



## Guide to the Kiwanis Club of Las Vegas Records

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Kiwanis Club of Las Vegas
<b>Title:</b>	Kiwanis Club of Las Vegas Records
<b>ID:</b>	MS-01236
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	approximately 1975 to 2015
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.19 Cubic Feet (1 box, 1 oversized box, 1 flat file)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	4.54 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Kiwanis Club of Las Vegas Records (approximately 1976-2025) consists of correspondence, news articles, and project information related to the club's water conservation efforts around the Las Vegas Valley. The two main projects are the Water Saving Landscaping Demonstration Park opened in 1982, and then the Club's project with the Springs Preserve in 2007. The collection also includes club member lists, the history of the club, and election reports, a photograph album and scrapbook, and programs for various club events.

### Preferred Citation

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## Organizational History

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The Kiwanis Club is a "global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time," and the Kiwanis Club of Las Vegas has been serving the Southern Nevada community since 1925. Sponsored by the San Bernardino chapter, the Kiwanis Club of Las Vegas held their first meeting December 4, 1925 in Las Vegas High School and remains an active chapter as of 2026. The Kiwanis Club held their meeting in Las Vegas High School, the coffee shop at the Union Pacific Depot, and many other locations across Las Vegas. Senator Pat McCarran

presented the bell from the USS Nevada to the Kiwanis Club of Las Vegas in 1950 to honor their longstanding service to Southern Nevada. In 2008, the Kiwanis Club dedicated the Kiwanis Plaza and Diorama at the newly built Springs Preserve to honor the club's history of water conservation and public education on native, drought-tolerant desert plantings.

Source:

"About our Club," Kiwanis Club of Las Vegas. Accessed April 23, 2026. <http://www.kiwaniscluboflasvegas.org/about-our-club.html>

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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Materials are arranged topically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

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### **Acquisition Note**

Materials were donated in 2026 by Len Yelinek; accession number 2026-042.

### **Appraisal**

Acquired by Kristian Taketomo, Curator for Gaming Collections, as part of UNLV Special Collections and Archives holdings on the history of Las Vegas, Nevada. Duplicates present in the collection were discarded (0.25 linear feet).

### **Processing Note**

In 2026, Landon Paljusaj accessioned the collection. Sarah Jones organized the material, rehoused the collection, and wrote the finding aid in ArchivesSpace.

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Collections**

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

UNLV Libraries Collection of Kiwanis Club of Las Vegas Audiovisual Material, approximately 1925-1927. MS-01042. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada. <http://n2t.net/ark:/62930/f1ff10>

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## **Names and Subjects**

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- Community organization
- Water conservation
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Springs Preserve

## Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Kiwanis Club of Las Vegas history, 2025	box 01
List of officers since 1926 chartering, 2025	box 01
Annual Report of Club Elections, 1926 to 2014	box 01
Kiwanis Club of Las Vegas membership roster, 1976 to 1977	box 01
Programs from various Kiwanis Club events, 2011 to 2025	box 01
Legion of Honor banquet invitation and correspondence, 2007	box 01
Information about the history of the Kiwanis Club in Las Vegas from the website and correspondence with members, 2020 to 2025	box 01
Kiwanis Club of Las Vegas 75th anniversary poster board, 2000	flat file 03
Kiwanis Water Saving Landscaping Demonstration Park history, dedication program, and re-dedication flier, 1982 to 2002	box 01
Newspaper clippings about the Kiwanis Club and water conservation efforts, 2007	box 01
Springs Preserve Water Conservation Park correspondence, programs, and invitations, 2007 to 2008	box 01
Kiwanis Club of Las Vegas 1978-1979 scrapbook, 1978 to 1979	oversized box 02
Loose album pages from Kiwanis Club events: photographic prints, 1976 to 1977	oversized box 02