

# **Guide to the Women's Club of Pikesville [Maryland] Collection MS 03**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Enoch Pratt Free Library Special Collections
<b>Title</b>	The Woman's Club of Pikesville [Maryland] Collection
<b>Date [bulk]</b>	Bulk, 1940-1965
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1936-1978
<b>Extent</b>	5.0 Linear feet 11 boxes
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>The Woman's Club of Pikesville Collection covers the period from 1936 to 1978, with the bulk of the records from the late 1940s to mid-1960s. The collection shows how club members organized, funded, and carried out their activities. It also documents the changing social issues that women addressed in their community. Beryl Frank, a freelance writer specializing in local history and antiques, donated the Woman's Club of Pikesville papers to the Enoch Pratt Free Library in 2001. The papers consist of administrative papers, minutes, financial records, committees, news and publicity, and miscellaneous correspondence.</p>

### Preferred Citation

The Women's Club of Pikesville [Maryland] Collection, Special Collections, Enoch Pratt Free Library/  
Maryland's state Library Resource Center.

## Historical note

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The Woman's Club of Pikesville was organized in 1936. Records show that it was known as the Pikesville-Randallstown Woman's Club until 1945. It maintained membership in the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs from 1936 to 1942 and after a brief withdrawal was reinstated in the state organization in 1945 as the Woman's Club of Pikesville. The club held its meetings at Ames Fellowship Hall and later in the Sudbrook Methodist Church, both located in Baltimore County's Pikesville area.

Club members participated in volunteer activities in Pikesville and the surrounding community. They raised scholarship money to help area high school students attend college; assisted nursing homes, hospitals, and recreation centers; and encouraged awareness of national and international issues. In September 1953, the club sponsored Americanism Week, which involved numerous other civic organizations and featured Governor Theodore McKeldin as keynote speaker.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

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The collection is arranged by type of dated material, but it is not in any chronological order. The series include: Administrative Papers, Minutes, Financial Records, Departments and Committees, News and Publicity, and Misc. Correspondence and Papers.

### I. Administrative Papers of the Woman's Club of Pikesville, 1949-1975

The first series is divided into four subseries: 1. Bylaws and Amendments; 2. Officer's Papers and Correspondence; 3. Planned Activities; and 4. Woman's Club Affiliates. The first series contains the

Club's rules and regulations. The Officer's papers and correspondence include papers and letters to and from the Club President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. The Planned Activities, or subseries three, is a list of what events the Woman's Club had scheduled for the upcoming year. Subseries four comprises forms, reports, and communications with the regional, state, and national affiliates. All subseries are arranged chronologically.

## II. Minutes of the Woman's Club of Pikesville, 1941-1975

This series contains minutes of Executive Board and General Memberships meetings. Both sets of minutes are filed together by date. From 1952 to 1964, minutes were recorded in a bound volume with entries for Executive Board meetings followed by the General Meeting minutes. Sometimes there are not two sets of minutes for every date because the Executive Board often met during the summer without holding General Membership meetings. There are occasional gaps and missing pages. Some of the minutes are typed, some are handwritten, and a few rough drafts are included.

## III. Financial Records of the Woman's Club of Pikesville, 1943-1978

The club's financial records are divided into three subseries: 1. Financial Reports; 2. Proposed Budgets; and 3. Fundraising and Expenses. All records are arranged chronologically. The Financial Reports include Treasurers' Reports, sometimes called Financial Statements, which were submitted at Club meetings. A few Treasurers' Reports were reported as part of the general meeting minutes so they are located in Series II, boxes 2-4. There were also Treasurers' Reports stapled into bound volume of minutes from Series 2, Box 3. Numbers on back of pages from January 1952-October 1964 refer to their placement in the volume. Series IV (Departments and Committees) also contains financial reports from the Auditing Department. Smaller expenses and income are filed under Fundraising and Expenses.

## IV. Departments and Committees, 1947-1976

Departments and committees are the club's divisions. They are arranged alphabetically by the department/committee's name and then chronologically. All name changes are noted. Papers from the Publicity Committee are located in Series V, subseries 2, News and Publicity, box 9.

## V. News and Publicity, 1950-1969

This series is comprised of four subseries: 1. Press Books; 2. Press Releases; 3. Peek Newsletters; and 4. Photographic Material. The press books are in their original order. The Club monitored local newspapers and kept a scrapbook of articles about its activities and the resulting press books were entered in an annual, statewide competition among women's clubs. One press book is in its original format. The other books were removed from their binders for conservation reasons. The pages are in folders according to original order (pages were numbered by processor to ensure original order). The press releases and Peek newsletter are arranged chronologically. The photographic material in subseries 4 includes two photographs and a set of negatives; all of which are undated and unidentified. The negatives appear to be from one of the Club's yearly luncheons.

## VI. Miscellaneous Correspondence and Papers, 1936-1969

This series includes notes, letters, papers, that do not logically fit with any of the above series. Everything is arranged chronologically, with undated materials at the end. Added to this series is the 2005 gift of the original By-Laws and Membership List from 1936 and other papers plus cookbook and scrapbook.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Enoch Pratt Free Library Special Collections June 2002

### Conditions Governing Access

Unrestricted, by appointment only.

### Accruals note

"No accruals are expected."

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Beryl Frank, a freelance writer specializing in local history and antiques, donated the Woman's Club of Pikesville papers to the Enoch Pratt Free Library in 2001. While writing her book, *A Pictorial History of Pikesville, Maryland* (1982), Frank met regularly with Dorothy Cox, a former member of the Woman's Club of Pikesville. Another former member of the Club learned that Frank was working with Cox on Pikesville history and gave the Woman's Club of Pikesville papers to Frank. Dorothy Cox died in July 1987 at the age of 88. In November 2005, her granddaughter, Dorothy Collins donated several early papers of the Club and a scrapbook of newspaper clippings, pamphlets and ephemera of the Pikesville Woman's Club dating 1936-1950.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Corporate Name(s)

- Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs.
- Women's Club of Pikesville. (Pikesville, Maryland)

### Genre(s)

- Administrative records
- Correspondence

- Financial records
- Publicity

**Geographic Name(s)**

- Pikesville (Md.)

**Occupation(s)**

- Women volunteers

**Personal Name(s)**

- McKeldin, Theodore R. (Theodore Roosevelt), 1900-1974

**Subject(s)**

- Women--Societies and clubs.

## Series I: Administrative Papers of the Woman's Club of Pikesville

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<b>Series I: Administrative Papers of the Woman's Club of Pikesville 1949-1976</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
	1	1-15
<b>Subseries 1: Bylaws and Amendments 1949-1972</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
	1	1
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Treasurer's Papers and Correspondence, 1945-1968	1	8
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<b>Subseries 4: Woman's Club Affiliates 1960-1976</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
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	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>



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Third Baltimore, Rules and Guidelines 1964-1969	1	10
Third Baltimore, Conferences and Reports 1968-1972	1	11
MD Federation Board Meetings and Conferences 1968-1969	1	12
MD Federation Forms 1969-1970	1	13
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July 1945- August 1946	2	20
October 1946- August 1947	2	21

## Series II: Minutes of the Woman's Club of Pikesville

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September 1948- May 1949	2	23
September 1949- May 1950	2	24
September 1950- June 1951	2	25
September 1951- January 1952	2	26
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