



Guide to the Alice Pearson Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Pearson, Alice J., 1918-2002
Title:	Alice Pearson Papers
ID:	MS-00465
Date [inclusive]:	1956-2000
Physical Description:	1.94 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)
Physical Description:	1.66 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Alice Pearson Papers (1956-2000) contain the personal papers of Alice Pearson and the administrative records of the Mesquite Club, the first service organization founded in Las Vegas, Nevada. The collection includes the club's administrative records, service projects and social events, as well as its membership in the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC). Materials within the collection include meeting minutes, correspondence, committee reports, newsletters, notebooks, and scrapbooks.

Preferred Citation

Alice Pearson Papers, 1956-2000. MS-00465. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Born in Hendricks, Minnesota, Alice Pearson (1918-2002) moved to Las Vegas, Nevada with her husband in 1956 and became involved in community activities and charitable organizations. She joined the Mesquite Club, one of the first women's club in Southern Nevada, in 1960 and served as president from 1971 to 1972. Alice joined the General Federation of Women's Club (GFWC) in 1960 and served on the GFWC Nevada Board of Directors from 1994 to 1996 and 1998 to 2000. Alice was a charter member of the Assistance League of Las Vegas, as well as a charter member and past

president of the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary. She served on numerous committees and was awarded the prestigious "Life Membership" award by the Salvation Army on May 12, 2000. Alice Pearson passed away on October 17, 2002 in Clark County, Nevada.

Source:

"Alice Pearson - A Lifetime of Service." *Nevada Women's History Project News* 5, no. 3 (August 2000): 5.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged alphabetically.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2003 by Nancy Pierce via Maureen Schnitzer; accession number 2003-05.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

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

Mesquite Club Records, 1911-2014. MS-00429. Special Collections and Archives, Lied Library, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Nevada Federation of Women's Clubs Records, 1907-1999. MS-00266. Special Collections and Archives, Lied Library, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Women in community development -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Women -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- Biography
- Service organizations--Nevada--Las Vegas
- Mesquite Club (Las Vegas, Nev.) -- History
- Mesquite Club (Las Vegas, Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Personal Papers	
Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO) devotion books, 1991-1996 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 03
Salvation Army women's auxiliary membership roster, 1986-1987	box 02
Mesquite Club administrative records	

Agendas, 1999-2000	box 01
Board meeting minutes, 1990-2000	box 01
Business for beauty contest programs, 1972 May	box 01
Bylaws, 1963 May	box 01
Bylaw revision committee reports, 1976	box 01
Correspondence, 1984-1985	box 01
Devotions and patriotism, 1998-2000	box 01
Endowment fund, 2000	box 01
General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Nevada correspondence, 1998	box 03
Home of the Good Shepard Auxiliary booklets, 1973-1976	box 03
Installation of officers, 1971-1972	box 01
Junior Mesquite club membership roster, 1974-1981	box 01
Memorial fund report, 1999-2000	box 01
The Mesquiter, 1996-2002	box 01
Minutes from Dorothy Davies' year, 1970	box 02
Miscellaneous records, 1966-1969	box 02
Miscellaneous records, 1972-1985	box 02
Nevada Federation of Women's Clubs (NFWC) bylaws, undated	box 03
NFWC installation service, 1976 May 28	box 03
NFWC manual, 1970-1972	box 03
President and other reports, 1971-1986	box 02
President's letter, 1972-1974	box 02
Proceedings constitution, 1987	box 02
Proposed bylaw changes, 2000	box 02
Reports, 1956 July 1-1972 February 4	box 02
Sunshine chairman reports, 1984-1985	box 02
Treasurer's report, 1974-2000	box 02
History of the GFWC book, 1965	box 03
Yearly meeting and event schedules, 1962-1977	box 03
Yearly meeting and event schedules, 1978-1989	box 03
Yearly meeting and event schedules, 1990-1991	box 03
Mesquite Club promotional materials, scrapbooks, and newsclippings	

Bright Blue Book, 1970	box 01
Cookbook, 1977	box 01
Favorite recipes, undated	box 01
General Federation of Women's Clubs cookbook, undated	box 03
"Gourmet's" tour honoring Nevada's centennial, undated	box 01
Invitations, undated	box 01
Mesquite Club cookbook, undated	box 03
Newsclippings, 1972	box 02
Scrapbook, 1952-1972	box 02
Trivia, 1971	box 02
