

Series 100: Michaelian, Edwin G. Collection: County Executive Records, Invitations and Thank You's (2.16 cu. ft.)

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Background:

As County Executive, Edwin G. Michaelian corresponded with various local, state, and national figures and organizations. Personal miscellany of his activities was also documented throughout his tenure and included invitations to functions that were both political and personal in nature. Thank you notes sent to or received from supporters of his campaigns or policies were also maintained by the County Executive Office. Mr. Michaelian's wife, Joyce, is often mentioned in the personal correspondence.

Collection Description:

Copies of letters sent by Michaelian to local, state and national organizations, Republican Party officials, Westchester and New York area religious, cultural, and educational leaders, corporate heads and personal friends are included in this collection. Invitations and regrets are the bulk of this collection and are filed by date of the event. Thank you notes for honorary awards, winning re-election, and memorabilia, as well as notes received for participating in speaking engagements, attending political functions, conferences, and social events are the second largest part of the collection. Additional correspondence includes: (1) letters of appreciation for support of legislative acts and proposals along with congratulations to candidates running for or elected to office, such as John V. Lindsay, Robert Wagner, Walter Thayer, Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew; (2) copies of condolence letters to family friends and their relatives with attached news clippings of obituaries and personal well wishes to those recovering from illnesses; and (3) commendations and other thank you notes received from organizations and leaders such as State University of New York (SUNY) presidents, Chairman of the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Executive Director of the Westchester County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and the Orchestral Society of Westchester.

Materials specifically documenting Michaelian's political campaigns include copies of two "Pre-Primary, Pre-Convention or Pre-Election: Statement of Receipts, Contributions or Expenditures of a Candidate for A Political Office" found in the campaign folders along with copies of letters to supporters of his re-election, thank you notes to participants in his inauguration, invitations from groups to participate as a candidate in debates or on local radio shows, and numerous congratulatory Western Union telegrams.

Through copies of letters and two check registers, this collection also documents donations made by Michaelian to non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and in remembrances. Finally, an Inauguration folder includes copies of invitations to guests, copy of proceedings for the inauguration, seating arrangements, draft list of invitees, a volunteers list and thank you notes to staff.