

Inventory of the

DuPage Area Older Women's League
DuPage County, Illinois

Records

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INTRODUCTION

Ruth Riha donated the DuPage Area Older Women's League records to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on May 18, 2010. Electronic records including correspondence, flyers, and other ephemeral information transferred via email on September 15, 2011.

Property rights in the collection belong to the Regional History Center; literary rights are dedicated to the public. There are no restrictions on access to the materials in the collection.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records of the DuPage Area Older Women's League (OWL) date from 1965 to 2010 and include material from Hyde Park and Fox Valley Older Women's League. The collection also contains a scrapbook of the Lombard YWCA.

The collection is divided into six series, which are designated by the separate branch organizations. Each is arranged chronologically. Included in series I, DuPage Branch, are the group's materials, most of which are subdivided by year: meeting minutes, agendas, program handouts, flyers, correspondence, newspaper articles, publications, by-laws, photographs, directories, convention material, grant applications, newsletters, notes, and anniversary programs dating from 1980 to 2010. Series II, Hyde Park Branch, contains only newsletters dating from 2008 to 2009. In series III, Fox Valley Branch, are meeting minutes, agendas, program handouts, flyers, correspondences, newspaper articles, publications, directories, newsletters, notes and documentation of the discontinuance of the branch. Materials date from 1989 to 2002. Illinois OWL comprise Series IV, and contains flyers, newsletters, correspondence, and members directory dating from 1996 to 1997 and from 2009 to 2010. In Series V, National OWL, includes preamble, program handouts, correspondence, publications, members directory, and the newsletter the OWL Observer dating from 1987 to 2010. Series VI contains the Lombard YWCA scrapbook spanning the years 1965 to 1969.

Electronic records may be accessed in the Center's reading room.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The DuPage Older Women's League is a branch of the National OWL which was created after the 1980 White House Mini-Conference on older women. The DuPage group was established on April 23, 1988 with 12 members. At that time there were already 22 chapters nationally with 9 located in Illinois. DuPage OWL functions as both a social and advocacy

organization with a mission devoted to issues facing women as they age: long-term care, health care, violence against older women, affordable housing, economic security, and the view of older women in society.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

DuPage County (Ill.)
DuPage County Area Older Women's League
Older Women's League
Women
Women– Societies and clubs

COLLECTION INVENTORY

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Series II. Hyde Park Branch		
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Series III. Fox Valley Branch		
1	36-40	Branch Materials, 1989-1999
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Series IV. Illinois OWL		
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Series V. National OWL		
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<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Series VI. Lombard YWCA		
3	1 volume	Scrapbook, 1965-1969