

Texas Historical Commission staff (AD), 8/14/2009, rev. 8/21/2009
Official Texas Historical Medallion and 16" x 12" plaque without post for attachment to brick
Aransas County (Job #09AS01) Subject WC, BI (Atlas) UTM: 14 691714 E 3101611 N
Location: Rockport, 1104 E. Concho

WOMAN'S CLUB OF ARANSAS COUNTY BUILDING

IN MARCH 1948, MRS. FRED B. HUNT ISSUED A CALL TO ORGANIZE THE WOMAN'S CIVIC CLUB. ONE OF THE CLUB'S MAJOR EARLY ACTIVITIES WAS FINANCING A PERMANENT BUILDING FOR THE ORGANIZATION. LATER THAT YEAR THE RECREATION BUILDING FOR HUMBLE OIL COMPANY EMPLOYEES AT INGLESIDE WENT UP FOR AUCTION, AND THE CLUB PUT IN A BID THAT WAS ACCEPTED. THE BUILDING WAS THEN BROUGHT TO ROCKPORT IN THREE SECTIONS BY BARGE. THE HIP ROOF, RECTANGULAR PLAN BUILDING FEATURES A FIVE-BAY ENTRANCE PORCH WITH STONE COLUMNS, BANKS OF PAIRED WINDOWS ALONG EACH SIDE AND AN AUSTIN STONE VENEER.

RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK – 2009

MARKER IS PROPERTY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

**RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK MARKERS:
2009 Official Texas Historical Marker
Sponsorship Application Form**

Valid October 15, 2008 to January 15, 2009 only

This form constitutes a public request for the Texas Historical Commission (THC) to consider approval of an Official Texas Historical Marker for the topic noted in this application. The THC will review the request and make its determination based on rules and procedures of the program. Filing of the application for sponsorship is for the purpose of providing basic information to be used in the evaluation process. The final determination of eligibility and therefore approval for a state marker will be made by the THC. This form is to be used for Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (building marker) requests only. Please see separate forms for either Historic Texas Cemeteries or subject markers.

Proposed marker topic: **The Woman's Club of Aransas County**

County: **Aransas**

Town: **Rockport**

Street address of marker site: **1104 E. Concho, Rockport TX 78382**

Marker Coordinates:

If you know the location coordinates of the proposed marker site, enter them in one of the formats below:

UTM Zone Easting Northing

Lat: N 128_1.653 Long: W 97_2.931 (deg, min, sec or decimal degrees)

Otherwise, give a precise verbal description here - **corner property bounded by Broadway Street and Concho Street (see site map)**

NOTE: Recorded Texas Historic Landmark markers must be placed at the structure being marked.

Recorded Texas Historic Landmark markers definition: Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL) markers are awarded to structures deemed worthy of preservation for their historical associations and architectural significance. RTHL is a legal designation and comes with a measure of protection; it is the highest honor the state can bestow on a historic structure, and the designation is required for this type of marker. The RTHL designation becomes effective upon approval by the THC. Official Texas Historical Markers signify the RTHL designation, which comes only through application to and approval by the THC and must include public display of an Official Texas Historical Marker. Owners of RTHL-designated structures must give the THC 60 days written notice before any alterations are made to the exterior of the structure. RTHL status is a permanent designation and is not to be removed from the property in the event of a transfer of ownership. Only the THC can remove the designation or recall the marker. The marker must remain with the structure and may not be removed or displayed elsewhere until or unless the THC gives express approval in writing for such action. Once designated as RTHL, properties are subject to provisions of Texas Government Code, Section 442.006(f).

Criteria:

1. **Age:** Structures eligible for the RTHL designation and marker must be at least 50 years old.
2. **Historical significance:** Architectural significance alone is not enough to qualify a structure for the RTHL designation. It must have an equally significant historical association, and that association can come from an event that occurred at the site; through individuals who owned or lived on the property; or, in the case of bridges, industrial plants, schoolhouses and other non-residential properties, through documented significance to the larger community.
3. **Architectural significance:** Structures deemed architecturally significant are outstanding examples of architectural history through design, materials, structural type or construction methods. In all cases, eligible architectural properties must display integrity; that is, the structure should be in a good state of repair, maintain its appearance from its period of significance and be considered an exemplary model of preservation. Architectural significance is often best determined by the relevance of the property to broader contexts, including geography. Any changes over the years should be compatible with original design and reflect compliance with accepted preservation practices, e.g., the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*.
4. **Good state of repair:** Structures not considered by the THC to be in a good state of repair are ineligible for RTHL designation. The THC reserves the sole right to make that determination relative to eligibility for RTHL markers.

