



Guide to the Las Vegas Professional Men's Club Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Las Vegas Professional Men's Club
Title:	Las Vegas Professional Men's Club Records
ID:	MS-00557
Date [inclusive]:	1984 to 1997
Date [bulk]:	1991 to 1997
Physical Description:	2.28 Cubic Feet (4 boxes, 1 flat file)
Physical Description:	3.59 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Las Vegas Professional Men's Club Records (1984-1997) consist of the constitution, meeting minutes, and organizational documents of the Las Vegas Professional Men's Club, later known as the Las Vegas Men's Club (LVMC). The LVMC provided a social outlet for gay men in Southern Nevada. The bulk of the materials date from the 1990s and include membership lists, event fliers, promotional materials, financial documents, and information documenting the club's fundraising activities.

Preferred Citation

Las Vegas Professional Men's Club Records, 1984-1997. MS-00557. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Historical Note

The Las Vegas Professional Men's Club, known later as the Las Vegas Men's Club (LVMC), was founded in 1984 by journalists Bill Schafer and David Dearing. It began as a social club for professional gay men that met for dinner and conversation in various restaurants and cafes throughout Las Vegas, Nevada. Aside from its social networking, the LVMC provided support for gay organizations and events, such as National Coming Out Day and the city's Gay Pride

celebrations. The LVMC also provided information regarding safe sex during the AIDS epidemic. The Las Vegas Men's Club disbanded in 1997.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged by subject.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Aquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2001 and 2009 by the Las Vegas Professional Men's Club; accession numbers 2001-011 and 2009-015.

Processing Note

Material was processed by Dennis McBride in 2009. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Ian M. Baldwin revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Chantel Clark rehoused and arranged the materials, and revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. In 2019, Sarah Jones added additional material to the collection and revised the finding aid.

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Names and Subjects

- Gay clubs -- Nevada
- Fund raising
- photographs
- Gay community
- Gay rights
- Schafer, Bill
- Dearing, David

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Organizational documents	
Constitution: Las Vegas Professional Men's Club, 1984 June 27	box 01
Meeting minutes: Las Vegas Professional Men's Club, 1984	box 01
Organizational documents and welcome informational packet: Las Vegas Professional Men's Club, 1984	box 01
Las Vegas Professional Men's Club Bylaws, undated	box 01
Articles of Incorporation, 1995 to 1996	box 01
Corporate Charter, 1996	box 01
Las Vegas Men's Club board meeting minutes, 1991 to 1997 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 01
Las Vegas Men's Club Annual Report to Members, 1995 to 1996	box 01
Financial reports, account statements and checkbooks, 1991 to 1997	box 01

Physical Description: 4 Files

Membership and promotional materials	
Club promotional materials and logos, undated	box 01
Nomination committee reports, election nomination forms and packets, sample ballots, and letters to members from the President of the Las Vegas Men's Club, 1992 to 1997	box 01
Membership anniversary lists, 1997	box 01
Member birthday lists, 1997	box 01
Las Vegas Men's Club brochures and blank membership applications, undated	box 01
Member questionnaires, undated	box 01
Celebrations of life, letters and pamphlets in memoriam, undated	box 01
Las Vegas Men's Club final meeting fliers, 1997	box 01
Telephone directories, member lists and correspondence, mailing labels, 1991-1997	box 04

Physical Description: 5 Files

Restricted: Materials are restricted to protect personally identifiable information and will be open for research use on January 1, 2072.

Fundraising and events	
Blank wedding certificates, 1993	box 02
Las Vegas Men's Club event fliers and fundraising mailings to prospective donors, 1987 to 1994	box 02
Fundraising materials and raffle receipts, 1993 to 1995	box 02
Third annual Peter Todd Humanitarian Award Banquet mailings, 1993	box 02
Third annual Peter Todd Humanitarian Award Banquet press releases, fliers, awards, articles, and ticket order forms, 1993	box 02
Third annual Peter Todd Humanitarian Award Banquet raffle drawing prize list and winners list, 1993	box 02
Third annual Peter Todd Humanitarian Award Banquet posters, 1993	oversized box SH-071 flat file 05
Physical Description: 6 Items	
Fundraising mailings to benefit the University Medical Center's HIV units, 1994	box 02
Correspondence related to donation of raffle prizes for fundraising event to benefit the University Medical Center's HIV units, 1994	box 02
Award plaques for Las Vegas AIDS Walk, 1994 to 1996	box 02
Las Vegas Men's Club events: Independence Day, Hawaiian Luau, 1994	box 03
Las Vegas Men's Club calendar of events, 1991 to 1992	box 03

Las Vegas Men's Club event fliers, 1994 to 1997	box 03
Vendor and booth applications; receipts, 1996	box 03
Las Vegas' Gay and Lesbian Business and Professional Guide (LAMBDA), 1992 to 1996	box 03
Las Vegas Men's Club newsletters, photographs, newspaper clippings, and articles	
Las Vegas Men's Club Newslines, 1991-1997 Physical Description: 7 Files	box 03
Copies, past editions, and oversized prints of Newslines, 1993-1995	box 03 oversized flat file box 05 SH-071
Articles documenting sodomy laws, living trusts, and nudist colonies in Nevada, 1995	box 03
Assorted black-and-white photographs, undated	box 03