

Las Patronas, RG005.29

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Las Patronas

Dates: 1955 - Present

Collection Number: RG005.29

Creator/Collector: La Jolla Historical Society

Extent: 1.5 linear feet

Repository: La Jolla Historical Society, La Jolla, California 92037

Abstract: The Las Patronas Collection is made up of photographs, ephemera and archival material collected by the La Jolla Historical Society since the 1930s to use for historical research and reference. Las Patronas began in 1947 in La Jolla, the concept of fourteen women who came together and created the Jewel Ball that benefited charities in La Jolla. Their central purpose is to “foster civic and cultural activities through fund raising projects” and, today through its growth, benefits greater San Diego County with grants to nonprofit organizations for critically needed capital projects. The topics pertain to the history and heritage of La Jolla, California; its people, places and events. A container list is included on the PDF and HTML versions.

Language of Material: English

Access: The Collection is open for research

Publication Rights: The La Jolla Historical Society holds the copyright to any unpublished materials

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Acquisition Information: RG005.29

Biography/Administrative History: The La Jolla Historical Society inspires and empowers the community to make La Jolla's diverse past a relevant part of contemporary life.

The La Jolla Historical Society's Collections encompass over 80 years of actively collecting archival material, books, maps, scrapbooks, ephemera, fine art, newspapers, street and land use files, business and personal documents and historic and archaeological artifacts. The Society boasts over 20,000 photographs, over 1000 postcards, 400-plus architectural drawings and approximately 200 oral history recordings.

Collecting was initiated by Howard Randolph and volunteers on the historical committee of the Library Association of La Jolla. The Collection began by gathering photographs and documentation in the late 1930s, which later became the nucleus of the La Jolla Historical Society's Collections. The Society was created in 1963.

Through many moves in location the Society continued collecting and expanding. Accumulated Collections took on its current construct in 2010 after the renovation of the La Jolla Historical Society's campus of structures in central La Jolla, which consists of the 1904 Wisteria Cottage and 1940s Balmer Annex used for exhibits and programming, and a 1909 cottage used for business and research offices. The late Ellen Browning Scripps' 1916 automobile garage was also renovated and now houses the Collection in a modern collections storage facility. Materials are housed in archival boxes, sleeves, envelopes and other archival-safe materials and are cared for according to standards and best practices of the

museum profession. In 2016, the Society initiated new PastPerfect Museum Software to manage and catalog its Collections and in 2018 started using the Online Archive of California to upload searchable information from its Collections to enable improved public access. The Society will continue these processes and look forward to utilizing new opportunities to collect, preserve and share the history of La Jolla.

Scope and Content of Collection: The Las Patronas Collection is made up of photographs, ephemera and archival material collected by the La Jolla Historical Society since the 1930s to use for historical research and reference. Las Patronas began in 1947 in La Jolla, the concept of fourteen women who came together and created the Jewel Ball that benefited charities in La Jolla. Their central purpose is to “foster civic and cultural activities through fund raising projects” and, today through its growth, benefits greater San Diego County with grants to nonprofit organizations for critically needed capital projects. The topics pertain to the history and heritage of La Jolla, California; its people, places and events. A container list is included on the PDF and HTML versions.

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RG005 – Subject Files Collection Box 29.1 – Las Patronas

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Container: Box, files

Folder Newspapers and Magazines

Newspaper. (Copy) "Jewel Ball, Southern style" Includes photographs by Allene Fallis. "August 8, 1974".

Newspaper. (Copy) (La Jolla Light) "Jewel Ball benefits all". "January 22, 1981".

Newspaper. (Includes 1 Copy) (Catriona Tudor Erler) (La Jolla Light) "Carousel theme waltzes in the Jewel Ball" "July 9, 1981".

Newspaper. (Incomplete) (Copy) (David Nelson) (La Jolla Light) "Jewel Ball dazzles crowds" Includes photographs by Pablo Mason and Phillip Davies. August 11, 1983.

