Finding aid for the Gary Yamauchi Collection

Collection number: 99.174

Japanese American National Museum
Los Angeles, California

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Gary Yamauchi collection
Dates: 1958-1970
Collection number: 99.174
Collection Size: .75 linear feet (2 boxes, 1 framed item) and approximately 40 bowling shirts
Repository: Japanese American National Museum (Los Angeles, Calif.)
Los Angeles, California 90012
Creator: Yamauchi, Gary

Abstract: This collection relates only to Yamauchi’s bowling activities dating from 1958 to 1972. The contents include bowling attire, bowling balls and bags, photographs, newspaper clippings, score sheets, correspondence, awards, membership cards, and tournament programs.


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Preferred Citation

Acquisition Information
Gift of the Yamauchi Family, 1999.

Processing Information
Items were processed initially at an earlier date, but were rearranged and flattened in 2016. One heavily water-damaged program was disposed of. A finding aid was created in 2016 by Jamie Henricks.

Biography
Gary Yamauchi was born July 29, 1944 in Chicago, Illinois, and grew up in Gardena, California, where his parents lived before and after being confined in an Arkansas internment camp. Yamauchi got into bowling as a teenager, and went to tournaments in California and nation-wide between 1958 and 1970. He gave up the pro bowling circuit in 1970 and tried his hand at real estate and working in a casino before taking over and expanding a vending machine business, now called Tri-Star Vending. He has been mayor of Alhambra, California and is currently a city councilmember there. Yamauchi was inducted into the Japanese-American Bowling Association’s Hall of Fame in 2008. He is married to his wife Linda, and has three children.

Biographical information was taken from the collection contents, a Los Angeles Times article (http://articles.latimes.com/2012/mar/11/business/la-fi-himi-yamauchi-20120311), and City of Alhambra biography (http://www.cityofalhambra.org/page/50/gary_yamauchi/).
**Scope and Content**
This collection relates only to Yamauchi’s bowling activities, mostly dating from 1958 to 1972. The contents include approximately 45 pieces of bowling attire (primarily shirts), multiple bowling balls and bags, photographs, newspaper clippings, score sheets, correspondence, awards, membership cards, and tournament programs.

**Arrangement**
Items are arranged by type, with like items grouped together.

**Indexing Terms**
Japanese Americans
Bowling

- **Bowling shirts and pants (approximately 40 shirts, plus some pants)**
- 1 Trophy
- 3 Bowling balls and bags
- 1 Charm
- 1 Framed certificate
- 31 Photographs

**Newspaper clippings**
Physical Description: (5 folders)

**Score sheets**
Physical Description: (3 folders)

**Letters**
Physical Description: (3 folders)

**Achievement award**
**Tournament programs and papers**
Physical Description: (11 folders)

**Membership cards**