Special National Register considerations for RTHL marker applications: If a structure has been individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under either Criterion A or B and Criterion C (Architecture), the historical text compiled as part of the National Register nomination process may be submitted as part of the marker process, provided it includes the required reference notes and other documentation. Acceptance of the National Register information for the purposes of the marker process will be up to the sole determination of the THC. Listing in the NRHP does not guarantee approval for an RTHL marker. See the THC web site at <http://www.thc.state.tx.us/markerdesigns/madnrcrit.html> for National Register criteria.

Check this box if the property is individually listed in the NRHP.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Any individual, group or county historical commission (CHC) may apply to the THC to request an Official Texas Historical Marker for what it deems a worthy topic. Only complete marker applications that contain all the required elements and are submitted online as required can be accepted or processed by the THC (for RTHL markers, the required elements are: sponsorship application form; narrative history; documentation; legal description of the property; site plan; floorplan; historic photograph; and current photographs clearly showing each side of the structure).

- Completed applications must be duly reviewed, verified and approved by the county historical commission (CHC) in the county in which the marker will be placed.
- The sponsorship application form, narrative history and documentation must be submitted as Microsoft Word or Word-compatible documents and sent via email attachments to the THC by no later than January 15, 2009.
- Required font style and type size are a Times variant and 12-point.
- Narrative histories must be typed in a double-spaced (or 1.5-spaced) format and include separate sections on context, overview, significance and documentation.
- The narrative history must include documentation in the form of reference notes, which can be either footnotes or endnotes. Documentation associated with applications should be broad-based and demonstrate a survey of all available resources, both primary and secondary.
- Upon notification of the successful preliminary review of required elements by the THC, a non-refundable application fee of \$100 is required. The fee shall be submitted to the THC within ten working days of application receipt notification.

• **APPROVAL BY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

The duly appointed marker representative (chair or marker chair) noted below for the county historical commission will be the sole contact with the THC for this marker application. To ensure accuracy, consistency and efficiency, all information from and to the THC relative to the application—and throughout the review and production processes—will be via direct communication with the CHC representative. All other inquiries (calls, emails, letters) to the THC will be referred to the CHC representative for response. By filling out the information below and filing the application with the THC, the CHC representative is providing the THC with notice that the application and documentation have been reviewed and verified by the CHC and that the material meets all current requirements of the Official Texas Historical Marker program.

As chair or duly appointed marker chair, I certify the following:

X Representatives of the CHC have met or talked with the potential marker sponsor and discussed the marker program policies as outlined on the THC web site. CHC members have reviewed the history and documentation for accuracy and made corrections or notes as necessary. It is the determination of the CHC that the topic, history and documentation meet criteria for eligibility.

CHC comments or concerns about this application, if any: well-deserved recognition for historically significant property

Name of CHC contact (chair or marker chair): Diana Kirby

Mailing address: Box 702 **City, Zip:** Rockport TX 78381

Daytime phone: 361 441-8322 cell **Email address:** diana.kirby@thc.state.tx.us

PERMISSION OF PROPERTY OWNER FOR MARKER PLACEMENT

<letter from owner as attachment>

Property owner: Aransas County Navigation District

Address: 911 Navigation Circle **City, state, zip:** Rockport TX 78382

Phone: 729-6661 **Email address:**

Legal Description of the property (metes and bounds, lot and block, etc.): <from lease agreement> “triangular tract measuring 200 feet by 200 feet by 168.5 feet out of the Southwest corner of the larger triangle in the park area lying to the Northwest of the Rockport Basin”

Upon receipt of the application, the THC will provide the owner with a letter that outlines the legal responsibility of ownership under the Recorded Texas Historic Landmark statute. The letter must be signed by the owner and returned to the THC before the evaluation can be completed.

NOTE: The property owner will not receive any additional copies of correspondence from the THC. All other correspondence—notice of receipt, request for additional information, payment notice, inscription, shipping notice, etc.—will be sent via email to the CHC representative, who is encouraged to share the information with all interested parties as necessary. Given the large volume of applications processed annually and the need for centralized communication, all inquiries about applications in process will be referred to the CHC for response. The CHC is the sole liaison to the THC on all marker application matters.

SPONSORSHIP PAYMENT INFORMATION

Prospective sponsors please note the following:

- Payment must be received in full within 45 days of the official approval notice and must be accompanied by the THC payment form. The THC is unable to process partial payments or to delay payment due to processing procedures of the sponsor. Applications not paid in the time frame required may, at the sole discretion of the THC, be cancelled or postponed.
- Payment does not constitute ownership of a marker; Recorded Texas Historic Landmark markers and other Official Texas Historical Markers are the property of the State of Texas.
- If, at any time during the marker process, sponsorship is withdrawn, a refund can be processed, but the THC will retain the application fee of \$100.
- The Official Texas Historical Marker Program provides no means of recognizing sponsors or property owners through marker text, incising or supplemental plaques.

