

**Caesar's Bar, Cedar-Riverside Neighborhood
Collection, Compiled by Muriel Lee
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Summary Information

Repository	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
Creator	Lee, Muriel
Title	Caesar's Bar, Cedar-Riverside Neighborhood Collection, Compiled by Muriel Lee
Date	1965-2011
Extent	0.42 Linear feet
Language	English

History

Muriel and David Lee moved into the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood in 1960. In 1962 the couple bought the buildings at 316, 320, and 324 Cedar Avenue. At the time, two of the buildings housed a bar, whose rent helped cover the deed payments. When the bar closed a year or so later, the Lees decided to re-open the bar in order to continue a source of income. Caesar's Bar opened in 1965.

By the early 1970s, Cedar Avenue was undergoing some drastic changes. Cedar Riverside Plaza, an apartment complex designed by Ralph Rapson, opened in 1973. And the University of Minnesota was expanding to the West Bank. Caesar's Bar was well-known and liked. The Lees rented apartments above Caesar's to students and also maintained a garden at 3rd St. and Cedar Ave. David Lee became ill and the couple closed the bar on March 28, 1986. The buildings were sold several months later.

David died of cancer in March, 1990. Muriel Lee no longer lives in the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood. She is a local author and editor and is actively involved with pet boarding and the Minneapolis Kennel Club.

Description of Collection

The collection consists of two scrapbooks, one from Caesar's Restaurant, the other from a garden maintained by Muriel and David Lee. Both Caesar's and the garden were located in the Cedar-Riverside Neighborhood, near the west bank of campus. The collection also includes newsletters from Caesar's and some miscellaneous material.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Caesar's (Minneapolis, Minn.).

Geographic Name(s)

- Cedar-Riverside Neighborhood (Minneapolis, Minn.)

Subject(s)

- Bars (Drinking establishments)
- Gardens
- Restaurants -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Caesar's Newsletters undated, 2011	1	1
Scope and Contents note		
Six issues of "Caesar's Newsletter". All but one are undated. Also includes miscellaneous fliers from events at the bar.		
Miscellaneous	1	2
Scope and Contents note		
Includes a menu, clipping, card, David Lee's obituary, and a history of the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood from 1960-1990 written by Muriel.		
The Lee Garden Book 1974-1991		
Scope and Contents note		
Scrapbook of primarily photographs of the triangular garden on Cedar Avenue that was maintained by the Lees. Some photographs show shops and buildings in the area and parts of the Minneapolis skyline. Newspaper clippings, inspirational images, flower lists, drawings, and correspondence are also included. The cover for the scrapbook is in folder 3.		
Caesar's Scrapbook 1965-1982, undated Spiral-bound scrapbook. Back cover is becoming detached. Items attached to a light adhesive on each page, and pages are covered in plastic. Items taped to inside front and back covers.		

Scope and Contents note

The scrapbook includes menus, photographs, invitations, advertisements, matchbooks, and newspaper clippings all related to Caesar's restaurant or Cedar-Riverside neighborhood.