



Guide to the Navy Mothers' Club, Las Vegas, Nevada Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Navy Mothers' Club. Local Chapter No. 392 (Las Vegas, Nev.)
Title:	Navy Mothers' Club, Las Vegas, Nevada Records
ID:	MS-00285
Date [inclusive]:	1946-1979
Date [inclusive]:	1951-1955 (bulk)
Physical Description:	0.56 Cubic Feet (2 boxes)
Physical Description:	0.63 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Navy Mothers' Club, Las Vegas, Nevada Records (1946-1979) contain scrapbooks, photographs, artifacts, by-laws, newspaper clippings, directories, and song books.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The Navy Mothers' Club held its first meeting at the Mesquite Club building in the fall of 1942. Local chapter #392 was named the Norman Ready Club for Mrs. Jane Ready's son of Henderson, Nevada who died a hero on the Battleship Lexington. Twenty-one women comprised the charter membership. The first group of officers were elected at the War Memorial Building in Las Vegas on January 20, 1943. The membership in the first year represented the cities of Las Vegas, Henderson and Boulder City. After that first year, however, Boulder City formed it's own chapter that dissolved after World War Two. The original name for the club was also changed around this time.

The purpose of the club was "to promote a program of educational welfare of social interest between the parents of Navy man and women and the enlisted personnel; to encourage contentment and patriotism among the boys and men serving in the U.S. Navy, Marines and Coast

Guard; to collect and disseminate information relating to the Navy and the manner of living and environment of its personnel; to extend benevolent relief to its needy members."

Early projects included sponsoring War Bond Drives and collecting donations for the Community Chest and the American Red Cross. They held various bazaars, hosted dinners and engaged in sewing projects to provide quilts, robes, layettes and other items requested by Navy hospitals for the men and their families. The Las Vegas Chapter was very active within the national organization and had local women elected to national offices. Membership was open to mothers and wives of naval personnel. The last record of any activity is 1977.

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Scope and Contents Note

Navy Mothers' Club, Las Vegas, Nevada Records (1946-1979) contain scrapbooks, photographs, bylaws, artifacts, newspaper clippings, directories, and song books. There are two artifacts, a Navy Mother's Club hat, and a bronzed book. Miscellaneous books, pamphlets and pins belonging to Ann Kennedy are also included.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1987 by John Kennedy; accession number 87-71.

Processing Note

Collection was processed in 1996 by Joyce Marshall. In 2017 Joyce Moore edited the collection description and published the ArchivesSpace finding aid.

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Related Materials

Separated Materials

Some of the photographs in this acquisition were removed from the collection and placed in Navy Mothers' Club, 1954. PH-0307. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Related Collections

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

Helen M. Shepp Papers, 1953-1962. MS-00244. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Women -- Societies and clubs -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Women
- Military life

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers	
By-Laws, 1946-1968	box 1	folder 1
Pins, pamphlets, and books donated to the club by Ann Kennedy	box 1	folder 2
Newspaper clippings, 1959-1979	box 1	folder 3
Photographs, undated	box 1	folder 4
Ready Reference Directory, undated	box 1	folder 5
Scrapbook, 1951-1954	box 1	folder 6
Scrapbook, 1955	box 1	folder 7

Songbooks, undated	box 1	folder 8
Bronzed book, undated	box 2	folder 1
Navy Mother's Club hat	box 2	folder 2