Marker sponsor: The Woman's Club of Aransas County

Contact Person: Jeanne Mc Donald, President

Mailing address: Box 1094 **City, zip:** Rockport TX 78381

Email address (required): jeannefmc@aol.com **Phone:** 361 758-3380

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

In order to facilitate delivery of the marker, neither post office box numbers nor rural route numbers can be accepted. To avoid additional shipping charges or delays, use a business street address (open 8 a.m.—5 p.m., Monday through Friday).

Name: Jeanne Mc Donald

Street address: 1104 E. Concho **City, zip:** Rockport TX 78382

Daytime phone (required): 361 758-3380 **Email** (required): jeannefmc@aol.com

TYPE AND SIZE OF RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK MARKERS

As part of its review process, the THC will determine the appropriate size marker and provide options, if any, for the approved topic based on its own review criteria, including, but not exclusive of, historical significance, replication of information in other THC markers, relevance to the Statewide Preservation Plan and the amount of available documented information provided in the application narrative. In making its determination, however, the THC will also take into account the preference of the CHC, as noted below.

The sponsor/CHC prefers the following size marker:

- 27" x 42" RTHL marker with post (\$1500)
- 27" X 42" RTHL marker without post* (\$1500)
- 18" x 28" RTHL marker with post (\$1000)
- 18" x 28" RTHL marker without post* (\$1000)
- X RTHL medallion and 16" x 12" plaque with post (\$750)

RTHL medallion and 16" x 12" plaque without post* (\$750)

*For an RTHL marker without post, indicate to what surface material it will be mounted:

- wood
- masonry
- metal
- other (specify)

SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION (via email required)

When the CHC has determined the application is complete, the history has been verified and the topic meets the requirements of the Official Texas Historical Marker Program, the materials should be forwarded to the THC via email at the following address: markerapplication@thc.state.tx.us.

- The CHC or marker chair should send an email containing the following attachments:
 - This application form
 - The narrative history (including documentation)
 - Legal description of the property
 - Detailed floor plan for each floor of the structure
 - Detailed site plan of the property
 - At least one historic photograph
 - Current photographs clearly showing each side of the structure

RECORDS RETENTION BY CHC: The CHC must retain hard copies of the application as well as an online version, at least for the duration of the marker process. The THC is not responsible for lost applications, for incomplete applications or for applications not properly filed according to the program requirements. For additional information about any aspect of the Official Texas Historical Marker Program, see the Markers page on the THC web site (<http://www.thc.state.tx.us/markerdesigs/madmark.html>).

NARRATIVE for 09 RTHL nomination for

WOMAN'S CLUB of ARANSAS COUNTY

1104 E. Concho, Rockport TX 78382 (Box 1094, Rockport TX 78381)

Cornwall Street and Broadway Street in the Smith and Wood Division of the City of Rockport in Aransas County at the Rockport Yacht Basin. Property leased from the Aransas County Navigation District. (Lease agreement, 1949-1974) (Lease agreement, 1984-2004) (Lease Agreement, 2004-2009)

CONTEXT

Post World War II Rockport was a busy place with returning veterans and local businesses picking up day to day activities. The waterfront took on a new look with bulkhead added to the Rockport harbor and a Fulton harbor breakwater by Aransas County and Aransas County Navigation District. The seafood industry, primarily shrimping, was growing as was tourism. The Sea-Gun resort was added to the list of tourist facilities and the era of "Winter Texans" and retirement living began. (Allen, 337) The boat building trade also picked up when the Rockport Yacht and Supply Company (RYSCO) thrived in the 1960 with steel-hulled boats. (Shukalo, Alice)

In this environment, the need to develop a civic group "to sponsor and promote worthy Charitable, Literary and Educational undertakings and projects in Aransas County" was recognized. (Charter for the Woman's Club) The charter further states "particularly to solicit gifts, contributions and donations for a Community Building." (Charter)

With this mandate, the women of Aransas County began to organize - first, the club; then the building.

