

McLean County Museum of History

**Judy Markowitz Collection**

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## Historical Sketch

Judy Markowitz was born on February 21, 1938 to David and Gertrude Stern. She was a middle child, with an older sister, Sybil, and a younger brother, Harry. Her grandparents on her father's side were born in Russia, and after immigrating to St. Louis, they moved to Bloomington in 1906 and established a furniture store on the 500 block of North Main St. Her mother was the daughter of a developer from Dayton, Ohio and was active in the community, serving as a member of the League of Women Voters and as president of the Art Association and Brokaw Service League. Markowitz grew up in Bloomington and lived at 417 Woodland on the corner of Woodland and Oakland until 1948, when her family moved to 30 Country Club Place. In an interview with Carol Koos (item 1.4), Markowitz describes her childhood as "very happy" and says she was lucky to have parents who "gave me a good self-image and who gave me opportunities to be independent and to make mistakes, and taught me to love myself."

Markowitz attended Washington Junior High School, where she was often involved in the school assemblies and plays, gaining experience in public speaking that would continue to serve her throughout her life. In one of her speeches, Markowitz stated that she "blossomed into a leader the year I was elected student council president at Washington Junior High, the first of many elected or appointed leadership roles throughout my school years." Markowitz was interested in the arts from an early age, and in addition to her school activities, she also took lessons in singing, dancing, art, piano, and elocution. Markowitz continued to be active in high school, where she became a class officer and editor of the yearbook. She was interested in theater, and spent two summers at drama schools at the University of Colorado and Northwestern University before graduating from Bloomington High School in 1956. Markowitz then attended Northwestern University's School of Drama with the intention of becoming an actress, but later switched to the School of Education. During her time at college, she joined Alpha Epsilon Phi, a Jewish women's sorority, and took off part of her junior year to travel in Europe for several months.

After graduating from Northwestern in 1960, she moved to Dayton, Ohio where she lived with her grandmother and taught first grade. After returning to Bloomington for a brief time in 1961, she moved to Newton, Massachusetts, where she taught first grade for another year before traveling to Japan in the fall of 1962 to teach English to junior high school students. While she was in Japan, Mayor McGraw of Bloomington notified her that he was forming a sister city relationship between Bloomington and the Japanese city of Asahikawa, and requested that she go to Asahikawa to open the relationship and give the mayor of the city a gift, which she did. After several months in Japan, she had the opportunity in 1963 to travel to Taiwan, the Philippines, Malaysia, Cambodia, Burma, India, Israel, Iran, Spain, and elsewhere before returning to the United States and moving to Chicago. After working as a clinic coordinator and substitute teacher, Markowitz returned to teaching first grade for three years, this time in LaSalle, Illinois. During this period, she met Ed Harrison, her first husband, and they were married in 1965. She had her first son, Ian, in 1968. In 1969 her husband left his job as a salesman to become a partner in the Stern family furniture business and the couple moved back to Bloomington. The following year her son Scott was born. In 1973 Markowitz and Ed Harrison were divorced, and in 1975 she married her divorce attorney, Bob Markowitz. Judy Markowitz spent the next fifteen years raising her sons, but also became very active in the Bloomington community during this time, joining the League of Women Voters and other volunteer groups. She also worked as the secretary of the transit board, which Markowitz calls the beginning of her political life.

In 1980, Markowitz became a member of the Bloomington Planning Commission. She worked on the commission for a total of eight years, serving as chair for the final two. In 1982 she also began working as promotion coordinator at WJBC Radio, a position she remained in until 1992, when she started her own business, Judy Tours. In 1988 she began observing the Bloomington City Council as part of her service in the League of Women Voters. She was troubled by the lack of questions and discussion at the meetings, and so decided to run for a seat. Through a door-to-door campaign against the incumbent Hugh Atwood, she won the 1989 election, becoming the alderman of Ward 5, located in the northeast section of Bloomington, and one of only five women to serve on Bloomington's city council in its first 147 years. She continued to see problems in the management of the city, and in her interview with Koos she states that Jesse Smart, the mayor of that time, would meet with developers and make deals without consulting her or the other members of the city council. She quickly began asking questions and raising concerns, such as when she vocally opposed and voted against the controversial plan to demolish and redevelop the block of buildings south of the old McLean County Courthouse. Undaunted by a battle with breast cancer in 1992, Markowitz ran for a second term in 1993 and was reelected to her position. Mayor Smart was also reelected in 1993, and during her second term Markowitz grew increasingly concerned about his actions and the amount of debt the city was in. She was particularly worried about expensive projects like the new golf course, "The Den at Fox Creek," which, according to one of Markowitz's speeches, forced the city to delay other projects that would have benefited more of the community. Her dissatisfaction prompted her to take action, and in 1996 she decided to run against Jesse Smart, declaring her candidacy on August 22 of that year. Her campaign platform included reestablishing friendly relations with Normal and other nearby communities, reducing city debt, reenergizing downtown Bloomington, fostering a team attitude among city employees, and establishing a clear plan for Bloomington's future development. She again ran an active, door-to-door campaign that fall, and in 1997 she won the election, taking 56 percent of the vote and 29 of the city's 34 precincts. On April 30, 1997 Judy Markowitz was sworn in as the forty-third mayor of Bloomington, becoming the first woman to hold that position as well as Bloomington's first Jewish mayor.

Mayor Markowitz was determined to change the leadership style she had seen under Mayor Smart. She sought to increase diversity in the city council and boards and also tried to foster greater openness within City Hall. One of the ways she did this was through her annual "Mayor Judy's Pie Party," in which she personally provided pie for city hall employees in her office to encourage the staff to meet her and to interact with people from other departments. In the Koos interview she states that, "the first thing I told my aldermen was, any question should be asked... the public needs to know the thought processes that we're going through to make decisions." She considered her role more as that of a city manager than a "strong mayor," saying, "I see myself as the out front person, as the public relations person, as the person who people feel like they can pick up the phone and call if they feel stymied, if they feel... that they're not getting the type of help they need after they've contacted the right department."

Although she handed some of these day-to-day calls over to her administrative assistant, Barbara Adkins, after handling them all herself during her first three years as mayor, she continued to be actively involved in the community throughout her time in office. She attended every one of the seventy-two DARE graduations held during her two terms as mayor, always participated in National Night Out Against Crime, attended neighborhood meetings, and spoke at local schools and many other places in the community. During her time as mayor, numerous

projects to improve the quality of life for Bloomington residents were undertaken. The amount of parkland in the community, for instance, was increased by 198 acres, Constitution Trail was extended, a Neighborhood Traffic Control Committee was established, and both city debt and property tax rates were decreased. Markowitz also made the preservation of historic Bloomington and the revitalization of the downtown area two of her main priorities. A board of directors and staff were appointed to aesthetically and economically improve downtown Bloomington, while the Cultural District was founded to revitalize the north section of downtown by making it a center of performing and visual arts. To this end, she put into motion plans to transform the Scottish Rite Consistory into a performing arts center and to construct the U.S. Cellular Coliseum, which is capable of hosting sporting events, concerts, and conventions. Under her watch as mayor, Eastland Mall was expanded and renovated, and new stores were established throughout the city. Other issues of primary concern to Mayor Markowitz were finding a new regional water supply to supplement the water taken from Lake Bloomington and Lake Evergreen as well as making Bloomington more welcoming to the Hispanic community. She calls the passage of the human rights ordinance her “most prized accomplishment.” This was an ordinance in which sexual orientation could not be a factor when trying to obtain housing in Bloomington. She received an extremely appreciative response from the supporters of the gay and lesbian community.

After being reelected to a second term with 82 percent of the vote in 2001, Mayor Markowitz chose not to run for a third term. She believed that after eight years it was time for someone with a new perspective to take over the position and wanted to spend more time with her ailing husband and her two sons. While her last day as mayor was April 30, 2005, her influence on Bloomington will be seen for years to come.

## Scope and Content Note

The Judy Markowitz Collection primarily consists of material from Markowitz's time as mayor, including campaign materials, emails, letters, her call log book, speeches, calendars, material from events she attended or helped organize, mayoral stationary, business cards, meeting agendas, city reports, plans and proposals for the U.S. Cellular Coliseum, and recognitions of her service in office. It also contains some materials from before she was mayor, including transcripts of her restaurant reviews for WJBC, records from her time as alderman, materials related to the South Block controversy she voted on as an alderman, and a Judy Tours catalog. Interviews, newspaper clippings, and publications with articles about Markowitz are included in the collection, as well. The materials date from 1980 to 2005.

