

Akron OASIS Collection
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VOLUME: 12 boxes, 6 LF

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: OASIS (Older Adults Service and Information System), founded in 1982, is a "national nonprofit educational organization designed to enhance the quality of life for mature adults," focusing on wellness, volunteer and educational programs and activities. The Akron OASIS program began in 1986. Its members participated in national OASIS initiatives such as the Intergenerational Tutoring Program and Science Across The Generations. In addition, Akron OASIS volunteers produced a community access channel television show called *OASIS Reaching Out*. This show provided information about OASIS as well as public service information geared toward senior citizens. Volunteers also interviewed many local individuals who were active in area businesses and organizations. Akron OASIS closed in August 2007.

RELATED COLLECTIONS: More information on the Akron OASIS program can be found in *Akron Beacon Journal* articles of January 8, 1986; March 3, 1988; August 14, 1991; and August 1, 2007.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection consists of videotapes of *OASIS Reaching Out*, originally broadcast between 1987 and 2008, and one box of paper records. The majority of the videotapes are interviews of local individuals representing various Akron and Summit County organizations and businesses. Some videotapes are shows focusing on OASIS, its volunteer activities, and examples of the public service information OASIS offered its viewers. Also included are two oral history interviews conducted by the Summit County Historical Society as part of *World War II: The Homefront* Oral History Project of OASIS. Miscellaneous paper records include business records, correspondence, publicity, and information about local people and organizations considered for interviews. Interviewers included Erma Baker, Eva Borsos, Emalou Brumfield, Olive Brungard, Victor Burke, Addie Cook, Judith Cox, Natalie Dell, Mary Frasca, Lucille Hollinger, Jeanette Howdyshell, Tricia McKinney, Liz Manuel, Margaret Olds, Frances Pake, Edna Bradford Ratner, John Schubert, Elizabeth Seuffert, Nancy Sutphin, Barbara Worrall, Marcella Wyers, and Elaine Young.

ARRANGEMENT: Videotapes are arranged chronologically by date given on original labeling, usually date of taping or broadcast.

INVENTORY:

Box 1: 1987-1988

No date: "OASIS: The Time of Our Lives:" Informational and promotional video

July 7, 1987: Stephanie Shipman, RSVP (Retired Seniors' Volunteer Program) luncheon at Tangier Restaurant

July 21, 1987: Robert Threlfall, Robin Art Floral Design School, Munroe Falls
July 28, 1987: Ruth Faux, Gerontology Specialist, University of Akron
August 11, 1987: Mr. Nino, Mr. Nino's Hair Salon, Fairlawn
September 7, 1987: Diana Berry, Akron-Summit County Public Library: book review of *Lovers on the Nile*
September 8, 1987: Paul Martel, Area Agency on Aging; and David Harney, InfoLine
September 21, 1987: OASIS feature from Modern Maturity
October 13, 1987: Marilyn Kovatch, Summit County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society
October 20, 1987: John Kephart, Portage Princess tour of Portage Lakes
December 8, 1987: Alex Cikra, Akron-Summit County Public Library: book review of *The Real Lucy*
March 10, 1988: Russ Musarra, *Akron Beacon Journal*
March 22, 1988: Jim Pahlau, Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens

Box 2: 1988

April 15, 1988: JoAnn Tackovich, Exclusively JoAnn
April 19, 1988: Stephanie Shipman, Bryan Turner, and Jane Seiler, Akron YMCA
April 26, 1988: Elaine Lee and Danelle Gallo, St. Thomas Medical Center
June 7, 1988: David Schenk, Body-Mind-Harmony School, Cuyahoga Falls
August 16, 1988: Doug Palmer, Cuyahoga Valley National Park
August 23, 1988: Patti Eddy, Civic Theater
September 6, c. 1988: Sea Houser, Hidden Pearl Vintage Clothing, Cuyahoga Falls
October 18, 1988: Cindy Guthrie, storyteller
November 1, 1988: Jim Phelps, Deputy Mayor of Akron, city economic development
November 8, 1988: Summit County Historical Society's Perkins Players presents "Grace Perkins' Dressmaker."
December 6, 1988: Alice Harold, School House Antiques; and Sue Marocchino, Carriage House Antiques
December 13, 1988: Stewart Steiner, Christmas customs
December 27, 1988: John H. Rodgers, Sierra Club