Newspaper. (Copy) (David Nelson) (La Jolla Light) "The making of the Jewel Ball – a kaleidoscope of effort" Photographs by Stan Honda. August 11, 1983

Magazine. (Edwin F. Self) (San Diego Magazine) "The Jewel" Includes photographs of members, sponsors, attendees, and the band. August 1986.

Newspaper. (Copy) Photograph of Mrs. Hal Brent, Mrs. Thomas Harden, Mrs. E. Payne Palmer III, Mrs. Robert W. Hammond, and Mrs. Mary McCandless. "July 21, 1977".

Newspaper. (Copy) (La Jolla Light) "Brent to head '79 Jewel Ball" Includes photograph of Jeanette Brent. April 5, 1979.

Prize List. "1980 Jewel Ball "Bravo"". August 2, 1980.

Prize List. "1981 Jewel Ball "Carousel"". August 8, 1981.

Magazine. (Ranch & Coast) Cover photograph of Jewel Ball chairwoman Barbara Doren. June 1981.

Newspaper. (Catriona Tudor Erler) (La Jolla Light) "The 35th annual Jewel Ball is a gem" Includes photographs of Ned and Carol Baumer, Barbara Doren, Coolley and Don Carley, Bernie and Bev Fipp, Stephanie Tribolet, Pat and Bob Yelenosky, Dick and Annette Ford, and Rich Reilly August 13, 1981.

Newspaper. (Copy) "Jewel Ball proceeds distributed". February 4, 1982.

Magazine. (John Mack) (Belleville) "The 36th Annual Jewel Ball" June 1982.

Newspaper. (Jacquelin Merrill) (San Diego Union) "Jewel Ball Held in Moonlit 'Persian Garden'" Includes photographs of Mrs. Palmer Hughes Jr., Dr. Ahmad Tehrani, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Henkel, and Mr. and Mrs. William R. Dick Jr. August 1981.

Newspaper. (William Sullivan) "Jewel Ball Shines Through the

Weather”.

Newspaper. (Copy) (David Nelson) (La Jolla Light) “Jewel Ball steals the thunder; ‘Kaleidoscope’ dazzles crowds” Includes photographs by Pablo Mason. 1983.

Newspaper. (Alyce Quackenbush) (La Jolla Light) “Sharing the Niles Treasures” July 29, 1993.

Letter. Sarah Burton and Sharman Dye requests a donation from President of the La Jolla Historical Society, Patricia R. Dahlberg. Received January 7, 2003.

Newspaper. (Copy) (Marie Breder) (La Jolla Journal) “Nostalgia Lane: Las Patronas” “March 26, 1964”.

Newspaper. (Copy) Photographs from “Jewel Ball, Southern style” by Allene Fallis of Mr. and Mrs. C. Dee Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Manchester, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Strange Jr., Elaine Blum McCarthy, and John E. Powers. “August 8, 1974”.

Newspaper. (Copy) “Mutual love affair: Las Patronas and Scripps Hospital” Includes photographs of Dr. Frederic Shean, Mrs. Michael Cavanaugh, Mrs. Robert Hansen, Mrs. H. Henry Ferris Jr., Dr. Bruce Hopkins, Mrs. David Carmichael, Mrs. George Harris, Dr. David M. Roseman, Mrs. Karl Didricksen, and Mrs. Paul Strange. February 27, 1975.

Newspaper. (Copy) “Las Patronas welcomes new members, new board” Includes photograph of Mrs. Charlie Jones, Mrs. Charles R. Scott, and Mrs. Arthur Hooper. November 3, 1977.

Newspaper. (Copy) “Las Patronas distributes Jewel Ball proceeds”. February 16, 1978.

Newspaper. (Copy) “Las Patronas releases funds”. May 24, 1979.

Newspaper. (Copy) (La Jolla Light) “Patronas awards \$93,000”. February 7, 1980.

