Guide to the San José State University Faculty Wives Club Records
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The San José State University Faculty Wives Club, organized in the late 1940s as a means of fostering friendship among the wives of SJSU faculty members. The Faculty Wives Club began by hosting monthly events and activities for its members, such as fashion shows, cooking, and handcrafting. In addition, club members also participated in fundraising efforts for student scholarships. Today, the Faculty Wives Club continues to award three student scholarships of $2,000 each annually.

Scope and Content of Collection
The San José State University Faculty Wives Club Records, 1929-2015, documents the history of the club over a 60-year period. The collection consists of meeting minutes, financial records, newsletters, and rosters. In addition, the collection includes scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, member biographies, photographs, and University Dames Club materials.

Arrangement
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Series I: Administrative Files 1938-2015

Physical Description: 4.0 boxes
Series Scope and Content Summary
This series consists of Faculty Wives Club administrative records, including membership documents, newsletters, and financial records. The materials document special events focused on community service, cultural awareness, and philanthropy to promote student advancement.
Arrangement
This series is arranged by format.

Box 1
Scholarship Information, Miscellaneous Administrative Documents, Meeting Reports of Sections, Financial Records 1938-2015

Box 1, Folder 1
Life Membership Certificates
Box 1, Folder 2
Scholarship Records 1998-2015
Box 1, Folder 3
Treasurer’s Reports 2011-2015
Box 1, Folder 4
Update Newsletters 2007-2010
Box 1, Folder 5
Update Newsletters 2011-2015

Box 2
Meeting Minutes, Reports and Financial Records 1956-2010

Box 3
Membership Rosters, Membership Directories, Garden Club Records, New Comers Listings, and Handicraft Section Reports 1950-2011

Box 4
Newsletters 1955-2006

Series II: Subject Files 1956-1991

Physical Description: 2.0 boxes
Series Scope and Content Summary
This series consists of Faculty Wives Club member biographies, newspaper clippings, photographs, scholarship information, and the publication Reminiscing with Faculty Wives of San José State College (1956), written by Evelyn Bell Settles, Chairman of the Faculty Wives Club History Committee.
Arrangement
This series is arranged by format.
Series II: Subject Files 1956-1991
Member Biographies and History, Newspaper Clippings, Photographs, Autobiography of Lifetime Members, Member Collection of Recipes 1955-1991

Box 5

Series III: Scrapbooks and Publicity Materials 1929-2007
Physical Description: 6.0 boxes
Series Scope and Content Summary
This series consists of Faculty Wives Club scrapbooks and publicity materials focused primarily on community service, cultural awareness, and philanthropy. Fundraising events such as bake sales, fashion shows, and silent auctions are well documented in this series. These events supported student scholarships.
Arrangement
This series is arranged by format.

Box 6

Publications of "Reminiscing with Faculty Members of San Jose State College" 1956

Series IV: University Dames Club Materials 1960-1974
Physical Description: 1.0 boxes
Series Scope and Content Summary
This series consists of University Dames Club administrative records, meeting minutes, financial records, scrapbooks, and publicity materials. The University Dames represents a group of wives of male students at San Jose State University that became the protégées of Faculty Wives. The University Dames and Faculty Wives co-sponsored many like minded events and activities.
Arrangement
This series is arranged by format.

Box 7-12

Scrapbooks and Publicity Materials 1929-2007

Box 13

University Dames Club Materials 1960-1974

Series V: Ephemera 1953

Box 14, box 15

Silver Tea Set donated to University President's Office 1953