

Series 11: Women Series, 1953-1998; bulk 1970-1992

5.4 cubic feet consisting of 154 folders.

The Steorts Women Series consists of agendas, booklets, bylaws, articles, bulletins, clippings, fact sheets, financial statements, correspondence, handbooks, lists, manuals, memoranda, minutes, membership rosters, newsletters, notes, pamphlets, press releases, publications, reports, schedules, speeches, and yearbooks.

Materials in this series cover the period 1953-1998. The bulk of the material dates from 1970 to 1992 and documents Nancy Harvey Steorts' involvement with organizations and issues related to women, especially those pertaining to career women.

The series is arranged alphabetically by folder title, and chronologically within each folder.

Steorts was a member of a number of organizations relating to women including the American Association of University Women (AAUW), a national organization that promotes education and equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education and research. Steorts, a member since October 1, 1968, served as President of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Maryland branch from 1970-1971. The files contain material about the AAUW and their activities on the local and national levels. Also included are the bylaws and pamphlets about the organization, and a copy of their leadership handbook for branch officers. There are copies of the newsletters of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Branch of the AAUW their yearbooks for 1969-70, 1972-73, 1973-74, 1975-76 and 1976-77, and a report by Steorts on her year as President of the branch. Information on the AAUW's Biennial Conventions held in Dallas, Texas (1971) and Washington, D.C. (1973), and the International Federal of University Women's 17th Triennial Conference held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1971), can be found in these files. Finally, there are newsletters and yearbooks (1985-86 and 1987-88) for the Dallas branch of the AAUW.

Information regarding the Montgomery County Commission for Women can be found in the series. The commission was established in Maryland in 1972 to advocate for equal rights for women and comprises of 15 volunteer citizens from the community. Steorts was appointed for a three-year term on August 22, 1972. The files contain correspondence and memoranda which cover such topics as Steorts recommendations for members for the commission; the Women's Political Caucus of Montgomery County, Maryland's questioning of the legality of the composition and the creation of the Commission for Women; and creating the Montgomery County Manpower Commission. In addition, there is a copy of the 1971 act which created the commission; information sheets on the other fourteen members of the Commission; copies of the Commission's newsletter, *Woman*; and copies of the official proceedings of the February 15, 1973 meeting of the Commission and the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Status of Women in Montgomery County.

Materials pertaining to other state and local organizations Steorts was a member of are filed in the series. Founded in 1984, the Texas Women's Alliance is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization representing conservative and business-oriented women that researches issues, makes policy recommendations, and works to influence government, with an emphasis on Texas affairs. Steorts served on the Founding Advisory Committee and the Board of Trustees in 1986, with her special area being Regional Development. The files include minutes of board meetings, financial

statements, its handbook for the Texas Women's Alliance, and a copy of its bylaws. A few clippings related to starting up a productivity zone between the United States and Mexico and two reports on the Texas judiciary are filed in the series.

Another organization, the Welcome Wagon Club-Newcomers' Club of the Summit Area in Maryland, was organized in 1964 to provide social activities for the newly arrived members of the community to become acquainted with other newcomers and the local activities. Steorts served as its president from May 1966 to October 1966, June 1969 to June 1970, and July 1970 to June 1971. The files contain several drafts of the by-laws of the organization, a copy of the national Welcome Wagon Club Handbook and By-laws (1964), a number of the organization's newsletters, membership rosters, financial statements, and clippings about Nancy Harvey Steorts becoming president and activities of the organization. There is also a copy of "This was your life Nancy Steorts of as president of Welcome Wagon Newcomers' Club May-Nov. 1966" which contains information about the activities that occurred during her period as president.

The series documents women's organizations that Steorts participated in which are geared specifically for certain career fields and levels. American Women in Radio & Television, created in 1951, is a nonprofit organization of professionals working in the broadcasting industry closely allied fields who seek to improve the quality of broadcasting, and promote the entry, development and advancement of women in broadcasting and its allied fields. The files contain correspondence, fact sheets, invitations to gala events to honor women, membership rosters for 1978-1979 and 1980-1981, issues of the organization's newsletter, *News & Views*, a profile of the 1978 membership, and a copy of *Women on the Job: Careers in Broadcasting*. In addition, information related to conferences and conventions held in 1978, 1980 and 1981; issues of *Stand By*, the newsletter of the Washington, D.C. Chapter; Washington membership rosters for 1980 and 1981; and bylaws for the organization and its Educational Foundation can be found here.

Executive Women in Government, formed in 1974, is a nonprofit professional organization of women who hold leadership positions in the federal government. The aim of the organization is to advance and promote women in senior leadership positions. Steorts became chairman of Executive Women in Government for one year in January 1983. The files contain minutes of meetings, notes, correspondence, pamphlets about the organization, the bylaws, a 1986 membership book, and a press release about the organization celebrating their 10th anniversary at the White House in 1983. Also included are clippings about the criticism of President Reagan's claim of appointing women to positions in the federal government and the Reagan Administration's efforts to make the needed changes, as well as a report entitled "Women: The Reagan Administration Record." Finally, there is a copy of the speech Steorts made when she became president.