Box 1 contains folder 1 through folder 22. Folder 1 contains biographical material, primarily consisting of interviews. Folder 2 contains material pertaining to Markowitz's political life before becoming mayor. Folder 3 contains material on the South Block controversy. Folder 4 contains transcripts of Markowitz's radio restaurant reviews at WJBC. Folder 5 contains a Judy Tours catalog. Folder 6 contains materials from Markowitz's mayoral campaigns. Folder 7 contains materials from Markowitz's swearing in as mayor. Folder 8 contains Markowitz's speeches from January 1997 through May 1998. Folder 9 contains Markowitz's speeches from June 1998 through April 1999. Folder 10 contains Markowitz's speeches from October 1999 through November 2004. Folder 11 contains newspaper articles related to Markowitz. Folder 12 contains Markowitz's letters and other personal papers. Folder 13 contains Markowitz's call and email log book. Folder 14 contains material from Markowitz's school visits. Folder 15 contains materials on historic Bloomington and its preservation. Folder 16 contains Markowitz's calendars. Folder 17 contains city reports. Folder 18 contains Markowitz's business cards and official stationary. Folder 19 contains materials from Bloomington events Markowitz attended. Folder 20 contains materials from the dedication of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield, Illinois that Markowitz attended. Folder 21 contains publications with articles on Markowitz. Folder 22 contains materials relating to Bloomington's Sesquicentennial celebration.

Box 2 contains folder 23 through folder 38 and four notebooks. Folder 23 contains material from Bloomington events that took place while Markowitz was mayor. Folder 24 contains awards and recognitions for Markowitz's service in office. Folders 25 through 31 contain information related to the U.S. Cellular Coliseum. Folder 32 contains letters to Markowitz about the sexual orientation ordinance that she passed. Folder 33 contains letters and cards to Markowitz, congratulating her on being elected mayor. Folder 34 contains opinion letters from Bloomington residents on what they believe should happen in Bloomington. Folder 35 contains numerous staff directories for city employees. Folder 36 contains information and letters about the time Markowitz spent as a caregiver for her husband. Folder 37 contains information about Mayor Robert McGraw and the dedication of a park to him. Folder 38 contains information and records about the death of Judy Markowitz's husband, Robert Markowitz. Four notebooks are included in Box 2; all four pertain to the U.S. Cellular Coliseum. The first two are proposals from different companies for the construction of the arena and the third notebook is from a meeting where the proposal of a downtown Bloomington arena is discussed. The fourth contains documents about the arena.

## **Folder Inventory**

### **BOX 1**

#### **Folder 1: Biographical Material**

- 1.1 "Judy Stern Markowitz," undated, brief biography, 1 page.
- 1.2 Interview with Judy Markowitz, undated, questions not included, 5 pages.
- 1.3 "Interview with Judy Markowitz, Mayor of Bloomington, Illinois" by Carol Koos, February 3, 2001, transcribed by Judith Myers, 27 pages.
- 1.4 "Interview with Judy Markowitz, Mayor of Bloomington, Illinois" by Carol Koos, March 9, 2001, transcribed by Judith Myers, 24 pages.
- 1.5 Interview with Judy Markowitz by Megan Guarienti, September 2, 2001, 3 pages.
- 1.6 "Judy Markowitz Responds to B/N Business Journal," September 14, 2002, questions not included, 5 pages, (2).
- 1.7 "Ten Reasons I am Proud of Bloomington, in Random Order" by Judy Markowitz, January 29, 2001, 1 page.
- 1.8 List of some of Mayor Judy Markowitz's accomplishments, February 2001, 2 pages.
- 1.9 "Judy Markowitz," undated, brief biography listing Judy's past community involvement, 2 pages.
- 1.10 "Judy Stern Harrison Markowitz: Civic/charitable activities in Bloomington, IL," undated, includes biographical material, 2 pages.
- 1.11 Brief biography written for Holiday Inn plaque, undated, 2 pages.
- 1.12 Judy Stern Markowitz, Civic/charitable activities in Bloomington, IL. 1 page.
- 1.13 Judy Stern Harrison Markowitz, Civic/charitable activities in Bloomington, IL 2 pages.
- 1.14 Copies of pages from 1956 BHS Yearbook with entries on Judith R. Stern. 2 pages.
- 1.15 List of first 52 Mayors of Bloomington compiled by Alice Schlenker, June 17, 1993. 1 page. (3 copies)
- 1.16 Background information on Judy Markowitz, 1 page.
- 1.17 Judy Markowitz, biography and community involvement for Lincoln Bench, 2 pages.

#### **Folder 2: Political Life Before Mayor**

- 2.1 Letter from Mayor Richard Buchanan notifying Markowitz of her appointment to the Bloomington Planning Commission, April 15, 1980, 1 page.
- 2.2 3 information cards from Markowitz's 1989 campaign for 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman.
- 2.3 Pamphlet from Markowitz's 1989 campaign for 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman.
- 2.4 3 door hangers from Markowitz's 1989 campaign for 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman.
- 2.5 Markowitz's voting record as alderman covering June 23, 1990 through May 8, 1996, December 20, 1996, 4 pages.
- 2.6 Campaign ad proofs for Ward 5 Alderman, 3 pages.

#### **Folder 3: South Block Controversy**

- 3.1 Letter from Bloomington City Manager Herman Dirks to William G. Farrar at the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency regarding 108 West Washington, June 12, 1986, 3 pages.

- 3.2 Letter from William G. Farrar at the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency to Bloomington City Manager Herman Dirks regarding 108 West Washington, July 21, 1986, 1 page.
- 3.3 "Determination of No Adverse Effect" with amendments by William G. Farrar at the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, undated, included with item 3.2, 1 page.
- 3.4 Letter from Don L. Klims of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to Thomas Hamilton, Director of Community Development, regarding 108 West Washington, August 12, 1986, 1 page.
- 3.5 "Downtown Redevelopment Project: South Block Analysis," undated, proposal by Young Architects for redeveloping the south block, 9 pages.
- 3.6 Riddle/Switzer Architects proposal to redevelop South Block, June 19, 1986, 8 pages.
- 3.7 Bloomington Renaissance proposal to redevelop the two blocks north and south of the old McLean County Courthouse, October 15, 1987, 13 pages.
- 3.8 "Presentation for Bloomington City Council and Interested Citizens" on historic preservation by Kenyon and Associates Architects A.I.A., February 29, 1988, 9 pages.
- 3.9 "Downtown Bloomington," an analysis of blocks 332, 334, 337, and 338 and plans for rehabilitation by McCormick, Baron & Associates Henderson Gantz Architects, undated, 8 pages.
- 3.10 Photocopies of photographs of the south block from various angles, undated, 5 pages.
- 3.11 Photocopy of a 1904 photograph of the intersection of Main and Washington in 1904, looking south.
- 3.12 "Redevelopment Agreement," December 17, 1988, agreement between the City of Bloomington and Jack O. Snyder for the redevelopment of the east side of South Block, 6 pages.
- 3.13 "The South Block, My Position" by Robert Edwards, recommendation to create open space in downtown Bloomington, June 19, 1989, includes diagram of "core area," 3 pages.
- 3.14 Business card of Robert Edwards, A. I. A., Architect-Planner.
- 3.15 "Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act," approved September 1989, 13 pages.
- 3.16 "Supply and Demand for Long-Term Parking," July 30, 1990, 1 page.
- 3.17 Letter from Gene Asbury at Hilfinger, Ashbury, Abels & Associates Architects to City Manager Herman Dirks, July 31, 1990, 1 page.
- 3.18 Letter from Kurt P. Froehlich at the law offices of Evans & Froehlich to Jerry D. Gummere at The Peoples Bank, August 1, 1990, 2 pages.
- 3.19 Letter from Kurt P. Froehlich at the law offices of Evans & Froehlich to Jerry D. Gummere at The Peoples Bank, August 1, 1990, 2 pages (Copy 2).
- 3.20 "South Square Redevelopment," letter from city manager Herman Dirks and Assistant City Manager Tom Hamilton to the mayor and city council outlining the Snyder, Polk, and Ebach proposals for redeveloping the South Block, August 6, 1990, 5 pages.
- 3.21 "South Square Redevelopment," letter from city manager Herman Dirks and Assistant City Manager Tom Hamilton to the mayor and city council outlining the Snyder, Polk, and Ebach proposals for redeveloping the South Block, August 6, 1990, 5 pages (Copy 2).
- 3.22 "Washington Street Commons," proposal by Dennis L. Polk's Peak Development Group for redeveloping the South Block, July 30, 1990, 12 pages.

