas are economic and social development, health, education, environment, human rights/status of women, and international goodwill and understanding. The club was a co-founder and principal supporter of Girls Ranch and Tumbleweed. In the 1990’s it sponsored the Arizona Women’s Town Hall.

Over the decades club membership has included Arizona leaders, such as Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justices Lorna Lockwood and Ruth McGregor; Secretary of State and Governor Rose Mofford; Secretary of State Betsy Bayless, and other prominent Phoenix professional women such as Jana Bommersbach, Dorothy McLaughlin, Anne Lindeman, and Margaret Rockwell.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:**

The collection was well organized when it came to the Arizona Historical Foundation, and the original chronological order, arrangement, and headings were maintained during processing. The collection is missing some years of meeting minutes.

The core of the records, Board of Directors and Business meeting minutes and financial records document the club's extensive local charitable work, and the gradual transition of the small active club to a larger, more complex organization.

Noteworthy is the International Goodwill and Understanding Committee file (Box 1, Folder 39) relating to relief efforts to the Netherlands in 1945-1946 directly following the end of World War II. It contains correspondence from Dutch members describing hardships and living conditions during the WWII German occupation.

**CONTAINER LIST:**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1	1	Charter Presentation and Installation Dinner, Hotel Adams, Phoenix	March 20, 1936
	2	Meeting Minutes	January, 1950-June, 1951
	3	Meeting Minutes	July, 1951-June, 1952
	4	Meeting Minutes	July, 1952-June, 1953
	5	Meeting Minutes	July, 1953-June, 1954
	6	Meeting Minutes	July, 1954-June, 1955
	7	Minutes (includes newsletter "Cactus Chatter," and group photograph)	July, 1958-June 1959
	8	Committee Assignments, Club Officer Duties	1960-1964
	9	Regular Meeting Minutes	1964/1965
	10	Business Meeting Minutes	1964/1965
	11	Board Meeting Minutes/Treasurer's Report	1964/1965
	12	Regular Meeting Minutes	1965/1966
	13	Business Meeting Minutes	1965/1966
	14	Board Meeting Minutes/Treasurer's Report	1965/1966
	15	Regular Meeting Minutes	1966/1967
	16	Business Meeting Minutes	1966/1967
	17	Board Meeting Minutes/Treasurer's Report	1966/1967
	18	Regular Meeting Minutes	1967/1968
	19	Business Meeting Minutes	1967/1968
	20	Board Meeting Minutes/Treasurer's Report	1967/1968
	21	Regular Meeting Minutes	1968/1969
	22	Business Meeting Minutes	1968/1969
	23	Board Meeting Minutes	1968/1969
	24	Regular Meeting Minutes	1969/1970
	25	Business Meeting Minutes	1969/1970

	26	Board Meeting Minutes/Treasurer's Report	1969/1970
	27	Regular Meeting Minutes	1970/1971
	28	Business Meeting Minutes	1970/1971
	29	Board Meeting Minutes	1970/1971
	30	Committee Reports	1970/1971
	31	Regular Meeting Minutes	1971/1972
	32	Business Meeting Minutes	1971/1972
	33	Board Meeting Minutes/Treasurer's Report	1971/1972
	34	Regular Meeting Minutes	1972/1973
	35	Business Meeting Minutes	1972/1973
	36	Board Meeting Minutes/Treasurer's Report	1972/1973
	37	Bulletin Committee, "Cactus Chatter"	1960-1973
	38	Equal Rights Amendment	1973
	39	International Goodwill and Understanding Committee	1938-1949
	40	International Goodwill and Understanding Committee	1952-1961
<b>2</b>	1	International Goodwill and Understanding Committee	1962-1964
	2	International Goodwill and Understanding Committee	1965-1973
	3	Public Affairs Committee	1948-1972
	4	Public Relations Committee	1955-1973
	5	Roster Committee	1951-1972
	6	Second Horizons Committee	1955-1971
	7	Service Objectives Committee	1960-1970
	8	Service Objectives Committee	1971-1973
	9	Regular Meeting Minutes	1973/1974
	10	Business Meeting Minutes	1973/1974
	11	Board Meeting Minutes	1973/1974
	12	Regular Meeting Minutes	1974/1975
	13	Business Meeting Minutes	1974/1975
	14	Board Meeting Minutes	1974/1975
	15	Correspondence/ "Cactus Chatter" newsletter	1974/1975
	16	Leaves and Resignations/New Clubs	1974/1975
	17	Judge Lorna Lockwood	1975
	18	Officer List	1974/1975
	19	Newsletter/Miscellaneous Club Business	1978/1979
	20	Business and Board Meeting Minutes/Budget and Finance	1978/1979
	21	Board Meeting Minutes/Financial Statements	1979/1980
	22	General Correspondence	1979/1980
	23	Dun Letters/Change of Membership Status/New Members	1979/1980
	24	General Correspondence/Change In Membership Status	1980/1981
	25	New Members/Change In Membership Status	1981/1982
	26	Sandra Day O'Connor	1981
	27	Board of Director's Minutes/Treasurer's Report	1982/1983
	28	Business Meeting Minutes	1982/1983
	29	New Members/Change In Membership Status/General Correspondence	1982/1983

