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**VERSATILE 11 CLUB, INC.
RECORDS, 1963-2017**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: One manuscript box; 2 bound volumes; 1 color photograph folder

COLLECTION DATES: 1963–2017

PROVENANCE: Versatile 11 Club; Murvin S. Enders, Jr.

RESTRICTIONS: None

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Founded in Indianapolis, Indiana in January 1963, the Versatile 11 Club was incorporated on February 27, 1967. Though there appears to be a discrepancy in the written record as to the names and the number of people that attended the organizing meeting of the club on January 26, 1963, most records agree that there were eleven founding members. They included Milton Baltimore, Vince Birdin, Harold Boyd, Ronald Boyd, William Douglas, David Hardiman, Robert Hudson, Ronnie King, Fred McCoy, Gordon Mickey, and Ronnie Webb. The club's membership has, by design, consistently been less than 20 people.

According to its constitution, the purpose of the organization was to promote civic betterment, good citizenship, and community recreation. In addition to its social activities, the club has provided food for the needy and given scholarships.

The club has an annual New Year Eve dance, hosts informal house parties, and regularly gathers for the Super Bowl telecast. It has an annual dinner/dance every spring at various venues including Loon Lake Lodge, Skyline Club, and Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant in Indianapolis and the Ritz Charles in Carmel. Club membership has sponsored trips for family members to many U. S. cities and Mexico, Canada, West Indies, and South America.

Sources: Materials in the collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Versatile 11 Records comprise one manuscript box, two bound volumes, and one photograph folder. Their minute books date from 1963 to 1986, with missing years from 1974 and 1975. Slight modifications in the Club History, written by Milton L. Baltimore, are reflected in the different versions included in the collection. Several folders contain programs from the club's annual anniversary celebrations. The newspaper clippings include information about the club, its activities, and the members. There is also an obituary/memorial service program for Milton L. Baltimore, a club founder who died in 2014.

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