Inventory of the

# Kishwaukee Community Hospital DeKalb, Illinois

Scrapbooks

in the

Regional History Center

# RC 327

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Tamara Farrell of Kish *Health* System donated the Kishwaukee Community Hospital Records to the Regional History Center on February 25, 2009.

Property rights in the collection are held by the Regional History Center; literary rights are dedicated to the public. Due to preservation concerns, researchers should inquire with reference staff if there is a need for photocopies.

Linear feet of shelf space: 6 Number of containers: 6 Northern Illinois Regional History Center Collection 327

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection consists of scrapbooks relating to the Kishwaukee Community Hospital from 1924 to 1975. The scrapbooks contain newspaper articles that detail the activities of both the DeKalb Public Hospital and the Sycamore Public Hospital, as well as their auxiliary groups. An additional box includes reports, meeting minutes, and memos documenting the creation of the hospital and its activities.

The first box contains the documents of the Kishwaukee Community Health Services Center Campaign, the organization behind the creation of the hospital. The rest of the collection is arranged chronologically. For additional information on the creation of the Kishwaukee Community Hospital, researchers should consult the DeKalb Public Hospital Records (RC 224) and the Jacob Haish Memorial Hospital Corporation (RC 286).

#### HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Kishwaukee Community Health Services Center Campaign began in 1969, after a report by A.T. Kearney and Company recommended a single hospital to face the growing needs of the DeKalb/ Sycamore area. The campaign began searching for donation to build the new hospital. Herman C .Cortelyou served as the General Campaign Chairman.

In 1971, the DeKalb AgResearch Company donated land at the Bethany and Sycamore Road intersection for the future site of the hospital. Controversy over whether to renovate the current DeKalb Public Hospital delayed construction until 1974. The Kishwaukee Community Hospital began admitting patients on December 27, 1975, with the DeKalb Public Hospital becoming Barb City Manor, a retirement community.

### SUBJECT TRACINGS

Community Health Clinics DeKalb (III.) DeKalb County (III.) Hospitals Kishwaukee Community Hospital Medical Care Nurses Public Hospitals–Illinois–DeKalb Scrapbooks Sycamore (III.)

## COLLECTION INVENTORY

BOX	FOLDER	DESCRIPTION
1		Kishwaukee Community Health Services Center Campaign, 1971-1972
2		Scrapbook, 1924-1969
3		Scrapbook, 1969-1972
4		Scrapbook, 1970
5		Scrapbook, 1972-1975
6		Scrapbook, 1975