

**Chicago Woman's Club Records,**  
**1877-1998**

**Creator:** Chicago Woman's Club

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**Administration Information**

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**Separations:** None.

**Administrative History**

Founded on February 17, 1876, the Chicago Women's Club (CWC) had twenty-one original members. Founded by Caroline M. Brown, who served as the first president for three years, the Chicago Women's Club was officially chartered on October 28, 1885 (the organization would change its name to the Chicago Woman's Club in 1895). The goal of the club, as stated in its constitution is to the, "mutual sympathy and counsel, and united effort toward the higher civilization of humanity." The club's original committees consisted of Reform, Home, Education, Philanthropy, Art, and Literature. Early on, the club shifted focus from literary activities to what they dubbed "practical work." This process began with the 1884 effort by the Committee on Reform to put women doctors in institutions serving women. They first targeted the Cook County Insane Asylum and after a period of petition writing and meeting with Asylum administrators, the Chicago Woman's Club was successful. Similarly, they founded the first public kindergarten in Chicago, Charity Kindergarten, and later facilitated the appointment of Ellen Mitchell to the Chicago Board of Education. Over several years, the CWC founded the Protective Agency for Women and Children, the Industrial Arts Association, and Society for Physical Culture and Correct Dress, and the School Children's Aid. The group's interest spanned from nurses training, food and clothing for children, temperance, and Cook County jail reform to the management of charities and long term support of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Art Institute, and the Chicago Public Libraries system.

**Scope and Content**

The Chicago Woman's Club materials include a complete run of the Annual Announcements (bound) and an incomplete run of the same (unbound). Similarly, the collection includes the Chicago Woman's Club Bulletin bound and unbound, and several monographs related to the history of the Chicago Woman's Club. In addition, the collection includes monograph references works to city ordinances, programs related to the education, brochures, invitations, photos of club members, and picture postcards. Some materials also relate to other women's clubs including the First District Illinois Federation of Women's Club, the Irving Park Catholic Women's Club, and the Chicago

Outdoor Art League. There are also some oversized materials. The collection is mostly organized chronologically. Some exception exists for boxes 15-17.

**Series 1: Annual Announcements, 1877-1996, Boxes 1-12**

Contains only bound and unbound issues of the Chicago Club Women's Annual Announcement. The run is complete except a missing announcement from 1986-1987. This series also include the Junior Auxiliary annual announcements.

**Series 2: Club Bulletin, 1917-1998, Boxes 13-14**

Includes only bound and unbound copies of the Club Bulletin. Bound copies only run from 1917-1924.

**Series 3: Monographs and Other Materials, 1888-1991, n.d., Boxes 15-16**

Contains multiple monographs related to the history of the Chicago Woman's Club, the City of Chicago, and the women's building at the World's Columbian Exposition. Additional materials include business materials, club-produced histories of the organization, brochures, invitations, letterhead, photos, and poetry. This series also contains photocopies of correspondence, reports on race relations, and campaign materials.

**Series 4: Oversized, 1929, n.d., Box 17**

Includes photographic materials related to the Chicago Woman's Club Exhibition (undated) described as a pencil drawing and ink inscription on one sheet and a small poster board for the exhibition. Other material consists of a 1929 decorating book.

**Subjects:**

Chicago, IL.

Chicago Woman's Club

Women—Chicago

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<b>Series 1: Annual Announcements, 1877-1996</b>			
1	1	Annual Announcement	1877-1878
	2	Annual Announcement	1878-1879
	3	Annual Announcement	1879-1880
	4	Annual Announcement	1880-1881
	5	Annual Announcement	1881-1882
	6	Annual Announcement	1882-1883
	7	Annual Announcement	1883-1884
	8	Annual Announcement	1884-1885
	9	Annual Announcement	1885-1886
	10	Annual Announcement	1886-1887
	11	Annual Announcement	1887-1888
	12	Annual Announcement	1888-1889
	13	Annual Announcement	1889-1890
2	1	Annual Announcement	1890-1891
	2	Annual Announcement	1891-1892
	3	Annual Announcement	1892-1893
	4	Annual Announcement	1893-1894
	5	Annual Announcement	1894-1895
	6	Annual Announcement	1895-1896
	7	Annual Announcement	1896-1897
	8	Annual Announcement	1897-1898
	9	Annual Announcement	1898-1899
	10	Annual Announcement	1899-1900
	11	Annual Announcement	1900-1901
3	1	Annual Announcement	1901-1902
	2	Annual Announcement	1902-1903
	3	Annual Announcement	1903-1904
	4	Annual Announcement	1904-1905
	5	Annual Announcement	1905-1906
	6	Annual Announcement	1906-1907
	7	Annual Announcement	1907-1908
4	1	Annual Announcement	1908-1909
	2	Annual Announcement	1909-1910
	3	Annual Announcement	1910-1911
	4	Annual Announcement	1911-1912
	5	Annual Announcement	1912-1913
	6	Annual Announcement	1913-1914, 1914-1915
5	1	Annual Announcement	1915-1916, 1916-1917