OVERVIEW

In March of 1948, Mrs. Fred B. Hunt issued a call to organize the Woman's Civic Club with its first meeting in the Fireman's Hall. The first officers were Mrs. Fred B. Hunt, president; Mrs. C.C. Fowler, first vice-president; Mrs. Roy Rogero, second vice president; Mrs. Bryan Baker, secretary; Mrs. Charles A. Roe, treasurer; and Mrs. Fred Booth, parliamentarian. The Club met once a month at various locations. A frequent topic on the agenda was finding a permanent home for the club. The women began a series of fund-raising events to finance a building. First was a cake auction; next a barbecue; followed by a fish fry, turkey shoot, and antique show. ("Aransas County Woman's Club," *The Rockport Pilot*, Centennial Edition, March 27, 1969, page 2)

In 1949 the name of the club was changed to the Woman's Club of Aransas County, a board of directors was elected and the club incorporated and obtained a charter. (Charter)

Late in 1948 the Recreation Building for Humble Oil Company employees at Ingleside was going to be put on auction. Mr. Emory Spencer offered to underwrite the price. Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Fowler were delegated to submit a bid. They were the successful bidders. Bill of Sale was recorded for the "brick veneer building approximately 75' x 40' situate on the old refinery site in Ingleside, Texas, and being known as the Community Building. Buyer agrees to remove said building from refinery site not later than May 15, 1949. The actual consideration paid is \$5,000, the original consideration having been \$6,000 and the seller herein having made a donation to the purchaser herein of \$1,000." (Bill of Sale).

The building was brought to Rockport by barge in three sections.

An appeal for a final drive for funds itemized the costs associated with the building itself as follows: "the building was purchased for \$5,000, moved to Rockport at a cost of \$3,500 and set up on a foundation costing \$1,500. Another \$2,000 was spent on finishing the inside of the building. To finish the outside of the building in Austin Stone costing \$3,000 ten local businessmen underwrote the sum,

and it is that sum which we are now attempting to raise. In other words we owe \$3,000 on an overall project that has cost us \$16,000 and which has been appraised at \$60,000." (Undated letter in files at ACHS)

In the early fifties the club's indebtedness was paid off and the women turned their time and attention to cultural pursuits. The first yearbook was presented to the membership in 1951-52. (Aransas County Woman's Club yearbooks, on file in ACHS files) At each meeting a program was presented featuring speakers, musical programs and book reviews. ("Aransas County Woman's Club," *The Rockport Pilot*, Centennial Edition, March 27, 1969, page 2) Past presidents of the Club are noted in the current yearbooks and articles. ("Aransas County Woman's Club Celebrating Anniversary, " *The Rockport Pilot*, July 13, 1978, p.B 4)

SIGNIFICANCE

The Woman's Club of Aransas County sponsors numerous worthwhile projects that positively impacted the county. In addition to outreach by the Club through good works, the building serves as a community center.

The Club sponsored the Girl Scouts on a local and district level. The Cub Scout pack meetings and banquet were held at the Club for several years as well as Parent-Teacher Association receptions honoring the school faculty. It was the meeting place of the "kick-off" drives for charities such as the March of Dimes, the Blood Bank and the Cancer Drive. The Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet in the building and art shows were also hosted. Teen-age dances and winter games parties for tourists were also held there.

One of the most significant projects of the Woman's Club was to establish an official county library. In the mid-1930s, Judy Sorenson Collier had started a private library in the building next to the

Sorenson Chandlery. Local children "rented" Big Little Books for a few cents a day. (Allen, 375)

According to Gibson, early in 1956, it was brought to the attention of the Woman's Club of Aransas County by Mrs. Everal L. West that Aransas was one of the few counties having no public library. The Bracht's offered a room in their store building in Fulton as a temporary location. Apple crates were set up to serve as bookshelves. The citizens of the community donated two thousand books. The library was open to the public and at the end of the year sixty-four borrower cards had been issued. In January of 1957 the County Commissions Court agreed to provide a small room in the Courthouse. The library was open for three hours twice a week. By the end of 1957 there were 3,500 books and 451 borrower cards. In December of 1958, Mrs. C.C. Atchley was hired to be the first paid librarian. During its first four years, the library was supported by the United Fund and donations, in addition to the county funds. (Gibson) The library was moved in 1964. The present building was constructed in 1988. The Woman's Club is justly proud of its part in the creation of the library. Memorial donations to the library continue to be made to this date.

The Club's service to the community was noted in an article in 1981 as follows: "The Aransas County Woman's Club has built a reputation for community service by offering the use of their club building to any other organization needing the facility. The club conducted its traditional seasonal activities this year as always. During the winter, group members hosted card parties to entertain many of the winter Texans in the area...with proceeds going toward club activities and club charities." ("Woman's Club Serves," *The Rockport Pilot*, Aug. 29, 1981) In 2005 a Men's Auxiliary was formed to include those who wanted to join as well as play cards.

Many worthwhile organizations appreciate the support given them by the Woman's Club of Aransas County. Certificates of appreciation that document those contributions include the Boy Scouts of America (1956), AARP Chapter, the USO (1974 and 1975), Aransas County Medical Services, Inc. (1998) and the National Naval Medical Center for Marines and Sailors.

Since 2000 The Women's Club has donated regularly to three local fire departments (Rockport, Fulton and Lamar), Aim Hospice, A.C.M.S.I., Project Graduation, the Aransas County Public Library and scholarship to college for several Rockport High School graduates.

