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NDSU Women's Club

NDSU Women's Club, Records, 1920-2010

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OVERVIEW

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HISTORY

The NDSU Women's Club was organized in 1920 as the North Dakota Agricultural College Faculty Women's Club. They adopted a constitution in November 1922 with the stated purpose of service to the college, helping new members of the staff, and development of club members. In 1948, interest groups were formed within the group as an opportunity for new faculty and staff to become acquainted to the Fargo area, as well as other faculty members. Interest groups meet numerous times throughout the year and offer numerous events for the club's members. Interest groups are still a large part of the group today.

In 1953, the club found it necessary to clarify its name, and became the NDAC Women's Club, which would change to NDSU Women's Club. With the name change, the NDAC Women's Club opened its membership to wives of current or retired faculty, and any women faculty members. In 1957, membership was opened to wives of Christian Education instructors and women working with religious groups on campus. In 1979 membership included wives of faculty and staff, employees and graduate students. In 1995, membership became open to anyone with an interest in NDSU, as long as they were willing to pay the necessary dues.

In 1923, a student loan fund was established and funded with money raised at teas and bridge parties. In May, 1933 the first scholarship was awarded to a woman student for one quarter's tuition. The club began awarding the Mary Elizabeth Hultz Scholarship in 1961 to honor the wife of the former college president. A second Women's Club scholarship was added and the organization temporarily administered the North Dakota Native American Indian Grant and the Eleanor R. Schulz 4-H Memorial Scholarship. The scholarships became a large emphasis for the club, and half of the paid dues are put aside for scholarship each year.

In 1936, the Women's Club sponsored a reception for new faculty which continued in different forms until the 1960s. In 1946, the Newcomer's Club was organized as an adjunct group. In 1983, NDSU's Who's New Club, suffering from lack of membership, ceased to exist and offered its membership and treasury to the Women's Club.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records of the NDSU Women's Club contain meeting minutes, letters, events, newsletters, membership lists, and information on the scholarships the club offers. Of particular interest among the letters are those from Mary Elizabeth Hultz, widow of the University president, who writes of her life in retirement in Massachusetts. Much of the events material contains event flyers as well as write-ups in both the Forum and the school newspaper.

The folder containing the [Constitution and By-Laws](#) contains the revised constitutions from the years 1944 to 2004. When the process of changing the constitution is apparent on one copy of the constitution, it is filed preceding the approved constitution.

The [Board Meeting Minutes Series](#) contains minutes from board meetings held from 1920 to spring, 1983. Minutes for general meetings and events are also included in this series. Some printed material of events is located within the meeting minutes. Included in the meeting minutes is some information about scholarships and Who's New, including directories of new faculty and staff. Financial reports are in these folders if they were available. Letters from Mary Elizabeth

Hultz are filed in this series from 1961 to 1974/75. After this date, they are filed in the President's file. After 1983, meeting minutes are located in the President's file.

The [President's Files](#) are available from the years 1967/1968 to 2007/2008. President's files from 1984/1985, 1995/1996, and 2005/2006 years are absent. The folders include the president's notes on the activities for the year, organizational notes and correspondences addressed to the president. Personal notes from Mary Elizabeth Hultz are filed in the president's folder after 1975. The president's folder for 1979/1980 contains a copy of an outline of the club's history. President's folders dating from 1983/1984 year to the 2004/2005 year include board agendas and meeting minutes.

The [Secretary Files](#) are available from 1998-2008. The secretary's notes are separated into two folders. One folder contains general meeting minutes, as well as a short history of the club. The second folder consists of lists of board members from 1998-2008 as well as minutes from board meetings.

[Newsletters](#) exist from 1965-2008. Starting in the 1965/1966 year, the publicity chairman wrote that newsletters would be sent in the drop mail, rather than calling all of the club's members. Starting October 1976, NDSU Women's Club Newsletters were given both a volume and issue number, this lasted until 1985. Starting in the 2008/2009 year, newsletters are to only be mailed out only to those members who do not have e-mail addresses.

[Annual Program Booklets](#) or brochures are available from 1947 to 2004. The programs detail the planned activities of the club and the names of the officers and group leaders, as well as the different interest groups the club has to offer.

[Funding Scholarships](#) is among the most important work of the club. Most of the scholarship information available before 1970 is found in the meeting minutes. Beginning in 1970, some materials were irregularly collected pertaining to the scholarships awarded in those years. This series includes the Scholarship Committee Reports with information on the purpose and standards for the scholarships, as well as winners of the NDSU Women's Club Scholarship, the Mary Elizabeth Hultz Scholarship, the North Dakota Native American Indian Grant which was awarded for only a few years, and the Eleanor R. Schulz NDSU Women's Club 4-H Memorial Scholarship, which was awarded for four years.