- 3.23 “Washington Street Commons,” proposal by Dennis L. Polk’s Peak Development Group for redeveloping the South Block, July 30, 1990, photocopy of item 3.22, 11 pages.
- 3.24 “Project Costs: Washington Street Commons,” additional material for Peak Development Group’s proposal, includes brief note from Assistant City Manager Tom Hamilton to the mayor and city council, August 6, 1990, 2 pages.
- 3.25 “Polk’s Properties” by Bill Kemp, December 21, 1989, the *Illinois Times*, article on Dennis L. Polk, president of Peak Development Group, 6 pages.
- 3.26 “Lincoln Park,” plan to create a park in the South Block area, undated, 10 pages.
- 3.27 “Statement of Bloomington Unlimited Regarding the South Block Proposals,” transcript of speech given by the organization’s president, Stephen F. Stockton, July 30, 1990, 10 pages.
- 3.28 Diagram of South Block for an unidentified proposal, undated, 1 page.
- 3.29 Notes by Markowitz on the Snyder, Ebach, and Polk redevelopment proposals, undated, 2 pages.
- 3.30 Letter from Markowitz to “Bill,” December 2, 1990, includes memo from assessor Michael Ireland to the city council and a photocopy of “Property Taxes: the Du Page County Burden” from Tax Facts, 10 pages.
- 3.31 Letter from Fred Wollrab, a South Block property owner, to Assistant City Manager Thomas Hamilton and city council members outlining his own plan for the rehabilitation of South Block, July 20, 1990, 3 pages.
- 3.32 Criticism by “Jean A.” of the council’s planning regarding South Block and the Snyder plan, undated, 3 pages.
- 3.33 “Square plan advances” by Kathy McKinney, July 11, 1990, the *Pantagraph*.
- 3.34 “Developer warns clock is running on latest square development plan” by Kathy McKinney and “Tenants unmoved by latest plan” by Gary Mays and Kathy McKinney, July 11, 1990, the *Pantagraph*.
- 3.35 “Council appears to lean toward OK of south square plan” by Kurt Erickson, July 12, (1990?), the *Pantagraph*.
- 3.36 “2<sup>nd</sup> plan for block put forth” by Kurt Erickson, July 14, (1990?), the *Pantagraph*.
- 3.37 “Snyder alters square plan; unnamed developer passes test” by Kathy McKinney and “Bloomington officials receive ‘sketchy’ third proposal” by Kurt Erickson, July 19, 1990, the *Pantagraph*.
- 3.38 “Square plan meeting delayed to August 1” by Kurt Erickson, July 20 (1990?), the *Pantagraph*.
- 3.39 “Only two of four downtown Bloomington plans accepted” by Kurt Erickson, July 21, 1990, the *Pantagraph*.
- 3.40 “City cautious on demolition idea” by Kurt Erickson, July 29, 1990, the *Pantagraph*.
- 3.41 “Parking need at core of square plan’s worth” by Kurt Erickson, September 16, 1990, the *Pantagraph*.
- 3.42 “Square plan rejected” by Kurt Erickson, October 9, 1990, the *Pantagraph*.
- 3.43 “Council rejects bid for redevelopment” by David Brown, October 10, 1990, the *Daily Vidette*.

#### **Folder 4: Restaurant Reviews, WJBC**

- 4.1 WJBC review of the Ozark House by Markowitz, 1992, 2 pages.

- 4.2 WJBC review of Arnie's Hanger by Markowitz, July 1992, 2 pages.
- 4.3 WJBC review of Lucca Grill by Markowitz, July 1992, 2 pages.
- 4.4 WJBC review of Golden West Steakhouse by Markowitz, July 1992, 2 pages.
- 4.5 WJBC review of the Grand Hotel by Markowitz, July 1992, 2 pages.
- 4.6 WJBC review of Jumer's La Radis Rouge by Markowitz, August 10, 1992, 2 pages.
- 4.7 WJBC review of Phil's by Markowitz, August 31, 1992, 2 pages.
- 4.8 WJBC review of Country House & Spirits by Markowitz, September 7, 1992, 2 pages.
- 4.9 WJBC review of Sirloin Stockade by Markowitz, September 21, 1992, 2 pages.
- 4.10 WJBC review of Ned Kelley's by Markowitz, September 28, 1992, 2 pages.
- 4.11 WJBC review of the Elms by Markowitz, October 5, 1992, 2 pages.
- 4.12 Phone directory for WJBC staff, February 20, 1992, 1 page.

### **Folder 5: Judy Tours**

- 5.1 Judy Tours Catalog from 1994.

### **Folder 6: Mayoral Campaigns**

- 6.1 Invitation to Markowitz's announcement of her candidacy in the 1997 mayoral campaign on August 22, 1996, 1 page.
- 6.2 "Preparing for the 1997 Mayoral Campaign: Judy Markowitz," undated, events Markowitz attended and her voting records from 1989-1996, 3 pages.
- 6.3 "Goals as Mayor" by Judy Markowitz, first draft of campaign platform, 1995, 1 page.
- 6.4 Door hanger from Markowitz's 1997 mayoral campaign. (2 copies)
- 6.5 "IWU Poll Results: Challenger Markowitz Beats Incumbent Smart in Bloomington Mayoral Matchup," March 15, 1996, IWU news release, 3 pages.
- 6.6 "IWU Poll Results: Voters Favor School Merger, Split Evenly on Gay Rights Measure," March 15, 1996, IWU news release, includes February 24, 1997 fax of questions and results, 6 pages.
- 6.7 "Judy Markowitz Acceptance 4 /1/97" by Markowitz, 1 pages.
- 6.8 Markowitz's prepared concession statement, April 1, 1997, 1 page.
- 6.9 "Abstracts of Votes Cast at the 1997 Consolidated Election," April 1, 1997, 1 page.
- 6.10 Markowitz's certificate of election to the office of mayor, April 8, 1997.
- 6.11 2 pamphlets for Markowitz's 2001 mayoral reelection campaign.
- 6.12 Email from Markowitz to Charlene Stanford requesting statistics on the 1997, 2001, and 2005 mayoral elections and Stanford's reply, April 11 and 12, 2005, 2 pages.
- 6.13 Letter from Judy and from Campaign co-treasurers John and Christine Kibler regarding Chili Supper at The Paragon and a letter explaining why Judy will be a great Mayor, and two tickets to chili supper.
- 6.14 Two campaign business cards from Markowitz's 1997 campaign.
- 6.15 Door-to-door campaign planning document for Markowitz's 1997 campaign.
- 6.16 Photo of Markowitz announcing candidacy for Mayor, August 1996.
- 6.17 Four photos of Markowitz announcing she will not run for a third term, September 29, 2004.
- 6.18 "Markowitz cruises to re-election", *Pantagraph* story, April 4, 2001. 1 page.
- 6.19 List of Markowitz for Mayor campaign team. 1 page.

- 6.20 Statement of candidacy by Judy Markowitz, August 22, 1996, 18 pages.
- 6.21 Selected results of a survey of residents of the Bloomington-Normal area conducted by Greg Shaw, March 5-11, 2004. 6 pages.
- 6.22 Two copies of a flyer for a Mayor Markowitz re-election campaign reception/fundraiser.
- 6.23 List of Mayor's duties, 1 page.
- 6.24 Tape Cassette includes a Radio Campaign Ad, Judy for Mayor, for WJBC.
- 6.25 Tape Cassette includes Judy/Jesse interviews, February 21, 1997, for WJBC.
- 6.26 Tape Cassette includes Judy/Jesse interviews, March 27 & 28, 1997, for WJBC.

### **Folder 7: Swearing-In**

- 7.1 5 invitations to Markowitz's swearing in ceremony on April 30, 1997.
- 7.2 Photograph of Mayor Markowitz and husband at the swearing in ceremony, May 1, 1997.
- 7.3 List of Mayor's duties, 1 page.

### **Folder 8: Speeches (January 1997-May 1998)**

- 8.1 "Judy's Mayoral Stump Speech," 1997, 12 pages. (2)
- 8.2 "Speech to AFSCME," January 8, 1997, includes pages of the city's 1995-1996 financial report, 12 pages. (2)
- 8.3 "Swearing-In Acceptance," April 30, 1997, 5 pages.
- 8.4 "Swearing-In Acceptance," April 30, 1997, 5 pages (Copy 2).
- 8.5 Speech for the kick-off for the Relay for Life, February 16, 1998, 2 pages.
- 8.6 Speech at John Dietzen's retirement from the priesthood, 2 pages.
- 8.7 Speech at the Normal Community High School baccalaureate, May 30, 1998, includes graduation event schedule at end, 5 pages.
- 8.8 Speech at the Normal Community High School baccalaureate, May 31, 1998, 4 pages.
- 8.9 Speech at the Bloomington High School senior banquet and Normal Community High School baccalaureate, 1998, 22 pages.
- 8.10 Speech at the Bloomington High School and Normal Community High School graduation, 1998, and communications of appreciation. 25 pages.