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	2	Annual Announcement	1917-1918
	3	Annual Announcement	1918-1919
	4	Annual Announcement	1919-1920
	5	Annual Announcement	1920-1921
	6	Annual Announcement	1921-1922, 1922-1923
6	1	Annual Announcement	1923-1924, 1924-1925
	2	Annual Announcement	1925-1926, 1926-1927
	3	Annual Announcement	1927-1928
	4	Annual Announcement	1928-1929
	5	Annual Announcement	1929-1930, 1930-1931
7	1	Annual Announcement	1931-1932
	2	Annual Announcement	1932-1933
	3	Annual Announcement	1933-1934
	4	Annual Announcement	1934-1935, 1935-1936
	5	Annual Announcement	1936-1937, 1937-1938
8	1	Annual Announcement	1938-1939, 1939-1940
	2	Annual Announcement	1940-1941, 1941-1942
	3	Annual Announcement	1942-1943, 1943-1944
	4	Annual Announcement	1944-1945
	5	Annual Announcement	1945-1946
	6	Annual Announcement	1946-1947, 1947-1948
	7	Annual Announcement	1948-1949
9	1	Annual Announcement	1949-1950
	2	Annual Announcement	1950-1951, 1951-1952
	3	Annual Announcement	1952-1953, 1955-1956
	4	Annual Announcement	1956-1957, 1957-1958
	5	Annual Announcement	1958-1959, 1959-1960
10	1	Annual Announcement	1960-1961, 1961-1962
	2	Annual Announcement	1962-1963, 1963-1964
	3	Annual Announcement	1964-1965
	4	Annual Announcement	1965-1966, 1966-1967
	5	Annual Announcement	1967-1968, 1968-1969
11	1	Annual Announcement	1969-1970
	2	Annual Announcement	1970-1971, 1971-1972
	3	Annual Announcement	1972-1973, 1973-1974
	4	Annual Announcement	1974-1975
	5	Annual Announcement: Anniversary Edition	1976
	6	Annual Announcement	1976-1977
	7	Annual Announcement	1977-1978, 1978-1979
	8	Annual Announcement	1979-1980

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12	1	Annual Announcement	1980-1981
	2	Annual Announcement	1981-1982
	3	Annual Announcement	1982-1983, 1983-1984
	4	Annual Announcement	1985-1986, 1986-1987
	5	Annual Announcement	1987-1990
	6	Annual Announcement	1990-1993
	7	Annual Announcement	1993-1996
	8	Junior Auxiliary Annual Announcement	1933-1937, 1938-1940

**Series 2: Club Bulletin, 1917-1998**

13	1	Club Bulletin (unbound)	1919
	2	Club Bulletin (unbound)	1922
	3	Club Bulletin (unbound)	1924, 1939
	4	Club Bulletin (unbound)	1955, 1956
	5	Club Bulletin (unbound)	1962-1969
	6	Club Bulletin (unbound)	1970-1976, 1979
	7	Club Bulletin (unbound)	1986-1989
	8	Club Bulletin (unbound)	1990-1998
14		Club Bulletin (bound) Volume I	1917-1918
		Club Bulletin (bound) Volume II	1918-1919
		Club Bulletin (bound) Volume III	1919-1920
		Club Bulletin (bound) Volume VI	1922-1923
		Club Bulletin (bound) Volume VII	1923-1924

**Series 3: Monographs and Other Materials, Boxes  
15-16 and 18, 1888-1991**

15	1	<i>History of the Chicago Women's Club</i>	1888
	2	<i>The Book of the Chicago Women's Club</i>	1900
	3	"Our History"	n.d.
	4	<i>City Ordinances You Ought to Know</i>	1916
	5	Organizational and Business Materials	[1921]-1929
	6	Programs	1895-1898
	7	Brochure	1931
	8	Brochure	1934
	9	Brochure	n.d.
	10	Brochure	n.d.
	11	Blank Invitations and Calling Cards	n.d.
	12	Photographs and Other Ephemera	n.d.
	13	Picture Postcards	n.d.
	14	Poetry by Vera S. Flandorf	n.d.
	15	"The Clubwoman: A Story of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs" by Mary Jean Houde	1970

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16	First District Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs Yearbook	1986-1988
17	Irving Park Catholic Women's Club	1991-1992
18	Chicago Outdoor Art League	1990-1991
19	<i>Chicago Tribune</i> Article: Alice MacKinley	1974
20	Label from a Mallet	n.d.
21	Palmer House Centennial Memento	1971
22	Deagan Musical Dinner Chime Sheet Music	1939
23	Illinois Bar Association: Bill of Rights	1970
24	General Not For Profit Corporation Act	1944
25	Brochure: White House Gardens	1973
26	Chicago Park District Map	n.d.
27	Reports on Race Relations (copies)	1943-1948
28	Hannah Solomon Campaign Materials (copies)	1916
29	Hannah Solomon Funeral Program	1942
30	Correspondence (copies)	1910, 1929, n.d.
31	Letterhead	n.d.
32	News Clippings	n.d.
33	<i>Mary McDowell and Municipal Housekeeping</i>	1929
16	<i>Ganinwari's Chicago</i>	1924
	<i>The Fair Women: The Story of the Women's Building, World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 1893</i>	1981
	<i>A Book of Duties</i>	1942
	<i>Chicago Women's Club Historical Manuscripts</i>	1926-1929
<b>Series 4: Oversized, Box 17</b>		
17	Chicago Woman's Club Exhibition Materials <i>Ross Crane Guide and Stylist</i>	n.d. 1929