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Western Avenue Community Center (WACC) Collection

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Brief History

Western Avenue Community Center (WACC) opened in 1926 when Reverend Frank Breen and a group of community leaders held a campaign to raise \$35,000 to build an inter-denominational church and community center. The church and center became a neighborhood meeting place for social, religious, educational, and recreational activities for all age groups.

The Western Avenue Community Church disbanded as a church in 1969 but continued as a social service organization and community center, working with people of all ages and reaching out into the neighborhood.

A fire in 1982 destroyed the church building, but leaders decided to rebuild on the same site. This building and property serve as the center of community programs today with offices, a community room, after-school space, and a gymnasium.

The building was owned by Second Presbyterian Church for 95 years, and in 2022, the property was deeded directly over to Western Avenue. Second Presbyterian continues to provide financial and spiritual support for the center's operation with valued community donor support.

Today WACC serves more than 2,000 families per year in the community and has many "friends of the center" who grew up at attending programs and using services. We currently have programs for youth, seniors, interpretation and translation services, and a food program.

- *Excerpted from WACC website history, spring 2025*

Scope

Folders by Category:

- A General:** including histories; general publicity for the WACC & its programs; event programs including initial fundraising, cornerstone laying, building dedications, key anniversary celebrations; newsletters; and photos.
- B *Pantagraph* Newspaper Clippings**
- C Governance, Administration, & Ecclesiastical 1926-1969:** including board minutes, financial reports, attendance records, loan from National Board of Missions, mortgage burning ceremony, correspondence, plans for returning WWII veterans, correspondence from servicemen, 1950 survey and assessment of local Presbyterian Churches from the national Presbyterian Church, 1960 assessment of WACC, 1969 study by McLean County United Community Services, and more.
- D Governance & Administration, 1970-present:** including board agendas and minutes, financial statements, director reports, amendments to constitution & bylaws, city of Bloomington lease documents, correspondence, 1994 strategic plans, outreach reports to

Second Presbyterian Church, and more.

- E Fundraising:** including United Way communications, grant applications and awards, City of Bloomington donations, event planning and programs, etc.
- F Service Programs:** including guidelines, forms, sign-up sheets, publicity materials, correspondence, etc.
- G Service Agreements with Other Local Organizations:** such as Community Action, Mennonite School of Nursing, Recycling Furniture for Families, and others.
- H Miscellaneous**

Loose items: two binders containing board minutes, reports, financials, updates to constitution & bylaws, etc.

Many documents were received from WACC in binders with sleeves; other documents were in folders or even loose. Note that multiple documents are often included in a single sleeve, retaining the groupings created by WACC. A few documents have been moved to assist researchers. Local newspaper articles were moved to a separate section of this collection.

Folder Inventory

A General

Folder A1 History

- A1.1 Historic Timeline prepared by Tyler Mantia and Jordan Rose Buffington, Sep 2021. 50pp. 2 copies.
- A1.2 "95 Years of Western Avenue Community Center," overheads for Nov 2021 presentation to WACC Board by duo above, 10pp plus 6pp of commentary.
- A1.3 "Historical (Taken from 9-21-27 and 11-22-26)" 1pp typescript. Dates refer to *Pantagraph* articles.
- A1.4 "Western Avenue to celebrate 50th year," by Harold Morse in *Pantagraph*, 5 Sep 1976. Both copy of newsprint and typescript version.
- A1.5 "A History of Western Avenue Community Church/Center," compiled & written by Mrs. Clark Brubaker. Includes history through at least 1986. 2 copies.
- A1.6 Marked-up draft of history, author unknown but includes history through at least 1986. 6pp.
- A1.7 "Western Avenue Community Center History," nd, 1p. Includes history through at least 1986 but may have been c. 2000.

Folder A2 General Publicity Pamphlets, Event Programs, etc. 1925-1976

- A2.1 "The Building of a Community Northwest Bloomington," 4pp booklet, 1925. 2 copies. Encouraging subscriptions (\$30,000) to construct a community building for religious,

- social and recreational needs.
- A2.2 “When Bloomington Says Build!!” pamphlet, 1 Aug 1926. Fundraising for proposed WACC.
 - A2.3 “Laying of the Corner Stone.” Program, 21 Nov 1926. 14 copies.
 - A2.4 Excerpt from Unison Prayer used at corner stone laying, 21 Nov 1926.
 - A2.5 Christmas Program, 1928 Dec 23.
 - A2.6 Flier: “50 Years of Service,” 1975. (Fall & Winter -1975-1976)
 - A2.7 Pamphlet: “Lite the Wicks . . . in ’76.” 1976 for 50th anniversary. Details summer programs. 2 copies.
 - A2.8 Flier: 50th Anniversary, Sept 12th, presumably 1976.
 - A2.9 Commemorative Chapel Service program, 12 Sep 1976. Includes list of WACC programs on back. 2 copies.
 - A2.10 Booklet: “Come In and See What We Have to Offer You” c, 1976. 3 sheets.

Folder A3 General Publicity Brochures, Event Programs, etc. 1977-present

- A3.1 Presentation script with history, etc. while seeking new building re-construction support after the fire, 1982.4 pp & 1p.
- A3.2 Flyer with model of proposed facility and prior one: Presbytery of Great Rivers Western Avenue Community Center, c. 1982.
brochure: “Once there was a Western Avenue Community Center . . .” c.1983.
- A3.3 Flyer: “Now there is a NEW Western Avenue Community Center! On the same corner” c. 1984. 3 copies.
- A3.4 Beige brochure: “A Rich Past and a Bright Future.” 4 copies.
- A3.5 Green brochure: “Together for a Better Tomorrow.” 3 copies.
- A3.6 Grayish brochure: WACC & LINC, c2000.
- A3.7 Blue brochure: WACC & LINC, c2001.
- A3.8 White brochure: “The Center.” 6 copies. 2003 or later.
- A3.9 Light green brochure” “The Center.” 2 copies.
- A3.10 White brochure with Mission Statement on front, 2 copies, nd.
- A3.11 Memorial Garden Dedication Service, 20 Sep 2000: Flyer & 3pp. prayer.
- A3.12 Flyer: 75th Anniversary Homecoming, 18 Nov 2001.
- A3.13 Flyer: Open House at LINC, 21 Nov, no year, celebrating renovation.
- A3.14 Oval WACC Logo, nd.
- A3.15 Red oval logo: “The Center LINC,” nd.
- A3.16 Booklet: “A Year at The Center – 2003” 16pp. 2 copies.
- A3.17 2005 wall calendar. 2 copies.
- A3.18 White glossy brochure: “Western Avenue is historic, vital and growing,” nd. 3 copies.
- A3.19 Black glossy brochure: “Coming Together for Real Change,” 5 copies.

Folder A4 1984 Building Dedication (29 April 1984)

- A4.1 Event program, 3 copies.
- A4.2 Invitation. 2 copies with 1 envelope.
- A4.3 Draft of text for program.
- A4.4 History of WACC, 4pp, 1984.
- A4.5 Dedication text.
- A4.6 Instructions regarding dedication ceremony with checklist on verso, 3 copies.
- A4.7 Memo from Wes Wilcox to Don Shirley about Mary Whittet’s mother Leah Lak attending dedication, 16 Dec 1983.
- A4.8 Letter to Charla Cullen from Board chair about upcoming dedication ceremonies, 27

Mar 1984.

A4.9 News Release about dedication & open house to be held 29 Apr 1984.

Folder A5 Publicity for Service Programming. 1970-present

A5.1 "Jump On In" Fall & Winter 1971 Schedule of programs.

A5.2 Fall & Winter programs – 1979-80. 7pp.

A5.3 Winter Programs, nd. Mentions "Hispanic Outreach" program, so perhaps 1979 or later.

A5.4 WACC & Lawrence Irvin Neighborhood Center Recreation Program Manual, Sep 1988-Aug 1989.

A5.5 Flyers for assorted programs, 1993-1994. Includes Teen Time Travels, Aerobics, After-School Adventures, Tang Soo Do, Basketball, Vintage Affair II (Nov 1993), LINC weekly schedule including outside organizations, WACC weekly schedule, and Boxing. 10 sheets plus duplicate copies of most.