### **Folder 9: Speeches (June 1998-April 1999)**

- 9.1 "Speech to MCC Women's Division Dinner," June 18, 1998, 13 pages.
- 9.2 "Speech to MCC Women's Division Dinner," June 18, 1998, includes two draft pages at end, 15 pages.
- 9.3 Speech at a Veterans' Day Ceremony, 1998, 5 pages.
- 9.4 Speech at a Free Methodist Church Gathering, November 1, 1998, 2 pages.
- 9.5 Speech at the St. Joseph's Hospital Tree of Lights ceremony, December 2, 1998, 2 pages.
- 9.6 Speech on Markowitz's first two years as mayor, undated, 11 pages.
- 9.7 Welcome address at the Alpha chapter's Tau Kappa Epsilon Centennial Celebration at IWU, January 9, 1999, includes confirmation letter and a promotional piece for the event, 5 pages.
- 9.8 "Testimony of Bloomington Mayor Judy Markowitz" at the Illinois Commission on Women's Issues, July 20, 1998, 2 pages.

- 9.9 Speech to a Women's Club, February 9, 1999, 11 pages.
- 9.10 Speech to a Women's Club, February 9, 1999, 11 pages (Copy 2).
- 9.11 "Speech to Sunrise Rotary," March 30, 1999, 7 pages.
- 9.12 Remarks at a farewell party for Japanese student visitors, April 1, 1999, 2 pages.
- 9.13 "Alpha 417" speech to Alpha Gams, April 17, 1999, 12 pages.
- 9.14 Speech at Illinois Women Administrators "Dare to Be Great," April 24, 1999, 14 pages.
- 9.15 Speech at Illinois Women Administrators "Dare to Be Great," April 24, 1999, 14 pages (Copy 2).
- 9.16 Speech at Golden K, April 26, 1999, 7 pages.

**Folder 10: Speeches (October 1999-November 2004)**

- 10.1 "Judy's Remarks to Chamber Breakfast," October 5, 1999, 5 pages.
- 10.2 "Judy's Remarks to Chamber Breakfast," October 5, 1999, 5 pages (Copy 2, with notes).
- 10.3 Speech at State Farm, October 12, 1999, 15 pages.
- 10.4 Speech at the completion of a Management Development Program at Country Companies, October 29, 1999, 16 pages.
- 10.5 Speech at the completion of a Management Development Program at Country Companies, October 29, 1999, 17 pages.
- 10.6 Address in Las Vegas to Board of Directors for East Coast Hockey League, 2000, 8 pages.
- 10.7 Speech at a Habitat benefit concert, February 13, 2000, 2 pages.
- 10.8 Speech at Vietnam veteran's moving wall on its visit to Bloomington, undated, 1 page.
- 10.9 Speech to healthcare providers panel, May 2, 2000, 3 pages.
- 10.10 Memorial Day Speech, 2000, 1 page.
- 10.11 Campaign speech for April 3, 2001 election, 4 pages.
- 10.12 Veterans' Day Speech, November 11, 2001, 1 page.
- 10.13 Memorial Day Speech, May 27, 2002, 1 page.
- 10.14 Remarks at dinner honoring Don Munson, a Bloomington radio professional and author, June 28, 2002, includes event program and thank you email from Don Munson, 4 pages.
- 10.15 Speech at September 11<sup>th</sup> memorial ceremony, September 11, 2002, includes event program and timeline, 3 pages.
- 10.16 "State of the City Speech to Chamber of Commerce," November 10, 2004, 7 pages.
- 10.17 Communications and speech for the IAA Credit Union Annual Alumni Club Breakfast, October 2011, 16 pages.
- 10.18 Speech at McLean County History Society (MCHS) Annual Meeting, July 2001, 6 pages.
- 10.19 "I Love Bloomington" (announcement of not running for a third term) speech, August 29, 2004, 4 pages.
- 10.20 Speech to MCC Board of Directors, January 25, 2002, 2 pages.
- 10.21 Speech on calls and correspondence received in eight years of being mayor, undated, 4 pages.
- 10.22 Speech on recollections of two terms as mayor given 18 months after leaving office, undated, 3 pages.

## Folder 11: Newspaper Articles

- 11.1 “Veterans Parkway fitting site for flags,” February 1, 1991, newspaper editorial.
- 11.2 “The faces behind Bloomington’s race for mayor: Jesse or Judy?” by Karen Hansen, March 2 and 9, 1996, the *Pantagraph Online*, 7 pages.
- 11.3 “Markowitz heading to Vegas for hockey meeting” by Kurt Erickson, 2000, newspaper article.
- 11.4 Newspaper photograph of Markowitz’s annual Pie Party for city employees, May 11, 2000, the *Pantagraph*.
- 11.5 “Markowitz opens door for Farrakhan dialogue” October 4, 2000, editorial from the *Pantagraph*.
- 11.6 “Mayoral Memories” by M.K. Guetersloh, May 1, 2005, the *Pantagraph*, 2 pages.
- 11.7 Letter to the Editor for the *Pantagraph* by Terry Edmunds on Mayor Markowitz’s speech at the Moving Wall, undated. 1 page.
- 11.8 Copy of *The Active Senior*, March 2007, with “Unforgettable Experiences From Bloomington’s 52<sup>nd</sup> Mayor” by Mayor Markowitz starting on front cover and completing on page 2.
- 11.9 “Arena with interest: \$77.6 million”, *Pantagraph* story, March 30, 2004. 1 page.
- 11.10 “Bloomington’s bold move on ice arena”, Editorial Opinion in Danville’s *The News-Gazette*. December 12, 2003. 1 page.
- 11.11 Copy of *Pantagraph*, September 29, 2000 that has “Markowitz calls on Farrakan to clarify views on Judaism” by Scott Richardson starting on front page and continuing on page A8.
- 11.12 “Japan a trip down memory lane”, *Pantagraph* story, August 14, 1997. 1 page.
- 11.13 Editor’s “Setting the Record Straight”, undated and unknown source. 1 page.
- 11.14 “Judy on the go not content watching her city grow” by Emilie Krebs, *Pantagraph* story, February 4, 1987, laminated. 1 page.
- 11.15 *Pantagraph* story on Judy Stern’s (Markowitz) visit to Japan, January 27, 1963. 2 copies, one laminated.
- 11.16 “This time, they were of age”, *Pantagraph* story on Mayor Markowitz assisting a couple renewing their wedding vows 50 years after original ceremony, undated, 1 page.
- 11.17 Letter to editor of *Pantagraph* by James H. Turner on Mayor Markowitz’s assistance, November 1, 2001, 1 page.
- 11.18 Article in *Inside the City* about Mayor Markowitz’s farewell, May 2005, 1 page.

## Folder 12: Letters and Personal Papers

- 12.1 Letter left by Mayor Smart for Markowitz on her first day as mayor, April 30, 1997, 1 page.
- 12.2 Email from Markowitz to her two sons, April 23, 1999, 1 page. (2)
- 12.3 Letter from Markowitz to IWU’s president, Minor Myers, Jr., June 1, 1999, includes Minor Myers, Jr.’s reply, 2 pages.
- 12.4 “Speed humps on Country Club Place” email from George Roetzer to Markowitz and Markowitz’s reply, July 7, 1999, 2 pages.
- 12.5 Email thank you from Toni Jones to Markowitz for her Pie Party for city employees, May 10, 2000, 1 page.

