

## Summary Information:

**Collection Title:** Holly Club Collection

**Collection Number:** MSS.16

**Date Range:** 1894-1995

**Size:** 5.5 Linear Feet

**Location:** RR.9.2-3

**Creator:** Holly Club of Joliet

**Abstract:** The Holly Club Collection contains materials relating to the history of the Holly Club in Joliet. The collection contains meeting minutes, organizational records, scrapbooks, photographs, membership information, and other records relating to the fundraisers, charities and volunteer work completed by the group.

**Acquisition Information:** This collection has been composed from various accessions relating to the history of Joliet Township High School. There was no reasonable original order to these materials, so an order has been created for research purposes. All materials are appropriately labeled with their accession numbers, and more information regarding acquisition can be provided if requested.

**Separated Materials:** None

**Citation:** Item Description. MSS.16 Holly Club Collection, Joliet Area Historical Museum. Box #, Folder #.  
Date Accessed.

**Restrictions:** None

**Processed by:** Kailee Lowry

## Background Information:

### History:

In 1889, eight young girls, under the direction of Mrs. Joseph Winterbotham, organized the Holly Club to help needy and sick children. The founding members included Gertrude Akin, Julia Collum, Elsie Elwood, Alice Knowlton, Edith Knowlton, Eda Mueller, Frieda Mueller, and Rue Winterbotham. The girls began by performing plays, holding bazaars, and organizing musicals to raise funds for their work. In 1892 the girls held their first annual Charity Ball as a fundraising effort. For the first few years the girls ran the club out of the basement of the Winterbotham home located at 404 S. Eastern Ave, but by 1893 the girls established a downtown office where they would run the club after school. Over the years the Holly Club has operated a dental clinic for children, supplied equipment to the Well Baby Clinic of the Public Health Council, provided lunches for undernourished students at the McKinley Park School, aided in the establishment of a Family Service Agency in Will County, provided nursing scholarships at JJC and Lewis University, and in 1972 they assisted in establishing the Surgical Waiting Room at Silver Cross Hospital.

### **Scope and Content Arrangement:**

The Holly Club Collection contains materials relating to the history of the Holly Club in Joliet. The collection contains meeting minutes, organizational records, scrapbooks, photographs, membership information, and other records relating to the fundraisers, charities and volunteer work completed by the group. The collection has been arranged into 4 series by the content of the documents and the materials in each series are arranged chronologically, with the exclusions listed below.

Series 1: Organizational Records, 1901-1995

Series 2: Financial Records, 1894-1983

Series 3: Fundraisers, Charities, and Volunteer Records, 1894-1995

Series 4: Scrapbooks and Photographs, 1954-1967

### **Related Materials:**

MSS.02 Dr. William Dougall Papers

## **Content Listing:**

**Series 1:** Organizational Records, 1901-1995

**Location:** RR.9.2-3

**Scope:** The materials contained in this series include meeting minutes, membership information, annual reports, the constitution of the Holly Club and additional materials relating to the structure and management of the Holly Club. The series is arranged chronologically.

<b>Folder Title:</b>	<b>Folder #:</b>	<b>Box #:</b>
Holly Club Meeting Minutes, 1901-1905	1	1
Holly Club Meeting Minutes, 1913-1923	2	1
Holly Club Meeting Minutes, 1924-1925	3	1
Holly Club Meeting Minutes, 1925-1931	4	1
Holly Club Meeting Minutes, 1931-1938	5	1
Holly Club Meeting Minutes, 1938-1943	1	2
Holly Club Meeting Minutes, 1977-1980	2	2
Holly Club Meeting Minutes, 1980-1990	3	2
President's Meeting Notes, 1983-1990	4	2
Holly Club Meeting Dates, Locations and Attendance Ledger, 1918-1932	5	2
Holly Club Yearbooks, 1925, 1939, 1953, 1962, 1967, 1972	6	2
Holly Club Yearbooks, 1977, 1983	7	2
Constitution of the Holly Club and Proposed Amendments, 1938, 1945	1	3
Patronesses of Holly Club Names and Addresses Ledger, 1944	2	3