Newspaper. (Copy) (La Jolla Light) “Quintet joins Las Patronas” Includes photograph of Sandy Melchior, Liza Hiddleston, Ann Ricchiuti, Ouisa Pillsbury, and Pat Sell. October 28, 1982.

Newspaper. (Copy) (David Nelson) (La Jolla Light) “Spring social events are lavish with color and celebration” Includes photographs from the Jewel Ball. May 26, 1983.

Magazine. (Copy) (The Critic) “Las Patronas Thank You Party” Includes photographs of the annual Jewel Ball.

Newspaper. (Copy) (La Jolla Light) “Patronas schedule race day” Includes photograph by Alice Dutton of Mary Allan, Liz Huddleston, and Henrietta Corwin. September 1, 1983.

Newspaper. (Includes 2 Copies) (Donna Osterman) (La Jolla Light) “What makes Las Patronas such a remarkable group?” July 12, 1984.

Newspaper. (Copy) (La Jolla Light) “Las Patronas awards grants” January 14, 1999.

Newspaper. (Copy) (Kailee Bradstreet) (La Jolla Village News) “Las

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Patronas celebrates 61 years of giving" January 25, 2007.

Magazine. (Tide Lines) Mentions the Jewel Ball, beneficiaries, reservations, and tickets. Spring 1992.

Magazine. (Includes 1 Duplicate) "Las Patronas: Edge of the Millennium" Spring, 1999.

Magazine. "Las Patronas Jewel Ball 2001 Nights". Received May 24, 2001.

Magazine. "Las Patronas Jewel Ball 2002: Color in California". Received May 7, 2002.

Magazine. "Las Patronas: Wrapped in Moonlight". Spring, 2005.

Magazine. "Las Patronas Jewel Ball 2006: club6oh!" Spring, 2006.

Newspaper. (Gertrude Gilpin) (Evening Tribune) "Moonbeams Light 'Persian Garden' for Jewel Ball; Iranian Consul General, Wife are Guests at La Jolla Event". August 8, 1960.

Newspaper Section. (Incomplete) (Eileen Jackson) (San Diego Union) "Straws in the Wind: Summer White is Favored at Gay Jewel Ball" August 7, 1960.

Newspaper Section. (Gertrude Gilpin) (Evening Tribune) "Shah's Chef to Provide Ball Fare". "August 1960".

Newspaper Section. (2 Duplicates) (The Sentinel) "'Persia' is Ball Theme" "August 1960".

Newspaper. (Pat Morrison) (La Jolla Light) "On the Light Side" Includes photographs by Douglas Rowley of Mrs. Hubert B. Duckworth, Mrs. Richard C. Stout, Mrs. Neil Morgan, Mrs. Palmer Hughes Jr., Mrs. Arthur R. Bell. "May 26, 1960".

Newspaper. (The Sentinel) Photograph of Mrs. Hubert B. Duckworth, Mrs. Neil Morgan, Mrs. Arthur R. Bell, Mrs. Palmer Hughes Jr., and Mrs. Richard C. Stout. May 26, 1960.

Newspaper. (Pat Morrison) (La Jolla Light/Journal) "On the Light Side" Includes photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Hughes, Mrs. Majid Rahnema, and Miss Nury. August 1960.

Newspaper. (Jacquelin Merrill) (San Diego Union) "La Jolla Social Scene: Jewel Ball General Chairman is Named?" "May 25, 1960".

Newspaper. (La Jolla Light) Photographs at the party at the offices of Van Arsdale and Associates on April 15.

Newspaper. Mrs. Palmer Hughes Jr., Mrs. William F. Halsey III, and Mrs. John W. Thiele dressed for the pre-ball cocktail hour.

Newspaper. (San Diego Union) Mrs. Palmer Hughes Jr., Mrs. Robert Okey, and Mrs. Rene Dupree play golf. March 27, 1955.

