

SAFA 524

**A Guide to the Records of the
Zonta Club of Regina fonds
(F 617)**

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**PRIVATE RECORDS
AUTHORITY DESCRIPTION**

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**Corporate (PA 140)
Zonta Club of Regina, 1954-1987**

About this records creator:

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**Brief Bio./Admin.
History**

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**Biographical
Sketch/Administrative
History**

In 1919, American playwright Marian de Forest and five other business women chartered the first Zonta club in Buffalo, New York, USA. They conceived Zonta as an organization that would network professional women and advance women's rights. The group chose the name Zonta, which comes from a Lakota Sioux Indian word that means "honest and trustworthy." Zonta sought, and seeks, to advance the status of women through service and advocacy. The group works to improve understanding, goodwill and peace through fellowship; promotes justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; unites internationally to foster high ethical standards; and implements service programs and support for members who serve their communities.

The Zonta Club of Regina, Saskatchewan, was chartered on March 26, 1954, at a gala dinner with members from Montreal, Winnipeg and Calgary, and local dignitaries present. There were 18 charter members. The Branch, #384, existed within the Bounds of District 7 of Zonta International. Jean Downing, economist and community planner, was the first President of the Saskatchewan branch. The Regina Club would install 192 members over the years, typically maintaining an active membership of approximately 20 members.

Zonta Club of Regina was instrumental in having a Chapel added to the plans when Regina's Plains Health Centre was built, and the club completely furnished and maintained it while the Branch remained in existence. When the new Regina Public library was built, Zonta's interest in handicapped children led the group to promote the building of ramps for easy access. Zonta purchased a "chair" in the new Centre of the Arts and furnished a room in the new wing of the Pasqua Hospital. Scholarship in music and arts were acknowledged annually - Zonta provided, for example, the Gladys Christie Memorial Scholarship at Luther College. Many volunteer hours were spent with handicapped children and seniors, taking them on scenic tours, plane rides, barbeques, library trips and concert tours.

From 1976 through 1981, an annual "Canada Week" essay contest sponsored by Zonta encouraged senior citizens to submit reminiscences about their life and experiences as pioneers. Nelle L. Balkwill, Chairman of Public Affairs with the Club (and member of the Regina Canada Week Committee), submitted the resultant entries to the Saskatchewan Archives Board. Trophies were awarded to the top three entries, which were presented by the mayor of Regina (H.H.P. Baker) at a ceremony that Zonta received a grant to sponsor.

Zonta Club of Regina also hosted speakers on women's issues; participated as a group in child sponsorship programs; supported high school art programs; and operated fundraising activities. The group recruited high-profile members of the community, and tracked the activities and contributions of their members as individuals (honours, trips, activities).

Edna Deck of Regina, Saskatchewan, served as Director of Area 1 within District 7 from 1984-1986. The President of the Regina Branch at the time was Wilma Downing, a well-known high school basketball coach. Other members included Nelle Balkwill, Nadine Cooper, Peggy Crittenden, Fran Crossley, Iris Fletcher, Lena Gilbertson, Edna Haggerty, Janet Haney, Mary Harris, Marie Hoffman, Helen Keay, Bertha Kennedy, Nancy Laidlaw, Adele MacPherson, Joanne Pavelick, Hertha Pfeifer, Margaret Rankin, Lee Stan, Margaret Stevenson, and Vera Taylor.

The Zonta Club of Regina disbanded on June 1, 1987. A portion of the group decided to continue on as a new service-oriented local volunteer group, the X-Z club (from "ex-Zontians"), which started up in November of the same year.

Zonta International continued to develop into its current form, where 30 Districts are overseen by an international board. The board is elected at biennial international conventions, and consists of seven elected directors and four elected offices, who form the executive committee. Districts are overseen by a governor and lieutenant governor divided into areas and clubs, which elect directors and presidents. Districts hold annual workshops and conferences every two years.

Rule(s) Rules of Archival Description (RAD)

Source(s) Amicus Authorities - no entry found.

Content of the fonds.

Various internet websites.