The [Events Series](#) contains information on the events and activities that the club held dating from 1947 to 2010. Some information found in this series includes write-ups from members, newspaper clippings on the club members and their events, as well as handouts on club events. This series includes Events and Publications from 1948/1949 to 2009/2010, the program of the book interest group for 1954/1965, the Faculty Who's New Woman's Club Programs 1947/1948 to 1955/1956,

the Town and Gown Tea Guest Book 1947 to 1956, Event Flyers including biographies on women in the club 1970 to 1990, and Event Photos 2001 to 2006.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

BOX 1

Historical material, and Inventory

Constitution and By-Laws

1944-2004

Board Meeting Minutes

1920-1926/1927

1927/1928-1932/1933

1933/1934-1937/1938

1938/1939-1943/1944

1944/1945-1947/1948

1948/1949-1951/1952

1952/1953-1955/1956

1956/1957-1960/1961

1961/1962-1964/1965

1965/1966-1967/1968

1968/1969-1969/1970

1970/1971-1971/1972

1972/1973-1973/1974

1974/1975-1975/1976

1976/1977-1977/1978

1978/1979/1979/1980

1980/1981-1981/1982

1982/1983-1983/1984

1984/1985-1985/1986

President's Files Series

Charlotte Mitich, 1967-1968

Fran Kiesling, 1968-1969
Lois Schwartz, 1969-1970
Phyllis Bancroft, 1970-1971
Gladys Meyer, 1971-1972
Pat Strommen, 1972-1973
Ann Jacobsen, 1973-1974
Hazel Ebeltoft, 1974-1975
Carolyn Nelson, 1975-1976
Joyce Henderson, 1976-1977
Leota Maughan, 1977-1978
Betty Kerns, 1978-1979
Beva Dhanke, 1979-1980
Janet Lund, 1980-1981
Gen Eidem, 1981-1982
Eithnea Killilea, 1982-1983
Doris Rudesill, 1983-1984
Judy Humphrey, 1985-1986
Annelee Donnelly, 1986-1987
Jean Harrold, 1987-1988
Darlene Feil, 1988-1989
Bernice Pavek, 1989-1990
Marilynn Woods, 1990-1991
Louise Johnson, 1991-1992
Kathy Knighton, 1992-1993
Marilyn Johnson Hanson, 1993-1994
Ginny Blain, 1994-1995
Jayma A. Moore, 1996-1997
Jeanette M. Nelson, 1997-1998
Darlene Rogers, 1998-1999
Renee McClean, 1999-2000

BOX 2

Lisa Kasson-Bauer, 2000-2001
Doris Rudesill, 2001-2002
Lynn Grant, 2002-2003
Chiauko Shastri, 2003-2004
Audrey Cloven , 2004-2005

Connie Jones, 2006-2007

Mary Bjerke, 2007-2008

Secretary Files Series

General Minutes, 1998-2008

Board Members and Minutes, 1998-2008

Annual Program Booklets Series

1947/1948 - 1956/1957

1957/1958 - 1966/1967

1967/1968 - 1975/1976

1976/1977 - 2007/2008

Newsletter Series

1965-1975

October 1976- April 1978 (Vol. I, No. 1- Vol. II, No. 4)

September 1978- March 1980 (Vol. III, No. 1- Vol. IV, No. 5)

September 1980- April 1982 (Vol.5, No. 1- Vol. VI, No. 4)

September 1982- April 1984 (Vol. VII, No. 1- Vol. VIII, No. 4)

1984-1985 (Vol. IX, No. 1- Vol. X, No. 4)

September 1986- April 1990

September 1990- April 1995

September 1995- April 2000

September 2000- September 2008

Scholarship Series

Scholarship Committee Reports and Winners, 1970-1986

Mary Elizabeth Hultz Scholarship, 1972-1986

North Dakota Native American Indian Grant, 1971-1975

Eleanor R. Schulz 4-H Memorial Scholarship, 1972-1980

Events Series

Events and Publications, 1948/1949-1971/1972

Events and Publications, 1972/1973-1985/1986

Events and Publications, 1987/1988-1997/1998

Events and Publications, 1998/1999-2009/2010

Book Section Program, 1964/1965

Faculty Who's New Woman's Club Programs, 1947/1948 - 1955/1956

Town and Gown Tea Guest Book, 1947 - 1956

Event Flyers, 1970-1990

Event Photos, 2002-2006 (Includes CD)