A5.6 WACC 2021 Schedule

Folder A6 Newsletters, 1995- present

Some newsletters include inserts with schedules or other items.

A6.1 March 1995

A6.2 April 1995

A6.3 May 1995

A6.4 June 1995

A6.5 July 1995

A6.6 Aug 1995

A6.7 Sept 1995

A6.8 Oct 1995

A6.9 Nov 1995

A6.10 Dec 1995

A6.11 Jan 1996

A6.12 Feb 1996

A6.13 Mar 1996

A6.14 Apr 1996

A6.15 May 1996

A6.16 Jun 1996

A6.17 Dec 1996

A6.18 Feb 1997

A6.19 Apr 1997

A6.20 Apr 2000

A6.21 Oct 2001

A6.22 Aug 2002 2 copies

A6.23 Oct 2004

A6.24 May 2005 2 copies

A6.25 Winter 2013

A6.26 Fall 2015

A6.27 Summer 2020

A6.28 Spring 2022

Folder A7 Photos

A7.1 Various sizes, including exteriors of buildings, events, classes, etc. Some are dated.

B Pantagraph Newspaper Clippings

B1.1	1920-1939
B1.2	1940-1949
B1.3	1950-1959
B1.4	1960-1969
B1.5	1970-1979
B1.6	1980-1989
B1.7	1990-1999
B1.8	2000-2009
B1.9	2010-2020

C Governance, Administrative & Ecclesiastical, 1926-1969

Folder C1 1920s

- C1.1 "Ladies Aid" on upcoming bazar plans, November 18, 1926. Verso contains handwritten list of women dated 18 Nov 1 & maybe list of those participating in cornerstone laying ceremony.
- C1.2 Church Center Attendance by program and week, Oct 1929.

Folder C2 Church Check Registers

Accessioned 96-06-01

- C2.1 26 Jun 1925 to 9 May 1928.
- C2.2 9 May 1928 to 10 Jan 1930.
- C2.3 9 Jan 1930 to 1 Jun 1931.

Folder C3 1930s

- C3.1 Draft of letter to donors about additional needs during economic hardships, 1 Dec 1931. Plus incomplete copy of "Community House for Alton Employees," *Baltimore & Ohio Magazine?*, Nov 1931.
- C3.2 Carbon copy of typescript from architects Lundeen, Hooton, Roozen & Schaeffer itemizing costs for "Frame Walls," 9 Jul 1931. 3pp.
- C3.3 Signed pledge by worshipers of the Community Church to work towards a separate worship space, Easter (12 Apr) 1936.
- C3.4 Constitution and By-Laws adopted 17 May 1937. 4pp.
- C3.5 Program for entertainment, nd.
- C3.6 "Family Nights & Entertainments," 1937-38, shows attendance statistics including WPA shows, Coon Hunters Show, Vaudeville Show, Beich Banquet and Limberlost Round-up.
- C3.7 "Center Attendances for 1937-1938" covering Oct 1937 by week.
- C3.8 "Center Attendance Record for Dec. Jan. Feb" 1937-1938 reported by week.
- C3.9 "Attendance at Western Avenue Community Center for the month December 1-31, 1937"
- C3.10 "Total for Month of January, February," attendance by week
- C3.11 Handwritten attendance statistics for November 1-30.
- C3.12 Carbon copy of letter to Community Chest Committee requesting funding, 10 Jul 1936.

Folder C4 1940s

See also olive-green binder of minutes, financial reports, and other items (mostly 1939-1949) in "Loose Items"

- C4.1 "First McLean County Recreation Conference" 23 April 1940: Dinner program booklet, song sheets, and cover letter. Sponsored by Municipal Recreation Board and WPA.
- C4.2 Program: Alton Railroad Company Family Night and Safety Party Dinner, 2 May 1940. Held at WACC with Breen giving invocation.
- C4.3 Self-Help-Exchange solicitation for in-kind donations to M/M Ernest Black, 10 May 1940. Handwritten list of West Locust residents on verso.
- C4.4 Carbon copy of letter to Bloomington City Council requesting water service for five addresses on North Western Avenue, 20 Sep 1940.
- C4.5 Letter from University of Illinois enclosing strength test report on concrete building unit, 28 Nov 1941.
- C4.6 Handwritten notes regarding pension funding, Jan 1941-Jan 1942.
- C4.7 Copy of Church Center Notices, 1-7 Feb 1942. Includes worship service, Pig Festival, clubs, sports, etc.
- C4.8 Copy of letter to Mrs. W.D. Alexander expressing sympathy for the loss of her husband, 21 Apr 1942.
- C4.9 Copy of letter to Mrs. Margaret Young with WACC info for social service directory, nd.
- C4.10 Typed list of west side residents with address and phone, 3pp. 1943.
- C4.11 Letter to Dept Juvenile Delinquency Prevention at Illinois State Normal University (ISNU) with two proposals, 30 Jan 1943. 4pp. Proposals: Plan for Civilian Service, and Leadership Training for Volunteer Civilian Service
- C4.12 "For You to Think About" brief resume of minutes of Committee on Youth meeting on 13 Jan 1943. By S.R. Ryerson.
- C4.13 Minutes of Youth Committee Meeting, on 13 Jan 1943. 8pp.
- C4.14 Letter to WACC from ISNU on possible Adult Education program, 16 Feb 1943. 2pp including "Tentative Plans."
- C4.15 Reply letter from Breen to ISNU encouraging Adult Education Program, 5 Mar 1943.
- C4.16 Letter to WACC from ISNU Adult Education Committee about trial launch of classes, 12 Mar 1943.
- C4.17 List of kindergarten students, 1944-1945 (first year open)
- C4.18 "Children on the Play Yards at Least Once -1944," 4pp. Names & addresses.
- C4.19 Program attendance, Nov 1944.
- C4.20 Typed copies of four letters to City of Bloomington officials about neighborhood play-yards and requesting to use city park for same, July 1945.
- C4.21 Summary of six-week program of summer play-yard activities in WACC area including rapidly outgrown home yards and then O'Neil Park, 4pp. nd.
- C4.22 "Hi Neighbor" newsletter, 10 Aug 1945. V.1, C.5. 3 sheets.
- C4.23 List of attendees, Primary, Junior High, and Fun House, 1945-1946.
- C4.24 Copy of letter to Rev. Cartlidge in Champaign about attending a service celebrating the development of WACC, 16 Jan 1946.
- C4.25 Letter from Loom Craft Studio to Breen about weaving at the upcoming Decentralist Conference at East Bay in Sept, 19 Jun 1946. Plus copy of Breen's 22 Jun 1946 reply.
- C4.26 Copy of Breen letter to A.W. Nolan in Urbana, IL, about Town and County Church Commission, 25 Jun 1946.
- C4.27 Letter from R. L. Odiorne of OH to Breen about Wend construction method, 16 Oct 1946 plus Breen's 5 Nov 1946 response about potential use at East Bay Camp.
- C4.28 Letters to/from Norman Lenington of Chicago and Eliz. Nutting of American

- C4.29 Homestead Foundation in OH about potential meeting, Oct/Nov 1946.
- C4.29 Copy of letter to Bloomington-Normal Community Chest about four months activities & attendance, 27 Mar 1947.
- C4.30 Copy of letter to Sheriff Jack Gilbert commending him for actions in checking gambling in Bloomington, 11 Apr 1947. Plus 12 April 1947 letter from State Attorney Coolidge on a similar letter.

Folder C5 Board of Missions Building Loan, 1941-1946

Approximately 26 letters to and from Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in USA about loan payments from WA Community Church. The 14 Sep 1944 letter also discusses actions of various churches that helped fund East Bay Camp needs.

Folder C6 Building Repairs, 1943

- C6.1 Letter from Breen to American Cement Paint Co in Chattanooga about sealant for cement block houses, TN, 19 Aug 1943, 2pp. (Perhaps for houses at East Bay Camp?)
- C6.2 Letter from American Cement Paint Co to Breen at East Bay about waterproofing sealant, caulking, etc., 21 Aug 1943. Plus carbon of Breen to Empire Warehouse in Chicago about sealant, 23 Aug 1943. Plus Empire's response, 30 Aug 1943.
- C6.3 Letter from J.W. Mortell Company of Kankakee, IL, to WACC about sealant, 12 Jan 1943. Plus brochure for their sealant.
- C6.4 Booklet: Suggested Specifications for Concrete Footings and Concrete Masonry Walls" from Portland Cement Assn in Chicago, 1939. 12pp. A.I.A. File No. 10-C.

