K0253
Soroptimist International of Kansas City Records
1926-2010
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Organizational records of a local professional and businesswomen's service organization, including correspondence, business and financial papers, obituaries of its members, and newsletters.

HISTORY:

Soroptimist International of Kansas City, Missouri was chartered on May 19, 1926, by Stuart Morrow, a professional service club organizer. The first Soroptimist Club was established in Oakland, California, in 1921 by Mr. Morrow. Mr. Morrow, while organizing a service club for men, found that women would also be interested in such a group. He incorporated the name "Soroptimist," which is from the Latin words soror meaning sister and optima meaning best. A free translation is "the best for women." There are Clubs located throughout the world.

Soroptimist members are professional and executive businesswomen. Membership is by invitation only. There can be only one Active and one Associate member for each particular job classification. A Member must be employed and devote at least sixty per cent of her occupational time to productive work in her job classification, or derive at least sixty per cent of her occupational income from productive work in that classification. Along with regular business and program meetings, members also take part in various service projects to benefit the community.

Started in 1954 as a separate entity from the Soroptimist International of Kansas City, the Soroptimist Welfare Fund was established as a legal way to handle a substantial amount of money left to the Club, as well as other gifts and legacies that would be tax deductible.
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DESCRIPTION:

This collection contains correspondence, business and financial papers, obituaries, and newsletters concerning Soroptimist International of Kansas City, Missouri and its members. It also includes magazines and newsletters of the national organization.
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Bills Paid, July 1987-June 1988
Financial Statements, July 1987-June 1988
Financial Statements, July 1, June 30, 1989
Bank Statements, July 1987-June 1988
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Deposits, Statements, Checks, Treasurer and Budget Reports, 1984-1985
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Treasurer's Report - File for Audit, 1983-1984
The Signpost, September 1981, to June 1982
Business Meeting Minutes, 1981-1982
31st Biennial Convention (International), July 11-15, 1990
Progression of Kansas City Soroptimist, 1966
Laws and By-Laws of the Women's Kansas City Club
Board Meetings Minutes, April 20, 1949, to April 17, 1985 (omissions)
The Signpost, 1958-1964 (omissions)
Deposit Slips (Grand Avenue Bank & Trust), 1975-1977
Treasurer's Reports, 1984
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Correspondence, 1959-1973
Fund Raising and Other Activities, 1978-1991
S/I Conference-Hospitality, 1987
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Burn Center - KU Medical Center, 1973-1974
President's Handbook, undated
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American Soroptimist, 1972-1974
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Extension - KC Central, 1985
Welfare Fund - Resolutions and Laws, 1979-1986
Charter Dinner Program, 1981; Soroptimist Installation of Officers Program 1984; unidentified & undated photographs
Extension - SW Clay County, 1981
TAP Award - Committee Notes, 1986-1987
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TAP Material, 1982-1983
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Proclamation from Mayor Richard Berkley, KCMO, May 25, 1980 (Youth Awareness Week)
South Central Annual Conference and Region, 1961-1982
Installation Banquets 1975-1981; AREA Meeting Agendas 1981
Blank copies of certificates, membership applications, business meeting agendas; brochures; Connection Spring 1985
International Year of the Disabled, undated; Shepherd Center Committee Report, 1974-1975; Women Helping Women 1981; Women's Leadership Institute Miscellany, 1984

Venture Club, undated; Training Program Award-Youth Citizenship Award, 1982; City Power and Light (Independence, MO)-general service, 1963; Special Board Minutes November 18, 1953; Committee Guidelines undated


Report of Special Dues Committee, April 29, 1963; Minutes: Membership and Classification Committee, June 11, 1959; Community Service Committee Report, March 2, 1977; Committee to Study Club Finances and Activities, 1977; Board Meeting, April 7, 1982; Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1951, 1981; Financial Secretary's Report, January 15, 1985