The Woman's Club has been a landmark in the community from the time it was formed and the building was moved to its present site. This institution deserves to be commemorated by a historical marker for all to view.

DOCUMENTATION

Allen, William and Sue Hastings Taylor. *Aransas: The Life of a Texas Coastal County*. Austin: Eakin Press, 1997.

"Aransas County Woman's Club," *The Rockport Pilot*, Centennial Edition, March 27, 1969, page 2. Scan in attachments.

"Aransas County Woman's Club Celebrating Anniversary," *The Rockport Pilot*, July 13, 1978, p. B 4.

Aransas County Woman's Club yearbooks, copies on file in ACHS files. Scan of most recent yearbook in attachments.

Bill of Sale. Witnessed March 15, 1949, filed for record Jan. 24, 1986. Aransas County File No 146192 on 1-27-86; copy in ACHS files.

Certificates of appreciation in ACHS files:

Boy Scouts of America (1956)

AARP Chapter (undated)

the USO (1975 and 1975)

Aransas County Medical Services, Inc. (1998)

U.S. Navy Sailors (2001)

National Naval Medical Center for Marines and Sailors (2007)

Charter for THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF ARANSAS COUNTY, INCORPORATED dated, signed and sealed at Austin TX April 8, 1949; copy in ACHS files.

"County Woman's Club Made Library A Reality in 1956-57," *The Rockport Pilot*, July 28, 1977, p. C 8.

Gibson, Gladys Bruhl. *History of the Aransas County Public Library*, 1967; narrative/copy in ACHS files.)

Lease agreement, 1949-1974, signed April 20, 1949, filed March 3, 1950 -Records Volume No. G - 3 pages 96-97-98; copy in ACHS files

Lease agreement, 1984-2004, signed April 5, 1984 and May 8, 1984; copy in ACHS files

Lease agreement, 2004-2009. On file at Aransas County Navigation District.

Non-Profit Report, acknowledged as filed by Texas Secretary of State, Nov. 20, 1963. and Mar. 29, 2005. Copies in ACHS files.

Shukalo, Alice M., "Rockport, TX" *The Handbook of Texas Online*.

Undated/unsigned typed letter in files at ACHS

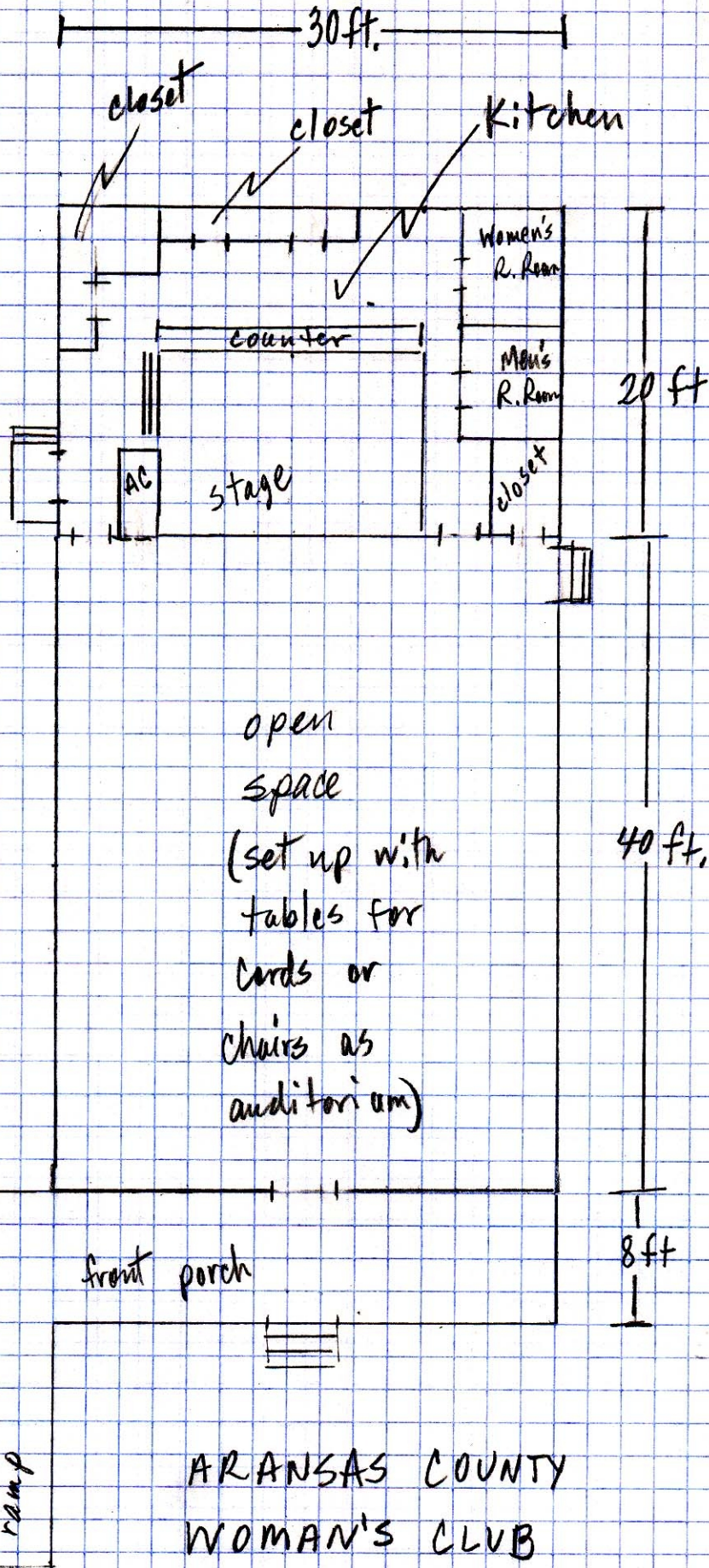
"Woman's Club Serves," *The Rockport Pilot*, Aug. 29, 1981.