Folder C7 Post War Planning for Returning Veterans, 1944

See also Folder C15 for correspondence from soldiers.

- C7.1 Report of Findings Committee, 4-5 Sep 1944, 10 sheets.
- C7.2 Page#12 of unknown minutes, nd.
- C7.3 WACC newsletter to returning veterans, 3pp, nd.
- C7.4 Sample survey – results of 150 returning veterans survey, 14pp.
- C7.5 WACC newsletter to returning veterans, 4pp. 14 Nov 1944.

Folder C8 Mortgage Burning Celebration

The mortgage with the Board of Missions was fully satisfied in January 1946, but WACC held its "mortgage burning" ceremony a year later in January 1947. The ceremony included a salute to George Washburn, chair of the Advisory Board, who was instrumental in raising the required funds. See also folder B4 for communications with the mortgage holder.

Folder includes program, history through 1947, and assorted invitations and thanks.

Folder C9 1950 Assessment of Local Presbyterian Churches

- C9.1 "The Presbyterian Church in Bloomington-Normal, Ill. A survey by Everett L. Perry, June 1950" from Board of National Missions. 20pp including map. Includes overview of the community and the three Presbyterian churches with recommendations for those churches.

Folder C10 1950s

See also black binder of minutes, financial reports, and other items (mostly 1948-1958) in "Loose Items"

- C10.1 Handwritten list of Campfire Girls at meeting, nd.
- C10.2 Handwritten notes on corner stone laying, 21 Nov 1926 including participants.

- C10.3 Handwritten list of "occasional names," nd.
- C10.4 Handwritten list of "Women who stand by," nd.
- C10.5 Reservations for 25th anniversary Dinner, 5pp plus 3pp on donations.
- C10.6 List of people subscribing time to the painting project 12 Sep - 23 Oct 1951.
- C10.7 Petition for Probate of Will of Spencer Ewing, June 1952, 3pp. WACC listed as a legatee.
- C10.8 Western Avenue Community Church-Center Twenty-Six Years of Service 1926-1953 Building Campaign Now Due. 4 copies on green paper.
- C10.9 Letter from Jay L. Clark, 25 Jan 1954, about results of the meeting discussing the employment of Arthur Sheldon as activities director plus salaries of various personnel.
- C10.10 Letter from Community Chest advising funding amounts to be included in 1954-55 campaign, 29 Jun 1954.
- C10.11 Letter from Admiral Corporation on considering donation of television set, 14 Sept 1954.
- C10.12 Letter from William A. Beich requesting budget info for an upcoming meeting, 17 Nov 1954.
- C10.13 Letter of resignation from board from Rolland R. Greenhood, 19 Jan 1955.
- C10.14 Open letter from Director Sheldon soliciting preferences on community activities, news association, etc., nd.
- C10.15 Women's Guild Programs for 1954
- C10.16 Updates on Building Improvement progress, 1954 with "A Bird's Eye View of Most Any Week at the Western Avenue Community Church-Center" on verso.
- C10.17 Letter from Nominating Committee on officers for 1955, 20 Jan 1955. 3 sheets.
- C10.18 Letter from E.D. Funk to Breen about payments to Soper and Baumgart, 17 Feb 1955.
- C10.19 Letter from H.A. Soper to Breen about payment due from WACC, 31 Oct 1955.
- C10.20 Letter from A.L. Sheldon to WACC resigning as Activities Director & Treasurer due to health, 29 Nov 1955.
- C10.21 Letter from H A Soper to WACC about recent and anticipated payments from WACC, 28 Dec 1955.
- C10.22 Letter from H A Soper about payment due from WACC, 9 Jan 1956.
- C10.23 Letter from S C Ratcliffe resigning from Board, 16 May 1956.
- C10.24 Letter from Vera S Hummel resigning from Board, 25 Sep 1956.
- C10.25 Wm A Beich's letter of resignation from board, 28 May 1957.
- C10.26 Memo to Board members from Director Smith about Community Chest budget cut and upcoming board meeting, 30 Jul 1958.
- C10.27 Update to board from Director Smith, 25 Nov 1958. 2pp plus financial statement. May be "minutes" per handwritten note.
- C10.28 Letter from Director Smith to Eliz. Weir about the upcoming board meeting, 9 Jan 1959.
- C10.29 Letter to Eliz. Weir about next scheduled board meeting, 14 May 1959.
- C10.30 Letter to Eliz. Weir requesting her to work in "Every Member Canvass" for the church, 3 Dec 1959.

Folder C11 Boxing 1957-59

- C11.1 Scrapbook pages of newspaper clippings. Also includes a few unrelated pencil sketches by George Kletz Jr. Fragile.

Folder C12 1960 Study of WACC

- C12.1 The Western Avenue Community Church Center, Bloomington, Illinois by Charles G. Chakerian of Dept of Church and Community of McCormick Theological Seminary, 1960. 28pp including appendices.

Folder C13 1960-1968

- C13.1 List of Board members and contact info, committee members, 22 May 1962.
C13.2 Board meeting agenda, 22 May 1962.
C13.3 Program for Sunday morning worship services, 21 & 28 Jun 1964. Included a sermon by Rev. Richard Watts.
C13.4 Board minutes, 4 Nov 1966.
C13.5 Agency Budget Data, 1966
C13.6 1966 Annual Report including financials. 6pp.
C13.7 List of board members and contact info, Mar 1967. 2pp.
C13.8 Board meeting minutes, 19 May 1967.
C13.9 Agenda for board meeting, 17 March 1967.
C13.10 Letter of invitation to parents to open house during Demonstration Week, 3 May 1967.
C13.11 Children's Program schedule, beginning 13 Feb 1967.
C13.12 "Adventures in Cooking" quiz, nd.
C13.13 Letter to Eliz Weir on upcoming Annual Meeting and attaching revised copy of (proposed) Constitution & By-Laws, 27 Dec 1967. Letter plus 5pp.
C13.14 Revised Constitution & By-Laws, 27 May 1952. 3pp with markups.
C13.15 Another Revised Constitution & By-Laws, 3pp with markups. Hand marked "1967"
C13.16 Letter to Eliz Weir about the upcoming board meeting, 4 Dec 1967.
C13.17 Handwritten notice of WACC children to sing carols at Eastland Mall, on 7 Dec, no yr.
C13.18 Board meeting agenda, 15 Dec 1967.
C13.19 List of board members and standing board committees, Aug 1968. 4pp.
C13.20 Board meeting minutes, 25 Apr 1966.
C13.21 Board meeting agenda, 21 May 1968.
C13.22 Quarterly financial report, 1st qtr 1968.
C13.23 Letter to Eliz. Weir notifying of meeting of Building & Grounds Committee, 10 Sep 1968.
C13.24 Board meeting minutes, 26 Sep 1968. 2pp.
C13.25 Minutes of special board meeting, 4 Nov 1968. A response to recent *Pantagraph* article implying misuse of finances, expanding facilities, and Presbytery investigation.
C13.26 Board meeting agenda, 10 Dec 1968.
C13.27 Children's Program schedule beginning 12 Feb 1968.

Folder C14 1969

- C14.1 Letter from public auditor, 20 Jan 1969, with accompanying financial statement, 31 Dec 1968.
C14.2 Minutes of Annual Meeting of Board, 21 Jan 1969. 3pp.
C14.3 Summary of WACC Board Action, 21 Jan 1969. Includes request for study of alternate courses of action for WACC, request to YWCA to assume acting directorship, etc.
C14.4 List of standing committee members, Feb 1969.
C14.5 Budget accounts for 1969: budget vs actual thru Feb 1969.
C14.6 Schedule of children's programs, February 1969.
C14.7 Board meeting agenda, 18 Mar 1969.

