

WITAN (Women In Touch With Akron's Needs) Collection Special Collections – Akron-Summit County Public Library

ACCESSION # 2012-20

ACQUISITION: Donated by Karen Clark for WITAN, October 20, 2011

ACCESS: Restricted access; materials fragile; access by request at Akron-Summit County Public Library's Main Library Special Collections division only.

VOLUME: 14 Boxes, 8 folders, 21 Scrapbooks, 3 VHS tapes, 1 magnetic recording tape reel and 1 special format video: 11 LF

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Historical Records of WITAN, including scrapbooks, newsletters, photographs and negatives and audio/visual content. The mission of WITAN, a local non-profit women's service organization (started in 1943 by seven Akron women), is threefold: To educate members concerning civic responsibility and to promote volunteerism, to recognize, establish and financially support projects which fulfill a need in the community and to develop and nurture friendships by working together toward a common goal.

ARRANGEMENT: This collection is divided into five series by similar materials. The series is contained in 14 boxes of various size, 8 folders, 21 Scrapbooks, 3 VHS tapes, 1 magnetic recording tape reel and 1 special format video.

INVENTORY:

SERIES 1: Misc. Audio/Visual Content

Box 1

Misc. Audio/Visual content including: microfilm, cassette tapes, CD Rom and Floppy Discs

Special Format Video: "Very Good, Very Bad: The story of Drugs" In 1972 Witan invested \$7,500 in this drug film made for Akron Public Schools for the lower elementary grades. It was shown as a pilot in 27 public school classrooms in April of 1973. [An article can be found on this video in the Akron Beacon Journal March 11, 1973 issue.]

Magnetic Recording Tape Reel: "Talk for WITAN, October 3, 1973 at the Cascade Club, Akron, Ohio by Klaus G. Roy (Director of Publications, The Cleveland Orchestra). On Carlos Chavez's "Tuitium" and the ASO program of October 9-10, 1973. For Mrs. Dwight Parsons and WITAN, which commissioned the work by Chavez. Re-recorded in Severance Chamber Music Hall, Cleveland, October 4, 1973."

VHS Tapes:

-Grand Reflections of WITAN 1943-1993

-WOW Mardi Gras, January 21, 1989

-WITAN...an organization dedicated to improving the lives of those in our community, October 2000

SERIES 2: Publications and Programs

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Box 1

-WITAN Cookbook and French Market Programs through the years 1973-1976 Cooking Demo Programs

Folder #1

Various WITAN event programs through the years

Folder #2

WITAN 25th and 50th anniversary programs and "Twenty-five Years of WITAN" book

Folder #3

WITAN Conditional Interviews documents

Folder #4

WITAN's French Market Gazette 1994 and WITAN Misc. Information Brochures

Box 2

WITAN The Diary October 1944, October-November 1946 and October 1947-May 1973
The Diary is an events calendar and newsletter for the month

Box 3

WITAN The Diary September 1973- May 1984 and September 1984- June 1989

Box 4

WITAN The Diary September 1989- June 2008

Box 5

WITAN Directories 1947-1977 and WITAN Blue Book (Directory) 2011-2012

Box 6

WITAN The Diary September 2008- May 2013

SERIES 3: Loose-Leaf Materials

Box 1

WITAN 25th Anniversary Materials

Folder #1

WITAN Members Obit News Clippings

Folder #2

WITAN Misc. Loose- Leaf Materials and Certificates

Folder #3

WITAN Conditional Members 1964-1971, 1974-1982

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SERIES 4: Photographs and Negatives

Box 1

Misc. Photos 1998-2000

Box 2

Misc. Photos 1998-2000 and Negatives

Box 3

Misc. Photos and Negatives most undated

Folder #1

Misc. Negatives

Box 4

Negatives

Sleeve 1: WOW 1999 Celebrating Century

Sleeve 2: French Market Wrap UP 1998-1999

Sleeve 3: WITAN 1998-1999

Sleeve 4: P.P. Lunch 1999

Sleeve 5: Feb 2000 Business Meeting

Sleeve 6: French Market 2000

Sleeve 7: May 1999 Business Meeting

Sleeve 8: Conditional 1998-1999

Sleeve 9: Board Meetings 1998-1999

Sleeve 10: Ways and Means 1998-1999

Sleeve 11: WOW 1999

Sleeve 12: French Market 1998

Sleeve 13: 25th French Market 2002

Sleeve 14: French Market 1996

Sleeve 15: 50th Arboretum Naturealm April 8, 1993

Sleeve 16: WOW 1993

Box 5 - Photos

-Christmas Party at the Misanko's

-Conditionals 1988-89 A-Z

-Cuyahoga Youth Ballet

-Glendale Cemetery

-WOW 1993

-50th Arboretum Naturealm April 8, 1993

-1989 French Market

-1995 French Market

-1996 French Market

-1998 French Market

-2005 French Market

-2007 French Market

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Sleeve 1: July 25, 1956 Board Luncheon at Congress Lake Country Club

Sleeve 2: Elsie and John at Winter Party

Sleeve 3: July 25, 1956 Board Luncheon at Congress Lake Country Club

Sleeve 4: July 25, 1956 Board Luncheon at Congress Lake Country Club

Sleeve 5: Anniversary Tea September 12, 1953

Sub-Box 1: Directory Photos

Box 6

Member Photos 1984-1985

Member Photos 2001-2002

SERIES 5: Scrapbooks

Book 1- 1943-1950

Book 2- 1950-1958

Book 3- 1958-1965

Book 4- 1965-1968

Book 5- 1966-1967 Building a Better Community

Book 6- 1967-1968

Book 7- 1968-1971

Book 8- 1971-1973

Book 9- 1973-1974

Book 10- 1973-1975 E.J. Thomas Opening

Book 11- 1974-1977

Book 12- 1977-1981

Book 13- 1982-1986

Book 14- 1986-1990

Book 15- 1990-1992

Book 16- 1992-1993

Book 17- 1994-1995

Book 18- 1993-1994 (50 Years of WITAN)

Book 19- 1998-1999

Book 20- WOW 1999

Book 21- 2000 Viva Las Vegas

Sleeve 1: Viva Las Vegas Loose Materials