- 12.6 Thank you card to Markowitz from city employees for her Pie Party, undated.
- 12.7 Three thank you emails from city employees Angie Milewski, Karen Baker, and Sharon Walker for Valentine's Day candy sent by Markowitz, February 14, 2001, 3 pages.
- 12.8 Email from Carol Koos to Judy Markowitz thanking her for an interview (item 1.3), March 21, 2001.
- 12.9 Email from Markowitz to her cousin, Mitch Grossman, January 20, 2002, 1 page. (2)
- 12.10 Email announcement of Markowitz's Pie Party for city employees, April 11, 2002, 1 page.
- 12.11 Email from Markowitz to Jenny Nichols, June 22, 2002; includes Nichols's reply (June 28, 2002), an invitation to Nichols and Adam Stohler's wedding, and a slip of paper with the Stohlers' new address; 4 items.
- 12.12 Letter from Markowitz to the editor of the *Pantagraph*, July 28, 2003, 1 page.
- 12.13 Letter from Markowitz to the editor of the *Pantagraph*, December 17, 2004, includes a draft of the email and the editorial it responds to (December 12, 2004), 3 pages.
- 12.14 Three emails between David Spratt and Markowitz, January 2 and 3, 2005, 2 pages.
- 12.15 Four emails between Markowitz and city employees Karen Cook and Jim Karch, March 14 and 15, 2005, 1 page.
- 12.16 Copy of Markowitz's mayoral paycheck, August 19, 2004, 1 page.
- 12.17 "calls & letters", examples of calls and letters received by Mayor Markowitz, February 1998. 1 page in plastic sleeve.
- 12.18 E-mail to Pat Malik, December 22, 2006. 2 pages. (3)
- 12.19 E-mail to Carol Martin, a Chicago Sun-Times columnist, November 12, 2006. 1 page. (3)
- 12.20 Memo to S. Arney, a Pantagraph reporter, December 29, 2000. 1 page.
- 12.21 E-mail to Karen Schmidt, a Bloomington Council member, September 26, 1999. 1 page.
- 12.22 Letter from 'an irate taxpayer' and Mayor Markowitz's reaction to letter, March 12, 2001. 2 pages.
- 12.23 E-mail from Judie Bey thanking Mayor Markowitz for presentation to Russian Sister City Visitors, March 26, 2001. 1 page.
- 12.24 Letter from Mayor Markowitz rejecting campaign contribution, March 28, 2001. 1 page.
- 12.25 Memo from Mayor Markowitz on meter cost, March 9, 1990. 1 page.
- 12.26 E-mail response to Karen Schmidt and Karen's original e-mail, November 5, 2005. 3 pages.
- 12.27 Letter to Mike and Jeff about an unnamed award, December 1, 2004. 1 page.
- 12.28 Response to irate phone-caller, August 12, 2003. 1 page.
- 12.29 Letter expressing appreciation from Randy Craft and Mayor's response to letter, December 3, 2002. 2 pages.
- 12.30 Handwritten letter from irate Bloomington resident and Mayor's response to letter, December 18, 2002. 4 pages.
- 12.31 E-mail from Lori Laughlin expressing appreciation, December 12, 2002. 1 page.
- 12.32 E-mails on "Red, White & Bloomington", May 26, 2002. 1 page.
- 12.33 E-mails on Marla Behrends leaving WJBC, May 1, 2002. 2 pages.
- 12.34 E-mails between LaNell Greenberg and Mayor Markowitz, October 19, 2004, 2 pages.
- 12.35 E-mail from Mayor Markowitz to Keith Rich on meeting with Parks & Rec staff, February 17, 2005, 1 page.
- 12.36 Letter of appreciation from Mayor Markowitz to Greg Koos, July 9, 2000, 1 page.
- 12.37 Letter of appreciation from Jan Lancaster to Mayor Markowitz, May 30, 2006, 1 page.

- 12.38 Two letters from Mayor Markowitz and Mary McMahon to each other, December, 2003, 2 pages.
- 12.39 Letter to Kathleen Tipton from Mayor Markowitz and attached lawyer's letter, June 1999, 3 pages.
- 12.40 E-mails between Martha A. Ayres, IWU student, and Mayor Markowitz about interview on power and leadership in mayoral position, October 19, 2004, 2 pages.
- 12.41 Copy of letter to editor of *Pantagraph* from Ian Harrison, Mayor Markowitz's son, about attacks on Mayor, May 27, 2007, 1 page.
- 12.42 Letter to Mayor Markowitz from David Jecklin, State Farm Agency Field Consultant, congratulating mayor on her retirement, October 3, 2004, 1 page.
- 12.43 Letter to Mayor Markowitz from Earl and Suzanne Anderson congratulating mayor on her retirement, October 1, 2004, 1 page.
- 12.44 Letter to Mayor Markowitz from Max on Representative Thomas Ewing's letterhead thanking her for comments at EDC breakfast, October 7, 1998, 1 page.
- 12.45 Letter to Mayor Markowitz from Edward Jelks congratulation mayor on her retirement, October 6, 2004, 1 page.
- 12.46 Letter to Mayor Markowitz from Vernon Prenzler thanking mayor for leadership, October 1, 2004, 1 page.
- 12.47 Letter to Mayor Markowitz from Francis Irwin thanking her for comments at City Council meeting on anti-Semitic attitudes, November 9, 2002, 1 page.
- 12.48 Letter to Mayor Markowitz from Ron Nurceski of Michael's Restaurant thanking her for her help, December 2003, 1 page.
- 12.49 Letter to Mayor Markowitz from Peg Schickedanz, undated, thanking her, 1 page.
- 12.50 E-mails from Denny Mallory and Jeff Eckhoff, city staffers, March 1, 2005, 1 page.
- 12.51 Letter from Timothy Potts, city employee, to Mayor Markowitz thanking her, 1 page.
- 12.52 Statement to the press by Mayor Markowitz about Lincoln bench, August 5, 1999, 1 page.
- 12.53 Letter to Mayor Markowitz by Lawrence Connolly thanking her for Bloomington service, June 3, 1998, 1 page.
- 12.54 Letter to Mayor Markowitz by Michael J. Crowe thanking her for sidewalk help, April 10, 2003, 1 page.
- 12.55 Letter to Mayor Markowitz from Governor George Ryan thanking her for corned beef sandwiches, October 28, 2002, 1 page.
- 12.56 Letter of thanks to Mayor Markowitz from Harold Gregor with artist rendering of corn art project on Markowitz, December 6, 2004. 2 pages.
- 12.57 Letter of thanks to Mayor Markowitz from Marlene Gregor, December 6, 2004. 1 page.
- 12.58 Letter of thanks to Mayor Markowitz by William and Diane Detmers for snow removal work, January 4, 1999, 1 page.
- 12.59 Card of photo of Mayor Markowitz and American Studies Seminar students sent by Marilyn Boyd (ISU), March, 2004.
- 12.60 Photo of Mayor Markowitz with Boy Scouts Pack 25 by Rosemary Becker, November 6, 2004.
- 12.61 Collection of ten thank-you cards to Mayor Markowitz for her public service. (First card by Bill & Darlene Brandt, May 2)
- 12.62 Collection of ten thank-you cards to Mayor Markowitz for her public service. (First card by Sarah Butler, undated)

- 12.63 Collection of ten thank-you cards to Mayor Markowitz for her public service. (First card by State Senator Bill Brady, undated)
- 12.64 Collection of five plastic sleeves with thank-you cards to Mayor Markowitz for her public service enclosed. (First sleeve contains e-mail from Mike Ireland)
- 12.65 Collection of seven plastic sleeves with thank-you cards to Mayor Markowitz for her public service enclosed. (First sleeve contains cards from Marlene Gregor and Larry & Twila Sears)

### **Folder 13: Call Log Book, 2000**

- 13.1 Book of city related calls and emails Markowitz received at home, 2000.

### **Folder 14: School Visits**

- 14.1 10 thank you notes from students, April 18, 2000.
- 14.2 Thank you card from a class, December 4, 2000.
- 14.3 43 thank you notes from students, November 15, 2001.
- 14.4 20 thank you notes from third grade students at Oakland School, May 10, 2013.
- 14.5 Letter to Mayor Markowitz from Maria Millen and Miss Macek, Fairview School in Normal, thanking her for classroom visit, October 15, 2004, 1 page.

### **Folder 15: Cultural District / Preservation**

- 15.1 Newspaper reprint on new construction in Bloomington following the 1900 fire, original June 19, 1901, reprint date unknown, the *Pantagraph*.
- 15.2 "Cultural District Board of Directors," undated, 6 pages.
- 15.3 "Cultural District," undated, report on why downtown Bloomington should establish a cultural district and plans for doing so, 27 pages.
- 15.4 "City of Bloomington Historic Preservation Plan 2004 Edition," report on why and how Bloomington should preserve its historical resources, 112 pages.
- 15.5 Program for Premier Season [2006-07] for Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts.
- 15.6 E-mail on "Two-Month Update: Audiences Enthusiastic for New BCPA", November 28, 2006. 2 pages.
- 15.7 Transcript of Bloomington City Council meeting on Ordinance Increasing Home Rule Sales Tax by ¼% which would be primary funding source of Downtown Bloomington Cultural District, September 25, 2000, 7 pages.
- 15.8 E-mail to Mayor Markowitz from Marlene Gregor congratulating her on formation of cultural district, September 26, 2000, 1 page.
- 15.9 E-mail to Mayor Markowitz from Karen Schmidt, Bloomington Council member, congratulating her about cultural district, September 26, 2000, 1 page.
- 15.10 "Mayor names cultural district leader", *Pantagraph* story, November 7, 2000, 1 page.
- 15.11 Announcement of first cultural board of directors, November 6, 2000, 3 pages.
- 15.12 "Arts center a draw for teachers, students", *Pantagraph.com* story, January 30, 2007, 3 pages.
- 15.13 "Performing arts center revenue on target", *Pantagraph.com* story, January 30, 2007, 3 pages.

15.14 Program for Inaugural Season 2006-2007 of the BCPA.

#### **Folder 16: Calendars**

- 16.1 Markowitz's 1998 appointment calendar, January-December.
- 16.2 Markowitz's 2000 appointment calendar, January-December.
- 16.3 Markowitz's November 2003 appointment calendar
- 16.4 Markowitz's 2004 appointment calendar, August-December.
- 16.5 Markowitz's 2005 appointment calendar, January-April.

