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➤ **The National Federation Of Business And Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.** ◀  
**Monroe - Central Business And Professional Women's Club**  
**Toledo, Ohio, Records, 1954-1993**

MSS-100

**Size:** 2.7 linear feet

**Provenance:** Monroe Central Business and Professional Women's Club, through past President Sally Yeager, donated its records to the Ward M. Canaday Center in 1994.

**Access:** open

**Collection Summary:** Contains materials relating to local, regional, and national BPW clubs and includes by-laws and constitutions, correspondence, meeting minutes, newsletters, and other printed materials and scrapbooks.

**Subjects:** [Business and Commerce](#), [Civic Interests](#) and [Women](#)

**Related Collections:**

**Processing Note:**

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**Introduction**

The Monroe Central Business and Professional Women's Club was founded February 10, 1954. The group was one of many such organizations throughout the United States and internationally, providing fellowship and support to working women.

While many local, regional, state, national and international clubs continue to be active today, the Monroe Central BPW Club was absorbed by the Sylvania BPW Club in 1993.

The national group (BPW USA) formed in 1919, and the Ohio State BPW group was formed in 1920. The foremost purpose of BPW is to further the cause of working women.

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**Organizational History**

- 1954 Monroe Central Business and Professional Women's Club founded.
- 1955 A scholarship fund of \$100 was approved. A Whitney Vocational High School Student received the scholarship the first year.
- 1957 The club sponsored its first student nurse, assisting with her tuition.
- 1981 The club had an internal crisis over the issue of racial discrimination. A Monroe Central member presented two co-workers from Ohio Bell for Consideration; both were black. Some MCBPW members objected, setting off a conflict within the group that resulted in the resignation of one of the officers and a decline in new members which haunted the group until its dissolution in 1993.
- 1993 Monroe Central Business and Professional Women's Club was dissolved; the remaining MCBPW members joined the Sylvania Business and Professional Women's Club.

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**Scope and Content**

The collection is arranged in seven series.

**Series one** contains the records of the Monroe Central BPW Club, including information on the organization's history, meetings, activities, and newsletters.

**Series two** consists of Ohio Region 2 BPW meetings and publications.

**Series three** contains a sampling of materials from other BPW clubs in Ohio Region 2.

**Series four** consists of Ohio State BPW correspondence, publications, and events.

**Series five** contains national (BPW USA) publications and materials.

**Series six** is Individual Development Program (IDP) information and materials. IDP is one of the basic member benefits through BPW, providing skills training in areas that are of importance to career success.

**Series seven** contains the contents of the scrapbooks that Monroe Central BPW maintained.

Note: Records are incomplete. Regular and Board meeting notes for 1981-1985 were not in the collection as received.

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**Folder List**

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	2	By-laws and revisions
	3	Regular Meeting Minutes Sept. 1979-Oct. 1980 Oct 1985 - April 1993
	4	Board Meeting Minutes Sept. 1979 - May 1981 Sept. 1985 - April 1993
	5	Correspondence Sept. 1979 - June 1981 Jan. 1988 - March 1993
	6	Financial Records
	7	News & Views newsletter Sept. 1979 - Nov 1980 Jan 1981 - April 1993
	8	Special Events Programs Cassette recording of speech by Sandy Isenberg on 2/20/90
	9	Woman of the Year MCBPW candidates
	10	BPW sponsored scholarships- local recipients
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		Region 2 BPW
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- 38 "From Inside BPW/ Ohio" newsletter  
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- 40 "Forecasts" Ohio BPW Newsletter  
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- 41 "Action Lines" newsletter
- 42 Indiana BPW

**BPW  
USA**

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- 49 USA Publications
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Individual Development Program (IDP)

- 2 IDP General information/ overview
  - 3 IDP participant self assessment tools
  - 4 IDP session records (MCBPW sessions)
  - 5 IDP Class Manual
  - 6 IDP Career Selection Module
  - 7 IDP Color & Personality Module
  - 8 IDP Communication Skills Module
  - 9 IDP Leadership Module
  - 10 IDP Management Skills Module
  - 11 IDP Parliamentary Procedure Module
  - 12 IDP Public Speaking Module
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