ATTACHMENTS

1. A C Woman's Club, south side from Concho St.
2. A C Woman's Club, back, east side
3. A C Woman's Club, SW corner, front
4. A C Woman's Club, north side from Broadway St.
5. ACND ok (approval from Navigational District, owner of property)
6. Floor plan
7. Harbor postcard - early aerial of site 1960s, Club circled in red
8. 1969 Centennial Pilot – photo of Club
9. W. C. Yearbook, 2008
10. Woman's Club, site map

FLOOR PLAN

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P. Wheat

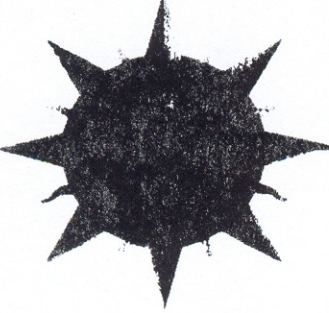


Broadway Street

E. Concho Street

ARKANSAS COUNTY
WOMAN'S CLUB

Scale
2 feet



ARANSAS COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT

November 19, 2008

Mrs. Pat Wheat-Stranahan
Aransas County Historical Commission
Post Office Box 1859
Fulton, Texas 78358

Re: Permission For Marker Placement

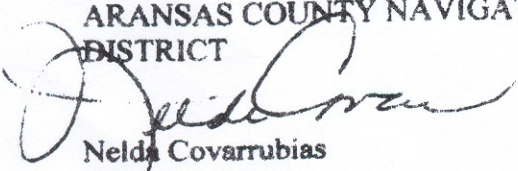
Dear Mrs. Wheat-Stranahan:

Pursuant to Board of Commission Regular Meeting held on Monday, November 17, 2008, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to grant permission to place the historical marker on the Woman's Club of Aransas County leasehold premises.

Should you have any questions, please contact this office.\

Sincerely,

ARANSAS COUNTY NAVIGATION
DISTRICT


Nelda Covarrubias
Office Secretary

xc: Woman's Club of Aransas County

HISTORY

The Woman's Club was formed June 15, 1948 for the purpose of educational, literary and charitable work. They had a vision of making the community a better place while having fun. Their goal was: "Friendship, Fellowship, and Service to the Community". The meeting was held in the old firehouse on St. Mary's Street in Rockport.

In the Fall of 1948, the recreational building of the Humble Oil Company at Ingleside, Texas, was bought by Mrs. Fred B. Hunt and Mrs. C.C. Fowler as representatives of the club. Mr. Emory M. Spencer underwrote this purchase. The building was moved by barge in three sections to the present location.

A charter was issued in April 1949 for 50 years and the name became "The Woman's Club of Aransas County". The first yearbook was published in 1951.

The first major endeavor of the club was to form a library. The project was organized by Mrs. Julia West. The Aransas County Library was started in Arthur Bracht's old warehouse in Fulton with apple and orange crates for shelves. Mrs. Joe H. Slocum (Dollie) was president in 1956 when the first project was commenced.

When the club began, most women did not work outside the home and there were many women wanting to be with friends and to make a difference in the community. But times changed and as more women took jobs outside the home, the membership aged. Presently most of the members are retired and many of them worked outside the home when they were younger. But the focus has stayed the same. Another change occurred when Rockport and the county began to emerge as a large retirement community and tourist destination. The membership became close to one hundred women.