- C14.8 Meeting Notice from United Community Services to WACC Study Committee, 28 Mar 1969. Plus attached partial letter to board president Holzhauer on studying WACC.
- C14.9 Summary of comments from resource people in WACC study, 1969. 5pp.
- C14.10 Study committee notes, Apr-May 1969. 5pp plus 3 meeting notices.
- C14.11 Board meeting minutes, 20 May 1969. Plus "Policy for Use of Building" and Jan-Jul 1969 budget vs. actual financials.
- C14.12 Report: Study Into the Purpose and Program of Western Avenue Community Center 16pp plus 12pp appendices. Prepared by McLean County United Community Services, 23 Jun 1969.
- C14.13 Letter from president to other board members about upcoming special meeting to discuss the United Community Services report, 26 Sep 1969. Plus copy of memo from United Community Services, 11 Jul 1969.
- C14.14 Agenda of board meeting, 25 Sep 1969.
- C14.15 Budget accounts for 1969 showing budget vs actual income and expenses through August.
- C14.16 Call to register for fall & winter activities before 6 Oct 1969 start. Plus Chart of use of center by those who have membership and chart of Children's Program starting 6 Oct 1969.
- C14.17 Resolutions adopted by the board 2 Oct 1969. 2pp with 5 resolutions including expanded statement of purpose, approaching YMCA to operate the program at WACC, etc.

Folder C15: Letters from Servicemen

Unless otherwise noted, each handwritten letter or postcard is addressed to Breen, 1943-1945. A few other items are also included. All items in this folder were donated by Brian, Ruth, and Susan Trower in 2021.

See also Folder C7 which contains two newsletters Breen sent to servicemen.

- C15.1 Franklin Roeske from Williamsburg, VA, requesting letter of recommendation, expressing frustrations with "inactivity," discussing whereabouts of "Bill," recent religious commission addressing soldiers on relationship of Jews, Catholics & Protestant in a post-war world. 26 August 1943. Plus copy of Breen's letter of recommendation based on Roeske's work with the church and youth activities, 31 August 1943.
- C15.2 Franklin (& Lillian) Roeske at Norfolk thanking for the Easter greeting and bulletins Breen sent, listing three men from home who are at Norfolk now, describing camp, etc., 11 May 1943.
- C15.3 William Edward "Bill" Roeske. Seaman second class, from U.S.S. Nevada, on events in Bloomington including the operations of the WACC, impacts of gas rationing, destruction of Hedding Hall, etc., 7 March 1943. V-mail.
- C15.4 William Edward "Bill" Roeske, seaman first class from U.S.S. Nevada, acknowledging Breen's correspondence, inquiring about the Center and summer camp, whereabouts of serviceman Harold Saunders, advancing to seaman first class, 5 June 1943.
- C15.5 William Edward "Bill" Roeske, seaman first class from U.S.S. Nevada, 2 September 1944.
- C15.6 William Edward "Bill" Roeske, seaman first class from U.S.S. Nevada, about recent leave, events in Bloomington, intent to return to Bloomington after the war, places he served or visited (Britain, French invasions, Italy, North Africa) 23 November 1944.
- C15.7 Joe about attending chapel on base, amusements, eagerness to go overseas, 20 April 1944.

- C15.8 Joe Ayers from Galveston, TX, about Mrs. Rosucki (sp?), US locations at which he's trained in basic and in aircraft armament, assignment to bomber squadron 516, description of current base, concerns about transmission of venereal disease among youth especially with soldiers, 29 November 1943.
- C15.9 Joe [Ayers] & Ann serving as airplane armor with group intercepting B29s for training, contemplating returning to college to study business administration after the war using GI bill, 21 November 1944.
- C15.10 Joseph B. Ayres in Caribbean about leaving Texas & his wife, living conditions in the Caribbean, amenities at the base, attendance at chapel, and expected child, 5 Feb 1945.
- C15.11 Joe in Caribbean: congratulating Breen on his marriage, anticipating adjusting to northern winters after the war, Ann's pregnancy, mother's surgery and recovery, base chaplain, 12 April 1945.
- C15.12 Joe in China, responding to recent Breen letter, 13 April 1943.
- C15.13 Joe in China mentions Harry Bird from Bloomington, rumors of returning home, 28 March 1945.
- C15.14 Sgt. Lee acknowledging letter, commenting on recent leave, attending Second Presbyterian Church, Sunday afternoon [no date]
- C15.15 Jeral thanking for letter of recommendation and hoping for another from the church for application to school, Jan 15, [presumably 1944].
- C15.16 Sgt Jeral O. Lee with Gulf Coast Training Command appreciating Breen's letter & info on other service members, his role as physical training instructor for aviation cadets, hope of returning home for his son's christening, 24 September 1944.
- C15.17 Harold Hill to "Pastor & Friends of My Church" from Chicago's Navy Pier about training to be an aviation machinist mate, dangers involved in aerial gunnery, remembering deceased serviceman and childhood playmate Bernard Uzenski,[correct spelling Uszcienski], the contradiction between being taught to hate and kill enemies versus Christian outlook, having God on "our side," 5 April 1943.
- C15.18 Harold Hill at Great Lakes, IL, expressing pride at being part of an all-volunteer unit of "Blue Jackets", needing God in the face of possible death in battle, base chapel services including bugle calls, sense of comradeship, 24 Nov 1942.
- C15.19 Harold Hill in the Pacific anticipating Christmas and its meaning, sharing story from chaplain, 17 December 1944.
- C15.20 Eugene H. Bruaw with 33rd Division thanking for Breen's letter, mentioning heading to California for training in Direct warfare before combat reassignment, having wife take their youngsters to visit Bloomington this summer, moral building impact of correspondence from home, 3 March 1943.
- C15.21 Harold Saunders about basic training experiences, camp meals, K.P. duties & memories of camp (presumably East Bay), contacts with other Bloomington servicemen, 16 Mar 1943.
- C15.22 Harold Saunders from Camp McCoy, WI, thanking him for his letter of recommendation, detailing training including upcoming snow training, contacts with Bill Roeske, 8 Dec 1943.
- C15.23 Bill (William Liska) in Army Air Corps at Gulfport Field, MS, about training on larger cargo and bomber planes before return to his squadron (1099th Twin Engine Flying Training Squadron), past training assignments, attending the church that preceded Western Avenue Community Church and a snowy morning there, 22 April 1943.
- C15.24 Fred D. Schmidt at Camp Adair, OR, about reassignments, etc. 24 February 1943.
- C15.25 PFC Paul Jones at Camp Adair, OR, about local weather, serving as Number 1 machine gunner in heavy weapons company despite having a stutter, 27 Feb 1943.

- C15.26 Paul Jones in Philippines about having participated in invasion of Philippines and his unit's records, number of Japanese soldiers to his credit in banzai attack, 28 Nov 1949.
- C15.27 Paul Jones in Army advising he does intend to return to Bloomington after the war, "Oct" [no year]
- C15.28 Pvt. Abbey in Army only 9 weeks but experienced social dis-stratification and sense of stewardship, religious attitudes among soldiers, 18 November, no [no year].
- C15.29 Wilbur thanking for recent letter and for placing his name on Service Plaque, 22 February 1943.
- C15.30 Al Shanks for 539th Bomb Squadron at Tucson, AZ, who is flying daily as an aerial engineer and anticipating home leave, 25 February 1943.
- C15.31 Brief note from PFC Harold L. Lush to Mom hoping to be home at Christmas despite the cold weather, no date.
- C15.32 Pvt. Robert A. Kroll at Camp Haan, CA, about last night's big rainstorm and working night shift in ration and supply dept no date.
- C15.33 Postcard: Pvt Robt. Kroll at Camp Callen, CA, about taking specialist course for electricians, etc., 7 May 1943.
- C15.34 Handwritten list of seven servicemen's names and addresses for character references, no date.
- C15.35 Brief note from Albert E. Richter Pfm Second class Navy 216 explaining why he and most of his mates would rather not take leave at Christmas but rather stay "till this things is settled once and for all", no date.
- C15.36 Pvt Walter C. Williams of 413th AA Gn.Bn Mobile from Camp Bradford where he is taking amphibious training. He also includes a paragraph from one of Cpl. Delmar Williams' letter, no dates.
- C15.37 Religious tract: My Companion for Quiet Hours: Meditations and Prayers for the Sick, 16pp published by Bureau for Men in Service of Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1941.
- C15.38 Chapel Bulletin from Altus Army Air Field in OK, 10 September 1944.
- C15.39 PFC Elroy E. "Gene" Whittet, USMC, acknowledging Breen's letter and news that most servicemen plan to return to their old residences after the war, recounting memories of WACC experiences, 12 October 1944.
- C15.40 Cpl. Leslie Whittet of 136 Infantry outside Los Angles, acknowledging Easter card, describing open air service in the desert, conditions on maneuvers, 24 April 1943. Vmail.
- C15.41 Paul in France to friend and neighbor "Kim" [Frank Breen] about recent letter from Miss Snow about summer camp, anticipating working in building trades after the war, describing building projects in France and attitudes of English and French towards Americans, inquiring about other individuals associated with WACC, 20 October 1944.
- C15.42 Paul in France to friend "Kim" upon receipt of recent church letter, anticipating working in building upon return home, comradeship in the Army, living conditions, 27 October 1944.
- C15.43 Paul in Belgium to friend and neighbor "Kim" expressing pleasure that his unit is "getting the job done," inquiring about people at the Center, etc., 30 November 1944.
- C15.44 Nicholas J. Veselak at Camp Callan, CA, sending greetings, working in anti aircraft unit, 11 January 1944.
- C15.45 Harry S. Brown at McCook in FL, thanking for the recent newsletter and how it helps him contact others, comments on John Donovan of Bloomington, no date. Verso is a typed holiday newsletter from Harry.

