

Finding aid for the William Bennett Grand Rapids Kiwanis Club scrapbooks Collection 312

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator - Collector	Bennett, William L, 1912-2006
Title	William Bennett Grand Rapids Kiwanis Club scrapbooks
Date [inclusive]	1916-1993
Extent	6.1 Linear feet 17 boxes
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The William Bennett Grand Rapids Kiwanis Club scrapbooks provide documentation of that organization in Grand Rapids, Michigan from its local founding in 1916 to 1993. These are not the official files of the organization, and there do not appear to be comprehensive sets of minutes or other key files of the organization here. However, the scrapbooks contain a variety of information about the local Kiwanis, such as programs, news clippings, photographs, biographies of presidents, rosters of members, select correspondence and occasional minutes and treasurers reports. The amount of information varies from year to year and, for the most part, each year contains a photograph and biographical information on each president. Select items giving state or national or international activities may also occasionally be found.</p>

Biographical/Historical note

The national Kiwanis organization was founded in Detroit, Michigan, January 15, 1915. The Kiwanis Club of Grand Rapids began organizing September 15, 1916, and completed November 16, 1916 with a membership of one hundred men. The charter was formally presented April 17, 1917.

Kiwanis was originally a business oriented organization, but changed to a service organization within a few years of founding. It seeks to serve for betterment of the community and to carry out its motto, "We Build." The name Kiwanis is a coined word taken from the language of an American Indian tribe which lived in the area where Kiwanis was founded. The original phrase was "Nun Keewanis" which means "self expression," or "to make oneself known." It was shortened and modified to become Kiwanis.

The organization called itself international early, but that meant only the United States and Canada until 1962. It was an all male organization until 1987.

See folder 312-1-1 for a brief history and a timeline of the organization from 1916 to 1964.

Scope and Contents note

This collection contains materials believed to have been gathered by donor William Bennett, which may represent his activities within that organization, at various levels. The documents do not appear to be the official and complete records of the Kiwanis Club in Grand Rapids. Bennett's Kiwanis Club of Grand Rapids records consist of scrapbooks, or of materials which might have been mounted in scrapbooks from 1916-1993. The scrapbooks contain a variety of information such as programs, news clippings, photographs, rosters of members, and occasional documents of the organization, such as minutes and treasurers reports. There are also items from the state and national and international level of Kiwanis included, such as conference programs. The 1928 folder, for example, contains "Proceedings of the International Council of Kiwanis International," a meeting held in Chicago that year.

The materials are arranged by year. The amount of information varies from year to year. For the most part, each year contains a photograph and biographical information on each president.

Material from 1916-1934 is in folders, never mounted in the scrapbooks. Material from 1935 and onward were in ecco binders. Most of the photographs from the scrapbooks are glued to the pages. Those pages with photos were placed in photo sleeves and remain with the scrapbook, with the exception of those in Box 2, found in the early folders. The Box 2 photographs, taken from the 1916 to 1934 foldered materials, may have a reference photocopy of the photo still in place in the original file.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

William Bennett, accession number 1994.019.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Kiwanis Club of Grand Rapids.

Genre(s)

- scrapbooks

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

Subject(s)

- Charities -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids

Documents of the Organization.

Collection Inventory

Documents of the Organization.		
	Box	Folder
Historical information	1	1
General note		
Includes a typed draft timeline from 1916 to 1964, one page histories, photocopies of certificates and photos, correspondence, and information specific to the 1916 founding year.		
Historical material 1917-1928		
	Box	Folder
Scrapbook material, 1917	1	2
Scrapbook material, 1918	1	3
Scrapbook material, 1919	1	4
Scrapbook material, 1920	1	5
Scrapbook material, 1921	1	6

Photographs from the 1916-1934 files

Scrapbook material, 1922	1	7
Scrapbook material, 1923	1	8
Scrapbook material, 1924	1	9
Scrapbook material, 1925	1	10
Scrapbook material, 1926	1	11
Scrapbook material, 1927	1	12
Scrapbook material, 1928	1	13
Scrapbook material, 1929	3	1
Scrapbook material, 1930	3	2
Scrapbook material, 1931	3	3
Scrapbook material, 1932	3	4
Scrapbook material, 1933	3	5
Scrapbook material, 1934	3	6