#### **Folder 17: Meeting Reports and Agendas**

- 17.1 City of Bloomington Council Meeting Agenda, November 22, 1999, includes letters and maps pertaining to agenda items 6N and 6O, 7 pages.
- 17.2 City of Bloomington Council Meeting Report, November 22, 1999, 45 pages.
- 17.3 City of Bloomington Trends Report, September 1999, 38 pages.
- 17.4 City of Bloomington Council Meeting Agenda, January 27, 2003, 2 pages (front and back)
- 17.5 City of Bloomington Council Meeting Report, January 27, 2003, 65 pages

#### **Folder 18: Business Cards and Stationary**

- 18.1 Envelope containing Markowitz's business cards from her time at WJBC, Judy Tours, and as mayor, 10 cards.
- 18.2 "Judy! for Mayor" stationary, 3 sheets.
- 18.3 3 "Mayor Judy Markowitz" cards.
- 18.4 3 "Mayor Judy Markowitz" envelopes.
- 18.5 Official City of Bloomington envelope with Markowitz listed as mayor.
- 18.6 Official City of Bloomington stationary with Markowitz listed as mayor, 1 sheet.

#### **Folder 19: Bloomington Events**

- 19.1 Program from inauguration of ISU's president Victor John Boschini Jr., October 23, 1999, Markowitz listed as an honored guest.
- 19.2 Card announcing the groundbreaking of the Multi-Purpose Community Center, August 18, 2004.
- 19.3 Photograph of Markowitz and son Scott Harrison at the groundbreaking for the U.S. Cellular Coliseum, 2005.
- 19.4 Proclamation by Markowitz and Kent Karraker, mayor of Normal, Illinois, of September 7-13, 2002 as "United We Stand" week, September 3, 2002, 1 page.
- 19.5 Program from a self-management workshop at which Markowitz was the keynote speaker, August 11, 2005
- 19.6 Documents on Lincoln Bench Dedication, July 2000, 4 pages.

## **Folder 20: Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Dedication**

- 20.1 Invitation to the grand opening on November 18, 2002, includes schedule of events, 2 pages.
- 20.2 Facsimile cover sheet with Markowitz's information for the event, October 28, 2002, 1 page.
- 20.3 Markowitz's place card from dinner at the Executive Mansion.
- 20.4 Ceremonial Opening program.

## **Folder 21: Articles on Markowitz**

- 21.1 "Close to the Heart: In Fear of Breast Cancer," reprint from the *Pantagraph*, Fall 1994, article about Markowitz on page 7.
- 21.2 *Business to Business: Home Based Businesses*, August 1996, article on Markowitz's Judy Tours on page 32.
- 21.3 *Currents: A Publication of the McLean County Chamber of Commerce Women's Division*, November 2002, article "A Day in the Life..." on Markowitz inside.
- 21.4 *The Marketer: 25 Women in Leadership Awards*, undated, article on Markowitz on page 11.
- 21.5 *Arts Alive*, June 2005, "Markowitz Leaves Artistic Mayoral Legacy", 3 pages.
- 21.6 *Bloomington/Normal Magazine*, March/April 2001, "Vision @ Division", Mayor Markowitz included in article on Bloomington and Normal cooperation and growth, page 24.
- 21.7 *Bloomington-Normal Business Journal*, October 2002, "Twin City Mayors" article on Mayor Markowitz and Karraker, page 26.

## **Folder 22: Bloomington Sesquicentennial**

- 22.1 Sesquicentennial planning map, June 5, 2000.
- 22.2 "Sesqui! Bloomington 150 Years: Official Program of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bloomington," June 29, 2000, the *Pantagraph*.
- 22.3 "Sesqui! Bloomington 150 Years: Official Program of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bloomington," June 29, 2000, the *Pantagraph* (Copy 2).
- 22.4 Sesquicentennial Parade flyer, July 1, 2000.
- 22.5 Special Event Permit, Sesquicentennial-Logistics Committee, June 28, 2000. 6 pages.
- 22.6 Letter from Mayor Markowitz with donation form to solicit donations for Sesquicentennial Celebration. 2 pages.
- 22.7 List of Entertainment Acts for Sesquicentennial Celebration. 3 pages.
- 22.8 State Farm Flyer on Sesquicentennial, May 30, 2000. 1 page.
- 22.9 Copy of *Inside the City*, June 2000, with front-page article on Sesquicentennial.
- 22.10 Sesquicentennial Planning Guide in Plastic Folder. 6 pages.
- 22.11 Series of press releases on Sesquicentennial. 13 pages.
- 22.12 Artist renderings of corn sculptures for Sesquicentennial. 16 pages.
- 22.13 Parade Flyer for Sesquicentennial with color border. 1 page.
- 22.14 Pages of photos of MCAC's involvement with Sesquicentennial. 3 pages.
- 22.15 Official Sesqui folder containing documents on Sesquicentennial events.

- 22.16 Bloomington Parks & Recreation Guide, Summer 2000, back cover has ad for Sesquicentennial celebration.
- 22.17 Central Illinois Childhood Magazine, Summer 2000, Vol. 3, No. 8, back cover has ad for Sesquicentennial celebration.
- 22.18 Documents on corn art project for Sesquicentennial. 28 pages.
- 22.19 E-mail about Bloomington employees' involvement with Sesquicentennial, December 9, 1999. 1 page.
- 22.20 Letter to Greg Koos, Director of McLean County History Museum, from Mayor Markowitz thanking him for assistance on Sesquicentennial celebration, July 9, 2000, 1 page.

## **BOX 2**

### **Folder 23: Miscellaneous Bloomington Events**

- 23.1 The Gold Standard: Official Show Guide, June 25-28, 1998.
- 23.2 The Gold Standard: Official Program, June 24-27, 1999.
- 23.3 Bloomington Parks & Recreation catalog, Summer 2000.
- 23.4 "Your Guide to City Services," May 2001.
- 23.5 Summer Concerts 2003 flyer.
- 23.6 Summer Concerts 2004 flyer.
- 23.7 "About the City", 2 pages.
- 23.8 Award Winning Community, local recognitions from 2012-2009, 3 pages.

### **Folder 24: Recognitions**

- 24.1 Thank you letter and medal from VietNow, May 22, 1988.
- 24.2 Declaration by the McLean County Mayors Association of Markowitz as the 2004 Person of the Year, June 30, 2005.
- 24.3 Commendation by Pat Quinn, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Illinois, of Markowitz for her service to the community, March 14, 2005.
- 24.4 Proclamation by Chris Koos, mayor of Normal, Illinois, of April 14, 2005 as Mayor Judy Markowitz Day, April 11, 2005.
- 24.5 Recognition of Markowitz's service to the community by the McLean County Chamber of Commerce, April 28, 2005.
- 24.6 3 photographs of the garden dedicated to Markowitz by the Lake Bloomington Association for her community service, 2005.
- 24.7 Award of Appreciation from the Bloomington Police Department, undated.
- 24.8 Certificate of Appreciation from the Bloomington Police Department D.A.R.E. Program, undated.
- 24.9 Documents on Markowitz receiving The 1994 YWCA Women of Distinction Award for Business. 5 pages.
- 24.10 Certificate of completion from The AOPA Air Safety Foundation, March 10, 1978. 1 page.
- 24.11 *Pantagraph* article on former Mayor Markowitz being honored as preservationist of the year, May 13, 2005, 1 page.

## **Folder 25: Downtown Bloomington Arena**

- 25.1 “Why an arena in Bloomington?”, Power Point Packet, Lists benefits, uses, current and anticipated situations of location for arena, surrounding neighborhoods, and economics, 14 pages.
- 25.2 Overview of Plans for Arena, written by Judy Markowitz, August, 31, 2001.
- 25.3 Plans for Bloomington’s Arena, written by Judy Markowitz.
- 25.4 Proposal for downtown multi-purpose center (arena), written by Judy Markowitz, Mayor, January, 29, 2002, 4 pages.
- 25.5 Council Work Session on Arena Project Financing, created by Banc One Capital Markets, Inc., March 29, 2004, 35 pages.
- 25.6 Downtown Bloomington Arena Presentation, facts and figures, 13 pages.
- 25.7 CD of Downtown Bloomington Arena Presentation
- 25.8 Bloomington Sports and Entertainment Center presentation, lists benefits for community, construction schedule, uses of the venue, amenities and suites, and concessions and sports bar/restaurant.
- 25.9 E-mails between Jim Plath and Judy Markowitz on meetings about arena, March 2004, 5 pages.

