



Guide to the Olga Dworkin Papers WSP002733

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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
Title:	Olga Dworkin Papers
ID:	WSP002733
Date [inclusive]:	circa 1944-1986
Physical Description:	2 Linear Feet (1SB, 1 OB)
Language of the Material:	English
Language of the Material:	Material mostly in English with one news article in Slovenian
Abstract:	Olga Frances (Gorup) Dworkin (1925-2015) was a Wayne State alumna (BA, Education, 1946) who was active in her sorority (Alpha Theta Sigma), Wayne State University's (WSU) Alumni Association, the Wayne State Fund, where after her tenure as President (1968-1969), she became Chairwoman of the WSU Campus Beautification Committee for seventeen years. Dworkin was a member and President of the Understudies, and helped spearhead Detroit Receiving Hospital's Art Project in 1983.

Citation Style

"Olga Dworkin Papers, Box #, Folder #, Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University."

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History

Olga Frances (Gorup) Dworkin graduated from Wayne State University (Wayne University at the time) in 1946 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education and married fellow alumnus Irving Dworkin. Dworkin was an active member of Wayne State University's (WSU) Alumni Association, where she served as a Board member (Secretary) and Committee Chairman, and was a founding member of the Women of Wayne alumnae organization. She served as President of her sorority, Alpha Theta Sigma, which she represented for many years on Wayne State University's Alumni Advisory Council. In 1966, Dworkin received the WSU Alumni Award. Dworkin served on the Wayne State Fund (WSF)

as Secretary, Vice President and President (1968). During her tenure as Fund President, WSF's Board of Directors pledged to raise over two million dollars for WSU's Campus Beautification Campaign. As Chair of the Campus Beautification Project for seventeen years, Dworkin was instrumental in getting the support of corporate donors and fellow alumni, which resulted in the transformation of the campus into landscaped, pedestrian-friendly areas, such as the Ferry and Gullen Malls. Dworkin was also an active member of the Understudies, a philanthropic group that supported the Hilberry and Bonstelle Theatres; she served as Understudies' President for four years and together with her husband established an endowment fund for students. In 1983 she helped spearhead the Detroit Receiving Hospital's (DRH) Art Project, fundraising for and commissioning art installations to beautify DRH, both inside and out. Dworkin and her husband were also members of the Anthony Wayne Society, a key WSU donor organization. Olga Dworkin passed away on October 4, 2015.

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Scope and Content

Olga Dworkin Papers Series 1: 1944-1986

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Arrangement

Arranged in 1 series – Series 1 (Box 1-2) Folders are arranged somewhat chronologically.

The folders are arranged in order of Olga Dworkin's involvement with Wayne State University.

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Acquisition

Olga Dworkin Papers donated by her daughter Debra Dworkin Partrich in October 2017.

Processing History

Processed and finding aid written by Anita Millers on March 8, 2018.

Access

Collection is open for research.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials." Restrictions: Researchers may encounter records of a sensitive nature – personnel files, case records and those involving investigations, legal and other private matters. Privacy laws and restrictions imposed by the Library prohibit the use of names and other personal information which might identify an individual, except with written permission from the Director and/or the donor.

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Related Materials

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Wayne State University Campus Beautification Committee Records, Wayne State University Alumni Relations Alumni Giving Council Records, Wayne State University Historic Advisory Committee Records, Wayne State University Alpha Theta Sigma Records

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Controlled Access Headings

- Urban beautification
- Urban universities and colleges--Michigan
- College campuses
- Alumni and alumnae
- Hilberry, Clarence B.

- Adamany, David W.
- Gullen, George E., Jr.
- Ferry, W. Hawkins
- Wayne State University

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Alpha Theta Sigma Sorority, 1944 -1974	Box 1	Folder 1
Wayne State University Alumni Association; Board of Directors and Alumni Advisory Council, 1956-1959	Box 1	Folder 2
Wayne State University Alumni Association; Board of Directors and Alumni Advisory Council, 1963	Box 1	Folder 3
Wayne State University Alumni Association; Social Events, Reunions And Award Ceremonies, 1957-1973	Box 1	Folder 4
Wayne State University Alumni House; Silver Tea Service Gift, 1958	Box 1	Folder 5
Women of Wayne; Alumnae Association, 1958-1983	Box 1	Folder 6
Women of Wayne; Michigan State Conferences, 1960-1962	Box 1	Folder 7
Wayne State Fund, 1958-1972	Box 1	Folder 8
Wayne State University; Alumnae Clubs, 1961-1963	Box 1	Folder 9
Campus Beautification; General Information, 1968-1980	Box 1	Folder 10
Campus Beautification; Dedications, 1956-1983	Box 1	Folder 11
Wayne State University Campus; Black and White Photographs, 1970s	Box 1	Folder 12
Wayne State University Campus; Expansion, 1957-1968	Box 1	Folder 13
Anthony Wayne Society, 1970-1986	Box 1	Folder 14
Wayne State University Alumni House Dinners and Alumni Receptions; Color Photographs, 1978	Box 1	Folder 15
Detroit Receiving Hospital Art Project, 1983	Box 1	Folder 16
Detroit Receiving Hospital Art Project; Color Photographs, 1983	Box 1	Folder 17
Hilberry Theatre; Understudies, 1976-2003	Box 1	Folder 18
Olga Dworkin; Awards, 1964-1982	Box 1	Folder 19
Olga Dworkin; Miscellaneous, 1949-1991	Box 1	Folder 20
Olga Dworkin; Portraits, 1974-1983	Box 1	Folder 21
Olga Dworkin; Press Clippings of Interest, 1942-1961	Box 1	Folder 22

Wayne State University Alumni News, 1957-1975	Box 1	Folder 23
Wayne University Griffin Yearbook, 1945	Box 2	Item 1
Wayne University Griffin Yearbook, 1946	Box 2	Item 2
WSU Board of Governors Recognition Award for Contribution to the Presidential Selection Advisory Committee, 1981-82	Box 2	Item 1
Certificate of Recognition by the Members of the Common Council of Detroit, circa 1973	Box 2	Folder 2
Watercolor of Old Main Building by William A. Bostick, 1975	Box 2	Folder 3
Hilberry Theatre Poster, 1980-1981 Season	Box 2	Folder 4
Hilberry Theatre Poster, 1981-1982 Season	Box 2	Folder 5
Hilberry Theatre Poster, 1982-1983 Twentieth Season	Box 2	Folder 6
Hilberry Theatre Poster, 1983-1984 Season	Box 2	Folder 7