

Inventory of the

**American Association
of University Women
DeKalb, Illinois**

Records

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INTRODUCTION

The records of the American Association of University Women, DeKalb Branch, came to the Northern Illinois University Archives from various individuals and Katherine Walker from 1965-1977. In July 1978, these materials were transferred to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center. An addendum was added by Sharon Downen in March 2000.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The DeKalb Branch of the American Association of University Women is divided into three series: DeKalb Branch, Illinois AAUW, and National AAUW. The first series partially documents the history of the DeKalb Branch from 1939 to 1996 with the majority of the records dating from 1960 to 1996. The first nine years of the organization's existence (1930-1939) are not documented. The records consist of bylaws, minutes, newsletters, yearbooks, membership information, treasurer's reports, and scrapbooks.

The second and third series partially documents the activities of the State and National AAUW. The series' consist of directories, publications, and convention information. Of special interest are the two AAUW buttons and the three VHS videotapes produced by the National AAUW.

For more information on women's service organizations researchers should consult the Regional Collections Guide.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Mrs. Karl Adams organized the DeKalb Branch of the American Association of University Women on March 20, 1930. Forty-five women attended the first meeting. The purpose of the organization was to develop opportunities for higher education for women and to create and maintain high standards in those institutions admitting women students. Membership to the organization is limited to alumnae of colleges and universities which have been accredited by the national association. The organization's membership increased progressively over the

years with the largest increase in 1939 when the Northern Illinois State Teachers College was accredited.

Throughout its history, the DeKalb AAUW sponsored benefit recitals, international fairs, and other fund-raising programs to support educational fellowships for young women of the community. The organization had informative programs presented by professors, club members, and community professionals at their monthly meetings. Within the organization, various sub-groups were formed including arts, education, social studies, international relations, and status of women to familiarize members with different facets of social concerns.

At the April 27, 1996 meeting the board of directors was unable to identify a slate of elected and appointed officers to perform the duties as prescribed by the branch bylaws for the next two year term. Given that the branch was unable to continue to function, a motion was made and seconded that the board of directors meet prior to June 30, 1996 to plan the orderly dissolution of the branch, in accordance with branch and AAUW-Illinois, Inc. bylaws. A vote was taken and the motion passed, unanimously.

On May 16, 1996, the board members met to discuss arrangements for dissolution. The alternative of functioning as a satellite of the Rockford or the St. Charles-Geneva branch was discussed and rejected. The board informed all members of their option to continue as AAUW members-at-large, and the procedures and costs for doing so. All branch assets and properties remaining after payment of all costs and expenses were turned over to the AAUW Educational Foundation, in compliance with AAUW-Illinois, Inc. bylaws. The final meeting of the members was held on June 22, 1996 at the home of Ruth Briles.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

AAUW
American Association of University Women
DeKalb, Organizations
Universities
Women's Organization

COLLECTION INVENTORY

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	7	Board Meetings, 1990-1991
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	3	Membership, Branch Dues Report, 1970/1971-1995/1996
	4	Membership Dues Payment Forms, (August 1981-June 1995)
	5	Membership Lists and Dues, (1979-1996)
	6	Treasurer's Reports, September 1966-June 1996
	7	Budgets, 1966-1990
	8	Treasurer's Correspondence, 1982-1996
	9	Branch Treasurer's Instructions, 1982-1984
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2		Diary of Financial Items, 1982-1983
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4		Cash Journals, 1971-1973; 1979-1982
5		Account Book, 1967-1993
6		Check Registers, 1978-1996
7		Savings Books, 1970-1985
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	22	Certificates, (1978-1995)	
	23	Photograph: Ann Rapp Writing History of DeKalb AAUW, May 1994 (1)	
5	5 volumes	Scrapbooks, 1939-1945	
Series II. Illinois AAUW			
6	1	Brochure, 1989-1991	
	2	Directory and Bylaws, Illinois Division, (1988-1996)	
	3	AAUW-Illinois, 1995-1996	
	4	Conference, ERA Illinois, May 14, 1983	
	5	Conference, Great Lakes Regional, Oak Brook, Illinois, June 14-16, 1996	
	6	District 5 Meeting, March 9, 1996	
	7	Symposium, Putting Paper Dolls Aside: Whose Challenge?, October 24, 1992	
	8	<u>A Guide for Adult Forums</u> , 1934-1935	
	9	Illinois Branch Services, Resource List, 1994-1997	
	10	<u>I Am AAUW-Illinois</u> , 1995	
	11	<u>Illinois Link</u> , Spring 1995-Winter 1995/1996	
	12	<u>Leader Links</u> , May 1992	
	13	<u>The Linkage</u> , March 1995-June 1996	
	14-15	<u>University Woman</u> , (1965-1992)	
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Series III. National AAUW			
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	4	Girls Can!: Community Coalitions Resource Manual, January 1996	
	5	Growing Smart: What's Working for Girls in School, 1995	
	6	Convention, 36 th Biennial, Portland, OR, June 21-25, 1991	
	7	Convention, Annual Conventions, 1990-1996	
	8	Program Guide, 1979-1981	
	9	<u>Leader in Action</u> , Winter 1987-Spring 1987; (Spring 1991-Spring 1996)	
	10	<u>Outlook</u> , (December 1990/January 1991-Winter 1996)	
	11	AAUW Buttons, n.d., (2)	
	12	Video Guides: Girls Can!, 1994; Speaking Out for Justice, 1995	
8		VHS Tapes:	
	1	Vision, Voice, Victory, 1993	
	2	Girls Can!, 1994	
	3	Speaking Out for Justice, 1995	