

Guide to the Las Vegas Variety Club Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Ayers, Kari K.
Title:	Las Vegas Variety Club Records
ID:	MS-00590
Date [inclusive]:	1950-1996
Physical Description:	6.25 Cubic Feet (6 boxes)
Physical Description:	8.78 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Las Vegas Variety Club Records (1950-1996) consist of newspaper clippings and photographs that focus on the services the group provided to special needs children. Also included are several scrapbooks documenting the organization's major activities in the 1950s and 1960s.

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Historical Background

The Las Vegas Variety Club was founded in 1950 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The mission of the organization was to create a school for children with special needs in Las Vegas. Utilizing the celebrity status of Las Vegas personalities, organizers were able to raise the funds needed to open the school. Celebrity endorsements included those of Jack Benny, Vincent Price, Jane Russell, Red Skelton, and newspaper owner Hank Greenspun. In 1952 the Variety School for Special Education was opened. The Variety Club opened the Variety Day Home in 1956 to accommodate the child care needs of low-income working families. The name of the organization has since been changed to Variety-The Children's Charity.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged in rough chronological order, with the exception of the scrapbooks.

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Administrative Information

Access

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Aquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2012 by Kari Ayers; accession number 2012-007.

Processing Note

Material was processed by UNLV Special Collections staff in 2012. 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 2017 Joyce Moore added more content to the collection, revised and enhanced the description, and updated ArchivesSpace.

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Names and Subjects

- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Children -- Services for -- Nevada -- Clark County
- photographs
- Las Vegas Variety Club

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers	
Photographs: Las Vegas officials, 1950-1955	box 01	folder 01
Photographs: Camp Desert Rock, 1957	box 01	folder 02
Photographs: Helldorado, undated	box 01	folder 03
Photographs: induction dinners, 1953-1958	box 01	folder 04
Photographs: Men's Installation, 1951-1959	box 01	folder 05
Photographs: school presentations, 1950	box 01	folder 06
Photographs: various events, 1960-1969	box 01	folder 07-09
Photographs: conventions, 1960-1963	box 01	folder 10
Photographs: fashion shows, 1962-1966	box 01	folder 11
Photographs: various events, 1967-1969	box 01	folder 12
Photographs: various events, 1970-1979	box 01	folder 13-14
Photographs: figures, 1971	box 01	folder 15
Photographs: Installation, 1977		

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	box 01	folder 16
Photographs: various events, 1979	box 01	folder 17
Photographs: golf proofs, 1979	box 01	folder 18
Photographs: Installation, 1979	box 01	folder 19
Photographs: various events, 1980-1989	box 01	folder 20-21
Photographs: various events, 1985	box 02	folder 01
Photographs: various events, 1986-1989	box 02	folder 02
Photographs: swimsuits, 1989	box 02	folder 03
Photographs: various events, 1990-1995	box 02	folder 04
Clippings and photographs: various events, 1990-1995	box 02	folder 05
Photographs: Variety Club officer portraits, 1950-1996	box 02	folder 06
Photographs: Variety Club schools, undated	box 02	folder 07
Photographs: unknown, undated	box 02	folder 08
Newspaper clippings and photographs: Variety Club coverage, 1958-1980	box 02	folder 09
History of Variety Club, 1955 Physical Description: 1 audiovisual Reels	box 02	
Variety Club scrapbooks, 1951-1967	oversized box 03	
Variety Club scrapbooks, 1960-1964	oversized box 04	
Variety Club scrapbook, 1956	oversized box 05	
Variety Club scrapbooks, 1953-1964	oversized box 06	
"Gay 90s Revue" booklet, 1960		