

Guide to the Ithaca Downtown Business Women's Organization Collection

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

This collection contains some of the records of the Ithaca Downtown Business Women's organization, mostly dating from the 1980s and 1990s. The organization was founded in 1964 by about 20 Ithaca women, most of them owners, partners or managers of downtown businesses, whose purpose was to "support the downtown business area as a vital business center." They were important advocates of city plans to construct the Ithaca Commons pedestrian mall in the 1970s. The group has held monthly lunch meetings with speakers on a wide range of community, professional and personal topics, and members and their guests use the opportunity to socialize, trade job notes, promote local events, and "network."

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