

Guide to the Janice Allen Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Allen, Janice Haupt, 1927-
Title:	Janice Allen Papers
ID:	MS-00903
Date [inclusive]:	1953 to 2011
Physical Description:	1.46 Cubic Feet (2 boxes, 1 oversized box)
Physical Description:	2.01 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Janice Allen Papers are comprised of photographs, various publications, awards, a scrapbook, correspondence, memoranda, and newspaper clippings dating from 1953 to 2011 that document Janice Allen's philanthropic and political work in the state of Nevada. The materials document Allen's involvement with the Las Vegas Junior League, the Beta Sigma Phi sorority, and other volunteer work. The collection also contains correspondence received by Allen from various United States politicians, most notably the Republican Senatorial Inner Circle.

Preferred Citation

Janice Allen Papers, 1953-2011. MS-00903. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Janice Allen born September 21, 1927 and raised in Sebring, Ohio. She moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1948. Allen attended Wesleyan College in West Virginia where she wrote for the college's newspaper and served as class secretary. After her move to Las Vegas, Allen wrote for the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. She was involved in many civic organizations such as the Service League, which would later be renamed the Las Vegas Junior League, the Junior Chamber of Commerce Wives, and the Jaycees. Allen has contributed to several civic projects, such as the creation of

Fantasy Park and the Smith Center for the Performing Arts. She has also been involved with other Nevada organizations such as Vegas PBS, Opportunity Village, Nathan Adelson Hospice, and Three Square Food Bank. Allen was awarded the Junior Leagues Lifetime Community Achievement Award in 2008.

Sources:

Ric Anderson, "Angels in the Valley: Janice Haupt-Allen Makes time for philanthropy", *Las Vegas Sun*, May 4, 2014, <https://lasvegassun.com/news/2014/may/04/angels-valley-janice-haupt-allen-makes-time-philan/>.

"The Woman who helped build the Smith Center... and Las Vegas," The Smith Center, accessed January 7, 2019, <https://www.thesmithcenter.com/blog/the-woman-who-helped-build-the-smith-center-and-las-vegas/>.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Materials remain in the order that they were received.

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Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2018 and 2019 by Janice Allen; accession numbers 2018-051 and 2019-063.

Processing Note

A box-level inventory of the accession was created by Maggie Bukowski in February 2019 and was updated by Joseph Puentes in November 2019. To prepare the inventory, the described materials were reviewed to create a contents list, estimate dates, and identify material types. No other work has been performed on the materials.

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Related Materials

Related Collection

The following resource may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Allen, Janice Haupt. Interview, 2009 April 08. OH-00087. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Philanthropists
- photographs
- Charity organization
- Women -- Societies and clubs
- Junior League of Las Vegas (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Republican Party (Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Awards, correspondence, memoranda, and newspaper clippings about Janice Allen's work with various organizations, primarily the Las Vegas Junior League and Beta Sigma Phi; publications including <i>The Torch of Beta Sigma Phi</i> , <i>Junior League 50th Anniversary Commemorative Book</i> , <i>The Sands and the Copa Room Commemorative Scrapbook</i> , the Junior League publication <i>The Sage</i> , and <i>Las Vegas: 1905 to 1965</i> book, 1957 to 2011	box 01
"The First 100" issue, <i>Las Vegas Review-Journal</i> , 1999 February 07	oversized box 02
Scrapbook with various newspaper clippings referencing Janice Allen, 1953-1984	oversized box 02
Republican Senatorial Inner Circle invitations, photocopy of 1926 Las Vegas telephone directory, and <i>Las Vegas, The Entertainment Capital</i> book, approximately 1970 to 1999	box 03