Friday Afternoon Club collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Friday Afternoon Club collection
Dates: 1896-
Collection Number: Consult library
Creator/Collector: Friday Afternoon Club
Extent: 4 firesafe drawers.
Repository: Ontario City Library, Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room
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Abstract: The Friday Afternoon Club collection contains club documents such as programs, minutes, constitution and
by-laws as well as photograph albums of luncheons and events, presentations, and newspaper clippings.
Language of Material: English
Access
Collection open for research.
Preferred Citation
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Acquisition Information
The Friday Afternoon Club began donating materials to the Model Colony History Room in 1984. The club continues to make
periodic additions to the collection.
Biography/Administrative History
The Friday Afternoon Club was founded in February 1896 by seven women who responded to a letter asking them to
consider forming a literary society. According to their 1986 constitution, the object of the club was “mutual improvement of
its members in literature, art, science, current events, and to promote sociability.” By 1902, the current events section
became independent and later called itself the Ontario Woman’s Club. In addition to improving its members, the club also
improved its community, giving $1,000 toward the purchase of land for the Carnegie library at D Street and Euclid Avenue
in 1910. It raised money with a salvage shop during World War I to support the Red Cross, and the club bought Liberty
bonds used to help San Antonio Community Hospital. The club is still going strong in 2013.
Scope and Content of Collection
The Friday Afternoon Club collection contains club minutes dating back to 1899 as well as yearly programs which include
member lists, club constitution, and club by-laws. Also included are photograph albums documenting luncheons and other
club events, newspaper clippings, and a member’s travel journal. As this is an ongoing collection, please see the container
list for the most up to date information.
Indexing Terms
Friday Afternoon Club
Ontario (Calif.)
Upland (Calif.)

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