

McLean County Museum of History

**McLean County Medical Society
Auxiliary/Alliance Collection**

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	2 Boxes
COLLECTION DATES:	1950-2015
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	Past Perfect #2024.0066

Brief History

The McLean County Medical Society Auxiliary was formed in 1927 upon the suggestion of the Illinois State Medical Society. McLean County was the first county in Illinois to create an auxiliary. The auxiliary was composed of doctor's wives and was a chapter of the Illinois State Medical Society Auxiliary, which was created a year after McLean County's chapter was formed. The first president of the county auxiliary was Mrs. Myra Peairs, wife of Dr. Peairs. The county chapter was disbanded in 1940 but was re-formed in 1949. A word in the title of the chapter was changed from auxiliary to alliance sometime between 1992 and 1995.

The principal project of the county auxiliary was to provide financial aid to deserving and needy students in the health field, primarily for current and prospective nurses. Other pursuits of the county chapter included: establishing a fund for indigent children to pay for required medical needs; making donations to the Crippled Children's Camp; lobbying state legislators on health-related legislation; helping to train teenage girls to be hospital volunteers; organizing health career fairs; contributing to building funds for local hospitals; providing financial aid to widows and children of deceased doctors; sending drug samples from doctors' offices to World Medical Relief; involvement with Mobile Meals; acclimating international students at Illinois State University to American culture; and, establishing a number of safety programs. Fundraising for these pursuits included: rummage sales, picnics, members' dues, dinners, and special events such as tennis and card tournaments.

Scope

Box 1 of the collection includes board meeting minutes, copies of bylaws, scripts for installation ceremonies, membership directories, miscellaneous invitations to events, and memos regarding Auxiliary/Alliance activities. Box 2 contains three 3-ring binders. Each binder is a scrapbook that contains photos, newspaper articles, newsletters, meeting notices and minutes, and event notices plus miscellaneous items. Each binder is for a specific time frame. Binder 1 covers 1950 to May 1973. Binder 2 covers June 1973 to April 1980. Binder 3 covers May 1980 to February 1992.

Folder Inventory

Box 1

Folder 1: Board Meeting Minutes

- 1.1.1 January 13, 1981
- 1.1.2 January 20, 1981.
- 1.1.3 April 28, 1987, 2pp.
- 1.1.4 March 10, 1992, 2pp.
- 1.1.5 September 12, 2001, with cover memo.
- 1.1.6 October 10, 2001, and Treasurer's Report.
- 1.1.7 November 14, 2001.
- 1.1.8 January 16, 2002.

- 1.1.9 May 10, 2004, 2pp.
- 1.1.10 August 19, 2004.

Folder 2: Bylaws

- 1.2.1 Undated with “original” handwritten, 2pp.
- 1.2.2 1957-1959, 3pp.
- 1.2.3 September 1959, 3pp.
- 1.2.4 September 1975, 3pp.
- 1.2.5 1978 Illinois State Medical Society Auxiliary Bylaws and Standing Rules, 18 pp.
- 1.2.6 March 1981, 2pp.
- 1.2.7 March 1984, 4pp.
- 1.2.8 May 1987, 4pp.
- 1.2.9 March 1992, 4pp.
- 1.2.10 September 2004, 3pp.
- 1.2.11 Sample State Bylaws, undated, 8pp.

Folder 3: Installation Ceremonies

Note: All are scripts unless noted otherwise

- 1.3.1 Boiler-plate script, undated, 6pp.
- 1.3.2 1981, 11pp.
- 1.3.3 1982, 8pp.
- 1.3.4 1983, 5pp.
- 1.3.5 1984, 3pp.
- 1.3.6 1985, 3pp.
- 1.3.7 Invitation to President’s Luncheon and Installation Ceremony, plus business card for Barbara Marshall, undated.
- 1.3.8 Letter from Connie Christoff to Mrs. Robert Readon covering enclosed copies of speeches itemized in 3.9 and 3.10, November 16, 1988.
- 1.3.9 Inaugural Address, June 1988, 14pp.
- 1.3.10 1988, 14pp.
- 1.3.11 Comments, undated, 2pp.
- 1.3.12 1989, 6pp.
- 1.3.13 1990, 4pp.
- 1.3.14 1992, 3pp.
- 1.3.15 1995, 1p.
- 1.3.16 1996, 4pp.
- 1.3.17 1997, 4pp.
- 1.3.18 1998, 1p.
- 1.3.19 2002 and invitation, 3pp.
- 1.3.20 2005, 2pp.

Folder 4: Miscellaneous

- 1.4.1 Dates to remember, undated.
- 1.4.2 Memo regarding activities of Auxiliary, undated.

- 1.4.3 Pages from delegate's handbook, Fifty-Third Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 5-7, 1981, includes councilor districts, officers, county presidents, and report of McLean County Auxiliary.
- 1.4.4 Badge for Carole Ringer from Fifty-Third Annual Meeting.
- 1.4.5 "State medical auxiliary award to Pat Oien," *Pantagraph*, April 1981.
- 1.4.6 Spring Luncheon, agenda and list of attendees, May 19, 1981, 2pp.
- 1.4.7 *Pulse* newsletter, September 1984.
- 1.4.8 Cover? Flyer? for Communicate: Together We Can Make a Difference, 1984-1985
- 1.4.9 McLean County Medical Society Library, April 23, 1986, description and budget, 2pp.
- 1.4.10 Information about Holiday Dinner Dance, November 30, 1990, 3pp.
- 1.4.11 Invitation to Installation Luncheon, May 14, 1991, with envelope.
- 1.4.12 Invitation to Dinner-Dance, December 7, 1991.
- 1.4.13 Letter of thanks for joining to AMA Alliance Members from Susan Paddack, President, 2001.
- 1.4.14 Budget review, executive committee, August 21, 2001.
- 1.4.15 Fall Newsletter, 2001, 3pp.
- 1.4.16 Poster: Hands are not for hitting, monthly idea calendar, undated.
- 1.4.17 Practice Outline for various emergency first aid situations, 7pp.
- 1.4.18 Basic Life Support pamphlet, emergency first aid procedures.
- 1.4.19 Letter of thanks for support from Shari Buckellew, Executive Director of Children's Discovery Museum, July 23, 2001.
- 1.4.20 Tentative Calendar for 2001-2002.
- 1.4.21 List of new members, 2001.
- 1.4.22 Medical Society Alliance Sharing Card 2001
- 1.4.23 List of officers and committee chairs for Central Region, undated, 3pp.
- 1.4.24 Cash report, August-November 2001, 6pp.
- 1.4.25 Proposed budget 2003-2004.
- 1.4.26 Information about SAVE program at city schools with cover letter from Mary Jo and Debi, July 30, 2004, 4pp.
- 1.4.27 News release about doctors' day, March 23, 2009.
- 1.4.28 Memo from Alice Smalley, Attorney at Law, to Alliance regarding Children's Health Care Council, March 20, 2009, 5pp.
- 1.4.29 Alliance newsletter, Winter 2009.
- 1.4.30 2012-2013 Membership Dues Statement.
- 1.4.31 2017-2018 Membership Dues Statement.
- 1.4.32 Receipt for \$65.00, August 15, 2015.
- 1.4.33 Map of Representative Districts of Illinois.

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Membership Directories for the following years:

1980-1981	2006-2007
1999-2000	2007-2008
2000-2001	2008-2009
2001-2002	2009-2010
2002-2003	2010-2011
2003-2004	2012-2013
2005-2006	2015

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