

Accession #1989-11  
 Lend-A-Hand Club, Davenport, Iowa  
 3 archive boxes and 1 oversize flat archive box  
 Range 37, Section 1 as of November 2, 2006

The Lend-A-Hand Club for young women was begun in 1886. The Club offered young women living and working away from home opportunities for education and fellowship in a chaperoned environment. The Club occupied a variety of rented quarters in the downtown from which lecture series were offered and a ladies' waiting room operated before 1900. In 1922 funds were secured and a permanent building was erected on South Main Street. The building contained dormitory rooms, a lounge, an excellent cafeteria, and a swimming pool.

As an affiliate of the national network of Lend-A-Hand Clubs, the chapter motto was:

Look up, and not down  
 Look forward and not back  
 Look out, and not in  
 Lend a hand.

In the 1960's the building was closed as a women's facility. It was rented to the City of Davenport and converted to housing for the elderly in 1973. The Lend-A-Hand building at 105 South Main Street was razed in July of 1990.

*Leader* newspaper  
*Davenport: A Pictorial History* by Svendsen

**CONTAINER LIST FOR BOX 1 OF 4**

Item	Date	Details
Scrapbook containing newsclippings Very brittle-crumbling	1916- 1919	11½" x 16" placed in box as is
Folder of news clippings labeled "Misc. Lend-A-Hand"—extremely brittle	Didn't check	Put in folder within another folder to provide some stability-labeled Folder 2
By-Laws of Davenport Visiting Nurse Association, Davenport, Iowa	After 1935	Mimeographed pamphlet, 4½" x6"; 2½"x3" b/w print of a building glued to front; By-Laws adopted Jun 18, 1931 w/2 amendments, dated 1932, 1935; pages 3 and 4 have some typed names crossed out and others written in pen; staples were removed; placed in archival envelope
5½"x8" leather book with small label on cover, handwritten in ink "Initiation Service".	Undeterm ined	Typed 2 page initiation service for Lend-A-Hand Club of Davenport. Placed in archival envelope
"Guarantee Card for Wells Electric Waffle Baker" sold by Folwell Crockery Co.	Jan. 20, 1927	Ephemera Blue-See Folder 1
"The Catherine Club" Galesburg, Illinois Flier regarding building, memberships, accommodations, purpose	No date	Ephemera-Fliers (Printed matter) Address listed as "Corner of Prairie and Waters Streets"; photographic images; Handwritten notes on front-See Folder 1

Item	Date	Details
"The Eleanor Record" A Magazine for Business and Professional Women, published monthly by The Eleanor Association, 16 North Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.	June-July 1943	Ephemera-Pamphlet Table of Contents: A Time of Testing Viva Mexico! Central Eleanor Bulletin Central Eleanor Club The Residence Clubs The Eleanor Camp The Junior Club-See Folder 1
The Eleanor Clubs and Camp for Young Business Women	1941	Ephemera-Fliers (Printed matter) Chicago based association Describes clubs, bit of history, locations, some photos, accommodations -See Folder 1
Lend A Hand Society (101 Tremont Street, Boston) Annual Report	1942	Includes treasurer's report for year ending Dec. 31, 1942. 52 <sup>nd</sup> annual report-See Folder 1
Young Women's Christian Association Davenport, Iowa Thirtieth Anniversary	Jan. 27, 1942	Ephemera-Pamphlets Annual Meeting Report Includes menu and program for meeting, bit of history, list of past presidents, directory of staff, board of directors and board of trustees, description of various groups and clubs-note that several "New activities" listed in 1941 were "Camp Shirmanan for Negro girls was opened in August in cooperation with the Girl Scouts of Davenport" and the "Silver Leaf Club-A new club for negro matrons was organized in October"... -See Folder 1
Y.W.C.A. Davenport, Iowa	ca1940s	Ephemera-Fliers (Printed matter) Flier lists various activities and club programs, study groups, service features, officers, interesting facts. Address given as 209 West Fourth Street. -See Folder 1
Envelope with return address printed: Voss Bros. Mfg. Co. Washing Machine Builders since 1876 Davenport, Iowa	No cancellation	Empty light green envelope handwritten addressed to Miss Elaine Lahl, Davenport, Iowa R.R.4-See Folder 1
Camp Minneyata Girl Scout Camp Girl Scout Office address listed as 303 Putnam Bldg. Davenport, Iowa	1943	Ephemera-Fliers (Printed matter) Photographic images, map, descriptions of camps offered to different age groups, list of what to bring. "A relief from the war atmosphere of radio and press will offer relaxation and help restore a right perspective." -See Folder 1
Lend-A-Hand Club Typed speech or report on onion skin type paper	Ca 1938	"The Lend-a-Hand has served this community for 52 years." No date or name of author found. Boasts 24 civic and study groups met at building during year. Offers swimming lessons, tap dancing and gym work. "Open Door... where standard transients can find food and shelter." - See Folder 1

