Guide to the Reynaldo J. Carreon Collection CEMA 129

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Abstract: The Reynaldo J. Carreon Collection consists of two document boxes and one flat box, which contain photography, documents and newspaper clippings regarding Mr. Carreon's career as a member of the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners, civic activities and travels.
Immediate Source of Acquisition note
This collection was part of a purchase in 2011 and came with the Chinese in America Collection (Wyles Mss 174).
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Biographical/Historical note
Reynaldo J. Carreon, Jr. M. D. was born in 1900 and died in 1991. Most notably, he was a member of the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners for sixteen years; he served as President of the board for four years. He was appointed on June 18, 1959.
Carreon received his Dr. of Optometry in 1925 from the Southern California College of Optometry. In 1936, he completed his degree in Osteopathic Medicine and Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon at the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific in Pomona, California. He earned a Dr. of Medicine Degree in 1962 from the California College of Medicine at the University of California in Irvine.
During World War II, Carreon established a clinic serving the disabled, elderly, and needy. He continued to develop and direct the Pan American Medical Center during his twenty-seven years on staff at the Los Angeles County Hospital Department of Ophthalmology. He retained the title of Doctor Emeritus after his retirement from the Los Angeles County Hospital.
In 1958, Carreon was awarded Spain's Honorary Citizen of Madrid for sustaining successful diplomatic activities between the City of Los Angeles and cities of Spain during the International Conference of City Mayors. President Eisenhower chose Carreon during his presidential term (1953-1961) to represent the United States in the "People to People" Program; he was named Ambassador at Large to Central and South America. Mexican President, Adolfo Lopez Mateos, awarded Carreon the Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle for his dedication to improving Inter-American relations on July 27, 1964.
Carreon was co-founder of the Indio Community Hospital, which was constructed on his property. Now it is known as the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital, located on the corner of Dr. Carreon Blvd. (named in his honor) and Monroe Street in Indio. Additionally, he was member of the California Advisory Committee to U.S. Civil Rights Commission. Carreon was Chairman of the Board of the Los Angeles Civil Defense and Disaster Board. He helped establish the Los Angeles Mexican Civic and Patriotic Committee in which he was a lifetime member. Moreover, Carreon was member of the Los Angeles Mexican Chamber of Commerce and the Mexican Welfare Committee.
Reynaldo J. Carreon established four college and university endowments: College of the Desert, College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, California College of Medicine at the University of California in Irvine, and the Southern California College of Optometry in Fullerton.
For more information see links:
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Scope and Contents note
The Reynaldo J. Carreon Collection is arranged according to subject matter. The original order has been maintained wherever possible to reflect the order that the photos and ephemera were arranged in the original albums and boxes. The subjects contains various groupings, one of which is Mexico's Order of the Aztec Eagle. It consists mostly of photographs of the ceremony in which Carreon was awarded the Order of the Aztec Eagle in Mexico. The folder Hawaii contains photographs of a vacation to Hawaii. Coachella Valley Mexican Coordinating Council and Indio, California holds photographs of an event for the Mexican Coordinating Council, Coachella Valley and Indio, and some shots of working in the hospital and in a palm orchard. Los Angeles Civic Duties and Indio Fair encompasses photographs from various events and ceremonies in Los Angeles and Indio. Mexican Festivities contains photographs pertaining to various Mexican celebrations and festivities. Police Commissioner files consist of photographs, documents, newspaper clippings, and miscellaneous materials regarding Carreon's appointment and tenure as member of the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners. These materials originated from one scrapbook and maintain their order to reflect the creator's design. Subjects are arranged alphabetically.

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