

Guide to the Scholia Club Records MS 266

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Abstract: This collection contains records pertaining to the Scholia Club of San Diego including administrative documents, financial information, newspaper articles, and papers which were presented to the club for discussion at meetings.

creator: Scholia Club.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Accession numbers 860117A and 2004.115.

Conditions Governing Access

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Biographical / Historical Notes

In January 1904, at the home of Albert Will Angier, a group of men interested in education and educational issues organized to form a Scholia Club in San Diego. The term "scholia" indicates a scholastic purpose. Those present were Albert Will Angier, John Crippen, Frank Thompson, P.E. Davidson, and W.F. Bliss. Harley Chandler was not present, but telephoned regarding actions at the meeting. An Executive Committee was formed to include Chandler, Angier, Davidson, and Percey .E. Davidson, who was made Factotum of the Club, a position holding similar duties to that of a president. A few weeks later, a special meeting was held to elect three non-teachers to membership. Roy Campbell, secretary of YMCA, Dr. R.F. Burnham, M.D., a physician and brother-in-law of George Marston, and attorney Adelbert H. Sweet were elected at the special meeting. The Club took pride in its mixed membership of teachers and non-teachers. The first regular meeting was held at the Delmonico restaurant on February 6, 1904. On March 18, 1904, the third regular meeting welcomed Professor Snedden of Stanford University who made the address of the evening.

The first draft of the Club's constitution was presented on February 6, 1904 and numerous revisions were made until July 13, 1939. Will Angier had prepared the redrafted constitution. The objects of the Scholia Club were "to promote among its membership 'socialbility' and good fellowship, to engage in the study of the problems and conditions touching the theory and practice of school keeping and publish results of each study, to develop a code of professional ethics and to promote this in the teaching profession, and to advance general interests in the teaching profession and lend its influence in legitimate ways to deserving educational causes."

Twenty members were limited to the roster, of which included three ballot-elected Executive Committee members. A "Chronicler" was elected and out of the three Executive Committee Members, a Factotum was elected. These members held office for one year until a successor was chosen. In order to gain membership into the Club, one was presented to the Executive Committee, and if no one objected, the rest of the members decided entry by a secret ballot. Membership dues for the year were collected at the first meeting and for many years, it was \$12.

"Customs" of the club included holding eight regular meetings at an eating place from October to May, many of which took place at the University Club, and reading of a 30 to 40 minute paper after a short business meeting which followed dinner. Topics for discussion, often resulting in a heated debate, were typically chosen by the speaker who suffered severe criticism by the rest of the group. In earlier days, the speaker was dubbed the "victim" and membership was divided into "Sheep" and "Goats" during "the era of unlimited locking of the horns." In more recent years greater club courtesy was accorded.

Arrangement

Items in the collection are arranged by subject, chronologically.

Scope and Content

This collection contains records of the Scholia Club of San Diego from its inception in 1904. The records consist of meeting minutes and papers presented to the Club. The meeting minutes include minutes and any of the following which needed to be brought to the attention of the members: newspaper articles, correspondence, and financial statements. The papers presented at the meetings are from 1905-1984, some of which are also included in the meeting minutes.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

The cover and first few pages of one ledger are detached from the binding. (December 21, 2011)

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Angier, Albert Will

Bliss, W. F.

Burnham, M. D., Dr. R. F.

Campbell, Roy

Chandler, Harley

Crippen, John

Davidson, Percey E.

Marston, George White, 1850-1946

Scholia Club.

Sweet, Adelbert H.

Thompson, Frank

Clubs

Education

San Diego (Calif.)

Box-folder 1:1	"The Scholia Club of San Diego: Constitution and By-Laws of February 1906 and later amendments to date of May 1939," 1939 July 13 Scope and Content Document by Will Angier summarizing general organization and functioning of Club.
Box-folder 1:2	"Scholia Club Records From 1904 on Vol I," 1904
Box-folder 1:3	"The Scholia Club - San Diego California 1904," 1904-1941
Box-folder 1:4	The Scholia Club 1904-1931, Vol IA," 1904-1931
Box-folder 1:5	"The Scholia Club 1931-1946, Vol II," 1931-1946
Box-folder 2:1	"The Scholia Club 1946-1953, Vol III," 1946-1953
Box-folder 2:2	"The Scholia Club 1953-1963, Vol IV," 1953-1963
Box-folder 2:3	"The Scholia Club 1963-1979, Vol V," 1963-1979
Box-folder 3:1	Meeting minutes, 1972 December 10-1976 May 11
Box-folder 3:2	Meeting minutes, 1976 October 12-1979 December 11
Box-folder 3:3	Meeting minutes, 1980 January 8-1984 April 26
Box-folder 3:4	Meeting minutes, 1984 May 8-1987 April 14
Box-folder 3:5	Meeting minutes, 1987 August 21-1988 October 28
Box-folder 3:6	Meeting minutes, 1988 December 23-1990 January 9
Box-folder 3:7	Meeting minutes, 1990 January 2-1991 February 12
Box-folder 3:8	Meeting minutes, 1991 March 12-1992 September 15
Box-folder 3:9	Meeting minutes, 1992 October 13-1993 December 14
Box-folder 3:10	Meeting minutes, 1994 January 11-1995 December 12
Box-folder 4:1	Meeting minutes, 1996 January 9-1997 April 8
Box-folder 4:2	Meeting minutes, 1997 April 25-1998 February 10
Box-folder 4:3	Meeting minutes, 1998 February 23-December 20
Box-folder 4:4	Meeting minutes, 1998 October-2000 October 12
Box-folder 4:5	Meeting minutes, 2000 October 31-2002 January 8
Box-folder 4:6	Meeting minutes, 2002 February 28-2003 January 1
Box-folder 4:7	Meeting minutes, 2003 January 14-May 13

Box-folder 4:8	"Scholia Records 12/23/03" (CD), 1904-2009
Box-folder 4:9	"Brief History of the Scholia Club, January 12, 1929;" "We" by Will Angier, 1929 January 12
Box-folder 4:10	"Scholia Club: The First Twenty-five Years by Will Angier, January 12, 1929" (copy), 1929 January 12
Box-folder 4:11	"Scholia Papers, January 1905 to May 1967, Book A," 1905 January 14-1960 March 19
Box-folder 5:1	"Scholia Papers, January 1905 to May 1967, Book A," 1961 October 21-1964 April 18
Box-folder 5:2	"Scholia Papers, January 1905 to May 1967, Book A," 1964 October 17-1966 October 15
Box-folder 5:3	"Scholia Papers, January 1905 to May 1967, Book A," 1967 January 21-February 18
Box-folder 5:4	"Scholia Papers, November 1968 to May 1975, Book B," 1968 November 16-1969 January 18
Box-folder 5:5	"Scholia Papers, November 1968 to May 1975, Book B," 1969 December 9-1973 January 9
Box-folder 5:6	"Scholia Papers, November 1968 to May 1975, Book B," 1973 March 13-November 13
Box-folder 5:7	"Scholia Papers, November 1968 to May 1975, Book B," 1973 December 11-1975 May 13
Box-folder 5:8	Scholia papers, 1976 January 13-1977 January 11
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