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Treasurers Reports, 1977-1979
Taxes, 1985-1986
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Strategic Planning Committee, 1988-1989
Study Committee - Finances and Activities, includes questionnaires, 1976-1977
Signpost, 1989 (1), 1990-1993
Baby Shower - drug addicted baby unit, 1990-1991
International Convention, Japan, 1990
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Membership, 1990-1991
Officer Notebook, 1989-1990
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Miscellaneous graphics, club materials, 1979-1989
Clippings
Programs, 1975, 1988-1989, 1993
“Historical Records” includes PR
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Service Objectives Committee - determines financial assistance to community organizations. Records include correspondence, proposals, information about organizations, 1981-1990
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Regional, national information, forms
Unidentified film reel, 1952

SCRAPBOOKS
Volume 1. 1926-1948
Volume 2. 1948-1958
Volume 3. 1959-1962
Volume 4. 1962-1963
Volume 5. 1963-1965
Volume 6. 1965-1968
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Invoices, checks, bank statements, 1990-1991
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Camp Miniwanka, Michigan - correspondence, applications, financial records, regarding scholarships to the camp, 1952, 1965-1974
Correspondence - Rosemary Young, as chaperone, 1969-1971
Photographs, slides
Materials distributed to campers, including schedules, rosters, printed material, song sheets, etc. 1960s-1970s
Correspondence, newsletters, same as above, etc. 1960s-1970s (KA0902)
(KA0865)
Photographs - Virginia Porth; Founders Day Dinner, 1951
Membership/dues correspondence, records, 1985-1987
40th Anniversary - correspondence, printed material, planning materials, 1966
The Soroptimist of the Americas, Mar-Apr 1985
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Financial Secretary notebook, 1993-1994
IGU, 1994
Service Objectives Committee, ca.1990
Program Committee, 1985
Directories, programs, ca.1990s
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Financial records – bank statements, check register, financial statements, deposits, paid bills, 1994-1995
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Environment Committee, 1996
Spot Light, ca.1988-1994 (incomplete)
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ACE Awards, ca.1993
T-shirt designs
National/regional bulletins re: Youth Activities, 1996
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Welfare Fund, ca.1984-1994
Shepherd’s Center, 1986
Training Awards Program, 1985
Service projects, 1989-1994
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National printed/published materials, including The Soroptimist, 1990s
Miscellaneous envelope
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House Purchase
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Signpost 1999-2001
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Board Meeting Minutes & Treasurer’s Reports 1996-1997
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”TRCA”
Proposed Budget 1998/1999
Older Women’s Shelter
Mature Adults in Crisis Taskforce
Misc. Papers
Sherlock’s
Questions
SOLT
YCA/WOA
Committee Reports 1997-1998
Prospective members
Soroptimist Club Procedures
Laws 1999
Programs
Resolutions
National Communications
Order Forms – Sale Items
Certificates
Membership Extension
Nominating Committee
Orientation – New Members
PR/Brochures
Logos
Meeting Location
Meeting Planning
Working Meeting/Board
Regular Meeting/Working File
Planning
Attendance
Correspondence 1996-1997
Directory 1994-1995
Environment
Human Rights/Status of Women
International Good Will & Understanding
1996-1997 Budget
1995-1996 Year End
Regional Meeting 4/18 – 4/20 1997
Anaheim – Federation Trip
District Meeting Oct. 11-13, 1996
Soroptimist Installation June 9, 1996
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Foundation Board
Communications – Local
KC District Info
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Global Focus
Women in Literacy
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Annuity Fund – Bankers United Life Assurance Co.  
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Attendance 1994-1996  
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Installations  
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Check Register 1996-1997  
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Folder 2 Law’s and Procedures
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Folder 10  Soroptimist Celebrating Success
Folder 11  General: Model Program Kit
Folder 12  Publicity-Sheryl Rudy
Folder 13  General: Soroptimist Symphony
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1999 Soroptimists Celebrating Success! SI/Kansas City “First Place” Award (KA1621)
Folder 25.  Clippings (obits) ca. 1983-ca 2004

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Folder 3  Board Meeting Minutes, Club Meetings July 1991-Mary 1998 (incomplete set)
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Certificate of Appreciation from KCMO Police Department, June 1963