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**Institution:** Shorefront Legacy Center

**Collection Title:** Social and Civic Clubs and Organizations collection

**Date Span:** 1916-2011

**Extent:** 2.0 Linear feet

**Processors:** Processed by CLIR funded Black Metropolis Research Consortium "Color Curtain Processing Project." By Dustin Witsman. July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**Restrictions:** None

**Related Collections:** Anna Belle Frazier papers, Shorefront Legacy Center; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority records, Shorefront Legacy Center; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Evanston Branch records, Shorefront Legacy Center; Norshore Twelve, Inc. records, Shorefront Legacy Center; Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Delta Alpha Boule records, Shorefront Legacy Center; The Suburbanites Social and Civic Club collection, Shorefront Legacy Center; West End Block Club collection, Shorefront Legacy Center; Zeta Xi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Inc. collection, Shorefront Legacy Center.

**Abstract:**

The Social and Civic Clubs and Organizations collection is comprised of files, compiled by Shorefront Legacy Center, documenting the history, events, and members of Illinois' North Shore, African-American clubs and organizations.

**Historical Note:**

The African-American community of Illinois' North Shore has had a large number of social and civic clubs throughout the years. Both formal and informal, these organizations form a network through which residents and members gather for community engagement, political activities, and leisure. A good number of the clubs and organizations represented in the collection are now defunct or have been encompassed by others.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The Social and Civic Clubs and Organizations collection is organized alphabetically by organization title. The collection is comprised of files, compiled by Shorefront Legacy Center, documenting the history, events, and members of North Shore social and civic clubs and organizations. It contains publications, meeting minutes, flyers, membership rosters, newspaper clippings, photographs, and ephemera.

**Access Headings:**

African American history.

African Americans--Illinois--Evanston.

African Americans--Social life and customs

African Americans--Societies, etc.

Evanston (Ill.)--History.

Fraternal organizations

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History--Societies, etc.

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Suburban African Americans--Illinois--Evanston.

Women--Societies and clubs.

## Container List:

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	1	1623 Club of Evanston	1970-1979
	2	20 <sup>th</sup> Century Golf Club	1957
	3	African-American Evanston Reunion	2001-2002
	4	African-American Heritage and Technical Institute	1992-2007
	5	The All Star Panthers A. C.	1937
	6	Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Delta Chi Omega Chapter	1968-2007
	7	Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Theta Mu Lambda Chapter	1996
	8	The Bachelor and Benedict Club	1942-1971
	9	Black American Heritage House	1999-2008
	10	Black Boy Scouts	1912-1914
	11-12	The Chessmen Club of the North Shore, Inc.	1966-2011
	13	Chicago Clubs	1995-1998
	14	Citizens for 65	1970
	15	Colored Women's Christian Temperance Union	1890-1993
	16	Community Economic Development Association (CEDA)	n.d.
	17	Congress of Racial Equality	2001
	18	Council of Elders	1983
	19	The Craftsmen's Club of Mt. Moriah	2003
	20	The Deckettes Social Club	1948
2	1	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority	1975-1990
	2	Destiny Girls of Evanston	2002
	3	Discover Evanston Neighborhood Tours	1999
	4	The Edgewater-Rogers Park Black Family Network	2004-2007
	5	Evanston Community Development Corporation	2007-2008
	6	Evanston History Center	2010
	7	Evanston Neighborhood Conference	1988-2001
	8	The Evanston Regular Democratic Organization	1963-1964
	9	The Exclusive Thirteen	1936-1984
	10	Family Focus	n.d.
	11	Fellowship of Afro-American Men	1997-2005
3	1	Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center	1997-2011
	2	Fleetwood-Jourdain Arts Guild, Inc.	1997-2007

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3	Forrest E. Powell Foundation	1999-2007
4	Foster Park Neighborhoods	2002
5	Frederick Douglass Republican Club	1916
6	Girl Scout Troupes Numbers 19, 27, 51, and 76	1952-1970
7	Heretoga Club	1964
8	The Hi-Lites S. A. C.	1938
9	Heritage Awareness and Cultural Experience for Belizeans (HACEB)	2009-2010
10	I Have A Dream Foundation	1999
11	Iroquois North Shore Community League	1940-1982
12	International Society of Sons and Daughters of Slave Ancestry (ISDSA)	2004-2005
13	International Black Art Museum	1977
14	J&LLMMSF	2000
15	Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Evanston Alumni Chapter	1990
16	Knights of Pythias	1954-1956
17	Mayfair Triangle Neighborhood Association	1964-1965
18	The Mr. and Mrs. Dinner Club	1941
19	Mt. Moriah Lodge Number 28 F. and A.M.	2010
20	"Mystery 12"	1949
4	1 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Evanston Branch	2008-2010
	2 National Junior League of Evanston, Inc.	1946-1954
	3 The Nifty Modernettes	1941
	4 Nightingale Social Club	1939
	5 Open Road Pioneer Girls Club	1936
	6 Preserving Integrity Through Culture and History Committee (PITCH)	1996-1998
	7 Pals of Pleasure	1936-1938
	8 Ricky Birdsong Foundation	2004
	9 Spirit of Universal Love (SOUL) Creations, Inc.	2003-2006
	10 Scholarship Planning Council of Evanston	1964
	11 Sports History (Evanston)	1940-1981
	12 Suburban Black Contractors Association	n.d.
	13 The Thrifty-ettes	n.d.
	14 Top Ladies of Distinction	2002
	15 The Toppers Club	1950-1990
	16 Unit Church Usher's League of the North Shore Zone	1980
	17 Various Club Event Invitations	1923-1999
	18 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Snell Post 7186	1994-1999
	19 The Westside Gun & Rod Club	n.d.

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20	Whiz Kids	1947
21	Women Helping Women	2002
22	Women's Defense Corps of America	1946
23	YWCA	2006
24	The Young Men's Sophist Society	n.d.
25	The Zion Institute for Creative Programming	2004