Records of The Monday Club of San Luis Obispo

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Records of The Monday Club of San Luis Obispo
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Abstract: Records of The Monday Club of San Luis Obispo, a civic and social non-profit organization founded in 1925. Records include meeting minutes, presidents’ papers, operations and financial records, fundraising events, social activities, scrapbooks, and ephemera relating to the mission of the club and its members.

Language of Material: English

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Acquisition Information
Gift.

Biography/Administrative History
The Monday Club of San Luis Obispo is a civic and social non-profit organization founded in 1925 by members of the women’s Book Club and the Home Culture Club. At the time of its founding, members of the club were involved in politics, law, and welfare on the national and state levels as well as promoting local public services, civic, and social causes. While working to support and improve municipal services, members continued to support recreation, homemaker skills, and the arts such as sewing, gardening, reading, and music. Committees were formed to promote specific interests including an Arts and Crafts Section, Book Section, Garden Section, and Music Section. Over the years the club has been responsible for a number of civic and social advocacy projects that have impacted local public services, social welfare, and culture including the first lighted entrances to the city off of Highway 101, the preservation of Painted Rock and Dinosaur Caves, planting city trees, Music and Art Scholarships for youth, supporting WWII efforts with fundraising and scrap metal, and lobbying for Southern Pacific passenger depot, among others. Today, Monday Club members continue to pursue the organizational mission to enhance the educational, civic, social, and cultural quality of San Luis Obispo. The club is a membership organization managed by a Board of Directors with an Executive Board holding office for two-year terms. The first Board of Directors consisted of: President, Mrs. Louise Kirtland; Vice President, Mrs. Margaret Chase; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Linnie Smith; Treasurer, Mrs. Ella Herbert; Secretary, Mrs. Mabel M. Thomson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Grace E. Barneburg; and Parliamentarian, Mrs. Grace Pepper. The club was registered with the California Federation of Women’s Clubs in 1926 and later with the National Federation of Women’s Clubs. Today it is an independent club focused on the interests of San Luis Obispo County. The Monday Club Building, located at 1815 Monterey Street in San Luis Obispo, is a defining accomplishment of the club.

Scope and Content of Collection
The collection contains organizational records, correspondence, financial documents, legal documents, newspaper clippings, photographs, and ephemera of The Monday Club of San Luis Obispo. The collection documents the structure, activities, founding, and role of this women’s civic organization on a local, state and national level. The history and
activities of the Monday Club are most extensively documented in meeting minutes and administrative records.

**Indexing Terms**

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