Item	Date	Details
Lend-A-Hand Club Annual Musical "Tea" program	Feb. 20, 1929	List of entertainment Mrs. Hilda Matthey, Program Chairman Mrs. Nathan S. Lowitz, General Chairman-See Folder 1
Programs for "The Fox Players presenting 'So This is London' under the direction of Miss Ila Fox-A three-act comedy by Arthur Goodrich"	None listed	Ephemera-Program listing actors and parts played. Back thanks Willey's Music Store, Franc's furniture, Abrahams for ladies apparel—2 copies-See Folder 1
Letter from DeEtte Keith to Mrs. Schaeffer	March 11, 1929	Typed letter, signed in green ink listing cast of players for "Sun Up". Notation at bottom in pencil "Give 'Times'". -See Folder 1
Script for play "Why Move to Town"	None listed	Mimeographed script for play. Handwriting upper right corner "Eulalia- Mildred Schnoor" 2 <sup>nd</sup> set only has 2 pages of script and handwriting upper right corner "Lucy Darke-Elaine Lahl" -See Folder 1

#### CONTAINER LIST FOR BOX 2 OF 4

Item	Date	Details
Scrapbook containing newsclippings Many fragile/brittle-all yellowed	1929-1943	11½" x 16"
Professionally printed program from "Boosters' Home-coming" Lend-A-Hand Club Found in back of scrapbook-removed 2 copies	Thursday Nov. 18, 1937	Menu, program, club motto, Booster Committee Officers

#### CONTAINER LIST FOR BOX 3 OF 4 (Cornerstone Materials)

Item	Date	Folder
Lend-A-Hand annex, Application for a room (typing on back)	Ca 1922	Folder 3
Davenport Women's Club Yearbook	1922-1923	Folder 3
Catholic Women's League Yearbook	1922-1923	Folder 6
Davenport Visiting Nurses Assoc. Yearbook	1920	Folder 6
Newcomb Memorial Church Directory	1922	Folder 9
Calvary Baptist Church - Directory	1920-1921	Folder 9
Scott County Council P.T.A. Directory	1922-1923	Folder 6
P.T.A. - Congratulations letter	1922	Folder 6
Bettendorf Tabernacle-Letter and Bulletin	April 16, 1922	Folder 1
Davenport Y.M.C.A. Board of Directors/Trustees/Staff/Membership	1922	Folder 5
J. F. Nebergall & Son, Inc. General Contractor & Staff who participated in construction of the building	1922	Folder 1
Unitarian Church-Letter and membership list	Oct. 8, 1922	Folder 1
First Presbyterian Church-Yearbook of the Women's Work	1920 & 1921	Folder 1
Rotary Club roster	1922	Folder 1
Ladies Industrial Relief Society roster	1922	Folder 8
Tri-City Temple Emanuel roster	Ca 1922	Folder 7
Y.W.C.A. letter	Oct. 14, 1922	Folder 3

Item	Date	Folder
St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church-letter from official board	Ca1922	Folder 7
Lend-A-Hand Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Advisory Board and Building Committee members, Board of Directors, meeting minutes for Sept. 14, 1922	Ca 1922	Folder 4
Davenport Turngemeinde-roster	1922	Folder 8
Davenport Turner Society-letter	Oct. 12, 1922	Folder 8
Davenport Chamber of Commerce-letter and roster	1922	Folder 2
Friendly House-letter and publication "Friendly Chat" Vol. 5, No. 1, late May 1922	1922	Folder 2
Davenport Visiting Nurses Assoc.-letter and membership roster	Ca 1922	Folder 6
Business and Professional Women's Club roster	Oct. 12, 1922	Folder 7
Davenport Public Schools-staff list	1922	Folder 8
Lend-A-Hand history-Dr. Jenny McCowen, 1887	Typed 1922	Folder 5
Christ Episcopal Church West roster	Ca 1922	Folder 9
Davenport Council of Americanization-constitution and by-laws	Ca 1922	Folder 4
Trinity Cathedral-handwritten note of congratulations	1922	Folder 5
Democrat and Leader newspaper article-copy	May 7, 1922	Folder 8

**CONTAINER LIST FOR BOX 4 OF 4 – OVERSIZED FLAT**

Pocket Testament League New Testament Bible 3"x4"	1922	Inscription: "Presented by Marvin Rienke Kuppinger for the laying of the Corner Stone. Oct. 15, 1922. Age 11"
Davenport Exchange Club scroll	Oct. 13, 1922	Typed on long, waxy paper.
Issues of local newspapers	Oct. 12, 13, 14, 1922	Catholic Messenger Iowa Reform Davenport Democrat Daily Times