American Business Women’s Association,  
Ozark Paradise Chapter Records  
(C4458)

Collection Number: C4458

Collection Title: American Business Women’s Association, Ozark Paradise Chapter Records

Dates: 1979-2008

Creator: American Business Women’s Association, Ozark Paradise Chapter

Abstract: The American Business Women’s Association, Ozark Paradise Chapter Records include meeting minutes, financial records, membership rosters, social event materials, photographs, publications, scrapbooks, and banners.

Collection Size: 4.0 cubic feet  
(28 folders, 9 volumes, 2 oversize items)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia. If you would like more information, please contact us at columbia@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The records were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Barbara Barnard on December 21, 2009 (Accession No. CA6248).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the American Business Women’s Association, Ozark Paradise Chapter Records can be found in the following collections:

American Business Women’s Association, Show-Me State Chapter Records, (C4016)
Historical Note:

The American Business Women’s Association (ABWA) was incorporated on September 22, 1949, by Shirley Cupp, Irma Beisel, Frances Stuckey, and Mr. Hilary Bulton, Jr. The group met in downtown Kansas City at a time when it was considered socially unacceptable for women to pursue a full-time career. Today, there are over 100 charters with more than 5,000 business and networking meetings hosted each year. ABWA’s mission is to bring together business women of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for personal and professional growth.

The ABWA Ozark Paradise Chapter was chartered on April 4, 1979, in Laurie, Missouri. The chapter held several events including the annual Style Show and Membership Tea. Members also represented the chapter at local festivals and held yearly fundraisers to fund scholarships for Missouri students. The ABWA Ozark Paradise Chapter disbanded in 2008.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following seven series:

Activities
Administrative
Financial
Membership
Publications
Scrapbooks
Oversize

Scope and Content Note:

Activities

This series contains materials related to chapter events and fundraiser activities. Materials include flyers, invitations, programs, fundraiser pamphlets and forms, and member notes. Photographs have also been placed in this series. The photographs document the 1992 Style Show, banquets, awards, and scenes from festivals. This series is arranged by subject and then chronologically.

Administrative

This series consists of materials pertaining to administrative records such committee-related documents, constitution and bylaws, correspondence, and meeting minutes. This series is arranged by subject and then chronologically.

Financial

This series contains materials related to the chapter’s financial records. Items include audit records, yearly budget proposals, membership dues, scholarships funds, tax exempt status records, and Treasurer Reports from 1989 to 2002. This series is arranged by subject and then chronologically.
Membership

This series consists of materials pertaining to membership records from 1998 to 2007. The materials include new member applications, membership rosters, and printed material related to chapter members such as funeral announcements, a membership card, a name tag, and two membership pins. This series is arranged by subject and then chronologically. Items in the New Member Applications folder are arranged alphabetically by last name.

Publications

This series contains local and national publication materials such as the ABWA Ozark Paradise Chapter newsletter, *Bits of Paradise*, and the ABWA magazine, *Women in Business*. Additional items in this series include the *ABWA 50th Anniversary Commemorative Book* and local newspaper articles highlighting the Ozark Paradise Chapter. This series is arranged by subject then chronologically.

Scrapbooks

This series consists of nine scrapbooks documenting the ABWA Ozark Paradise Chapter from 1979 to 2003. The scrapbooks consist of photographs, newspaper articles, chapter memorabilia, and handwritten descriptions. This series is arranged chronologically.

Oversize

This series includes three felt banners from the ABWA Ozark Paradise Chapter. Two of the banners include various patches earned by the chapter between 1981 and 1997. The third banner contains the name of the organization. The banners are arranged chronologically by the date listed on the banner.

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