Other well-documented organizations found in the series include the National Council of Career Women, the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO), and the International Women's Forum (IWF). Founded by Eva M. June in 1975, the National Council of Career Women was created to provide practical career guide to women, to promote a positive image to employers about career women, and to enhance the professional skills of women to make them more competitive and better prepared for the employment market. Steorts was a member of the Board of Directors in 1977 and served as president from 1977-1978. The files include financial statements,

issues of the organization's newsletter, meeting agendas, minutes of board meetings, drafts of the bylaws, pamphlets and brochures about workshops, a 1978 membership roster and information about the Corporate Membership Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee. The majority of the correspondence relates to Steorts seeking corporate memberships for the National Council of Career Women.

The National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO), a national professional association, incorporated in 1975, represents the interests of women entrepreneurs in every type of business through networking, resources, education and public advocacy. Steorts became a member of NAWBO in 1975 and served on the organization's International Committee from 1985-1986. Materials housed in this series include issues of the organization's newsletter, the Capitol Area Chapter Report, pamphlets about NAWBO, and 1986 and 1987 membership directories. There is information relating to the first American woman business owner trade mission to Europe in 1985 sponsored by the NAWBO that went to Frankfurt, West Germany, London, England, and Madrid, Spain. This includes correspondence, memoranda, itineraries, a list of trip participants, a booklet and clippings about the trip, a listing of the women who went on the trip, itineraries of the trip, and a copy of a memo and report that Steorts wrote up about the mission trip to Europe for Mayor Starke Taylor of Dallas.

Founded in 1982, the International Women's Forum (IWF) brings together outstanding women of achievement and influence to address problems in the public and private realm. Steorts served on the Program Committee in 1995 and the Development Committee in 1996. The files contain correspondence and memoranda regarding the IFW Foundation Fellows Program; a strategic plan for 1996-1998; issues of newsletters and information from The Texas Forum and other Forums such as those in Chicago and Washington, D.C.; and materials on two of the organization's annual conferences and galas that took place in San Francisco and Beverly Hills in 1989 and 1990..

Other information related to women can be found in the series. There are materials pertaining to a woman's marketing firm that Steorts and Susan A. Davis co-founded. Named Successful Woman, Inc., it opened in Washington, D.C. in July 1979, as a national women's marketing firm which offered professional education for women through conferences, seminars and audio/visual presentations, as well as acted as a liaison for speakers and training specialists, developed educational programs for corporate and institutional clients and served as a network. The firm appears to have been in business from July 1979 till June 1980. There are promotional materials and congratulatory letters about the opening of the new firm. Information about the conferences they sponsored includes clippings, complementary correspondence relating to the conferences, and a Successful Woman, Inc. handbook used at one of the conferences. Also included in the series are articles and clippings about different topics related to women. They include the condescending and stereotypical perceptions of housewives, women in board rooms, more women entering the political arena, the growing role of women in lobbying, the GOP and the gender gap, and how more women in the work force has reshaped American society. In addition, there are clippings about Patricia Hutar, Nancy Thurmond (the wife of U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond from South Carolina), Sally Ride (the first female American astronaut), and the 10th anniversary of Executive Women in Government. Finally, there are talking points on issues of interest to women for 1983-1984. Also of particular interest are the files relating to the first American woman in space, Sally Ride. Steorts was invited to witness the launching of the seventh flight of the Space Shuttle *Challenger* on June

19, 1983 at Cape Canaveral. Sally Ride, aged 32, was one of the members of the crew. The file contains a NASA Facts pamphlet about the mission of the Space Shuttle *Challenger*, pre-launch statistics, a schedule sheet about the trip to and from Florida, a certificate for witnessing the event, a colored paper image of the *Challenger* crew, and information sheets about the satellites to be launched or retrieved by the crew. Also, there is a file about the Executive Women in Government's luncheon to honor the astronauts of the *Challenger* in July 1983.

This series is indexed under the following terms in the University Libraries' online catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Subjects:

American Association of University Women. Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Maryland Branch

American Women in Radio and Television Inc.

Astronauts--United States

Businesswomen--United States

Executive Women in Government

International Women's Forum (Organization)

Montgomery County Commission for Women

National Association of Women Business Owners (U.S.)

National Council of Career Women

Ride, Sally

Space flight

Space shuttles--United States

Successful Woman Inc.

Texas Women's Alliance

Welcome Wagon Newcomers Club (Summit Area, Maryland)

Women astronauts--United States

Women--Employment--United States

Women-owned business enterprises--United States

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