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**MS 1268  
Kiwanis Club Scrapbook  
1939 - 1977****DESCRIPTION**

This scrapbook highlights various club activities between 1939 and 1977. Induction of organizational officers, club activities, award presentations, and dinner programs are depicted in newspaper clippings of the period. The scrapbook contains entries for three periods – 1939-1943, 1966-1968, and 1976-1977. Approximately 35 color photographs show club dinners, award presentations, and members performing community service projects in the year 1977. Member listings, program brochures of activities, and guest speaker events are also present.

1 Box, 1 linear ft.

**HISTORICAL NOTE**

The first Kiwanis Club in Tucson was formed in 1921 with Dr. W. J. Rhynsburger from Los Angeles, CA acting as organizer. The first organization in the United States was in Detroit in January 1915. The organization in Tucson started with 52 members with the first elected officers of the club consisting of prominent Tucson citizens including George W. Kitt as president, O. C. Parker vice-president, and John Ivancovitch treasurer. The Kiwanis Club and the Rotary Club (organized in Tucson just prior to Kiwanis) overshadowed and eventually replaced two older luncheon clubs – The Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Club and The Young Business Men's Luncheon Club. The Kiwanis Club motto is "We Build" and members provide assistance to youth programs, aid to underprivileged children, and perform various public affairs/service activities in the community.

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