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Eastview Homemaker's Club fonds. – [textual record, graphic material]. – 1936-2008. – 22.8 cm of textual records. – 68 photographs: 63 colour; 5 b&w.

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Variations in title

Eastview Women's Institute

Eastview Social Club

Administrative history

The Eastview District is east of Moose Jaw and west of the villages of Belle Plaine and Stoney Beach. In 1936 the Eastview Methodist Church was closed, church activities ceased and the women's auxiliary disbanded. There were ten women who realized there was a need in the district to still have a social outlet. Plans were made to form a Homemaker's Club, part of a provincial organization known as the Saskatchewan Homemakers' Clubs, which were formed in 1911 by the University of Saskatchewan's Extension Services. Mrs. B.J. Thomson of Pense assisted with forming the Eastview Homemakers' Club on October 20, 1936. The motto was "for home and country".

The first president of the Club was Mrs. B.M. Johnson. By 1937 the Club had twenty-eight members. The Homemakers' Clubs were non-partisan and non-sectarian, welcoming women of all faiths and racial backgrounds.

During the Depression, the Eastview Homemakers' Club did deeds of goodwill for those less fortunate, during the War years they were actively involved in the war effort. After the War the Club focused on agriculture, arts and literature, education, health, home economics, citizenship and legislation, and international relations. They hosted many guest speakers on these and other interesting and informative topics. They have continued working for a better rural life and have expanded their social efforts into community service.

One of the largest projects of the Eastview Homemakers' Club was when it joined with the Moose Jaw Agricultural Society and many other rural women's clubs in 1967 to sponsor a portion of the "Old Time Display" prepared for the Centennial Heritage Day project.

In 1971 the name "Homemakers Clubs of Saskatchewan" changed to "Saskatchewan Women's Institutes" to conform with usage in the national organization. The Eastview Homemaker's Club was not the Eastview Women's Institute. The Eastview Homemakers' Club changed its name to the "Eastview Women's Institute". With women being much more mobile and well educated it was felt that the Club was no longer needed. It disbanded in January 1993.

The remaining members decided to form a social club to keep in contact with each other and to serve the community when needed. This new club was named "The Eastview Social Club".

The Eastview Social Club held between one and four meetings per year until November 2004. At a meeting in April 2008, the Eastview Social Club decided to disband due to low membership.

Scope and content

This fonds consists of the business and activities of the Eastview Homemakers' Club.

Physical condition

The scrapbook is comprised of loose leaf plastic sheets inserted into a three ring binder. It contains written histories, photographs, correspondence, reports, programs of events, and newspaper clippings. Many loose sheets are inserted into the Citizenship and Legislation notebook. Several loose sheets are in the minutes book from February 21, 1972 - April 19, 1982.

Conservation note

This fonds was re-boxed and foldered in 2006.

Note of immediate source of acquisition

The first accrual was donated to the archives by Muriel Allcock.

Accession 40.2017 was donated to the archives by Ruth Durie on May 13, 2008.

Accruals

No further accruals expected.

Finding aids

See file list.

File List

Box V-124

001 – Saskatchewan Women's Institute - Statement of Bylaws. – 1992. – 8 p.

002 – Club Handbook. – 1992. – ca. 70 p.

003 – Minute Book. – 1982-1987. – ca. 50 p.

004 – Citizenship and Legislation - Reports/Articles. – 1971-1976. – ca. 40 p.

005 – Saskatchewan Women’s Institute Songbook “Saskatchewan Sings”. – [197?]. – 65 p.

006 – 50th Anniversary Commemorative Book “Homemakers’ Clubs of Saskatchewan 1911-1961”. – 1961. – ca. 120 p.: 2 booklets.

007 – Saskatchewan Women’s Institute Newsletter “The Second Penny”. – 1991. – 20 p.

Box H-75

008 – Scrapbook. – 1945-1993. – 3.30 cm. – 68 photographs: 63 colour; 5 b&w.

009 – Published Material “Legacy: a history of the Saskatchewan Homemakers’ Clubs and Women’s Institutes, 1911-1988”. – 1988. – 1 book.

Box V-124

010 – 51st Annual Convention Scrapbook. – [June 1961]. – 10 p.

Box H-121

011 – Women’s Institutes. – December 1948. – ca. 50 p.

012 – Eastview Homemakers’ Club Minutes. – October 20, 1936 - July 7, 1941. – ca. 40 p.

013 – Eastview Homemakers’ Club Minutes. – August 6, 1941 - October, 1948. – ca. 40 p.

014 – Eastview Homemakers’ Club Minutes. – November 24, 1948 - June 22, 1955. – ca. 60 p.

015 – Eastview Homemakers’ Club Minutes. – August 24, 1955 - January 24, 1963. – ca. 80 p.

016 – Eastview Homemakers’ Club Minutes. – February 11, 1963 - January 17, 1972. – ca. 80 p.

017 – Eastview Women’s Institute Minutes. – February 21, 1972 - April 19, 1982. – ca. 80 p.

018 – Eastview Social Club Minutes. – January 18, 1993 - April 11, 2008. – ca. 20 p.