Photographs from the 1916-1934 files

Photographs from the 1916-1934 files

	Box	Folder
1916	2	1
General note		
People. Brooks, Jay W. (2), People. Groups, identified (4)		
Front Row: Gould, Frank; Klasse, Eli; Palin, Dr. J.H.; Johnson, Tunis; Palmer, Alexander; Collins, Fred; Brooks, Jay; O'Brien, T.J.; Warner, Dave; Muir, Andrew; Farr, Jay; Tandler, Oscar; Patton, Dan; Simpson, Al; Schneider, Fred; Morley, W.K.		
Second Row: Phillips, G. King; Clark, Bill J.; Hoskins, Harry; Schroeder, George Watson; Hurd, Claude; Morrill, Herb; Beyerly, Ray; Steketee, Paul; Kimball, Dan; Cutcheon, Lou; Scott, John; Swain, A.D.; Blackford, Bob Rowson; Gould, A.E.; Wilmik, A.B.		
Third Row: Kilstrom, Oscar; Crowe, Henry; Apted, Al; Hester, Carl; Graves, S. George; Patterson,; Stander, W.A.; Clemans, Roy; Hillicker, Chas.; Corrigan, Claude; Woodman, Albert G.; Martindale, Willard; Clarke, George; Russell, Louis; Philp, Bill; Werry, Lou A.		
1916, Kiwanis Club Banner (1)	2	1
1916, Charter of the Kiwanis Club (1)	2	1
1917, People. Warner, David (2), Blackford, Chas. (1)	2	2
1919, People. Hartman, Wm. E. (2)	2	3
1920, People. Darts, Elvert (2)	2	4

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1921, People. Smith, Laurence, W. (2)	2	5
1922, People. Harrington, Leon W. (1)	2	6
1924, People. Brower, John M. (2)	2	7
1926, People. Blickle, George C. (1)	2	8
1927, People. Meyer, Fred H. (2)	2	9
1928, People. Baxter, Harry M. (1)	2	10
1929, People. Peckham, Herbert J. (2)	2	11
1930, People. Waring, George H. (1), Clement,?, (1), two boys unidentified, sitting in wagon, (1)	2	12
1932, People. Dean, Ben (1), Group, identified, Horner, Abram and Beth; McClurg, Dr. George, Tough, Marjorie and George, (1)	2	13
1933, People. Vis, William Ryerson, (1)	2	14
1934, People. Paley, Amos, (2)	2	15
Scrapbooks		
	Box	Folder

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Scrapbook, 1935, People. Diedrich, William. (1)	4	1
Scrapbook, 1936, People. Grigware, Joseph Arthur (1)	4	2
Scrapbook, 1937, People. Robinson, Le Roy. (1)	4	3
Scrapbook, 1938	4	4
General note		
Photos in scrapbook are:		
1) People. McCaslin, William Reese (1)		
2) People. Groups, Identified (1)		
3) People. Groups, unidentified (1)		
4) People. Timmons, James H. (1)		
5) People. Groups, unidentified, "Christmas party at noon, December 1938." (1)		
6) People. Meyer, Fred, Dietrich, William C., Pullen Fred W.		
7) People. Groups, unidentified, "Party at Rowe Hotel. (1)		
8) People. Pullen, Fred W., Kilstrom, Oscar E., Scott, John, Russell, Louis. (1)		
9) People. Meyer, Fred H., Diedrich, William, Pullen, Fred W., Kilstrom, Oscar E., Scott, John W., Russell, Louis. (1)		
Scrapbook, 1939. people. Pullen, Fred W., (1) People. Groups, Identified. (1)	5	1

Scrapbooks

Scrapbook, 1940. People. Decker, George E. (1)	5	2
Scrapbook, 1941. People. Van Dusen, Forrest D. (1)	5	3
Scrapbook, 1942. People. Wickett, Howard W. (1)	5	4
Scrapbook, 1943. People. Tough, George F. (1)	5	5
Scrapbook, 1944. People. White, Gerald E. (1)	6	1
Scrapbook, 1945. People. Lewis, George E. (1)	6	2
Scrapbook, 1946. People. Varnum, Robert O. (1)	6	3
Scrapbook, 1947. People. Windows, Ralph Flogg (1)	6	4
Scrapbook, 1948. People. Eleveld, John H. (1)	7	1
Scrapbook, 1949. People. Slawson, Donald Gray (1)	7	2
Scrapbook, 1950. People. Garrison, William Homer	7	3
Scrapbook, 1951. People. Eby, Jay Willard (1), Groups. Unidentified (2).	7	4
Scrapbook, 1951	7	5
Scrapbook, 1952. People. Jackson, Ira W.(1)	8	1

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Scrapbook, 1953	8	2
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General note

People. Black, Noel K. (1) People. Groups, Blackford, Charles, Palin, Dr. John H., Brooks, Jay W., Scott, John W. "The Four Charter Members Still Living, November 1953." (2). People. Groups, identified, (1). People. Groups, unidentified, (1).

