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.]


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

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
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SERIES 4: Photographs and Negatives

Box 1

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 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 11: WOW 1999
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