

## Guide to the Yellow Rose AMBUCS Collection, 1990-2010

3.2 linear ft.

Accession Numbers: 1415-065 and 1011-077

Collection Number: 86

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### Historical Sketch

AMBUCS is a national charitable organization dedicated to helping people with disabilities achieve mobility and independence. The organization was founded in 1922 as American Business Clubs and changed its name to AMBUCS in 1961. AMBUCS operates as a network of locally-operated chapters that are spread across the United States. Its members regularly donate therapeutic tricycles to children with disabilities and award scholarships to therapists. AMBUCS also gives various rewards to its members for their efforts, including the prestigious "Big Hat" designation for successful recruitment of new members.

In 1990, a Women's AMBUCS chapter named "Yellow Rose" was chartered in Irving, Texas. During its tenure, Yellow Rose chartered two additional chapters named "Mid Cities" and "Las Colinas." In 2010, Yellow Rose joined the Irving AMBUCS chapter which had been founded in 1968.

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### Biographical Sketch

Debra Kitchens of Irving was a member of the Yellow Rose chapter and served a term as its president. Kitchens also provides estate sale services and makes frequent donations to the Irving Archives. Some of her donations have included records and ephemera from Yellow Rose AMBUCS among other, non-AMBUCS-related items.

### Scope and Content

The Yellow Rose AMBUCS Collection contains photographs, scrapbooks, award banners, and ephemera spanning the twenty-year history of the Yellow Rose chapter from 1990 to 2010.

### **Provenance Statement**

The Yellow Rose AMBUCS Collection was donated to the Irving Archives by Debra Kitchens in two parts. Accession 1011-077 was donated on March 30, 2011, and accession 1415-065 was donated on March 31, 2015. Prior to its donation, the collection was in the possession of Debra Kitchens.

### **Literary Rights Statement**

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### **Note to Researcher**

Accession 1011-077 contained the envelope of photographs marked "Big Hat Pictures" and three Yellow Rose AMBUCS scrapbooks dated 1990-1991, 1996-1997, and 2004-2005, all of which have been included in the Yellow Rose AMBUCS Collection. Accession 1011-077 also contains some other items which do not appear to be related to the AMBUCS material. All other items in the Yellow Rose AMBUCS Collection are from accession 1415-065, and all of the items from that accession are included in the Yellow Rose AMBUCS Collection.

Additional Yellow Rose AMBUCS items can be found in the following accessions: 0607-042, 0910-104, and 1213-029.

## **Container List**

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder Title, Dates, and Description**

1 20th Anniversary, 2010, undated

Contains a newspaper article about Yellow Rose's donation to the Van Community Library, a sample of Yellow Rose letterhead, and a Texas State House of Representatives resolution congratulating Yellow Rose on its 20th anniversary.

2 Scrapbook, 1990-1991

Contains photocopied pages of a scrapbook with photographs and news clippings related to Yellow Rose AMBUCS activities from the years 1990-1991.

3 Las Colinas AMBUCS, 1997-1998

Contains a 6" x 4" photo album with photos from the Las Colinas AMBUCS chapter, news clippings, and a poem titled "Yellow Rose" by Phyllis Tresnicky.

4 ICVB Photo, undated

Contains a 5" x 7" photograph of two unidentified people in a paper frame with "Irving Convention & Visitors Bureau" printed on the back.

5 Big Hat Pictures, 1998

Contains photographs from a 5 ½" x 9" envelope addressed to Barbara Crawley of Grand Prairie, Texas, and postmarked Sep. 14, 1998. From a 9" x 12" envelope labeled "Big Hat Pictures" which also contained the items in Box 1, Folder 6.

6 Big Hat Pictures, 1992-1996, undated

Contains loose scrapbook pages dated 1992-1996 and an undated Veterans of Foreign Wars booklet titled "Etiquette of the Stars and Stripes." From a 9" x 12" envelope labeled "Big Hat Pictures" which also contained the items in Box 1, Folder 5.

## **Box 2**

### **Folder Title, Dates, and Description**

1 Scrapbook, 1996-1997

Contains a scrapbook with photographs and news clippings related to Yellow Rose AMBUCS activities from the years 1996-1997.

2 Scrapbook, 2000-2001

Contains a scrapbook with photographs and news clippings related to Yellow Rose AMBUCS activities from the years 2000-2001.

3 Scrapbook, 2007-2008

Contains a scrapbook with photographs and news clippings related to Yellow Rose AMBUCS activities from the years 2007-2008.

## **Box 3**

**Folder Title, Dates, and Description**

1 Tommie Juneau Badge, undated

Contains a badge which reads, "Tommie Juneau; Governor District 6D."

2 Award Patches, 2005-2010

Contains loose patches awarded for various achievements.

3 Ephemera, 2001, undated

Contains a small duffel bag with "AMBUCS; The Race is On! 2001" printed on it; a Yellow Rose t-shirt; and a Yellow Rose coffee mug.

4 Scrapbook, 2002-2003

Contains a scrapbook with photographs and news clippings related to Yellow Rose AMBUCS activities from the years 2002-2003.

**Box 4**

1 Scrapbook, 2004-2005

Contains a scrapbook with photographs and news clippings related to Yellow Rose AMBUCS activities from the years 2004-2005.

**Box 5**

**Folder Title, Dates, and Description**

1-51 Photographs, 2002-2003

Contains photographs related to Yellow Rose AMBUCS activities.

52 Photographs, undated

Contains photographs related to Yellow Rose AMBUCS activities.

**Box 6**

1 Banners, 1990-2005

Contains seven 34" x 48" banners which hung at Yellow Rose chapter meetings and special events. The banners have award patches attached.

The banners are located in a barrel-shaped container leaning on the wall in the stacks.

### **Box 7**

1 Posters, 2005-2008, undated

Contains a 22" x 28" poster advertising the chapter's 6th Annual Yellow Rose Charity Dinner Auction on October 26, 2007; a laminated two-page spread from the February 14, 2008 edition of the Irving Rambler which contains six articles related to the Yellow Rose AMBUCS; a 22" x 28" poster with photographs and newspaper clippings; and a 24" x 36" trifold display board with photographs.

The posters are located in the stacks, leaning on the wall near the door to the storage area. They are not in a box. The trifold display has a label which reads "1415-65 Yellow Rose Ambucs."