

MJ-108

Beta Sigma Phi (Moose Jaw) fonds. - [textual record]. - 1964-1987. - 9.50 cm of textual records.

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Variations in title

Beta Sigma Phi

Moose Jaw Beta Sigma Phi

Administrative history

Beta Sigma Phi was founded in 1931 in Kansas by Walter W. Ross. He thought women needed more in their lives than work, responsibility and hardship. His efforts created the Beta Sigma Phi sorority, a non-political, non-sectarian social and cultural organization. The name is taken from the first letters of the Greek words meaning "life", "learning", and "friendship". In 2005 Beta Sigma Phi had a total membership of over 250,000 in 12,500 chapters in 32 countries throughout the world. The yellow rose and the candle are the symbols of the society.

The first Beta Sigma Phi chapter in Moose Jaw was the Beta Chapter, formed in 1939 by Bessie Nixon. Membership in Beta Sigma Phi is by invitation. In Moose Jaw there are seven chapters each representing different degrees. Each degree is obtained after a set length of time in Beta Sigma Phi and every member can transfer to chapters of her degree in different cities. Each chapter meets twice monthly for a short business meeting followed by a cultural program. The chapters in Moose Jaw are served by a Beta Sigma Phi City Council that is responsible for coordinating and planning activities or projects involving the city's 7 chapters, and designed to help promote inter-chapter harmony. It consists of the president and one or two representatives from each chapter. It sponsors some of the sorority's social events such as the Christmas dance, Founders Day banquet, rituals and the fall tea.

Although it is not a service club, each chapter takes on some projects. They have contributed to the community by helping with projects such as the Cancer Society Drive, Heart Fund Campaign, Cancer Daffodil sale, blood donor clinics, Moose Jaw Festival of Dance and the Moose Jaw Music Festival. They have contributed financially to the Moose Jaw Transition House, Times-Herald/Salvation Army Christmas Fund, CHAB Christmas Fund, Telemirale, Food Bank, Union Hospital, Providence Place and other worthy causes. The chapters raise funds through activities such as working the gates for the annual fair and holding steak nights.

Scope and content

This fonds is comprised of three series. There are minutes of meetings, membership lists, reports, and reviews from Beta Sigma Phi City Council and the Preceptor Beta XP 315 and Laureate Beta PL 193 chapters. There are some membership lists of other chapters in Moose

Jaw as well as general directives and newsletters.

Conservation note

This fonds was re-boxed and foldered in 2005.

Note of immediate source of acquisition

Donated to the Moose Jaw Public Library Archives by Yvonne Pearson

Accruals

Possible

Finding aids

See file list.

File List

MJ-108/1 - Beta Sigma Phi, General Information - [textual record]. - 1970-1985. - 1.00 cm of textual records.

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This series consists of executive and membership lists of several Beta Sigma Phi chapters in Moose Jaw, as well as directives and newsletters aimed at all chapters. There are some Beta Sigma Phi City Council Minutes of Meetings.

001 - Executive/Membership Lists (Various Moose Jaw Chapters) 1970-1973

002 - Beta Sigma Phi City Council - Minutes of Meetings 1967, 1970-1971, 1983-1985

003 - Directives

004 - Newsletters 1980, 1984, undated

MJ-108/2 - Preceptor Beta XP 315 Chapter - [textual record]. - 1964-1975. - 4.00 cm of textual records.

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This series consists of executive and membership lists, minutes of meetings, reviews, reports and correspondence.

001 - Executive/Membership Lists 1964-1967, 1971-1972

002 - Minutes of Meetings 1964-1968

003 - Minutes of Meetings 1969-1973

004 - Meeting Attendance Records 1964-1973

005 - Ritual Certification/Permits to Confer Degrees 1964, 1967, 1974-1975

006 - Chapter Monthly Reports 1964-1966, 1968-1970

007 - Semi-Annual Record Reviews 1967-1975

008 - Correspondence 1964-1965, 1970, undated

MJ-108/3 Laureate Beta PL 193 Chapter - [textual records]. - 1975-1987. - 4.50 cm of textual records.

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This series consists of executive and membership lists, minutes of meetings, reviews, reports and correspondence.

001 - Executive/Membership/Committee Lists 1983-1987

002 - Minutes of Meetings 1975-1979

003 - Minutes of Meetings 1980-1983

004 - Minutes of Meetings 1984-1987

005 - Meeting Attendance Records 1975-1987

006 - Semi-Annual Records Review 1976-1987

007 - Correspondence 1974-1976, 1981, 1986