- C15.46 Unknown service person in Germany (partial letter) in 29th Division listing battles he served in and locations visited, 25 January 1945.
- C15.47 Cpt. Frank Jardine with 94th Engineering. Field Maintenance Co. at Higashi, Japan, asking that the woman's club donate old clothe, books, toys, books, blankets, etc. for Japanese children (half of whom are G.I. babies), 9 September 1952. Typed copy of Jardine's letter with handwritten note "7 Packages mailed November 8-1952."
- C15.48 Cpt. Frank Jardine with 94th Engineering. Field Maintenance Co. at Higashi, Japan, about repeated hospitalizations due to injury, serving at Honor Guard, helping at the orphanage evenings, requesting Breen send boxes that he can personally deliver them to the orphanage, 22 September 1952.
- C15.49 Postcard: Pvt. Leonard Schroeder at Camp McCoy, WI, thanking for Breen's letter, 15 March [year obscured]

Folder C16 Study of the West Side

Additional copy of the study available in library stacks.

- C16.1 Study of the West Side of Bloomington, Illinois, with Special Reference to the Program at Western Avenue Community Church, Presbyterian. A thesis by Mary Ella Pease, 9 Jun 1939, submitted to Presbyterian College of Christian Education. 201pp carbon copy plus appendices.
- C16.2 "Newest WCTU member recalls the old days," *Pantagraph*, 29 Oct 1978. Feature on Mary Ellen Pease and her visit to Western Avenue Community Center.

D Governance and Administration, 1970-present

Folder D1 1970s

- D1.1 Board meeting minutes, 24 Sep 1970.
- D1.2 Annual Board meeting minutes, 26 Jan 1971.
- D1.3 Board meeting minutes, 19 May 1971.
- D1.4 Financial Half Year Report, Jan-Jun 19??
- D1.5 1969-1970 Financial Report & 1971 Budget Report.
- D1.6 Board meeting minute, 19 No 1970.
- D1.7 Memo to Board on UCS relationship, 5 Aug 1971. 2pp.
- D1.8 Board meeting minutes, 14 Sep 1971.
- D1.9 Board meeting reminder, 18 Jan 1972. Attached financial for 1971 & for 1972 budget plus director's report.
- D1.10 Director's annual report, 1974.
- D1.11 Budget Recap, 24 Jan 1974, showing 1973 actual, 1974 estimate, and 1975 proposed, 10 pp.
- D1.12 Directors Report, 1975 2pp.
- D1.13 Annual Meeting minutes, 28 Jan 1975.
- D1.14 Summer Survey, 1975.
- D1.15 Board meeting agenda, 25 Sep 1975.
- D1.16 Board meeting minutes, 25 Sep 1975. 2pp.
- D1.17 Executive meeting agenda, 4 Nov 1975.
- D1.18 Board meeting minute, 20 Nov 1975. 2pp.
- D1.19 Board meeting agenda, 20 Nov 1975.
- D1.20 Annual meeting agenda and minutes, 27 Jan 1976. 2pp.
- D1.21 Board meeting agenda and minutes, 28 March 1976. 3pp.

- D1.22 Special board meeting minutes, 8 Apr 1976.
- D1.23 Directors report, 11 May 1976. 2pp.
- D1.24 Board meeting agenda and minutes, 20 May 1976. 4pp.
- D1.25 Summer Program Recommendations 1976, 2pp.
- D1.26 Proposed Multi-Service Senior Drop-In Center: A Six Month Trial Program, n.d.
- D1.27 Monthly Director's Report, Jun 1976.
- D1.28 Monthly Director's Report, Aug 1976.
- D1.29 Board meeting minutes, 30 Sep 1976.
- D1.30 Board meeting agenda, 30 Sept 1976.
- D1.31 Monthly Director's Report, Sept 1976.
- D1.32 Monthly Director's Report, Oct 1976.
- D1.33 Board meeting agenda and minutes, 29 Nov 1976. 3pp.
- D1.34 Monthly Director's Report, Nov 1976.
- D1.35 Monthly Director's Report, Dec 1976.
- D1.36 Monthly expense reports, Jan-Dec, no year.
- D1.37 List of board members, Jan 1977 3pp.
- D1.38 List of board members, n.d. 2pp.
- D1.39 Letter from Second Presbyterian Church pastor to Board about van replacement fund, 6 Jun 1978. 2pp with attachment.
- D1.40 Monthly Director's Report, 2 Jan 1979.
- D1.41 Annual board meeting agenda and minute, 18 Jan 1979. 5pp.
- D1.42 Annual Director's Report, 20 Jan 1979. 3pp.
- D1.43 Monthly Director's Report, 5 Feb 1979.
- D1.44 Monthly Director's Report, 5 Mar 1979.
- D1.45 Board meeting agenda, 22 Mar. 1979.
- D1.46 Gymnasium floor cost estimates, 17 Apr 1979.
- D1.47 Painting cost estimates, 24 Apr 1979. 2 pp.
- D1.48 Board meeting minutes, 17 May 1979. 2pp.
- D1.49 Board meeting agenda, 17 Sep 1979.
- D1.50 Letter to Leo Eaton thanking for allowing use of his property as playground and inquiring about purchasing that land, 19 Sep 1979.
- D1.51 Board meeting minutes, 29 Sep 1979. 2pp.
- D1.52 Monthly Director's Report, 1 Sep 1979.
- D1.53 Monthly Director's Report, 31 Oct 1979.
- D1.54 Letter from Stanley Holzhauser of Bloomington High School resigning from board, 9 Nov. 1979, plus response from board chairman, 14 Nov 1979.
- D1.55 Board meeting agenda, 15 Nov 1979.
- D1.56 Letter to Second Presbyterian Church pastor about new gymnasium floor, 29 Nov 1979.
- D1.57 Self-Development Fund financials, 31 Dec 1979.
- D1.58 Financial Statements: 1979, 1978, 1977. 3 sheets.
- D1.59 End of Year Report on Bilingual Outreach Program, 1979.
- D1.60 Monthly Director's Report, Feb, presumably 1979, plus 2pp handwritten info on Project Step.

Folder D2 1980s

- D2.1 Board member committee assignments for 1980.
- D2.2 Board meeting agenda and minutes, 17 Jan 1979. 3pp.
- D2.3 Report on Western Avenue Alternative School, 17 Jan 1980
- D2.4 Monthly Director's Report, Dec 1980. (could this be Dec 1979?)