## **Folder 26: Voting for Arena**

- 26.1 Facts of registered voters for the 2004 arena advisory referendum, July 17, 2006.
- 26.2 Official Primary Election Report, from March 16, 2004, voting “yes” or “no” to putting an arena in downtown Bloomington, all 44 Bloomington, IL precincts reported, run on March 23, 2004.
- 26.3 Flyer on Arena referendum, undated, 1 page.
- 26.4 E-mail on vote outcome on Arena referendum, March 16, 2004, 3 pages.
- 26.5 Arena vote totals and poll results on Arena conducted November 2001, 1 page.
- 26.6 E-mail on Arena referendum vote total, September 26, 2004. 1 page.
- 26.7 Statement on arena referendum vote, undated, 1 page.
- 26.8 E-mail from Holly Lober on arena vote, December 9, 2003. 1 page.
- 26.9 Tape cassette containing Bloomington arena council discussion and vote, December 8, 2003.

## **Folder 27: Arena Question and Answers**

- 27.1 Downtown Multipurpose Sports and Entertainment Center Questions and Answers, it addresses costs, parking, purpose of the center, management, and etc.
- 27.2 Written by Tom Hamilton for the Alderman concerning the arena, addresses issues such as taxes, attendance, local interest, and economic benefits, May 31, 2001.

## **Folder 28: Miscellaneous Arena Documents**

- 28.1 Confidential Letter from Judy Markowitz about a list of Board of Directors for the downtown Bloomington cultural district, states that the Board of Directors will be publicly announced on November 6, discusses a possible future partnership with State Farm for the arena.
- 28.2 Committed Sponsorships and Suite Confirmations for the Arena, most sponsorships are signed contract for three to ten years, major sponsors include Anheuser-Busch, State Farm Insurance, and Pepsi-Cola.

## **Folder 29: C.H. Johnson, Inc.**

- 29.1 Feasibility Analysis, conducted for an arena in Bloomington, shows findings for the economic and demographic factors, market analysis, demand analysis, facility recommendation and demand projection, project financing, and unique product attributes, 3 pages.
- 29.2 Monthly Progress Report for the U.S. Cellular Coliseum, through March 2005, includes a daily construction report, construction schedule, field review report, site visit report, and photographs of site, April 19, 2005, 49 pages.

## **Folder 30: Letters about the Arena**

- 30.1 Email to Judy Markowitz from Cheryl Adam, addressing concerns about having an arena in Bloomington, also mentions possible polling issues in the area, January 1, 2002.
- 30.2 Email to Cheryl Adam from Judy Markowitz responding to her concerns about the local arena, January 1, 2002.
- 30.3 Email to Judy Markowitz from Adam Nielsen addressing concerns about comments made on a local radio show about the arena, October, 28, 2003.
- 30.4 Email to Adam Nielsen from Judy Markowitz responding to his concerns about the referendum, October 28, 2003.
- 30.5 Letter to the Editor of the Pantagraph from Judy Markowitz, discusses the issue of alderman and the way they choose to vote, this was a response based on an article written by Fred C. Ogan of Bloomington on January 2, 2004, original and 1 copy.
- 30.6 Email to Robert Baughman from Judy Markowitz about the arena, it dealt with registered voter information and property tax issues, April 27, 2004.
- 30.7 E-mail to unnamed son about hockey license agreement for arena, May 23, 2011. 1 page.
- 30.8 E-mail communications with Lee York about Arena, August 23, 2001. 5 pages.
- 30.9 Letter to Mayor Markowitz by Chris Adelman in opposition to arena, April 5, 2004, 1 page.

## **Folder 31: U.S. Cellular Coliseum**

- 31.1 Coliseum Timetable, major elements of construction for the arena, predicted start and finish dates, August 2005.
- 31.2 Official website printout about the coliseum, accessed December 28, 2006, 2 pages.
- 31.3 Year End Report, 2010-2011, U.S. Cellular Coliseum, 4 pages.

- 31.4 “Debt from major projects strains Twin City budgets”, *Pantagraph* story by Ryan Denham, August 26, 2011, 4 pages.
- 31.5 E-mail from Robert Fazzini about Year End Report, 2010-2011 for Coliseum, June 5, 2011, 2 pages.
- 31.6 “Coliseum’s year-end profit nears \$80,000”, *Pantagraph* story by M.K. Guetersloh June 6, 2011, 2 pages.
- 31.7 Remarks by Mayor Markowitz at groundbreaking ceremony for Coliseum, August 18, 2004, 1 page.
- 31.8 Chart on attendance at Coliseum from 2006-07 to 2009-10, 1 page.
- 31.9 Strategic Plan for Coliseum, 2010-2015, 2 pages.
- 31.10 Documents on economic impact of Coliseum, October 7, 2011, 7 pages.
- 31.11 Invitation to groundbreaking ceremony for Coliseum and e-mail to Mike Nelson about ceremony, 2 pages.
- 31.12 E-mail about Pepsi Ice Center growth from Richard Beck, September 25, 2011, 2 pages.

### **Folder 32: Sexual Orientation Ordinance**

- 32.1 Postcard from Elizabeth A. Robb to Markowitz, thanks her for her courageous efforts as mayor of Bloomington and for her devotion to the Jewish community, October 29, 2002.
- 32.2 Diversity flyer, written by Gene Grissman.
- 32.3 Email to Markowitz from Jan Lancaster, thanking her for her efforts concerning social orientation, March 5, 2002.
- 32.4 Email to Markowitz from Don Lindquist and Bob Russano, thanking her for her a note she wrote about “equal rights” in the *Pantagraph*, March 5, 2002.
- 32.5 Email to Linquist and Russano from Markowitz responding to their email, March 5, 2002.
- 32.6 Email from DMunson to Markowitz, thanking her for standing up for gay rights, March 6, 2002.
- 32.7 Private letter from Markowitz to Don, about the happiness it gives her to be able to stand up for gay rights and create a positive statement. (2)
- 32.8 Written statement, talks about a proclamation that was signed to state the strength of Bloomington comes from its diversity, also says Bloomington “will not practice, tolerate nor condone discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation or disability”.
- 32.9 E-mail from Don Munson on human rights amendment, October 29, 2002. 1 page.
- 32.10 Letter to Ian, Mayor’s elder son, on human rights amendment, October, 2002. 1 page.
- 32.11 Letter to Karen Hanson by Mayor Markowitz expressing pride in council members who voted for ordinance, undated, 1 page.

### **Folder 33: Letters of Congratulations for Election to Mayor**

- 33.1 From Norma S\_\_\_\_\_, received June 18.
- 33.2 From Herman Dirks of Arizona.
- 33.3 From Terry \_\_\_\_\_.
- 33.4 From Lou Ann and Bruce H\_\_\_\_\_, April 10, 1997.

- 33.5 From Thomas M. Barger III, Lawyer, April 10, 1997.
- 33.6 From Kurt Erickson of the Pantagraph, April 11, 1997.
- 33.7 From \_\_\_\_ and Barbara Price of Windfall Farm in Heyworth, IL, April 11, 1997.
- 33.8 From the managers of Mechanical Devices Company, Daniel R. Sperry, Linda Fillingham, Carol Kant, Mark D. Sperry, and Judy Kay Hovern, April 8, 1997.
- 33.9 From David L. Stanczak, Attorney at Law, April 8, 1997.
- 33.10 From Stanley B. Seidler, President of Excell Marketing, April 8, 1997.
- 33.11 From Jack and Alberta Carr, Friends of Alsace in Illinois, April 8, 1997.
- 33.12 From Susan and Dick Johnson, San Diego, CA, April 7, 1997.
- 33.13 From David A. Strand, President of Illinois State University, April 7, 1997.
- 33.14 From Susan K. Barger and the attorneys of Rodeym Dickason, Sloan, Akin, and Robb, P.A., April 7, 1997.
- 33.15 From Thomas Ewing, Member if Congress, April 7, 1997.
- 33.16 From Stephanie A. Ulbrich, State Representative for the State of Delaware, April 5, 1997.
- 33.17 From Mim Hiltabrand, April 5, 1997.
- 33.18 Email to Markowitz from Mike Sebal, April 4, 1997.
- 33.19 From Christine \_\_\_\_\_, April 3, 1997.
- 33.20 From Betty and Joe Genevieve, April 2, 1997.
- 33.21 From Loleta Didrickson, Comptroller, April 2, 1997.
- 33.22 From Naohisa Nara, Chairman of the Sister Cities committee, April 2, 1997.
- 33.23 From Koichi Sugawara, Major of Asahikawa, Hokkaido, Japan, April 2, 1997.