Newspaper. (Gertrude Gilpin) (Evening Tribune) "Mrs. Hughes Heads Jewel Ball: Gala Event to be Held on Aug. 6" Includes photograph of Mrs. Palmer Hughes Jr. and son Palmer III.

Magazine. (The Surf Line) Includes a section about Jewel Ball. July 1960.

Folder	Photographs
	Photographs. Las Patronas members at the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club portico sitting on the zodiac calendar. "c.1961".
	Photograph. Two women and two men enjoying themselves with drinks.
	Photograph. La Patronas members turned to face the camera in a meeting.
	Pamphlet. The Las Patronas President Sue Kalish sent a message to honor the Jewel Ball of 1999. Includes a list of benefactors. 1999.
	List. "Las Patronas 1982 Jewel Ball Underwriters". 1982.
	Donation Ticket. "Las Patronas 53rd Annual Jewel Ball: Edge of the Millennium" Event planned for August 7, 1999.
	Photograph. Mrs. A. Raymond Harvey, Van Arsdale, Mal Palmer Hughes Jr., and Mrs. Roy Slack. April 15.
	Photographs. Collection of photographs of Virginia Harvey, Jean Holmes, Tommy, Betty Holmes, Cookie Homes, Ramsey Holmes, Bert, and Betty Anderson sailing.
	Photograph. (H. F. McChesney) Three women in bathing suits under the sun.
	Negative. An enlarged negative of Las Patronas at the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club.
	Photograph. Photo of Nancy Johnson.
	Photograph. Photo of Carol Baumer.
	Photograph. Photo of Denise Blickenstaqq.
	Photograph. Denise, Nancy, Carol, and others sitting at a table.
	Photograph. Sarah Morris, Lizmaria Setina, Sammy Tauler, Dick Chapel commemorate Las Patronas donation to YMCA. "1986".
	Booklet. Includes photographs members of Las Patronas when Cannel E. Chaffin was their president. 1980.
	Photograph. People dancing in front of a live band at the Jewel Ball. "1960".
	Photograph. Collection of 5 photos of Las Patronas members working on building decorative wooden panels. 1986.
	Photograph. Chef Mahmoud Nateg-Abdressi, former Chef to his highness Shah Palau, with his staff in front of a buffet for the Jewel Ball. August 1960.
	Photograph. Iranian student entertains audience at Jewel Ball. August 1960.
Folder	Correspondence
	Article. "Persia in La Jolla" Possibly written by George Silvani about the 1960 Jewel Ball.
	Program. "Rate and Data Sheet for Las Patronas 1960 Jewel Ball Program". 1960.
	Newspaper. (Copy) (Jeanne Lesem) "Shah Likes Food of East, West"

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1960.

Letter. Majid Rahnema, Consul General of San Francisco, corresponded with Mrs. Palmer Hughes Jr. Between May 23 – August 16, 1960.

Letter. Ahmad Tehrani, Attache of the Iranian Embassy, and Mrs. Palmer Hughes Jr. sent letters to each other. Between May 19 – August 17, 1960.

Letter. Ardeshir Zahedi, Ambassador of Iran, sent a letter to Mrs. Palmer Hughes Jr. May 11 – October 6, 1960.

Letter. Mrs. Palmer Hughes Jr. sent a letter to Mr. Waterfield. December 21, 1950.

Letter. Mrs. Palmer Hughes Jr. sent a letter to Mr. Max Heilbron. February 29, 1960.

Letters. Mrs. Palmer Hughes Jr. sent two letters to Mr. R. Ken Kitson. May 9 and 21, 1960.

Letter. Lyn Hughes sent a letter to Mr. Henry Henkel. May 21, 1960.

Letter. Mrs. Palmer Hughes Jr. sent a letter to Mr. Tracy Mounts. May 21, 1960.

Posters. Two posters to advertise the Jewel Ball. August 1960.

