

## **Illinois Association of Family and Consumer Sciences records, 1952-2006, bulk 1981-2006**

Descriptive Inventory for the Collection at Chicago History Museum, Research Center  
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**Title:** Illinois Association of Family and Consumer Sciences records [manuscript], 1952-2006, bulk 1981-2006

**Main entry:** Illinois Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

**Inclusive dates:** 1952-2006, bulk 1981-2006

**Size:**

2.5 linear ft. (4 boxes)

**Access:** This collection is open for research use.

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### **This descriptive inventory contains the following sections:**

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### **Biographical/historical note:**

The Illinois Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (IAFCS) was founded in 1921 the Illinois Home Economics Association, the state affiliate of the American Home Economics Association. In 1994, both groups changed their names, and the national organization became the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. The American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) is a national organization representing family and consumer sciences professionals across practice areas and specializations. The bylaws of the IAFCS state that the purpose of the group is to further education in family and consumer sciences; improve research;

sponsor seminars, debates, symposiums, conferences; and disseminate policy for professional guidance.

The IAFCS publishes the Pacesetter newsletter that contains information about events such as scholarship fund drives, professional developmental opportunities, time and locations of IAFCS meetings, and articles about research in the field of consumer sciences. The IAFCS also holds many workshops on various topics such as family issues, the Internet, identity theft, decorating, retailing, cooking, and nutrition. They also conduct round-table discussions about the future of their profession and hold an annual teacher of the year award ceremony in addition to working on projects abroad, such as the Sun-Sol Project in Costa Rica, where they taught courses creating a solar box cooker.

A subgroup of the IAFCS was the Home Economists in Homemaking (HEIH), whose members are full time home economists. This group had several name changes over the years, including the Greater Chicago Home Economists in Home and Community (GCHEHC) and the Greater Chicago Home and Community Section (GCHCS), but disbanded in 2000 due to dwindling membership. The purpose of this group was to promote professional growth for home economists and the significance of homemaking in society; apply physical, biological, and social sciences to the art of homemaking; and distribute information regarding legislation affecting home economics and family life. Workshops and courses offered by the HEIH included researching childcare alternatives, financial markets and planning for retirement, job training, fashion trend updates, gardening, caring for the elderly, and women's health issues. They also sponsored several tours of Chicago sites.

#### **Summary description of the collection:**

Correspondence, minutes, scrapbooks (2 v.), reports, membership applications, conference brochures, organization histories, professional development information, newsletters, publications, by-laws, handbooks, job descriptions, and other files of the Illinois Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and its predecessor, the Illinois Home Economics Association, and the Greater Chicago Home Economists in Home and Community. Topics include annual meetings, projects, committee work, consumer education, and career enhancement for home economists. The scrapbooks (1952-1977 and 1983-1999) contain mostly newspaper clippings about the statewide organization and some photographs.

#### **Description of some materials related to the collection:**

Related materials at Chicago History Museum, Research Center, include the collection filed under the earlier name of this organization: Illinois Home Economics Association records, 1950s-1990s; and the Illinois Association of Family and Consumer Sciences photograph collection. The archives of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences are at Carl A. Kroch Library at Cornell University.

#### **List of online catalog headings about the collection:**

The following index headings for this collection were entered in the online catalog.

Subjects:

Illinois Association of Family and Consumer Sciences--Archives.

Illinois Home Economics Association--Archives.

Greater Chicago Home Economists in Home and Community.

Consumer education--Illinois.

Dietitians--Illinois.

Family life education--Illinois.

Home economics--Illinois.  
Home economics--Study and teaching--Illinois  
Professional associations--Illinois.  
Women--Illinois.  
Women--Illinois--Chicago.  
Illinois--Social conditions--20th century.  
Illinois--Social conditions--21st century.

Form/genre:  
Correspondence.  
Manuals.  
Minutes.  
Newsletters.  
Photoprints.  
Reports.  
Scrapbooks.

Added entries:  
Illinois Home Economics Association  
Greater Chicago Home Economists in Home and Community.

### **Arrangement of the collection**

The collection is arranged alphabetically.

### **List of contents about the collection:**

#### **Box 1**

##### *Folders:*

- 1      AAFCS Annual Report, 2001
- 2      AAFCS Pacesetter Dinner, 2001
- 3      AAFCS Strategic Plan, 2003
- 4      By-laws
- 5      Different but Alike: Universality of Women Worldwide, 1984
- 6      District 1 Job Descriptions, [1983, 2004]
- 7      District 1 President, 1981-1982 [Jarrell, Katherine L.]
- 8      District 1 President, 1982-1983 [Shumate, Patty]
- 9      District 1 President Meetings, 1983-1984 [Lindstrom, Harriett]
- 10     District 1 President, 1984-1985 [Almlof, Willa]
- 11     District 1 Board President, 1985-1986 [Stickman, E. Ann]
- 12     [District] Handbook IHEA, 1986
- 13     District 1 President, 1986-1987
- 14     District 1 President, 1987-1988 [Bald, Lindell]
- 15     District 1 President, 1988-1989 [Nealis, Mary Ruth]
- 16     District 1 President, 1989-1990 [Wachowski, Jodie C.]
- 17     District 1 President: File Board Meetings, ETC 1990-1991 [Schierholtz, Sue Ann]
- 18     District 1 President, 1991-1992 [Armstrong, Nannette]
- 19     District 1 President, 1992-1993 [Angotti, Grace] IHEA

#### **Box 2**

##### *Folders:*

- 1 District 1 Board President, 1993-1994 [Ottney, Diane]
- 2 District 1 President, 1994-1995 [Valek, Cheryl]
- 3 District 1 Board President, 1995-1996 [Pranger, Linda E.]
- 4 District 1 Board President, 1996-1997 [Richardson, Diane]
- 5 District 1 Board President, 1997-1998 [George, Mary]
- 6 District 1 Board President, 1998-1999 [Smith, Alice]
- 7 District 1 President, 1999-2000 [Uffmann, Jeanne]
- 8 District 1 President, 2000-2001 [Hansemann, Murna.]
- 9-10 District 1 Board President, [2000-2001 Hansemann, Murna, 2001-2002 Bernard, Gay, 2002  
2003 Samuels, Carolee, 2003-2004 Richardson, Diane]
- 11 District 1 President File, 2001-2002 [Bernard, Gay]
- 12 District 1 Presidents, 2003-2005 [2003-2004 Richardson, Diane, 2004-2005 Machovitch,  
Danielle]
- 13-14 District 1 President's Notebook, 2005-2006 [Smith, Alice]

#### Box 3

##### *Folders:*

- 1-3 GCHEHC
- 4 Treasure's Book
- 5 GCHEHC, 1992-1993
- 6 Correspondence: director's memoranda, 1976-1977
- 7-8 GCHEHC, 1993-1996
- 9 GCHEHC, 1994-1995
- 10 GCHCS, 1996-1997
- 11 GCHCS, 1997-1998
- 12 GCHEHC, 1999-2000 Final Year
- 13-14 IAFCS [IHEA], Convention Brochures 1962-1982
- 15 IAFCS, Handbooks 1975, 1979
- 16 IAFCS, History
- 17 IAFCS Policy and Procedures, 1997

#### Box 4

##### *Folders:*

- 1-3 IAFCS [Pre-professional/Graduate Student Section]
- 4-6 IAFCS President's Notebook, 1999-2000
- 7-9 IAFCS President: Linda Simpson, Ph.D., 2000-2001
- 10 IAFCS Publications
- 11 IAFCS Sun-Sol Project with Costa Rica, 1996