Also, at this time, men started to come to the building after seeing the sign and asking to play cards. At first they were met with a little bit of a "chill". This was, after all, a "woman's club". The men continued to come and to help as needed (cooking, cleaning, repairing, and making themselves very useful). They also added a new dimension to the atmosphere. In 2005 they men asked if they could join and be members of the club. It was decided to form a Men's Auxiliary and there are presently fourteen members. So, again, the club has changed and in addition to covered dish and salad luncheons we have barbecues and fish fries.

The largest fund-raisers for the club are the twice weekly card games and the bridge and canasta tournaments. The club is a non-profit organization and at the end of each fiscal year (May) we have donated to local charities including the three volunteer fire departments, Aim Hospice, A.C.M.S.I., Project Graduation, the Aransas County Public Library. In 2006, the club decided that, in addition, we would also give a scholarship each May to a graduate of Rockport-Fulton High School. Last May we were able to award a \$1300 scholarship to two deserving students.

Times have changed and so has the club. We no longer wear hats and gloves to the meetings. We no longer drink our coffee from china cups and eat our snacks on china plates. Dress is more casual and we use Styrofoam cups and paper plates. But we have always tried to stay true to the spirit and vision of the original members and the goal is still:

"Friendship, Fellowship, and Service to the Community."

PAST PRESIDENTS

Mrs. Fred B. Hunt	1948-49	Mrs. Dan Ward	1977
Mrs. C. C. Fowler	1950	Mrs. Henry Camehl	1978
Mrs. Jack Hagar	1951	Mrs. Martha Lewis	1979
Mrs. J. H. Mills	1952	Mrs. Robert Jones	1980
Mrs. Paul Reese	1953	Mrs. Bill Ranken	1981
Mrs. Travis Bailey	1954	Mrs. D. W. Edwards	1982
Mrs. Fred Bracht	1955	Mrs. Andrew Stensgaard	1983
Mrs. Joe Slocum	1956	Mrs. J. H. Kennedy	1984
Mrs. A.L. Bachman	1957	Mrs. R.B. Franklin, Jr	1985-86
Mrs. W. N. Sanders	1958	Mrs. Shirley Cormack	1987
Mrs. Frank Lenoir	1959	Mrs. Henry Carmehl	1988
Mrs. George Dickey	1960	Mrs. E. C. Degand	1989
Mrs. J. W. Hunt	1961	Mrs. Gayna Harrell	1990-91
Mrs. R. C. Napor	1962	Mrs. Robert Martens	1992
Mrs. Arlo Hansen	1963	Mrs. Gayna Harrell	1993
Mrs. Jones Cristian	1964	Mrs. Walter Manning	1994
Mrs. R. L. Eckman	1965	Mrs. H. A. McGill	1995
Mrs. Jack Colley	1966	Mrs. Mackalyn Franklin	1996
Mrs. Roy Burke	1967	Mrs. Oma Ellis	1997-98
Mrs. C. C. Melton	1968	Mrs. Jean Anderson	1999
Mrs. Joe H. Slocum	1969	Mrs. Marge Evje	2000
Mrs. Travis Bailey	1970	Mrs. Jean McCollum	2001-02
Mrs. Fred Cabbage	1971	Mrs. Barbara Owen	2003
Mrs. Clarence Troy	1972	Mrs. Jean McCollum	2004
Mrs. William Tuttle	1973	Mrs. Margetta Coulston	2005
Mrs. Paul Morris	1974	Mrs. Jean McCollum	2006
Mrs. H.C. Bristow	1975	Mrs. Jeanne McDonald	2007
Mrs. B. M. Taylor	1976		

CHARTER MEMBERS

Mrs. Fred Booth
 Mrs. Fred Bracht
 Mrs. Arthur Bracht
 Mrs. Weldon Cabaniss
 Mrs. Fred Christilles
 Mrs. C. C. Fowler

Mrs. Fred Hunt
 Mrs. James Jarboe
 Mrs. Joe Johnson
 Mrs. J. R. Mills
 Mrs. R. R. Rice
 Mrs. C. F. Rozell

