

Greater Beverly College Club, Inc. Collection 1925-1978; 1978-2005

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Volume: 1 box, .5 lin. ft.

Abstract:

The Beverly College Club started in 1924 and ran until 2004, officially dissolving in 2005. The club ran under the name Beverly College Club until 1978 when the club officially changed its name to the Greater Beverly College Club, Inc. The Beverly College Club was run by women, and their mission was to raise scholarship money for high school senior girls from Beverly, Hamilton, and Wenham who were going to a four year degree granting college. This collection primarily consists of membership booklets from as early as 1949 to the last membership book in 2003. Also included in the collection are copies of the club's bylaws and constitution, financial records, court documents, and a list of all the award winners from 1930 through 2004.

Collection Creator:

The Beverly College Club and the Greater Beverly College Club, Inc.

Provenance:

The collection was donated by the Greater Beverly College Club.

Conservation/Processor's Note:

All of the staples and metal paper clips have been removed and replaced with plastic ones. The pages in the financial books occasionally stick together and can be difficult to separate. The pages within the Alice Blackington Fund book are detached from the binding of the book and some pages are slightly ripped. The "Chairman Binder" contains some old fragile papers and can be difficult to turn along the rings of the binder. Within the collection, numerous papers and booklets have additional writing on them either in pen or pencil.

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Preferred Citation:

Beverly College Club, 1924-2005, Beverly College Club, Historic Beverly, 117 Cabot Street, Beverly, MA 01915.

Historical Note

The Beverly College Club was established in 1924 and was run by women from the Beverly, Massachusetts, area. The mission of the club was to raise and provide scholarship funds for high school senior girls who wished to attend four year degree granting colleges and universities. Scholarships were open to girls who lived in Beverly, Hamilton, and Wenham, Massachusetts. Members of the club elected officers, directors, and chairmen to run the club. To support the club and generate scholarships, members paid dues and participated in a variety of fundraising events. The club also accepted donations. Each year the club was able to award multiple applicants scholarships to help them pay for their college educations.

In 1978, the Beverly College Club officially changed its name to the Greater Beverly College Club, Inc. Beginning in 2000, the club elected to award its winners larger scholarships because the club planned to dissolve in the near future. At a meeting in 2003, the members voted to disband the club in 2005. In court documents, the club cited a decrease in membership, aging members who were no longer able to complete tasks for the club, and the inability to pull in new members as its reasons for discontinuing the operation of the club and scholarship fund. The Greater Beverly College Club, Inc. officially disbanded on August 3, 2005.

Scope and Content Note

This collection provides insight into the history of the Beverly College Club and the scholarship funds the club was able to raise to help girls afford their college educations. The first portion of this collection contains multiple years of membership booklets, starting with a booklet from 1949. Within these booklets are lists of the officers, directors, chairmen, and members of the club as well as information on the programs and events the club ran each year. In the first portion of the collection, there are also two booklets from 1959 and 1963 that outline the club's constitution and by-laws. Also in this portion is a booklet from 1978 that contains drafts of adopted resolutions and constitution revisions. The documents in these three booklets help outline who ran the club and how the club operated.

The second portion of this collection focuses more on the financial aspects of the club and the award winners. There are four financial record books a member of the club used to keep track of the General Fund, Scholarship Fund, and the Alice Blackington Fund. The first financial record is from November 4, 1986 and the last is from September 12, 2005. Along with the financial records is the chairman binder. The earliest entry in this binder is from 1959 and the latest entry is from 1991. Many of the documents in this binder are from the 1960's, 1970's, and 1980's. Within this binder are drafts, copies, and final prints of various papers such as meeting handouts, award letters, annual reports, applicant lists, graduation programs, and thank you letters from applicants.

In the third portion of this collection are the court documents from when the club elected to dissolve in 2005. Within these documents are the reasons why the club decided to cease operations, the final financial report, and the general process the club went through to officially disband. Included with these documents is a detailed list of all of the girls the club awarded scholarships to between 1930 and 2004 as well as the amount each girl received and the college the girl attended.

Keywords/Access Points:

Beverly
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Series List

This collection is arranged into 5 series

Series I: Membership Booklets, 1949-2003

Series II: Club Constitutions and By-Laws, 1959-1978

Series III: Cookbook, Undated

Series IV: Financial and Chairman Books, 1959-2005

Series V: Court Documents, 2005

Container List

**Series I: Membership Booklets
 (1949-2004)**

Series/Arrangement Note: Contains membership booklets that list the members, officers, directors, chairmen, programs, and events for various years.

Location	Box	Folder	Content	Date
Unit 9, Shelf 3	1	1	Membership booklet	1949-1950
Unit 9, Shelf 3	1	2	Two membership booklets	1958-1960
Unit 9, Shelf 3	1	3	Eight membership booklets	1961-1970
Unit 9, Shelf 3	1	4	Nine membership booklets	1970-1980
Unit 9, Shelf 3	1	5	Six membership booklets	1980-1990
Unit 9, Shelf 3	1	6	Ten membership booklets	1990-2000
Unit 9, Shelf 3	1	7	Three membership booklets	2000-2003

**Series II: Constitutions and By-Laws
 (1951-1978)**

Series/Arrangement Note: Contains the Beverly College Club constitution and by-laws from various years as well as proposed and adopted revision drafts for the club's constitution and by-

laws.

Location	Box	Folder	Content	Date
Unit 9, Shelf 3	1	8	Two Constitution and By-Laws booklets	October 1959 May 1963
Unit 9, Shelf 3	1	9	Adopted Resolutions, Article of Organization, Proposed Constitution and By-Laws draft.	1978

**Series III: Cookbook, Undated
(Undated)**

Location	Box	Folder	Content	Date
Unit 9, Shelf 3	1	10	Cookbook	Undated

**Series IV: Financial Books and Chairman Books
(1959-2005)**

Series/Arrangement Note: Contains the chairman book which has an application, applicant lists, award letter drafts, annual reports, assembly and graduation programs, and information for meetings, thank you letters, and various other drafts of documents. The financial books contain the finances for the Alice Blackington Fund, General Fund, and Scholarship Fund.

Location	Box	Folder	Content	Date
Unit 9, Shelf 3	1	11	Four financial books	1986-2005
Unit 9, Shelf 3	1	12	Chairman Book	1959-1991

**Series V: Court Documents and Award Winners List
(1930-2005)**

Series/Arrangement Note: Contains the complete list of award winners, the amount each winner received, and the college the award winner attended. This also contains the dissolution court documents for the discontinuation of the Great Beverly College Club, Inc. and a copy of the final annual report.

Location	Box	Folder	Content	Date
Unit 9, Shelf 3	1	13	Dissolution Papers and Award Winners	1930-2005

Bibliography

All of the information contained in the historical note was obtained through studying the materials within this collection. No outside resources at the time were available for additional research.