Archival records linked to this records creator:

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About these records:

Unique Identifier	F 617
Title of Records	Zonta Club of Regina fonds
Level of Description	Fonds
Descriptive System	Private
Dates of Creation	1976-1987
Predominant Dates of Creation	1976-1987
Dates of Accumulation	1976-1987
Physical Description	55 cm of textual records

2 sound recordings

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See: [Zonta Club of Regina, 1954-1987](#)

Direct Acquisition from Records Creator Nellie Lawson, Chairman of Public Affairs for Zonta Club of Regina, donated some of these records to the Regina Office, Saskatchewan Archives, in two accessions in 1977 and 1978: R77-196 (July 5, 1977); and R78-439 (September 29, 1978).

Nelle Balkwill, Canada Week Chairman and Zonta Club of Regina member, donated some of these records to the Regina Office, Saskatchewan Archives, in two accessions in 1979 and 1980: R79-356 (October 23, 1979); and R80-558 (August 04, 1980).

Ruby Apperley, former President of Zonta Club of Regina, donated some of these records to the Regina Office, Saskatchewan Archives, in one accession in 1992: R92-036 (March 13, 1992).

Scope and Content

This fonds consists of records created, accumulated and used by members of the Zonta Club of Regina from 1976 through its dissolution in 1987. The records are mainly essay submissions from senior citizens that relate their experiences as pioneers, which were entered into a contest the Zonta Club of Regina sponsored and promoted annually during Canada Week from 1976 through 1981. Most of the entrants were women, and the submissions were subsequently donated to Saskatchewan Archives, providing a valuable contribution to the history of the nation, and to women's history. Two of the entries are recounted by audiotape. The fonds also includes administrative material related to: the delegation of executive sent to the Zonta International Convention in 1986; the dissolution of the Zonta Club of Regina in 1987; and the launch of the X-Z (ex-Zontians) service club in 1987.

Access Restrictions

Records are open for research use.

Terms Governing Use

Use, publication and/or reproduction of records are subject to terms and conditions of the Copyright Act.

Reference Tools

SAFA 524 consists of a fonds description and a list of names and addresses of essay contest entrants and is available in paper format.
J:\Description Finding Aid Link\F 617 (Essay Contest List).pdf

**Related Records
(Records held by SAB)**

Materials concerning the administration and press coverage of Zonta Club of Regina's "Canada Week Essay Contest for Senior Citizens" are also included in Nelle Balkwill's Canada Week files. See R-982.

Physical Condition

Records are in good physical condition.

Conservation

Conservation practices in place at the time of processing were applied to the records in this fonds.

Accruals	No further accruals expected.
Source of Description	Contents of the fonds. Various websites.
Former Code(s)	Textual records: R-320.1; R-E94; R-E321; R-E514; R-E695 Sound recordings: R-1715; R 1716.
Consulting the Records	To consult the records, visit or contact the Regina office.
Arrangement Note(s)	No arrangement had been applied to these records.
General Note(s)	Location for retrieval: Regina Hillsdale.

