
Guide to the

Omnibus Club Scrapbooks 1963-1984

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Historical Sketch

The Omnibus Club held its organizational meeting on September 26, 1963. The club, which would meet on the third Thursday morning of the month, was established as a self-improvement and educational club for women. Membership in the club was limited and by invitation. On average, the club had approximately twenty-five members.

On October 17, 1963 the club held its first official meeting. The purpose of the club was “to stimulate the quest for knowledge, culture, and understanding of the arts.” Meetings were held in club members’ homes and featured a guest speaker. Among the topics addressed by the speakers were art, schools, drugs, decorating, travel, and book reviews. The club-year ran from September to May. Installation of new officers took place at the May meeting. In addition to the monthly meetings, the club was involved in service programs as well. Through the years the members of the club undertook yearly charity projects such as making Christmas baskets of food for the needy, donating to the Helping Hand School and Dallas County Foster Parents, and helping out needy families.

The Omnibus Club was dissolved during the mid-1980s.

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Scope and Content Note

The Omnibus Club Scrapbooks consist of three volumes covering the years 1963-1984. The scrapbooks are made up of newspaper clippings concerning club meetings and activities, photographs taken at meetings and social functions, yearbooks, rosters, agendas, and

decorative cutouts. The scrapbooks contain few photos from 1963-1966, but after 1966 photos become prominent. Color photos are used from 1967 onward. While some of the subjects in the photographs are identified, most are not. There are no pages pertaining to the 1970-71 club-year.

Volume 1 is an oversize scrapbook that encompasses the club-years 1963-64 through 1975-76. There is no record for the club-year 1970-1971. The pages of this volume are extremely brittle. As a preservation measure, the pages of the scrapbook have been unbound so they may be turned and examined without risk of their breaking at the binding. Many of the items from the first pages of this volume became unglued and were reattached to the pages by the collection processor. Most of the subjects in the photos in this scrapbook are not identified.

Volume 2 is also an oversize scrapbook, which covers the club-years 1976-77 through 1980-81. This volume is in good condition and has been left intact. A larger number of the subjects in the photos in this volume have been identified than in volume 1.

Volume 3, covering the club-years 1981-82 through 1982-83, is a standard size scrapbook. This volume is in good condition and has been left intact. Many of the subjects in the photos in this volume are identified. A large quantity of loose photos was found inside this scrapbook. These appear to be photos from the 1983-84 year, which were not mounted in the scrapbook.

Provenance Statement

The Omnibus Club scrapbooks were donated to the Irving Archives by former club member Martha Jo Watson on November 12, 1999. Prior to their donation to the Irving Archives, the scrapbooks were kept in club members' homes.

Literary Rights Statement

Permission to publish from the Omnibus Club Scrapbooks, 1963-1984, must be obtained from the Irving Archives, Irving Public Library.

Container List

Series I. Scrapbooks, 1963-1984

Box 1

Vol. 1 Scrapbook, 1963-1976

Box 2

Vol. 2 Scrapbook, 1976-1981

Vol. 3 Scrapbook, 1981-1983

Loose photos from 1983-1984