Articles of Incorporation as a Charitable Trust, 1952	3	3
Holly Club Annual Reports, 1954-1976, 1988	4	3
Rules and Regulations for the Administration of Charitable Trusts, 1964	5	3
Holly Club Membership and Officer Records, 1972-1994	6	3
Holly Club Trustee's Report, 1973-1990	7	3
Holly Club Meeting Schedule, 1977-1995	8	3
Holly Club Secretary Duties, Undated	9	3
"Robert's Rules of Order"	10	3

**Series 2: Financial Records, 1894-1983**

**Location:** RR.9.3

**Scope:** The materials in this series include treasury records, tax documents, budget information, receipts, and other materials relating to the finances of the Holly Club. The series is arranged chronologically.

<b>Folder Title:</b>	<b>Folder #:</b>	<b>Box #:</b>
Holly Club Receipts, 1894-1895	11	3
Holly Club Treasurer Ledgers, 1910-1931	12	3
Holly Club Tax Records, 1956-1972	1	4
Holly Club Tax Records, 1976-1983, 1985-1992	2	4
Holly Club Treasury Records, 1966, 1972-1978	3	4
Treasurer's Report, Summary of Expenses, 1970-1995	4	4
Holly Club Check Book, 1977-1985	5	4
Holly Club Budget Proposals, 1978-1983	6	4

**Series 3: Fundraisers, Charities, and Volunteer Records, 1894-1995**

**Location:** RR.9.3

**Scope:** The materials in this series include Holly Club invitations, annual reports for volunteer programs, newspaper articles, and other materials relating to the history of charities and fundraisers for the Holly Club. The series is arranged chronologically.

<b>Folder Title:</b>	<b>Folder #:</b>	<b>Box #:</b>
Holly Club Charity Ball Invitations, 1894-1900	7	4
Clothing Bank Reports, 1975-1994	8	4
Holly Club Patroness Tea Ledger, 1975-1986	9	4
Silver Cross Hospital Volunteer Services Reception, 1977-1994	1	5
Annual Report of Crippled Children's Clinic Activities, 1977-1995	2	5
Winterbotham Fund, Annual Report, 1978-1983	3	5
Holly Club Ball and Other Fundraisers, 1979-1994	4	5

Holly Club Patroness Tea and Lawn Party Invitations, 1980-1982, 1988-1989	5	5
Adrienne Barrett Nursing Scholarship Annual Report, 1981-1994	6	5
Casework Annual Report, 1982-1990, 1994-1995	7	5
Surgical Waiting Room Volunteer, Annual Report 1983-1986	8	5
McFarland Fund, 1988-1990	9	5
Lutheran Family Services of Joliet Proposal, 1990	10	5
Holly Club Christmas Dinner Dance Invitations, 1980-1986	11	5
Holly Club Newspaper Articles, 1988	12	5
Psycho-Social Services Volunteer Records, 1991	13	5
Lawn Party Report, 1994	14	5
Donation Requests, 1995	15	5
Rialto Theater Community Development Proposal	16	5

**Series 4: Scrapbooks and Photographs, 1954-1967**

**Location:** RR.9.3

**Scope:** The materials in this series include scrapbooks put together by members of the Holly Club from the mid-1950s through the late 1960s. The bulk of the materials in the scrapbooks are very loose due to old and dry adhesive. Because of this all photographs have been removed from the scrapbooks and housed separately for preservation purposes. The scrapbooks primarily contain newspaper clippings. Many of the photographs included are originals of the images printed in the newspaper articles. This series is arranged chronologically.

<b>Folder Title:</b>	<b>Folder #:</b>	<b>Box #:</b>
Holly Club Scrapbook, 1954-1962 (1 of 3)	17	5
Holly Club Scrapbook, 1954-1962 (2 of 3)	1	6
Holly Club Scrapbook Photographs, 1954-1962 (3 of 3)	2	6
Holly Club Scrapbook, 1966-1967 (1 of 2)	3	6
Holly Club Scrapbook Photographs, 1966-1967 (2 of 2)	4	6