Mrs. Emory Spencer

SITE MAP

**Aransas County Woman's Club
Bldg. approx 70x30 ft.**



Broadway St

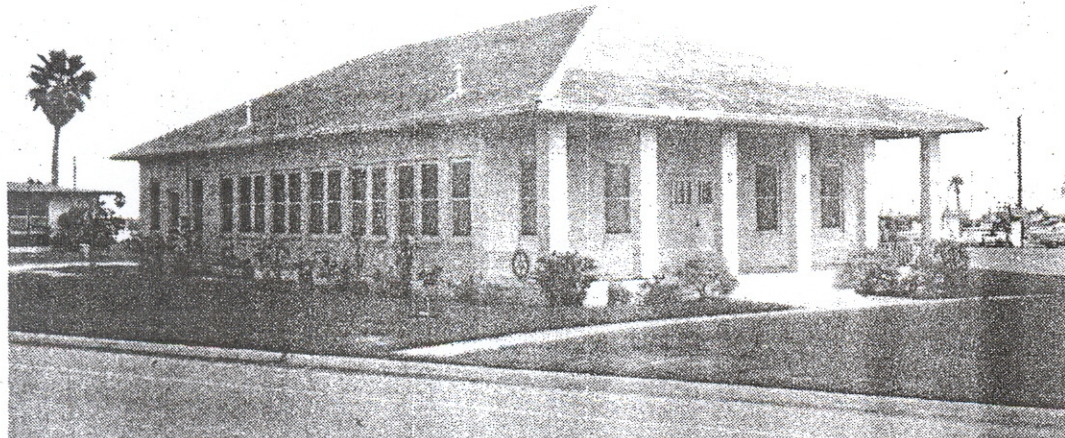
Loop
70

Broadway St

E Concho St

E Concho St

Aransas County Woman's Club



Mrs. S.F. Jackson recently gave a talk on the history of the Aransas County Women's Club in speaking to members of the Rotary Club. Following is the text of her address:

Realizing the need for a Woman's Club in the community, Mrs. Fred B. Hunt, after contracting a number of women, issued a call to organize such a group, which met at the Fireman's Hall in March of 1948, and the Woman's Civic Club was born.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Fred B. Hunt, president; Mrs. C.C. Fowler, first vice president; Mrs. Roy Rogero, second vice president; Mrs. Byron Baker, secretary; Mrs. Charles A. Roe, treasurer; and Mrs. Fred Booth, parliamentarian.

The president appointed a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws, composed of Mrs. S.F. Jackson, Mrs. Weldon Cabaniss, and Mrs. Joe Johnson.

The club met once a month, sometimes at the fireman's hall, sometimes at Arthur Bracht's warehouse in Fulton, and at other times at the homes of members. At each meeting a permanent home for

and placing it on a foundation \$1,522.75.

The building was brought to Rockport in three sections and located on a tract of land in the northwest of the water basin, the tract, measuring 200 by 200 by 168 feet, having been leased from the City of Rockport for a 25 year term at a total rental of \$1.00, this lease was accepted by the Aransas County Navigation District upon whose land the building was located.

During the second year of Mrs. Hunt's administration, the name of the club was changed to the Woman's Club of Aransas County, for the purpose of serving the community from a literary, benevolent, and cultural standpoint.

A Board of Directors was elected, so that the club could obtain a charter and incorporate. Named to this board were Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Weldon Cabaniss, Mrs. R.R. Rice, Mrs. Emory Spencer, Mrs. Fred Booth, Mrs. Joe Johnson, Mrs. Fred Christilles, Mrs. James A. Jarboe, Mrs. Arthur Bracht, Mrs. J.H. Mills, and Mrs. C.F. Rozzell. Roberts Rules of Order was named the

and each meeting a program was presented featuring speakers from our own, community and from neighboring towns, alternating with musical programs and book reviews. Each succeeding year the programs have been planned in advance, and the meetings made colorful and interesting in a variety of programs.

Over the years, as worthwhile projects, the club has sponsored the Girl Scouts, both on a local and district level, by means of financial backing and moral support.

Several spectacular meetings at the Woman's Club building, with other Girl Scout Troops and district officers present, climaxed the Girl Scout year.

The Boy Scouts were not neglected, either. For several years they held their monthly Cub Pack Meetings in the building, rent free, as well as their annual Blue and Gold Banquet, the highlight of the Cub Scout year.

For several years the Parent-Teacher Association held receptions honoring the school faculty, through the courtesy of the Woman's Club. It was the meeting place for the "kick-off" for numerous drives

a spirit of unity at this holy season.

Books, magazines and cookies were sent to the patients at the Naval Air Station Hospital in Corpus Christi over a long period.

All during the life of the club, Mrs. Paul Reese had been urging the club to sponsor the establishment of a public library, but until things were on a more substantial basis, the members felt that it was too great an undertaking for a relatively small group of women to handle.

But finally, after becoming more experienced in attacking big projects, a member of the State Library Extension Board was invited to meet with the club members, along with representatives of the City Council, County Commissioner's Court, school officials, and other interested citizens.

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Aransas County Woman's Club
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Aransas County Womens Club
north side from Broadway St.





Arkansas County Woman's Club
sw corner from Concho

"Rockport, Texas"



Club circled in red

Postcard of the Rockport, Texas Harbor before Key Allegro
Note Jackson Seafood Co. and dry and wet stalls on lower right side.

From the collection of Nan Jackson