**FOR TEXTUAL RECORDS
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R-E514 and R-E695**

**FOR SOUND RECORDINGS
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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ASSOCIATED COMMUNITY	PREFIX	CALL #
Anderson	Maggie	Shellbrook		R-E321
Barss	Mary	Bethune		R-E695
Baumuch	Lydia	Swift Current		R-E321
Biehn	Aaron	Lanigan	Mr.	R-E514
Bird	Tom	Prince Albert		R-E321
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Bray	T.H.	McLean		R-E321
Burt	Winnifred	LeRoy		R-E514
Campbell	Henrietta	Leader		R-E321
Carson	Mary	Prince Albert		R-E514
Cassel	Raymond	Wolsely		R-E695
Christie	Mary	Regina		R-E321
Christofel	Wilhemina	Wolsely		R-E321
Collier	Sid	Govan		R-E321
Cox	Harold	Longbank		R-E321
Dienst	E.H.			R-1716 (Sound Recording)
Dierst	Ernest	Yellow Grass		R-E321
Doolittle	Agnes	Maymont		R-E321
Doolittle	Ken	Maymont		R-E321
Edwards		Glenavon	Mrs.	R-E321
Edwards, Betker & King				R-1715 (Sound Recording)
Filson	Mable	Moose Jaw		R-E321
Forer	Henry	Regina	Mrs.	R-E321
Francis	George	Bethune		R-E94
Frolic	Margaret	Regina		R-E321
Gardner	Ernest	Regina		R-E94
Gilliard	May	Wapella		R-E514
Goodwin	Agnes	Leader		R-E321
Halladay	Gordon	Nipawin		R-E514
Halliwell	Edith	Regina		R-E321
Hamilton	Ellis	Carrot River		R-E321
Hargest	William	Wolsely		R-E695
Hart	Mary	Maple Creek		R-E514
Hart	Mary	Maple Creek		R-E695
Hauser	Emma	Regina		R-E321
Hawes	Ada	Guernsey		R-E321
Hill	Alice	Davidson		R-E514
Hillier	Gertrude	Southey		R-E321
Hughes	Clara	Weyburn		R-E514
Hutton	Winnie	Regina		R-E94
Hyndman	Mildred	Morse		R-E514
Jacob	Louis	Wolsely		R-E695
Jellesed	Ogda	?		R-E514
Jones	Harold	Regina		R-E94
Jordison	Bessie	Moose Jaw		R-E514
Jorgenson	Clara	Leader		R-E321
King	Katherine	Edenwald		R-E321
Klassen	Lillian	Rosthern		R-E514
Knight	P.	Regina	Mrs.	R-E94
Koester	Mavis	Bienfait		R-E321

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Lacey	W. Harold	Meadow Lake		R-E514
Lane	Annie	Regina		R-E514
Larson	Lars	Swift Current		R-E321
Larson	Lars	Abbey		R-E514
Larson	Lars	Abbey		R-E94
Lewvan	Christine	?		R-E514
Lucas	Voilet	Canora		R-E514
Matz	Laura	Shellbrook		R-E321
McCullough	Jean	Wolsely		R-E695
Milton	Grace	Kelvington		R-E321
Mitchel	John	Fort Qu'Appelle		R-E321
Mitchell	Sylvia	Regina		R-E94
Monckton	Mary	Regina		R-E94
Montjoy	Cora	Weyburn		R-E514
Moorhouse	Myrtle	Aneroid		R-E321
Moorhouse	Myrtle	Aneroid		R-E94
Moser	John	Leader		R-E321
Mowery	Doreen	St. Walburg		R-E321
Mowery	Doreen	St. Walburg		R-E514
Myers	Bertha	Gainsborough		R-E321
Neibrandt	Fred	Rhein		R-E321
Newman	Ruth	Rosthern		R-E514
Palen	Eva	Marvin		R-E514
Pinch	Frieda	Drinkwater		R-E321
Powell	Nancy	Garnet		R-E94
Riches	George	Cupar		R-E94
Robinson	Dorothy	Lumsden		R-E321
Serjeant	Caroline	Prince Albert		R-E514
Sherman	Gerda	Meadow Lake		R-E321
Silversides	Eloise	Wolsely		R-E514
Slykhuis	Peggy	Carlyle		R-E321
Steif	Louise	Chamberlain		R-E94
Stuart	J.W.	Saskatoon		R-E695
Thomson	Doris	Saskatoon		R-E514
Turnbull Kistner	Elizabeth	Regina		R-E321
Walker	Agnes	Tullisville		R-E514
Welsh	Marie	Delisle		R-E514
Williams	B.	Penzance	Mrs.	R-E321
Wilson	Harold	Regina		R-E94
Wood	Gertrude	Fort Qu'Appelle		R-E514

LOCATIONS:

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Collection R-320.1, Box 1:	H-533.5.5
Collection R-E94:	H-1282.1.4
Collection R-E321:	H-1282.5.7
Collection R-E514:	H-1282.8.5
Collection R-E695:	H-1293.2.7

Tape R-1715 to Tape R-1716

Preservation Copies: H-62.9

User Copies: Regina Audio Cassette Cabinet 9.4