

## Finding Aid for the Records of Gay Lesbian Community Services, 1980-2013

### Collection Overview

**Title:** Records of Gay Lesbian Community Services, 1980-2013

**Primary Creator:** Gay Lesbian Community Services, Rochester, Minnesota

**Extent:** 1.09 Linear Feet, 3 boxes

**Arrangement:** The contents of this collection are arranged into folders of material as they were grouped by the Gay Lesbian Community Services organization upon donation to the History Center of Olmsted County. The contents in each folder are arranged in chronological order where possible. Periodic new accruals will be placed at the end of the collection in chronological order until sufficient quantity necessitates a more detailed arrangement.

**Subjects:** GLBTQ people, Gay community, Gay Pride day, Gay pride celebrations, Gay rights, Homosexuality, Human rights advocacy, Lesbian community, Lesbians, Newsletters

**Languages:** English

### Scope and Contents of the Materials

This collection contains material that documents the formation and activities of Gay Lesbian Community Services, including by-laws, fundraising activities, and flyers and brochures for events sponsored by the organization. Newsletters produced by the organization are especially well represented, as are newspaper clippings related to various GLBTA activities and interests of particular note to the organization. Many events are also well documented in photographs, some of which are contained in two scrapbooks: one for various special celebrations and one for Pride celebrations. The bulk of the collection represents a timeframe from the mid-1980s to the late 1990s.

### Biographical Note

Formed in 1980, Gay Lesbian Community Services is a non-profit, volunteer service organization located in Rochester, Minnesota. The organization provides southeastern Minnesota with gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgender related educational, informational, and social resources. The organization works closely with GLBTA related groups, human and social service agencies, educational institutions, churches, and other organizations. Initially, transgender and bi-sexual individuals were not included. When it first formed, the group met at the Salvation Army building. Later, it would meet at the Ability Building Center. For many years, the group worked without a formal name or identity. It wasn't until the late 1990s or early 2000s that it began identifying itself as a group.

### Subject/Index Terms

GLBTQ people

Gay community

Gay Pride day

Gay pride celebrations

Gay rights  
 Homosexuality  
 Human rights advocacy  
 Lesbian community  
 Lesbians  
 Newsletters

### **Administrative Information**

**Repository:** Olmsted County Historical Society/History Center of Olmsted County

**Accessions:** 2013.057, 2017.065

**Accruals:** Most of the collection is from a donation made in 2013. Periodic new accruals are anticipated.

**Access Restrictions:** There are no access restrictions.

**Use Restrictions:** Permission to publish, quote, and reproduce must be secured from the copyright holder.

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**Processing Information:** Processed by Mary Till, April 2016.

**Finding Aid Revision History:** Created by Krista Lewis, April 2016. Revisions and additions made by Krista Lewis, September 2017.

### **Box and Folder Listing**

Box 1: B.7.f

Folder 1: Organization, 1980-2000, acc. # 2013.057.006

Documents include: beginning of organization, by-laws, newsletters, brochures, GLBT related news clippings, Pridefest photo

Folder 2: Fundraisers, 1981-2000, acc. # 2013.057.007

Documents include: porch/rummage/garage/yard sales and proceeds, photos of some fundraisers

Folder 3: Workshops, 1982-2000, acc. # 2013.057.008

Documents include: news clippings, workshop outlines, educational material, photos, pamphlets

Folder 4: Expressions of Gratitude, 1983-2000, acc. # 2013.057.009

Documents include: Volunteer of the Month announcement, notes of Thanks, photos

Folder 5: Local Area Family Members, 1994-2000, acc. # 2013.057.010

Documents include: news clippings

Folder 6: GLBT Youth, 1996-2003, acc. # 2013.057.011

Documents include: news clippings, pamphlets

Folder 7: Rainbow Chorale, 1998-2000, acc. # 2013.057.012

Documents include: event flyers, event photos, news clippings

Folder 8: Social Gatherings, 1982-1997, acc. # 2013.057.013

Documents include: event flyers, event photos, news clippings

Folder 9: Newsletters, 1981-1987, acc. # 2013.057.014

Folder 10: Newsletter, 1988-1993, acc. # 2013.057.017

Folder 11: Rochester Gayzette Newsletter, 1994-1998, acc. # 2013.057.016

Folder 12: Rochester Gayzette Newsletter, 1999-2000, acc. # 2013.057.015

#### Box 2: B.7.f

Folder 1: Rochester Gayzette Newsletter, 2001-2003, acc. # 2013.057.018

Folder 2: Religious Activities, 1984-1999, acc. # 2013.057.019

Documents include: news clippings

Folder 3: Coming Out, 1984-2002, acc. # 2013.057.020

Celebrations of coming out. Documents include: news clippings, photos

Folder 4: Human Rights, 1982-2000, acc. # 2013.057.023

Documents include: news clippings related to human rights in the Rochester community, proposed human rights amendment and ordinance

Folder 5: Events and News, 2000-2013, acc. # 2013.057.024

Documents include: flyers, news clippings, gay boy scouts, photos, editorials

Folder 6: Pridefest/Pride Celebrations, 2001-2009, acc. # 2013.057.025

Documents include: news clippings, brochures, flyers and photos. Minneapolis Pride celebration including local participation.

Folder 7: AIDS and AIDS Quilt, 1996-2003, acc. # 2013.057.026

Documents include: news clippings, photos

Folder 8: Activities and Events, 2017-

#### Box 3 (Oversized): A.7.e

Unit 1: Scrapbook – Special celebrations, 1981-2000, acc. # 2013.057.021

Documents include: news clippings, wedding, birth, anniversary announcements, photos, and party flyers

Unit 2: Scrapbook – Pride Celebrations, 1983-2000, acc. # 2013.057.022

Documents include: news clippings, photos, and event flyers

Item 1: Rochester Pridefest 2017 poster, copy 1 of 2, acc. # 2017.065.001

Item 2: Rochester Pridefest 2017 poster, copy 2 of 2, acc. # 2017.065.002