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A Guide to the Friday Morning Club Papers

Collection Summary

Collection Title: Friday Morning Club Papers

Call Number: MG 174

Creator: The Friday Morning Club

Inclusive Dates: 1887-2000

Bulk Dates: 1887-1996

Abstract: History, Constitution, Members and Officer Lists. Dated Books of Members, Minutes, Readers and Hostesses. Correspondence and Memorials. Photo Album of 105th Anniversary Party.

Quantity:

Administrative Information

Custodial History:

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Document Types

Correspondence, Cassette Tapes of Readings, Gavel, Pamphlets, Minute Books, Photo Album

Titles

Biography/History of Friday Morning Club

On January 15, 1897, Mrs. Martha Hough Williams (Chauncy) proposed a “new club” to a group of women friends. They would meet weekly throughout the winter to share and discuss information on variety of books they had read and studied. The Friday Morning Club is very much the same as how it was in 1897. Members are expected to read or hostess each year, attending at least five of the ten meetings. Membership is limited to 30 and the categories are : Regular, Guest, and Honorary. The four officers are elected for two year terms. In addition to the ten meetings each year there is an annual meeting in May and a business meeting in October.

Members meet in informal, congenial settings to hear members read selections from non-fiction books which have been carefully prepared and shortened to fit time limits. Readings begin at 11 AM and at noon a lunch of soup and sandwiches is served. The reader begins again at 12:30 PM for a final half hour. All members appreciate the efforts of both readers and hostesses.

Scope and Contents of the Records/Papers/Collection

The majority of the materials contain a number of books, dated, each of which lists members, titles of book readings, hostesses and minutes. There is an album of photographs and one of correspondence. There are also six audio tapes of readings and a gavel.

Organization of the Records/Papers/Collection

Record Books of meeting dates, minutes, members, and readings.. Correspondence, Constitution and By-Laws, History, and Photographs.

Related Material

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Junior Friday Morning Club

Detailed Description of the Records/Papers/Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

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- 3 Book 2 In Memoriam, Memorials and Obituaries, 1909-1962
- 3 Book 3 Meeting Dates and Readers 1912-1996
 Six Audio Tapes
- Reader: Reed Book: "Talking Starling"
 Reader: McLaughlin Book: "Balm in Gilead" by Lightfoot
 Reader: Gorgell Book: "Fuzzy Thinking" by Kasko
 Reader: ? Book: "To School Through the Fields" by Taylor
 Reader: McGoldrick Book: " Strange Inequalities" by Kozel
 Reader: Hukill Book:"Deadlines-A Memoir" by Reston
- Wooden Gavel dated 1887
- 4 1 Photographs, 105th Anniversary Party, May, 1992
- 4 2 Photographs, Lake George Meeting, ?date