



Guide to the Joseph J. Buckley oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Abstract:	<p>Oral history interview with Joseph J. Buckley conducted by Patrick Carlton on July 17, 2002 for the Las Vegas Rotary Club Oral History Project. Buckley opens his interview by detailing his participation in the Rotary Club of Las Vegas, Nevada, including offices he held. He then recalls his upbringing in New York through the mid-1950s, his employment at Rockwell International, and the work he did to test components of the Apollo 11 spacecraft. He then discusses moving to Las Vegas in 1969 to become the Personnel Director at the Desert Inn Hotel and Casino and recalls opening his own human resources consulting firm in 1985. He then describes the Rotary Club in more detail including the club philosophy, fundraising auctions, the scholarships they offered, and their short-lived television program. Buckley further talks about the Rotary Club's campaign to eradicate polio globally, events that occurred during his club presidency in the 1980s, and his time as Rotary Club District Governor in 1985. He then discusses overseeing a global Rotary Club convention in Las Vegas during the 1980s, and dealing with a lawsuit filed against the Rotary Club organization for discrimination against women. He recalls his time in Human Resources for the Howard Hughes Corporation, and a lawsuit filed against the Las Vegas hotel industry for employment discrimination against African Americans. Lastly, Buckley talks about the expansion of Las Vegas, the increase the city's population, and labor union relations.</p>

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Materials from this oral history project were transferred to UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives by Professor Patrick Carlton of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas College of Education.

Processing Note

Interview materials were processed by UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives in 2017. Hana Gutierrez wrote the collection description. The audio cassette(s) for this interview have been reformatted by an external vendor into a digital format. MP3 files of the audio are available for research use. The audio has been minimally reviewed and all readily available information has been included in the description.

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