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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 693 AMERICAN Business Women's Association – Kentucky Colonel Chapter

1 box. 15 folders. 333 items. 1961-1999. Originals.

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

The Kentucky Colonel chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) was started on 3 June 1964 by Jean Fulkerson in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Twenty-six women met at Western Hills Restaurant and elected Linda Sidebottom as the first president. By September, the chapter had completed a year of requirements and received the Standard of Achievement and Banner Chapter awards at the organization's 1964 national convention. For many years, the chapter received these honors, and in 1972 the chapter received "Star" status, a distinction shared with only seventeen chapters in the United States. The Kentucky Colonel chapter sponsored the Hilltopper 76 chapter in Bowling Green in 1976. The Bowling Green Charter chapter (1960), and the Cardinals of Kentucky chapter (1982) were also located in Bowling Green.

Besides providing professional development opportunities, one of the long-time projects of the Kentucky Colonel chapter has been a scholarship program recognizing women who were furthering their education. To facilitate the scholarship fund and to raise money for the organization's administrative needs, the ladies have held fundraisers such as golf tournaments, cat shows, children's beauty pageants, fashion shows, and sold a variety of items including pecan/nuts. For many years the organization held a "Boss Night," where a "Boss of the Year" and a "Woman of the Year" was announced. At various times, the organization also held a "Business Associate Banquet."

The Kentucky Colonel chapter ended sometime in the 2010s.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of the records of the Kentucky Colonel chapter of the ABWA. None of the records are complete. Folder 2 contains a brief handwritten history of the organization. Folder 3 includes minutes of the Kentucky Colonel chapter, and Folder 4 includes agendas for some of those meetings. Folder 5 includes monthly financial statements. Folder 6 and 7 hold guidebooks from ABWA: policy and procedure manuals in Folder 5 and committee guides in Folder 6. Folder 6 also includes a few committee rosters from the Kentucky Colonel

chapter. Folder 8 houses news clippings about the chapter, and folder 9 includes yearbooks for the same. Folders 10 and 11 includes a continuous scrapbook that documents the chapter's activities. Folders 12 holds programs from various events sponsored by the chapter, and Folder 13 includes programs from the chapter's annual "Boss Night." Folder 14 includes a few intact copies of the chapter's newsletter *The Colonelette*; 219 issues of the chapter's newsletter were scanned and archived in TopSCHOLAR. The intact copies have not been included in the count of items for this collection; they were kept chiefly for exhibit purposes. Folder 15 includes miscellaneous material related to the chapter, including two of the ABWA's national newsletters, certificates, invitations, a 1997 chapter survey and corollary member questionnaire, a membership list from 1999, and a skit used for a chapter program.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Kentucky Colonel Chapter, ABWA	1961-1999	333 items
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	History	[1988]	1 item
Folder 3	Minutes	1988-1999	12 items
Folder 4	Agendas	1996-1999	9 items
Folder 5	Financial papers	1985-1999	22 items
Folder 6	Procedure manual for ABWA	1961-1980	3 items
Folder 7	ABWA committee guide and roster of local committees	1974-1996	7 items
Folder 8	News clippings	1964-1987	8 items
Folder 9	Yearbooks	1964-1976	10 items
Folder 10	Scrapbook	1964-1972	1 item
Folder 11	Scrapbook	1973-1983	1 item
Folder 12	Programs for miscellaneous events	1979-1994	13 items
Folder 13	Programs for "Boss Night"	1965-1976	13 items
Folder 14	Newsletters	1964-1999	219 items
Folder 15	Miscellaneous	1966-1999	13 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Minutes, financial papers, scrapbooks, programs, newsletters and various other organizational papers from Bowling Green, Kentucky's Kentucky Colonel chapter of the American Business Women's Association.

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Businesswomen – Associations, institutions, etc.
Clubs – Bowling Green
Women – Societies and clubs

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