

**Roanoke Public Libraries
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Pan Philian Club Records Collection**

Collection Description:

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Title: Pan Philian Club Records Collection

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Arrangement: Documents are arranged alphabetically by document type.

Creator: Pan Philian Club

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Historical Note:

The Pan Philian Club was established as the Junior Temple Guild on 17 January 1920. Sponsored by Temple Emanuel, young ladies of the Temple formed the club as a social and philanthropic organization. Charter members were: Anna Kohen, Bertie Harrison, Elsie Kohen, Esther Schnurman, Jeanette Forman (President), Josephine Heyman, Lillian Heyman, Ruth Kohen, Sadie Harrison, and Selma Kohen (Secretary-Treasurer). It was decided early in the club's history to take on charitable work outside of the Temple and thus the name of the club was changed to Pan Philian, meaning 'All Friends'. An annual charity dance was established, the proceeds of which would be used for work throughout the year. The club's charitable work was nonsectarian in nature and focused on welfare. In 1930, the first year of the Emergency Lunch Fund, the club took an active part in its organization and was one of the groups responsible for the continuation of the free lunch program in Roanoke's public schools. During World War II, the group participated in selling war bonds and was active in the USO. The club was instrumental in the establishment of the Greenvale Nursery School. Among other charities to which the club contributed were the Red Cross, Community Fund, and the Veterans Administration Hospital.

Scope and Content:

The Pan Philian Club Records collection consists of records generated by the club from its inception in 1920 through the 1960s. Records include meeting minutes, correspondence, news clippings, programs, and projects. Materials are arranged alphabetically by document type. Materials were presented in two chronological scrapbooks; however, due to their condition, materials were removed and rehoused.

Box 1

Folder 1: Correspondence, 1920-1958

Folder 2: Ephemera

Folder 3: Minutes, 1920-1925

Folder 4: Minutes, 1926-1944; missing 1927-1929; 1931-1935; 1938-1939

Folder 5: Minutes, 1945-1949

Folder 6: Minutes, 1950, 1954-1956, 1959, 1965

Folder 7: News clippings

Folder 8: Programs – 30th Anniversary materials, January 1950

Folder 9: Programs – miscellaneous

Folder 10: Projects – Charitable work, 1950

Folder 11: Album – artwork sent to club by children from Olot, Israel, 1958