Scrapbook, 1954. People. Hurt, Elmer Charles, People. Unidentified, fishing trip, Miami, Fla. (2).	9	1
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Scrapbook, 1955. People. Smith, Wendell A. (1)	9	2
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Scrapbook, 1956. People. Hoogerhyde, Jack (1)	9	3
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Scrapbook, 1957. People. Baker, Harry (1)	10	1
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Scrapbook, 1958. People. Stuit, Melvin (1) People. Groups, unidentified, Kiwanis Kabin, 1958 donated to the 4-H clubs of Kent County, (9).	10	2
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Scrapbook, 1958. People. Groups, unidentified, at Riverside Kiwanis, June 1958. (1)	10	2
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Scrapbook, 1958. People. Groups, unidentified, (7) one labeled "Ralph Windows Day."	10	2
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Scrapbook, 1959. People. Molhoek, John G. (1)	10	3
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Scrapbook, 1959. People. Groups, Loheed, Kenneth B., Chapman, Rev. William, Eberhard, L.V. (1)	10	3
Scrapbook, 1959. People. Groups, Williams, Warren, Molhoek, John, Scheid, Charles, Rugg, James, Cowlshaw, George (1)	10	3
Scrapbook, 1959. People. Groups, unidentified, Safety Squad Banquet (1)	10	3
Scrapbook, 1960. People. Scheid, Charles (1)	11	1
Scrapbook, 1961. People. Rugg, James R. (1)	11	2
Scrapbook, 1962. People. Dean, Ben (1)	11	3
Scrapbook, 1963. People. Spooner, Russell M. (1)	11	4
Scrapbook, 1964. People. Steel, Thomas A. (1)	12	1
Scrapbook, 1965. People. Hall, Hugo (1)	12	2
Scrapbook, 1966. People. Martens, Henry C. (1)	12	3
Scrapbook, 1966. People. Groups, identified, Golden Anniversary party, downtown Kiwanis, 1916-1966. (35)	12	3
Scrapbook, 1967. People. Schumacher, Harold P. (1)	12	4
Scrapbook, 1968. People. Jones, Charles E. (1)	13	1

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Scrapbook, 1968. People. Cowlshaw, George "This is your Life," series of photographs (32)	13	1
Scrapbook, 1969. People. Corey, Wayne L. (1)	13	2
Scrapbook, 1970. People. Baughman, Fred A. (1)	13	3
		Box
Correspondence. Gerald R. Ford to William L. Bennett. Oct. 22, 1970. Signed "Jerry" On Congress of the United States letterhead.		S11
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Scrapbook, 1971. People. William L. Bennett (1)	14	1
Scrapbook, 1972. People. Van Tuinen, John R. (1)	14	2
Scrapbook, 1973. People. Henrikson, Bror William (1)	14	3
Scrapbook, 1974. People. Sanders, Stephen (1)	14	4
Scrapbook, 1974-75. People. Jochems, Richard B. (1)	15	1
Scrapbook, 1974-75. People. Group, identified, Circle K Club, Grand Valley Colleges. (1)	15	1
Scrapbook, 1974-76.	15	2
Scrapbook, 1976-77.	15	3

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Scrapbook, 1977-78. People. White, Lenton R. (1)	15	4
Scrapbook, 1978-79.	15	5
Scrapbook, 1979-80.	15	6
Scrapbook, 1980-81.	16	1
Scrapbook, 1980-81. People. Groups, identified, Harold Schumacher Day, February 2, 1981. (4)	16	1
Scrapbook, 1981-82. People. Dams, David A. (1)	16	2
Scrapbook, 1982-83. People. Johnston, Donald A. (1)	16	3
Scrapbook, 1983-84. People. Grant, Aldon B. (1)	16	4
Scrapbook, 1984-85. People. Talsma, Robert V. (1)	16	5
Scrapbook, 1985-86.	16	6
Scrapbook, 1986-87. People. Schripsema, Jack Alan (1)	16	7
Scrapbook, 1987-88. People. Lamps, Dale E. (1)	17	1
Scrapbook, 1988-89.	17	2

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Scrapbook, 1989-90.	17	3
Scrapbook, 1990-91. People. Swierenga, Donald (1)	17	4
Scrapbook, 1991-92.	17	5
Scrapbook, 1992-93.	17	6