

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Sweet Adelines, Bloomington Chapter**

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**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1952 - 2001
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## **Brief History**

The Bloomington Chapter of Sweet Adelines joined Sweet Adelines International in 1952 and were known as Midwest Gateway #5. They entertained at civic events, charitable functions, contests, and shows. Membership came from different occupations and ages. All shared a love of singing and commitment to advancing barbershop education and harmony. The chapter disbanded in 2001.

## **Scope**

This collection includes copies of *Chorus Cues* from 1999 to 2001, as well as recruiting brochures. There are also board minutes and financial papers. There are legal documents and charter dissolution and International Charter-at-Large. It also includes programs, articles, and photographs from various performances and competitions.

## **Box Inventory**

### **Folder 1: Chorus Cues, etc.**

- 1.1 *Chorus Cues: The Bloomington Chapter of Sweet Adelines*, July 1980, 7 pages.
- 1.2 *Chorus Cues*: October 1980, 10 pages.
- 1.3 *Chorus Cues* newsletters September 21, 1999 through January 30, 2001, 21 pages.
- 1.4 Midwest Gateway Region 5 Sweet Adelines 2001 – A Music Odyssey, Volume 1, Issue 1, December 2000, 4 pages.
- 1.5 Glossy trifold recruiting brochure with history and photos, 2 copies.

### **Folder 2: Board Meeting Minutes**

- 2.1 2000/2001 Board Meeting Minutes, 10 pages.

### **Folder 3: Bloomington Chapter Sweet Adelines Financial Position**

- 3.1 Financial Position Papers: April 30, 2000 – March 31, 2001, no June, 11 pages.

### **Folder 4: Bloomington Chorus Goals**

- 4.1 Goal setting session 2000-2001 results, 5 pages.

### **Folder 5: Legal Documents**

- 5.1 1982 Illinois Secretary of State Not-For-Profit Corporation Guide brochure. Envelope addressed to Margaret Lipp containing 2 documents: Certificate of Incorporation August 11, 1983, and Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation July 19, 1991.

### **Folder 6: Miscellaneous**

- 6.1 McLean County Historical Society Gift Agreement: Eric Vinsel, 6-18-21.
- 6.2 Request for Leave of Absence (2).
- 6.3 Thank You notes (3).
- 6.4 Adelines International Chapter Officers. Items dated 1999-2000.
- 6.5 Bloomington Chapter of Sweet Adelines timeline and awards.
- 6.6 Newspaper articles.

## 6.7 Photographs.

### **Folder 7: Revitalization Program**

- 7.1 Revitalization Program #5 – to provide assistance to choruses whose membership has dropped below 20-member re-chartering limit, 10 pages.
- 7.2 Choruses in Revitalization (self-help check list) 2 pages.
- 7.3 Complaints from old and prospective members, and solutions, 5 pages.
- 7.3 March 8, 2001, schedule for disposition of property if we do not go for revitalization.

### **Folder 8: Chapter Dissolution**

- 8.1 Letters to members from Margaret Lipp dated April 3, 2001 regarding meeting to vote on dissolution, 16 letters.
- 8.2 Form BCA-12.20 Articles of Dissolution, Corporate Name: Bloomington Chapter of Sweet Adelines International, April 17, 2001, 2 pages.
- 8.3 Letters from Margaret Lipp dated April 18, 2001, informing Sharon McKean, Ruth Perry and Margaret Greer of voting for dissolution, 3 letters.
- 8.4 Bloomington Chapter Sweet Adelines Financial Position, Apr. 30, 2001.
- 8.5 Letter from Margaret Lipp dated April 30, 2001 to Dept. of Business Services, Secretary of State a notification of dissolution Bloomington Chapter of Sweet Adelines, 2 copies.
- 8.6 Letters from Margaret Lipp to Illinois Dept. of Revenue, and Mr. William Butler of the First Christian Church dated April 30, and McLean County Chamber of Commerce, dated May 29, 2001, regarding dissolution of Sweet Adelines, 3 letters.

### **Folder 9: International Chapter-at-Large Membership Application**

- 9.1 Sweet Adelines International Application for Chapter-At-Large Membership, Information packet, 6 pages.

### **Folder 10: Performances and Competitions**

- 10.1 Program for “Showcase of Harmony” presented at Bloomington High School, April 12, 1958, 18 pages.
- 10.2 Barbershop Country Fair booklet, Bloomington High School, October 4 ,1980 8pm, 15 pages.
- 10.3 Barbershop Country Fair flyer, 2 copies.
- 10.4 on Harmony, Saturday, December 1, 1984, 8pm, Scottish Rite Temple flyer.
- 10.5 Alice in Harmonyland booklet, Saturday, November 22, 1986, 14 pages.
- 10.6 Four Newspaper articles regarding various performances.
- 10.7 Regional Chorus Awards, two certificates, 1 ribbon.
- 10.8 Letters to Sweet Adelines from Joanne Kick regarding awards won, June 29, 1977, 2 letters.
- 10.9 Letter to Chapter Presidents from Pat McClain regarding honoring members of 25, 30, or 35 years.
- 10.10 Photographs from various performances of the Bloomington Sweet Adelines.

## **Loose Items**

### **VHS cassette tapes**

1989, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1998, undated.