

Women of Williamson Scrapbooks,
1977-2017



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Collection Overview

Title: Women of Williamson Scrapbooks

Date Range: 1977-2017

Creator: Women of Williamson

Extent: 4 boxes, 582 MB of digital files

Abstract: The Women of Williamson collection contains scrapbooks documenting the activities of the club in Williamson County, Tennessee.

Language: English

Repository: Williamson County Archives, Franklin, TN

Collection Number: WCA 0006

Scope and Content

This collection contains scrapbooks covering the club's activities from 1977-2017. It is organized in two series. The scrapbooks contain a variety of materials including: newspaper clippings, photographs, and correspondence.

Arrangement

1. Scrapbooks – This series is arranged chronologically.
2. Digital Files – This series is arranged chronologically.

Historical Note

The Women of Williamson was founded as Soroptimist International of Franklin in 1977 with 25 members. The club received its charter from the Soroptimist International organization. Soroptimist International was founded in 1921 in Oakland, California. The organization coined the name Soroptimist from the Latin words for sister and best. Loosely translated, they use the name to embody the idea of the “best for women.” In 2015, Soroptimist International of Franklin became Women of Williamson, Inc., and no longer affiliated with Soroptimist International.

As Soroptimist International of Franklin, membership was by invitation only to women at least 21 years old with good moral character and business reputation. Charter Members were: Roz Highfill, Janelle Baker, Linda Brent, Ann Sedberry, Jean Coats, Patsy Blakenship, Betty

Vaughn, Myrtle Schaffer, Sue Toth, Scotty Bright, Nancy Conway, Juanita Bailey, Diane Daniels, Martha Galavin, Virginia Hill, Marie Hogan, Dolores Kestner, Dannielle McInytre, Betty Nash, Dora Palmer, Bonnie Smart, Inge Smith, Sandra Webster, Joan Wherley and Virginia White.

Soroptimist International of Franklin provided scholarships to women attending Columbia State Community College, gave Soroptimist Youth Citizenship Awards to high school graduates, held a gala to raise money for the YWCA – My Sister’s House, contributed to the local Red Cross and volunteered at local nursing homes.

Women of Williamson, www.womenofwilliamson.org, was founded with the mission “to empower women in our community with opportunity and hope for a brighter future.” Funds raised by the group go to non-profit organizations like Bridges Domestic Violence Shelter and End Slavery Tennessee as well as to college scholarships for local women.

Access and Use

Access to the Collection: This collection is open to the public for research during normal business hours.

Use of Materials: Unrestricted

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Administrative Information

About the collection

Acquisition: Received from Anita Tilley, on behalf of the organization, 27 November 2017

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About the finding aid

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Search Terms

Names:

Soroptimist International of Franklin
Women of Williamson

Subjects:

Businesswomen
Women--Societies and clubs--Archival resources

Container List

Women of Williamson

Box Number	Contents
1	Scrapbook – 1977-1992
2	Scrapbook – 1993-2003
3	Scrapbook – 2009-2012
4	Scrapbook – 2013-2017