Box 3: 1989-1992

January 18, 1989: Audra Carano, history and fashion; Jean Deemer, Cuyahoga Falls artist
January 24, 1989: Russ Vernon and Debbie Lautenbach, West Point Market
February 7, 1989: Melissa Paul, Akron Art Museum; Sue Pierson, InfoLine
February 18, 1989: Barbara Keller, Akron Zoo
February 28, 1989: Judith Bear Isroff, Keep Akron Beautiful
March 7, 1989 Bill Snyder, Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens; James Chatfield, Summit County Extension; Arbor Committee of Akron
March 14, 1989: Jim Pahlau, Akron architecture (Canal Square staircase); John Debo (Cuyahoga Valley National Park) and James Alkier (Akron Department of Planning), Ohio and Erie Canal
April 18, 1989: Ralph Krausman, German American Club; Doug Palmer, Cuyahoga Valley National Park
June 6, 1989: Maria Lazaroff, Warner Cable; Cathy Goudy, 55 Alive
June 13, 1989: William Mullen, Manager of Public Works, Akron recycling program; Mark Brockway, OASIS
c. 1990: Jim Smith and Eric Gardenhite, Phoenix School
October 7, 1991: News stories about OASIS' new tutoring program, Channel 5 and 23
c. 1992: Blanche Davey and Peter Polumbo, Ronald McDonald House of Akron; Virginia Wojno and Rosemary Reymann, Progress Through Preservation

Box 4: 1992-1996

May 21, 1992: Steve Paschen, Summit County Historical Society, interviews Martha Parks as part of *World War II: The Homefront Oral History Project of OASIS*

July 2, 1992: Carl Rakich, Summit County Historical Society, interviews Margaret Arnold as part of *World War II: The Homefront Oral History Project of OASIS*

September 10, 1993: Stanley Gault and Don Fleshman, United Way of Summit County

January 1994: Bonnie Lias, RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program)

February 1994: Steve Paschen, Summit County Historical Society

March 1994: Helen Cleminshaw, International Year of the Family

April 1994: Bob Krueger, School of Kwan Ying Do, and Patrick Ehrenfried, Tai Chi

September 1994: Mary Fuller, OASIS Intergenerational Tutoring Program; Karen Gegick, Akron Public Schools

October 1994: OASIS Art Show

November 1994: Kathy Lukity, Hospice Services

December 1994: Jill Grimm, Cherry Creek Acres

July 1995: Victor J. Wlaszyn, Better Business Bureau

August 1995: Margaret Olds, OASIS; Anne Nixon, AARP; Myrtle Peter, Foster Grandparents of Akron: White House Conference on Aging

September 1995: Alan Ockene, United Way of Summit County

October 1995: Dale Freygang, Ronald McDonald House of Akron

December 1995: Marian Mochel, FISH (Wadsworth); Carole J. Rector, Volunteer Center of Akron

January 17, 1996: Marylen Mann, OASIS 10th anniversary

January 19, 1996: OASIS activities: Christmas party, line dance class, 10th anniversary party (1st half)

January 19, 1996: OASIS activities: Volunteer Lunch, Play, Sewing Group, 10th anniversary (2nd half)

Box 5: 1996-1997

January 1996: Larry Pentecost, Inventure Place

February 1996: Wayne Brennessel, American Red Cross, Summit County Chapter

March 1996: Christine Curry, Summit County Children Services, Child Abuse Awareness Month

June 1996: Gretchen Motts, MetroParks Serving Summit County

July 1996: Mary Ellen Atwood, Akron Knight Family Education Program

August 1996: Rick Parson, Visiting Nurse Service Equipment and Supply

September 1996: Richard Miller, United Way of Summit County

October 1996: Kathleen Downing and Karen Francis, Mobile Meals

November 1996: Gerrie Pucilowski and David Wallace, Toastmasters

1997: "OASIS: Enriching the Lives of Older Adults:" Informational and promotional video

January 1997: Marge Ziegler, Akron area 55 Alive

March 1997: Jack Stinedurf and Penny Frese, Weathervane Theater

April 1997: Mary Carlton, Christmas in April Program of Summit County

Box 6: 1997-1998

April 28, 1997: OASIS Sewers' Tea

May 1997: Francis Kirk, Salvation Army of Summit/Medina County

June 1997: Connie Ferguson and Marilyn Kovatch, Summit County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society

September 1997: Walter Ritzman, Barberton Free Clinic

December 1997: Mary Ann Jackson, First Night Akron

January 1998: Kathy Cyr, Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens

February 1998: Rudy Libertini, Mental Health Association of Summit County

March 1998: Kelly Falcone and Jane Dempsey, Hale Farm & Village

May 1998: Sherrill Paul, Lolly the Trolley

June 1998: Nancy McHale, Akron Zoo
July 1998: Marge Shanahan, Volunteer Center
August 1998: Stacie Rastok, OASIS Intergenerational Tutoring Program
November 1998: Wendy Bentley and Douglas J. Powley, Elder Abuse Prevention Coalition