Folder

Brochures

Magazine. "Las Patronas presents the 1981 Jewel Ball Special Section" 1981.

Folder. "Edge of the Millennium 1999 Jewel Ball" 1999.

Folder. (Includes 1 Duplicate) "2001 Nights Las Patronas Jewel Ball" Includes brochure, pamphlets, and other documents inside. 2001.

Folder. "Color It California Las Patronas Jewel Ball 2002" Includes brochure, pamphlets, and other documents inside. 2002.

Folder. "The Jester's Jewel at Court Las Patronas" Includes brochure, pamphlets, and other documents inside. 2002.

Folder

Invitations

Invitation. "Quelle Soiree 1998 Jewel Ball Invitation" Sent to Ms. Patricia R. Dahlberg of the La Jolla Historical Society. June 19, 1998.

Invitation. "Edge of the Millennium Jewel Ball 1999" Sent to Ms. Patricia R. Dahlberg. 1999.

Invitation. "Hula~la Jewel Ball 2000" 2000.

Invitation. "2001 Nights Jewel Ball" Sent to Ms. Patricia R. Dahlberg. June 14, 2001.

Invitation. "Las Patronas Jewel Ball Color It California" June 19, 2002.

Invitation. "Las Patronas Jewel Ball 2003" Sent to Ms. Patricia R. Dahlberg. June 20, 2003.

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Book. (Includes 2 Duplicates) "Las Patronas 70th Anniversary 1946-2016". 2016.

Book. "Portraits of the South Jewel Ball 1994" Event planned August 6, 1994.

Booklet. "The 2nd Annual Jewel Ball for the benefit of the Social Service League of La Jolla". Event planned for July 10, 1948.

Booklet. "The 3rd Annual Jewel Ball for the benefit of the Building Fund for the Children's Unit of the Scripps Memorial Hospital. Event planned for July 9, 1949.

Booklet. "The 4th Annual Jewel Ball for the benefit of the Building Fund for the Children's Unit of Scripps Memorial Hospital". Event planned for July 29, 1950.

Booklet. "The 5th Annual Jewel Ball to equip and furnish the Maternity Ward of Scripps Memorial Hospital". Event planned for July 21, 1951.

Booklet. "The 6th Annual Jewel Ball for the services of the Las Patronas Nurse for the La Jolla Visiting Nurse Association". Event planned for August 2, 1952.

Booklet. "The 7th Annual Jewel Ball for the benefit of the La Jolla Community Playground". Event planned for August 22, 1953.

Calendar. "Samba" In honor of the Jewel Ball. Event planned for August 5, 1995.

Calendar. In honor of the 27th Annual Jewel Ball. Event planned for August 4, 1973.

Calendar. (Rancho Bernardo, Inc.) Cover photo by Charles Schneider. 1969.

Calendar. "The 15th Annual Jewel Ball for the benefit of Las Patronas Charities Fund". Event planned for August 5, 1961.

Calendar. "The 25th Annual Jewel Ball "A Jubilee"". Event planned for August 7, 1971.

Calendar. "The 13th Annual Jewel Ball for the benefit of Las Patronas Charities Fund" Event planned for August 8, 1959.

Calendar. "The 10th Annual Jewel Ball for the benefit of Las Patronas Charities". Event planned for August 4, 1956.

Calendar. "The 24th Annual Jewel Ball 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'" Cover art by Ruth G. Strauss. Event planned for August 8, 1970.

Calendar. (Includes 2 Duplicates) "Fanfair" 50th anniversary of the Jewel Ball. Event planned for August 3, 1996.

Calendar. "Speakeasy" In honor of the 62nd Annual Jewel Ball. Event

planned for August 2, 2008.

Booklet. "hula~la Jewel Ball 2000" Event planned August 5, 2000.

Calendar. (Includes 1 Duplicate) "The 12th Annual Jewel Ball for the benefit of Las Patronas Charities Fund" Event planned for August 2, 1958.
