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Houston, Texas**

Finding Aid

**Women Professionals in Government Records
Dates 1987-2010 (Bulk: 1998-2010)**

Manuscript Collection: MC013

Size: 7 scrapbooks, .25 cubic foot loose
Photographs

Restrictions on Access: None

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Acquisition: Women Professionals in
Government

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Creator Sketch:

Women Professionals in Government, WPG, was founded in 1981 by Mary Dipboye a graduate with a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of Houston. After taking a government relations job at Houston Lighting & Power (now Reliant Energy), she decided to form an organization for women with careers in government. The organization would offer a network to provide knowledge, skills, and support for career growth.

WPG currently meets on the first Thursday of the month, September thru May, to network, enjoy lunch, and hear an outstanding community leader. The meetings are open to city, county, state, and federal professional women, as well as men, who work in or with government.

In 2006, WPG became a 501c3 organization. WPG provides scholarship opportunities through the Beverly Kaufman and WPG scholarships to young women pursuing degrees in government and public policy. In addition to the scholarships WPG provides grant funding to agencies serving women and/or children. In May WPG hosts the Summer Social to raise funds for the WPG scholarship. The Summer Social is usually held at the home of a socially prominent Houstonian with elected women officials as the majority of the invited guests.

Women Professionals in Government website: <http://www.wpghouston.org/>

Collection Summary:

Minutes, four annual scrapbooks, two scholarship committee scrapbooks, one 2nd Vice President scrapbook, loose photographs, and a Senate Resolution document the professional, social, and educational involvement of the Women Professionals in Government organization from 1987-2007. The majority of the photographs are those taken at the monthly luncheons and Summer Social. The collection is divided into three series: scrapbooks, photographs, and printed materials.

Series: Minutes
Dates: 2009-2010

Scope and Contents Notes

Minutes document the activities discussed at monthly meetings by the board members of Women Professionals in Government.

Inventory

Title	Date	Location
Minutes	2009-2010	0521-X-01

Series: Scrapbooks
Dates: 1987-2006

Scope and Content Notes:

Scrapbooks document the professional, educational, and social events of the Women Professionals in Government (1987-2006). Annual Scrapbooks document the luncheons and speaker series, social, educational, and community events that were attended, hosted or supported by WPG members. The Scholarship Committee scrapbooks are comprised of materials and applications relating to the Suzanne Dickinson Scholarship, and the 2005-2006 2nd Vice President Scrapbook records the duties of the 2nd Vice President.

Inventory

Title	Description	Date	Location
Scrapbook	Annual	1997-1998	1200-A-06
Scrapbook	Annual	1998-1999	1200-A-06
Scrapbook	Annual	2003-2004	1200-A-06
Scrapbook	Annual	2004-2005	1200-A-06
Scrapbooks	Scholarship Committee	2004-2008	0521-X-04
Scrapbook	2 nd Vice President	2005-2006	0521-X-05

Scrapbook	2nd Vice President	2005-2006	0521-X-06
Scrapbook	Scholarship Committee	1987-2000	0521-X-07
Scrapbook	Scholarship Committee	1987-2000	0521-X-08
Scrapbook	Scholarship Committee	2000-2001	0521-X-09

Series: Photoprints

Dates: 2003-2005

Scope and Content Notes:

Photographs provide a pictorial history of the monthly luncheons and thought series lectures, the Suzanne Dickinson Scholarship (currently called the Women Professionals in Government Scholarship), Beverly Kaufman Scholarship recipients, and the annual Summer Social.

Inventory

Title	Date	Location
Photographs	2003-2005	0012-P-00

Series: Printed Materials

Dates: 2007, 02/14 – 2008, 11/13

Scope and Contents Note:

Printed materials document the activities and functions the WPG board members offer to the members. The Resolution documents their recognition received from the Texas State Senate as a professional organization in Texas.

Inventory

Title	Date	Location
Resolution	2007, 02/14	0521-X-02
Members Only Event	2008, 11/13	0521-X-03