- D2.5 1980 Building improvements funded by Second Presbyterian Church, 17 Jan 1980.\
- D2.6 Annual Director's Report, Jan 1980. 3pp.
- D2.7 Board meeting minutes, 17 Jan 1980. 2pp.
- D2.8 Board meeting agenda, 24 Mar 1980.
- D2.9 Memo to Steve Cullen on Hispanic Funding, 21 Nov 1980 2pp.
- D2.10 List of board members, nd.
- D2.11 Board meeting agenda, 21 Jan 1981.
- D2.12 Board meeting minutes, 19 Nov 1981 2pp.
- D2.13 Annual Report 1981, 3pp.
- D2.14 1981 Recreational Report, 2pp.
- D2.15 "Scouting's Shared Responsibilities," nd.
- D2.16 Monthly Check Listing, Nov 1981. 2pp.
- D2.17 Financials, 1981.
- D2.18 1982 Budget Draft, 18 Jan 1982. 2pp.
- D2.19 Day Camp Expense List covering Jun 1981.
- D2.20 Board meeting agenda and minutes, 17 Sep 1981. 3pp.
- D2.21 Memo from Building and Grounds Committee on proposed expenditure for 1981, 4 Nov 1981.
- D2.22 List of board members, nd.
- D2.23 Agenda for board meeting, 19 Nov 1981.
- D2.24 Financials, 1981 by fund 2pp, 2 copies.
- D2.25 1981 Recreational Report, 2pp.
- D2.26 Programs – Preschool, Hispanic Outreach, Alternative School, Project STEP (Elders), Program/Activity Hours, Recreation, Membership Fees, etc. 4pp. Perhaps early 1981.
- D2.27 Financial statements, 31 Aug 1981. 2pp.
- D2.28 Day Camp Expense List, Jun 1981.
- D2.29 Monthly Check listing, May 1981. 9pp.
- D2.30 List of board members, nd.
- D2.31 Copy of letter to Second Presbyterian Church about financial support from church and United Way, budgets, etc., 15 Dec 1981.
- D2.32 Letter to United Way expressing thanks for 1982 planned support, 15 Dec 1981.
- D2.33 Capen Frank Proctor & Bowles Inc Insurance coverage, Jan 1982. 2pp.
- D2.34 Copy of indenture for land on which WACC is located, deeded to WACC from Second Presbyterian Church for \$1.00, 25 Sep 1968.
- D2.35 Letter to planning committee members recapping recent meeting, 7 May 1982. 2pp.
- D2.36 Letter to Second Presbyterian Church about rebuilding on old site and likely closure of Sunnyside Neighborhood Center, 3 Jun 1982. Plus "Analysis of Questions and Answers" bout future of WACC and Sunnyside. Photocopy of photos of old and proposed WACC buildings.
- D2.37 City of Bloomington Beautification Committee to WACC awarding certificate of appreciation, 2 July 1984.
List of Board members, nd.
- D2.38 Board meeting agenda, Feb ?
- D2.39 Board meeting agenda, and minutes, 29 May 1980.
- D2.40 Board meeting minutes, 24 Mar 1980. 2pp.
- D2.41 Summer program, 1980 4pp.
- D2.42 Proposed revised constitution and bylaws, 29 May 1980. 6pp.

- D2.43 Annual Director's Report, 1981. 2pp. Plus photocopy of cover of 1981-82 fall & winter program booklet.
- D2.44 Spanish Outreach Ministry, Sep-Oct 1981. 2pp.
- D2.45 List of board members, nd.
- D2.46 Financials, 31Oct 1981.
- D2.47 Monthly check listing, Sep 1981 3pp.
- D2.48 Constitution and bylaws as amended in 1985, 6pp.

Folder D3 1990s

- D3.1 Pop-Facts from Census 1990 for Locust & Western area in Bloomington, 19 Jan 1994. 9pp.
- D3.2 Pop-Facts from Census 1990 for Olive & Euclid area in Bloomington, 19 Jan 1994. 9pp.
- D3.3 Budget packet, fiscal year 1993-1994. 14pp.
- D3.4 Lawrence Irvin Neighborhood Center Recreation Program, 3pp.
- D3.5 WACC programs, 4pp.
- D3.6 WACC Presents: pp of pie charts and statistics on participation in programs.
- D3.7 Director's 1993-94 Annual Report.
- D3.8 Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington-Normal primary and secondary goals, nd.
- D3.9 List of City of Bloomington council members, 24 Feb 1994.
- D3.10 United Way funding approved last year, *Pantagraph*, 19 Apr 1994.
- D3.11 Organization chart, nd.
- D3.12 Letter from Earl Johnson Jr to Wes Wilcox enclosing draft #3 of Constitution and By Laws, 7 Feb 1995. 2pp plus 9pp draft.
- D3.13 News release on retirement of Charla Cullen as director and announcing Ed Fowler as Inter director, 1999.

Folder D4 1994 Strategic Plan

- D4.1 Prepared by Executive Director Cullen, 8 Mar 1994. 23pp plus appendices.

Folder D5 2000-2009

- D5.1 Letter from board president with highlight of the year and donation solicitation, 30 Nov 2003.
- D5.2 Director's Report, 21 Oct 2004.
- D5.3 Board Agenda, 21 Oct 2004.
- D5.4 Wish List, nd.
- D5.5 Profit & Loss Budget VS. Actual Sep 2004.
- D5.6 Contribution Report, 16 Sep 2004-21 Oct 2004. 2pp.
- D5.7 Balance Sheet, Accts Receivable & Payable Aging, Profit & Loss Budget & Actual Jul-Sep 2004, Transactions by Acct Sep 2004. Total 13 pp.
- D5.8 Long & Short-Range Plans & Goals with job descriptions, salaries, and budget estimates, 15 Sep 2005. 7pp.
- D5.9 WACC Program Chart, nd.
- D5.10 WACC and 2 PC, nd.
- D5.11 Financial Report, 30 Jun 2008 from external auditors. 19pp.

Folder D6 2010-2019

- D6.1 Annual Financial Report, 30 Jun 2011, from external auditor. 16pp.
- D6.2 Annual Financial Report, 30 Jun 2011, from external auditor. 16pp.
- D6.3 Form 990 for 2011-2012 fiscal year, 11 Oct 2012.

- D6.4 2017 Annual Report (on activities), 1 sheet.
- D6.5 Packet for Board Retreat, 30 Mar 2019. Includes agenda, SWOT analysis, etc.

Folder D7 Annual Outreach Reports

Reports for Second Presbyterian Church. Each year from 1971-1998.

Folder D8 City of Bloomington Lease & Sublease

- D8.1 Letter from City to WACC about renewing lease with same terms, 10 Nov 1994.
- D8.2 Letter from City to WACC about approved lease, 30 Jun 1986. Plus attached council resolution and fully executed 5pp lease.
- D8.3 Bloomington Housing Authority letter to Boys & Girls Club about parking spaces at Lawrence Irvin Neighborhood Center, 17 May 2001.
- D8.4 Routine Maintenance List for LINC, nd. 2pp.
- D8.5 Memo about Boys & Girls Club rental cost for LINC, 10 Apr 2000.
- D8.6 WACC list of other agencies using LINC & WACC, nd.
- D8.7 Memor from WACC to Bloomington Housing Authority about LINC building usage and rental fees, 22 Nov 1999.
- D8.8 Memo from Erik Prenzler to WACC about LINC sub-tenant lease proposal, 1 Sep 1999.
- D8.9 Letter from Russell DePew to WACC about LINC Subleases drafted, 5 Jul 1989.

Folder D9 Employee Benefits

- D9.1 Amendment for terminating defined contribution plan (401k), Jun 2019, plus communications from consultant.
- D9.2 Packet from consultant assessing 401k plan options, 7 May 2019.

E Fundraising

Folder E1 United Way

- E1.1 Application for FY 1994-95, 15pp.
- E1.2 UW 2000 Annual report
- E1.3 Certificate for Outstanding Performance, Jan 2001.
- E1.4 Certificate of Diamond Award to Employees of WACC, 2003.
- E1.5 Certificate for Outstanding Performance, Feb 2005.
- E1.6 Certificate of Diamond Award to Employees of WACC, 2004, plus cover letter
- E1.7 Award of Achievement to Employees of WACC, 2005 and 2006. Plus cover letter.
- E1.8 2011-2012 Direct Service Funding Application 10pp.
- E1.9 FY17 Year End Grant Report, 6pp
- E1.10 FY19 Grant Agreement/MOU, 7pp plus FY19 Grant agreement for Employment Services, July 2018, and another for After School Program, July 2018.
- E1.11 Application Summary for Employment Resource Services program, FY 19 Mid-Year Grant application. 20pp.

