National League of American Pen Women, Muncie Branch records
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Summary Information

Repository  Ball State University Archives and Special Collections


Title  National League of American Pen Women, Muncie Branch records

Date  1944-2015

Extent  0.8 Cubic feet 3 boxes

Language  English

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Historical Note

The National League of American Pen Women was founded in 1897. Realizing a need for an organization that would include women of the press, Marian Longfellow O'Donohue, niece of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, decided to create such an organization. Along with Margaret Sullivan Burke and Anna Sanborne Hamilton, Marian made plans for "bringing together women journalists, authors, and illustrators for mutual benefits and the strength that comes of union". On June 26, 1897, these three women brought together 17 writers, novelists, newspaper women, a teacher, a poet, and an artist for the first meeting. Alice R. Morgan, an illustrator for New York publishers, designed the League insignia, the owl, symbolic of wisdom, placed in a triangle formed by a red pen, a blue pencil, and a white brush, colors of the American flag.

In 1944, Muncie’s own branch was organized. Nine women from the Muncie area who were interested in the fields of art, literature, or music were brought together by Mrs. J. R. Marsh, the charter president. The Muncie branch meets monthly and has speakers and exhibits at certain times of the year. This branch is still active today in Muncie.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains records from the Muncie Branch of the National League of American Pen Women and includes the organization's constitution and by-laws, correspondence, minutes, program books, national roosters for 1966-1970 and 1984-1998, publications, information on national elections and State Day activities, and scrapbooks. Publications include issues of the national journal, The Pen Woman and newsletters from the Muncie branch, the Indiana state branch, and the Indianapolis branch.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in the following series:

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Ball State University Archives and Special Collections

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Archives and Special Collections as a donation from Jane Beekman on 2004/02/18. Additions were received by Jane Beekman on 2006/08/14, 2008/04, 2014/06/09, and 2016/06/02.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2006/08/14 by A. Lawrence. Finding aid revised with additions 2008/05/01 and 2008/05/05 by Maren Read. EAD finding aid created 2009/03/25 by Maren Read. EAD finding aid revised 2013/10/02 by Lindsey Vesperr. Addition processed and EAD finding aid revised 2014/06/09 by Kasey Mock. EAD finding aid revised 2014/06/09 by Brandon Pieczko. Addition processed 2016/06/13 by Matthew Gorham. EAD finding aid revised 2016/06/13 by Lindsey M. Vesperr.
Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- By-laws
- Constitutions
- Documents
- Minutes (Administrative Records)
- Newsletters
- Scrapbooks

Geographic Name(s)

- Delaware County (Ind.)
- Muncie (Ind.)--History--20th century--Sources
- Muncie (Ind.)--History--21st century--Sources

Personal Name(s)

- Beekman, Jane

Subject(s)

- Organizations
- Stoeckel Archives of Local History
- Women--Societies and clubs
Collection Inventory


Scope and Contents
This series includes administrative records, meeting minutes, rosters, newsletters, and programs from the Muncie, Indiana branch of the National League of American Pen Women ranging from 1944 to 2013 regarding the Muncie Branch membership records.

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**Scope and Contents**

This series includes a club scrapbook containing newspaper clippings and pamphlets from 1944 through 1984 and a president's scrapbook belonging to Hope Barnes, who served as president from 1996-2001.

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