	30	Business Correspondence/Reports/ Newsletters/ Miscellaneous	1981-1983
<b>3</b>	1	Correspondence	1983/1984
	2	Membership	1983/1984
	3	Membership/Delinquent	1985/1986
	4	Leave of Absence/Resignation/Transfers	1985/1986
	5	Business Meeting Minutes	1987/1988
	6	Board Meeting Minutes	1987/1988
	7	Business Meeting Minutes	1988/1989
	8	Board Meeting Minutes	1988/1989
	9	Program/Committees	1988/1989
	10	Roster	1989/1990
	11	Venture/Correspondence	1989/1990
	12	Board Meeting Minutes	September – December, 1990
	13	Board Meeting Minutes	January- March, 1990
	14	Board Meeting Minutes	April – June, 1990
	15	Business Meeting Minutes	September – December, 1990
	16	Business Meeting Minutes	January – March, 1990
	17	Business Meeting Minutes	April – June, 1990
	18	Arizona Women’s Town Hall	1990
<b>4</b>	1	Club Procedures	June, 1991
	2	Business Meeting Minutes	1990/1991
	3	Board Meeting Minutes	1990/1991
	4	Business Meeting Minutes	1991/1992
	5	Board Meeting Minutes	1991/1992
	6	Business Meeting Minutes	1993/1994
	7	Board Meeting Minutes/Budget	1993/1994
	8	Committees/Induction Ceremony	1993/1994
	9	Roster/Programs/GWR Calendar/Miscellaneous	1993/1994
	10	Club Guide, Directory/ Golden West Region Roster and Directory	1992-1994
	11	Business Meeting Minutes	1994/1995
	12	Board Meeting Minutes	1994/1995
	13	Treasurer’s Reports/Finance (1 of 3)	1994/1995
	14	Treasurer’s Reports/Finance (2 of 3)	1994/1995
	15	Treasurer’s Reports/Finance (3 of 3)	1994/1995
	16	Calendar/Roster-Officers/Community Service/Club Guide	1994/1995

	17	Membership Survey	1995
	18	“Sol” Newsletter	1994/1995
	19	Business Agenda/Business Meeting	1995/1996
	20	Board Agenda	1995/1996
	21	Board Meeting	1995/1996
	22	“Sol” Newsletter	1995/1996
	23	New Members	1995/1996
	24	Treasurer	1995/1996
	25	Finance/ Miscellaneous Correspondence	1995/1996
	26	Correspondence-Committees/Newsletter	1995/1996
<b>5</b>	1	Miscellaneous Correspondence	1995/1996
	2	Ventures/Programs/Special Projects	1995/1996
	3	District IV/Roster	1995/1996
	4	Memos to Club, Board, Chairs	1995/1996
	5	Leaves/Resignations/New Members	1995/1996
	6	Board Meeting Minutes	1996/1997
	7	Business Meeting Minutes	1996/1997
	8	Correspondence	1996/1997
	9	“Sol” Newsletter and other club newsletters	1996/1997
	10	Board Meeting Minutes	1997/1998
	11	Business Meeting Minutes	1997/1998
	12	Board and Business Meeting File	September – October, 1997
	13	Board and Business Meeting File	November – December, 1997
	14	Board and Business Meeting File	January-March, 1998
	15	Board and Business Meeting File	April-June, 1998
	16	President’s Retreat/Club Guide – Procedures	July, 1998
	17	Officers/Committee Chairs/Club Guide/Laws	1998/1999
	18	Board and Business Meeting File	January- February, 1999
	19	Board and Business Meeting File	March- May, 1999
	20	Board and Business Meeting File	June- September, 1999
	21	Board and Business Meeting File	October- December, 1999