**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Mill Valley Lions Club Collection

**Dates:** 1964-2001, bulk 1996-2001

**Collection Number:** MS.2019.052

**Creator/Collector:** Mill Valley Lions Club, 1951-2005

**Extent:** 1 linear foot (1 box)

**Repository:** Mill Valley Public Library

Mill Valley, California 94941

**Abstract:** Papers, ephemera, and objects belonging to the Mill Valley Lions Club, dating from 1964 to 2001. The bulk of the materials pertain to the activities and administration of the Mill Valley Lions Club from approximately 1998 to 2001. Additional material documents activities of other Lions Clubs in Marin County.

**Language of Material:** English

**Access**

Collection is open for research. Original materials may be viewed with permission from staff. Digital copies of materials may be available. Materials in this collection do not circulate.

**Preferred Citation**

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**Biography/Administrative History**

Lions Club International was founded in 1917 as the Association of Lions Clubs by Chicago businessman Melvin Jones. By 1920 it had expanded into an international service organization. In 1987 that Lions Clubs International amended its bylaws to allow women to become members. Today it boasts 1.4 million members in over 47,000 clubs around the world. Membership is by invitation only. The Mill Valley Lions Club was organized in the early 1950s. Over the next several decades, the club organized and participated in a wide variety of service projects, fundraisers, and community events. In 1971, the Mill Valley Lions Club also spearheaded a year-long remodel of Scout Hall. The club accepted its first women member, Avril Couris, in 1990. In 2005, the Mill Valley Lions Club closed its doors due to declining membership.

**Scope and Content of Collection**

This collection contains one box with 16 folders, 2 binders, and one baseball encased in plastic. The material consists of documents, correspondence, and ephemera relating to the administration and activities of the Mill Valley Lions Club, as well as publications, pins, and banners relating to the work of Lions District 4-C2 and Lions Clubs International.

**Indexing Terms**

Clubs
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Canepa, James "Jim" H.
Chung, Jack
Hailey, Frank
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