Box 7: 1998-2000

December 1998: Gene Kovack and Joe Gabrosek, Polka Time Again
March 1999: Bunny Ballance, The Illusion Factory
April 1999: David Giffels and Steve Love, authors of *Wheels of Fortune*
May 1999: See Box 11
June 1999: Alice Christie, Progress Through Preservation
August 1999: Howard Price, Cuyahoga Falls Parks and Recreation riverboat tour
October 1999: Wendy Bentley and Lorrie Warren, Elder Abuse Prevention Coalition
November 1999: Mary Ann Jackson, First Night Akron
February 2000: Dan Rice, Ohio & Erie Canal Corridor Coalition
March 2000: Holly Miller, Greater Akron Habitat for Humanity
May 2000: Sr. Loretta Rafter and Eileen Davis, HM Life Opportunity Services
August 2000: Bev Hawley and Lee Long, OASIS Intergenerational Tutoring Program
November 2000: Marta Williger and Warren Capps: CHECKS (Coalition Helping Elder Citizens Keep Savings)
December 2000: Bill and Carole Spohn, Leaded Glass I, Wadsworth, and Leaded Glass II, Cuyahoga Falls

Box 8: 2001-2003

May 2001: Victor Burke, How a Computer Works
June 2001: Eric Brothers, Lighter-Than-Air Society, *When Giants Roamed the Sky*
September 2001: Sharon Judson and Tom Medema, Cuyahoga Valley National Park
October 2001: Barbara Tannenbaum, Akron Art Museum
November 2001: Lorrie Warren and Wendy Bentley, Elder Abuse Prevention Coalition
January 2002: Dr. Walter Hixson, author of *Murder, Culture, and Injustice*
April 2002: Neil Thackaberry, Actors' Summit
August 2002: Marsha Gilmore, OASIS Intergenerational Tutoring Program
December 2002: Russ Musarra, *Akron Beacon Journal*
January 2003: Inese Alvarez and Matt Lucik, Mature Services
March 2003: Karla Wilkinson, Akron Health Department; and Albert Bragg, Akron Fire Department: Watch Your Step program
May 2003: Kitty Stofsick and Sally Nyburg, Tri County Senior Olympics
June 2003: Michael Henry Adams, author of *Harlem Lost and Found*

Box 9: 2003-2005

September 2003: Debra Day, RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) of Summit County
October 2003: Maxine Floreani, International Institute
December 2003: Eddie Ogden, *Spirit of Goodyear*
January 2004: Debbie Ellis and Doris Zene, Project Learn of Summit County
February 2004: Margaret Olds, Lewis & Clark Program of OASIS
July 2004: Marty Wiles, Science Across the Generation Project of OASIS
August 2004: Ameenah, Visions of the Nile Belly Dance School
September 2004:Carolynn Mostyn, Mature Living Magazine
November 2004: Gary Voelzow, Executive Director, Big Brothers and Sisters of Summit and Medina Counties
April 2005: Lisa Kohler, Summit County Medical Examiner

May 2005: Jeannie Hamilton, Patterson Park Singin' Seniors
July 2005: Becky Tompkins, OASIS
August 2005: Victor Burke, OASIS Intergenerational Tutoring Program

Box 10: 2005-2008

September 2005: Robert DeJournett, Summa Health System, men's health
November 2005: Carla Davis, Akron-Summit County Public Library
December 2005: Elizabeth Sheeler, Holidayfest
January 2006: Jeff Incorvia and Pat Littlejohn, Balch Street Fitness Center
March 2006: Don Finn and Jim Mazzagatti, CYO and Community Services
April 2006: Denise Ellsworth, Ohio State University Extension, Summit County
May 2006: Joe Chevraux, MAPS Air Museum
June 2006: Bill Cody and Michael Cohill, Akron History Exhibit
July 2006: Brian Reitz and Karen Lohman, Hale Farm & Village
August 2006: Erma Baker and Natalie Dell, OASIS Intergenerational Tutoring Program
November 2006: Heather Jalbert and Ruby Winter, Holiday Tree Festival
December 2007: Nichole DiFiore, Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, Polar Express
January 2008: Inese Alvarez, RSVP of Summit County

Box 11: 1999 and 2008

May 1999: Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery
February 2008: Joe Paukovich, Social Security Administration
March 2008: Fran Doll, GASP (Grandparents Against Sex Predators)

Box 12: Paper Records: Miscellaneous documents

Business records; publicity; video lists; photos; Warner Cable community access guidelines; newspaper clippings; oral history project manual; community organization brochures; taping instructions.