Folder E2 Youth and Drug Programs

- E2.1 Project Oz endorsement for 1995 summer program grant application, 23 Nov 1994.
- E2.2 Boys & Girls Club endorsement for 1995 summer program grant application, 22 Nov 1994.
- E2.3 WACC letter to McLean County Health Dept supporting continued and expanded HIV prevention services, 8 Sep 1995.

- E2.4 Bloomington Police supporting WACC United Way funding proposal for gym recreation program, 8 Feb 1996.
- E2.5 Letter from Bloomington Jr High teacher Richd Bremner supporting youth programs at WACC, 18 Feb 1996.
- E2.6 Bloomington High School basketball coach Rich Gordon's letter supporting WACC basketball program, 9 Feb 1996.
- E2.7 Memo from Willie Brown of State Farm to United Way endorsing WACC gym program, 15 Feb 1996. 2pp.
- E2.8 Letter from WACC to United Way requesting support for LINC Youth Recreation programming, 23 May 2001. 2pp.
- E2.9 Illinois Dept of Rehab Services letter praising junior high basketball team, 1 Feb 1995.

Folder E3 City of Bloomington Annual Donation

- E3.1 Application for youth activities at WACC & LINC and Hispanic outreach at WACC, 29 Dec 1993. 4pp.
- E3.2 Annual acknowledgements and expressions of appreciation for contributions from Parks & Recreation Dept, 2009-2017.

Folder E4 Miscellaneous Grants

- E4.1 Program description for new Minority Golf Program, 2003. 5pp plus LINC summary sheet.
- E4.2 Award notices from State Farm grants for 2008 (including above golf & more) and 2008 SPY program.
- E4.3 Grant award & agreement from Youth Engaged in Philanthropy (YEP) via Illinois Prairie Community Foundation, April 2014. 4pp.
- E4.4 Walmart/Sam's Club application for K-5 After School i-pad tablets, 2015. 8pp.
- E4.5 Application for Illinois Prairie Community Foundation (IPCF) "Closing the Gap: Tutor Training," Feb 2017. 10pp.
- E4.6 WACC Grant Process chart, c.2018.
- E4.7 Acknowledgement letter to Bloomington Sunrise Rotary for donation supporting purchase of books for tutees, 16 Feb 2018. 2pp.
- E4.8 Application to Golden Kiwanis Youth Support for Health After School Program Snacks, 21 Aug 2018.
- E4.9 Grant agreement with IPCF for Broadening Horizons to Increase Resiliency, May 2018. 3pp.
- E4.10 Draft application for after school program, 2018
- E4.11 Application for After School & Hispanic Outreach to Walmart/Sams Club, 2018. 7pp.
- E4.12 Application for Seniors Programming to Walmart/Sams Club, 2018. 3pp.
- E4.13 Application for Transportation for Youth & Seniors, Walmart/Sams Club, 2019. 4 pp.
- E4.14 Application for After School Program, Dolar Genera, 2019. 5 pp.
- E4.15 Request to State Farm of \$300,000 over 3 years to hire a new executive director, 1 May 2019. 2 pp.
- E4.16 Draft application for after school program, Dollar General, 2018-19 school year.
- E4.17 Application to State Farm to lease a small school bus for youth and senior programming, 2019. 3pp.
- E4.18 Application to Walmart/Sams Club for transportation for youth and senior programming, 2019. 3pp.

Folder E5 Miscellaneous Events

- E5.1 Flyer: Feather Our Nests Preschool fundraiser, 6 May 2000.
- E5.2 Pamphlet: 4th Annual Variety Show 2004, 7 Oct 2004. 4 copies with auction inserts.

Folder E6 2009-2010 Fundraising Team

- E6.1 List of team leaders.
- E6.2 Oct 2009 Notes, 2pp.
- E6.3 Progress report, 22 Oct 2009. 2pp
- E6.4 Third Quarter Update
- E6.5 Fundraising Categories
- E6.6 Rules for Fundraising Events
- E6.7 Notes from Sep 4 meeting.
- E6.8 WACC Open House plans and communication plan, Nov 21.

Folder E7 Bill Strickland Dinner

Event programs, table assignments, menu, newspaper articles, task force notes, donations, CD, etc. 21 Jun 2010.

Folder E8 Fiesta Cinco De Mayo

Planning documents, tickets, etc. for 5 May 2017 fundraiser.

Folder E9 Mystery Dinners

Flyer, auction results, attendees list, etc. 2014 & 2018.

Folder E10 Bruegala

Brochure, planning documents, etc. for Jaycees sponsored event, August 2019.

Folder E11 2018 Fundraising

Year-long event planning, flyers, etc. for year of fundraising including direct mailings; Bourbon, Brew, BBQ & Blues Festival; etc.

F Service Programs

Folder F1 Preschool

- F1.1 Colorful info handbook, nd. 3 copies. *Note: 50% Hispanic enrollment.*
- F1.2 Preschool Handbook 1999-2000, 18pp.

Folder F2 Seniors

- F2.1 Activity calendar, Feb 1996
- F2.2 "Avanti's Gives Back: Senior Citizens Valentine's Day Dinner Dance," in *Avanti's Times* newsletter, 1 May 2012
- F2.3 Activity calendar, Aug 2012.
- F2.4 Brochure: Senior Outreach Program, nd. copies.
- F2.5 Flyer: Seniors on the Go! Bus trips, Aug-Oct 2022.
- F2.6 Donation solicitation letter from Norma Espino, 25 Jan 2016, with locations approached in verso.
- F2.7 Instructions for various activities, presumably 2016.
- F2.8 Email about the upcoming Angler's Manor Senior Fair, 27 May 2017.
- F2.9 Email about Julie Shadid's interest in volunteering, 13 Mar 2017.

- F2.10 Activity calendar, 2017 by month.
- F2.11 Sign up & sign in sheets for Senior Spring Fling 2014, 2015, 2016; Valentine's Dinner Dance 2014, 2015, 2016; Dinner Dance Oct 2014, Oct 2015, Bingo Potluck April 2006; Holiday Spectacular Dec 2013; Bingo Apr 2014, Mar 2015; plus general mailing list.
- F2.12 Folder with notes on Senior Programming from Fall Fest 2018, plus sign in sheets for activities 2017-2018 and mailing list.

Folder F3 Boy Scouts

- F3.1 Charter for Troop 924, Dec 2005.
- F3.2 Charter for Pack 2934, Dec 2005.
- F3.3 Annual charter for Crew 3701, Feb 2006
- F3.4 Annual charter for Troop 3701, Feb 2006
- F3.5 Annual charter, Feb 2018.
- F3.6 List of participants, Nov 2018.
- F3.7 Printout of charter renewal for Pack 3600, Dec 2019. Includes certification, personnel, youth participating, 5pp.
- F3.8 Unused Youth Applications and Adult Applications, 2 each.
- F3.9 Certificate of Completion for Youth Protection Training for Amy Cottone, 1 Aug 2018.

Folder F4 Youth Impact Street Outreach

- F4.1 Untitled proposal for pilot one-year program working with youth who've been involved with juvenile justice system, nd, no author. 8pp.
- F4.2 Documents including Philosophy of Volunteerism, Program outline, Juvenile Intervention Project, Western Avenue Small Group Volunteer, Youth Guidance Volunteer Application form, Intake form, nd.
- F4.3 Youth Impact Outreach Program: Gang definitions from Bloomington Police Dept., May 2007, 2pp.
- F4.4 Letter from State's Attorney Bill Yoder terminating WACC street outreach program, 13 Jul 2007.
- F4.5 Cardstock: WACC Youth Impact Street Outreach Services. Describes program, budget, etc. and seeking a new funding source.
- F4.6 Youth Impact Request Summer 2007, 3pp. Includes activities, goals, budgets to use a \$20,000 private grant and \$8,00 designated contribution.
- F4.7 Youth Impact McLean County Juvenile Justice Council Delinquency Prevention Plan, Adopted Dec 2008. 10pp bound plus 6pp of board members.
- F4.8 Flyer: Youth Impact, nd. 1 sheet.
- F4.9 "Authorities: Gangs losing hold in Twin Cities," *Pantagraph*, 29 Apr 2007. 3pp, 2 copies.
- F4.10 Draft Contract Youth Impact Inc & WACC, 2004. 2pp.
- F4.11 Job Description: Street Outreach Worker, nd.

