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2.5 linear feet, 5 document boxes

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Newcomers' Club of Wellesley
(Wellesley Newcomers' Club)

Biographical Note

The Newcomers' Club of Wellesley, currently operating as the Wellesley Newcomers and Social Club, is "a non-profit social organization that provides opportunities to meet neighbors and newcomers and that welcomes new families" to Wellesley. The club is for residents as well as newcomers to the town; it organizes events, activities, and service opportunities within the Wellesley community.

The club was formed in 1958 by Mae Lee (Mrs. Harry) Roberts; on October 30, 1958 she took out an advertisement in *The Townsman*, noting: "Newcomers Club Starting in Wellesley. All who have moved here within the past two years are eligible. For reservations for the first Coffee Hour, call CEdar 5-2043." From this first meeting the club grew quickly; the early December luncheon and bridge event drew 40 attendees (*The Townsman*, December 4, 1958, p. 12), and by the end of 1959 they had over 70 members. Initially, the club was only for women, with husbands invited to events as guests.

The club sponsors social and cultural events, as well as many activities, including arts and crafts, a book club, bridge, cooking classes and dinner parties, golf classes, needlecraft, skiing trips, exercise and sports groups, wine tastings, activities fairs, children's holiday parties, silent auctions, and volunteer opportunities.

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This collection of materials spans 1969 to 1995, during which the group published a monthly newsletter (September-June), *The Bugle*, which listed a broad range of ways to meet people in the community. As one edition noted, "The monthly luncheons and social events are only one part of the newcomers Club. The activity groups provide the 'fuel' that makes this organization work, for it is within these smaller groups that you make your best friends" (*The Bugle*, September 1978). At the time, members were eligible if they had resided in Wellesley for less than one year, or had moved away and then returned to Wellesley. Membership was limited to three years, with members "graduating" to the Postcomers' Club of Wellesley thereafter (*Bylaws and Procedures*, in collection).

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains the contents of nearly three decades of Newcomers' Club of Wellesley President Notebooks. The notebooks, created by each individual president on an annual basis, were originally in 3-ring binders, and are generally uniform in structure and contents; materials were organized by creators annually, with tabs for each month. The notebooks contain meeting minutes, agendas, newsletters, budgets, and other business-related papers.

Much of the work the group did (and continues to do as the Newcomers' and Social Club of Wellesley) relies on the activities and events of many other Wellesley community groups; in this sense the club not only had its own activities, but also acted as a facilitator to make newcomers aware of the other groups in town.

System of Arrangement

The collection contains one series. Original order has been maintained throughout; the club operated on a July-June academic calendar, with their activity year running from September through June; occasionally the board met in July to plan for September, and those notes were included with the September materials. Materials have been organized and labelled in folders by year, maintaining the academic year structure.

Library of Congress Index Terms

Clubs—Wellesley (Mass.)
Communities
Social groups
Social integration
Social networks
Social participation
Wellesley (Mass.)
Women—Societies and clubs—Wellesley (Mass.)

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Languages and Scripts of the Material

English

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Accruals

The Historical Society may add materials to this collection in the future; however, no further accruals are currently expected.

Related Materials

n/a

Description

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Bibliography

Newcomer's and Social Club of Wellesley website. URL: <http://www.wellesley-newcomers.org>

Newcomers' Club of Wellesley on Facebook. URL:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WellesleyNewcomers/about/>

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