#### **Folder 34: Opinion Letters**

- 34.1 Newspaper article written by Markowitz requesting opinions from the citizens of Bloomington and McLean County, 2 copies
- 34.2 Letter from Carl E. Behr, suggests a community newsletter, a better interstate sign for Bloomington, more stop lights, and etc., May, 9, 1995, 2 pages, original.
- 34.3 Email from Ann Cohen, Associate Dean for the College of arts and Sciences at Illinois State Universtiy, suggesting a questionnaire for community feedback and working towards better planning for zoning issues, April 26, 1995.
- 34.4 Letter from Bunny Maxwell, sharing her neighborhood problems, April 26, 1995, 4 pages, copy.
- 34.5 Unsigned Letter, requesting that an apartment style living should be available to senior citizens, April 24, 1995.
- 34.6 Email from Tom Gerschick, suggesting a more lively downtown area, ethnic and independent restaurants, more cultural events, and to somehow fix the traffic problem, April 26, 1995, 2 pages.
- 34.7 Email from Tory Lynch, sharing her praises of both the Bloomington and Normal communities and admiring the growth in the gay and lesbian community, April 29, 1995, 2 pages.
- 34.8 Letter from Barbara Williamson, sharing her concerns about the older apartment buildings in the area and other housing issues, she also suggests that the community offer more affordable entertainment for teens, April 29, 1995, 6 pages.

- 34.9 Email from Mike Tomlianovich, suggesting that Markowitz use Heartland Regional Network instead of American Online, also includes her response, May 1, 1995, 3 pages.
- 34.10 Letter from Ethel Land, suggesting that a stop light be placed at the intersection of Towanda Ave. and Emerson, May 1, 1995, 2 pages.
- 34.11 Letter from Kristen R. Leman, sharing her concerns about the lottery and taxes, May 2, 1995, 2 pages.
- 34.12 Letter from Bob Christiansen, giving words of encouragement to Markowitz for her term as mayor, May 2, 1995, 2 pages.
- 34.13 Email from Greg Koos, concerns about Markowitz running against Jesse for mayor, May 7, 1995.
- 34.14 Letter from a "very concerned citizen", regarding the pot holes on the road by the south gate of the mobile home park, May 8, 1995.
- 34.15 Unsigned letter, addresses numerous questions about local debt and other issues, May 10, 1995, 5 pages.
- 34.16 Letter from a "Good Home Owner, West Side", suggesting that landlords should fix up their rental homes, May 15, 1995.
- 34.17 Letter from Marla Shepston, sharing her praises about the towns of Bloomington and Normal, May 18, 1995, 2 pages.
- 34.18 Email from a "life long resident of Bloom/Norm.", concerns about reduced prices for disabilities, May 29, 1995.
- 34.19 Email from Ann Luke, concerns about the fees required to pay developers, also includes 2 responses from Markowitz, October 16, 1995, 3 pages.
- 34.20 Email from James W. Johnston, Bloomington Fire Department, comments on wanting to see the sexual discrimination ordinance pass, October 21, 1995.
- 34.21 Letter to the Pantagraph editor by Nancy Churchill, April 4, 1997, 1 page.
- 34.22 Unsigned letter to Mayor Markowitz about dog grooming business, undated, 1 page.
- 34.23 Letter to Mayor Markowitz by William C. Driskell on number of issues, March 27, 2004, 2 pages.
- 34.24 E-mails between Steve Haas and Mayor Markowitz on St. Matthew's parking lot, August 19-20, 1998, 2 pages.

### **Folder 35: Directories**

- 35.1 Staff Directory, consists of City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Clerk, Corporate Counsel, Engineering & Water Director, Finance Director, Fire Chief, Human Resources Director, Library Director, Parks & Recreation Director, Planning & Code Enforcement Director, Police Chief, Public Service Director, Scott Health Resources Director.
- 35.2 Staff Directory, consists of Mayor Jesse R. Smart, 7 aldermen (Kroutil, Matejka, Scheets, Anderson, Markowitz, Bittner, Whalen), and other city officials, August 12, 1992.
- 35.3 Staff Directory, consists of the Mayor, 7 aldermen, and other city officials, January 10, 1992.
- 35.4 Staff Directory, Mayor, aldermen, and other city officials, June 24, 1991.
- 35.5 Staff Directory, Mayor, aldermen, and other city officials, August 8, 1990.
- 35.6 Staff Directory, Mayor, aldermen, and other city officials, July, 24, 1989.

### **Folder 36: Caregiver**

- 36.1 Letter from Markowitz to Dick \_\_\_\_\_, thanking him for helping her husband, Bob, keep in touch with his friends, also talks about their upcoming trip to Alaska, and her husband's health, May 9, 1999.
- 36.2 Letter from Markowitz to a friend, talks about her husband's stroke, tells about their upcoming trip to Alaska, mentions work that she has had done at her home by Peoria Landscaping, May 27, 1999.
- 36.3 Email to \_\_\_\_\_ from Markowitz, asking for help to pick her husband up off the floor because he has fallen out of bed, also mentions and appointment with Dr. Sriratana, December 14, 2002.
- 36.4 Second Email to same address from Markowitz, telling them not to come because she called the rescue squad and they took care of it, December 13, 2002.
- 36.5 Email to Markowitz from sister Sybil Mervis, wondering about the health of Markowitz and her husband, December 12, 2002.
- 36.6 Email to Mervis in response to her email, talks about taking care of her husband and a recent doctors appointment, December 14, 2002.
- 36.7 Two Emails, first from Markowitz to Susan \_\_\_\_\_, curious about her column on caregivers and tells about being her husband's caregiver for three years, response email tells when the column runs and also offers to give her names for people to talk to about her situation, December 28, 2002.
- 36.8 Email to Susan \_\_\_\_\_ from Markowitz, telling her about her husband's condition and all the events that they try to continue to take part in, December 28, 2002.
- 36.9 Email to Sue Arbuckle from Markowitz, telling her that she will check her mailbox while she is out of town, sent April 10, 2006, response email from Arbuckle thanking her for kind words about Pastor Ken who had recently passed away, April 17, 2006.
- 36.10 Email to Arbuckle from Markowitz, talking about her husband and his health, tells about their upcoming trip to Chicago, landscaping that she has planned and the anticipation of a beautiful spring, April 17, 2006.
- 36.11 Getting – up Routine, step by step instructions on how Markowitz's husband gets ready in the morning.
- 36.12 Speech to Healthcare Providers Panel on caring for husband, May 2, 2000, 3 pages.

### **Folder 37: Mayor Robert McGraw**

- 37.1 Newspaper Article, about Mayor McGraw, May 10, 1962.
- 37.2 Letter to Markowitz from Joann McGraw, thanking her and the other members of the city council for a wonderful evening and the dedication of the Bob McGraw Community Park, January 11, 2001.
- 37.3 Newspaper photograph of the McGraw family, December 20, 1959.
- 37.4 Letter to Judy Stern-Markowitz from Bob McGraw, asking her to represent Bloomington in Asahigawa, Hokkaido, Japan because of becoming recently formed sister cities, November 6, 1962.
- 37.5 Letter of Mayor Yosokichi Maeno, Mayor of Asahigawa, Hokkaido, Japan, telling him to be expecting Judy Stern to visit, November 6, 1962.

- 37.6 Newspaper photograph of Mayor Robert McGraw, May 10, 196\_.
- 37.7 Pantagraph Obituary from online for Robert J. McGraw, January 3, 1999, 3 pages.
- 37.8 “Scenes from Bloomington’s Past”, about Robert McGraw, January 11, 2000.
- 37.9 “Mayor McGraw Spurred Community to Face Future”, article from the Pantagraph about Bob McGraw, January 14, 1999.
- 37.10 Letter to the Aldermen from Markowitz, requesting their consensus to name the park in honor of the former mayor, November 27, 2002.
- 37.11 Email from Michael McGraw to Markowitz about McGraw Park, thanking her for that dedication to the former mayor, December 12, 2000.
- 37.12 Email to Judy from Jack and Sherry McGraw, thanking her for the dedication of the park, also praising her work as mayor, December 23, 2000.

### **Folder 38: Robert Markowitz – Death Records**

- 38.1 Robert Markowitz obituary, from the Pantagraph, died September 6, 2007.
- 38.2 Memorial program, officiated by Rabbi Paul Kaplan, buried in the Jewish Cemetery in Bloomington.

### **Notebooks**

#### **Johnston Contractors & Stadium Consultants International [White]**

Johnston Contractors and Stadium Consultants International’s proposal to the city of Bloomington for a multipurpose sports and entertainment center. It includes information about the experience of their team, the key personnel that would be working on the project, and the approach they would use for the multipurpose center. It also includes current work they are doing, current professional liability claim information, bank references, and fees for their service, June 11, 2001.

#### **Rivermen, Inc. [White]**

This notebook includes a proposal for the Central Illinois’ Family Arena Complex. It includes their organization background and their goals and objectives. It also includes economic and social benefits, financing solutions, facts and figures, and information about other projects they have completed.

#### **Arena Information [Red]**

This notebook belongs to Judy Markowitz, and contains information that was discussed during a meeting. It includes city financial information and a slide show of the proposed arena with take home points to consider. It also contains miscellaneous emails and newspaper articles that are relevant to the proposed arena.

#### **City of Bloomington Multi-Purpose Community Center [Blue]**

Notebook of documents related to the Community Center, September 13, 2002.