Folder F5 Amateur Athletic Union (AAU)

- F5.1 Email from Christy Komnick to Amy Cottone about state tax id, 13 Jan 2011.
- F5.2 Letter to parents advising that their son may participate in one of the three LINC "Team Illinois" basketball teams for 2011, 15 Apr 2011.
- F5.3 Unused Player Code of Conduct; emergency contact form on verso, nd.
- F5.4 Unused AAU Basketball Team Illinois Tournament Budget
- F5.5 Unused AAU Basketball Team Illinois 2011 Budget, Mar-Jul 2011 by month.
- F5.6 Unused roster list.

- F5.7 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual for AAU& Minority Golf, 1 Jul 2010-17 Feb 2011.
- F5.8 Email from Gwinn Campbell to Amy Cottone about AAU funds, 24 Aug 2011.
- F5.9 Website printout for LINC Basketball, accessed 24 Aug 2011. 2 copies.
- F5.10 Email from Michael Jones to Amy Cottone about proposed changes to AAU program including fundraising and scholarships, etc., 8 Sep 2011.
- F5.11 "Points to cover with Duane" about program, nd.
- F5.12 Contact sheets for each Team Illinois player, nd. 24 sheets.
- F5.13 Andrew Short resume & Red Cross CPR & First Aid certifications, 2010.
- F5.14 LINC/AAU – proposal to separate LINC/AAU into its own agency underneath WACC umbrella, nd. Perhaps from Patrick Morland?

Folder F6 Other Sports

- F6.1 Open House invitation postcard celebrating new basketball floor, 3 Nov 1999.
- F6.2 Central Illinois Minority Golf Association – reprint from *Pantagraph*, 4 Aug 2003.
- F6.3 Lawrence Irvin Neighborhood Center Youth Basketball Program, circa 2004. Two editions, one a donation solicitation.
- F6.4 Junior Golf Program, photo with logo from Central Illinois Minority Golf Association, nd.
- F6.5 Solicitation for Team Sponsorship for Lawrence Irvin Neighborhood Center Youth Basketball Program, circa 2004.
- F6.6 Expression of thanks for sponsoring Western Avenue team from Blm-Normal Girls Softball Assn, 2010. Includes photo of team.
- F6.7 Foldered photo from Blm-Normal Girls Softball Assn thanking for sponsoring a team.
- F6.8 LINC Youth program sign in sheet for open gym 15 Nov 2012.

Folder F7 Youth Camp 2016

Registration and consent forms, rules, emergency contact forms, student record sheets, supplies lists, activity schedules, staff list, etc.

Folder F8 Hispanic Outreach

See also McLean County Latino History Project Collection.

- F8.1 Brochure Hispanic Outreach Program, nd. 2 copies with markups.
- F8.2 Hispanic Outreach Summary (including history), Goals & Objectives, c1980.
- F8.3 Flyer for Women's health workshop, 10 April, no year. In Espanol.
- F8.4 Meeting Agenda, 20 Oct 2004.

Folder F9 ERS

- F9.1 Intake assessment form, client goal plan forms, US Dept of HHS guidance materials, etc.

Folder F10 Miscellaneous

- F10.1 Food pantry: "Giving Season," in *Illinois AgriNews*, 1 Jan 2010.
- F10.2 Flyer: to 1st-6th graders for a German test & festivities, 20 Sep, no year.
- F10.3 Teens Summer Enrichment Program, Jun-Aug 1994. 2 sheets.

G Service Agreements with Other Local Organizations

Folder G1 Illinois State University (ISU)

- G1.1 Half-sheet highlighting volunteer opportunities, nd.

G1.2 Letter from ISN Mennonite College of Nursing about student volunteers and attaching certificate of liability insurance, Aug 2012.

Folder G2 Recycling for Families

G2.1 Memos of Understanding for FY 2012-13, 2013-14, 2015-16, and 2016-2021. A couple also have cover letters; an a few have lists of "Referring Caseworkers" contact info.

Folder G3 Career Pathways for Opportunity Youth

Grant for out of school, unemployed, at-risk youth with IT technology-enabled curriculum for future in IT jobs.

G3.1 Memo of Understanding with a range of community organizations including WACC' computer lab as an instructional site, Jan 2017. 7 pp.

Folder G4 Mid Central Community Action (MCCA)

G4.1 Memos of Understanding for 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, and 2016, including some cover letters and one pre-Intake Screening form.

Folder G5 Others

G5.1 Home Sweet Home Ministries: networking agreements, Jan 2016 & Mar 2017.

G5.2 Heartland Head Start: Memos of Agreement, Mar 2018 & Jun 2019.

G5.3 Life Center for Independent Living (LIFE CIL) memo of understanding, Jun 2017.

G5.4 Salvation Army memo of understanding, Jun 2017.

G5.5 Heartland Community College Memos of Understanding for NASA REAL Summer Fun in Jul 2017 and Drama Camp in Jun 2017.

G5.6 Deposit Contract with Bloomington Public Library, Jun 2017.

H Miscellaneous

Folder H1 Miscellaneous

H1.1 "Sunnyside Center Changes Management," article in Community Action newsletter *The Observer*, Jul/Aug 1986.

H1.2 "Western Avenue Community Center: Something for Everyone," in *Volunteer Today*, newsletter of Student Volunteer Center, April 1989.

H1.3 Invitation to dedication of Earl B. Johnson, Jr. Computer Lab, 4 Oct, no year.

H1.4 Recognition from Red Cross Blood Program, 2002.

H1.5 Program and flyer for Community of Excellence Celebration, 18 Nov 2003. McLean County was recognized by the US Federal Interagency Coordinating Council.

H1.6 "Leadership McLean County Taks Force Projects," in Chamber of Commerce's *Climate*, First Qtr 2011. Included part of remodeling of WACC facility.

H1.7 Aug 2021 gift agreement, email correspondence, 2015 obit for Eliz. Weir, etc.

H1.8 ISU Dept of History Internship Evaluation Form for Tyler Mantia and Jordan Rose Buffington, Fall 2021 Semester. 2pp.

H1.9 Agenda for interview with Bob Cornwell, 19 Oct 2021. 2pp. Plus Julie Moulic note to Bob, 16 Oct 2021.

H1.10 Misc personal correspondence and thank you notes, 1985-1994.

H1.11 Schedule of December events on WACC stationery, no year.

H1.12 Letterhead, nd. Includes both WACC & LINC.

Folder H2 Inspirational Wall Signs

- H2.1 Three laminated wall signs, nd.
- H2.2 Six photocopies of wall signs, nd.

Loose Items

Olive green 2-ring binder:

- Typed minutes of board from Jan 1939-Dec 1949 including budgets and financial reports.
- Minutes of organizing of Friendship Camp, Oct 1928.
- Handwritten "Paving Assessments unpaid From Mrs. D 1/16/29"
- Handwritten "Pension Notations" Nov 1930 covering through 1931-32 fiscal year.
- Proposed Constitution and By-Laws – Apr 1, 1937 (adopted May 17, 1937) 4pp plus one page of Amendments adopted May 20, 1948
- Additional copy of Constitution & By-Laws adopted May 17, 1937

Black 3-ring binder:

- Constitution and By-Laws Adopted May 17, 1937. 2pp.
- Agendas, minutes and attendance records of board meetings including financial reports and budgets, Sep 1948 – Apr 1958 plus 1960 proposed budget.
- Lists of board members
- Description of the Center with its mission and activities groups (2 instances)
- Memorial service program for George A. Washburn, 1952
- Revised Constitution and By-laws, 27 May 1952. 3pp.
- Board resolution in honor of Rev. Frank L. Breen upon his retirement, 31 Jan 1956.
- Profile of Dr. Harold Martin, D.D., by Bloomington Presbytery endorsing him as candidate for Moderatorship of General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA, 1957. Published in national magazine.
- Proxy for the annual meeting of the board by member Jay L. Clark, 22 Jan 1958.