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Descriptive Summary

Title

Stan Freitas Papers

Creator

Freitas, Stan

Extent

Number of containers: 4 archive cartons
Linear feet: 1.5 linear feet

Date

1979 – 1989

Repository

ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, Los Angeles, California

Abstract

Minutes, correspondence, printed ephemera, administrative records, notes, photographs and miscellaneous materials from activist and businessman Stan Freitas, who served as the President of the Southern California Gay Bartenders Association (SCGBA) from 1985 until it ended its operations 1987. The bulk of the collection consists of administrative records of the SCGBA, which was organized by bar and restaurant owners in 1979 to provide support and services for the Los Angeles gay community. The materials in the collection also document Freitas' involvement in AIDS activism and include papers from Aid for AIDS, as well as several other AIDS and gay activist organizations.

Administrative Information

Access

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Indexing Terms

This collection is indexed under the following terms:

- Aid for AIDS
- AIDS (Disease)—United States
- Bars (Drinking establishments)
- Bartenders
- Freitas, Stan
- Gay activists—Los Angeles
- Gay bars—California—Los Angeles
- Gays—Services for
- Southern California Gay Bartenders Association

Acquisitions Information

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Biography

Biography for Stan Freitas to be supplied at a later date.

Administrative History

On April 30, 1979, a group of bartenders and bar-associated people met at the Frog Pond Restaurant in the Silver Lake neighborhood of Los Angeles, California. The meeting was called by Michael Varady of the Silver Dollar Saloon and Dale Driscoll to “sensitize bartenders as to what is happening both politically and functionally within and for the gay community [so that those bartenders] could relate to what is happening to their customers.” This group was later named the Southern California Gay Bartenders Association (SCGBA). A volunteer social services organization, the SCGBA had monthly meetings at various locations throughout Los Angeles in the years 1979 to 1987. The general membership meetings included group discussion, event planning, community announcements and guest speakers, such as gay and lesbian activists. At SCGBA’s most active period, the group raised money for and organized community projects and social events, placed bartenders in jobs, and published a monthly newsletter, *The Bar Rag*.

Scope and Content

This collection contains administrative records, newsletters, correspondence, printed ephemera, notes, photographs, negatives, a plaque, and miscellaneous materials from Stan Freitas, who served as President of the Southern California Gay Bartenders Association (SCGBA) from 1985 to 1987, and was also involved in Aid for AIDS and a number of other activist organizations. The bulk of the material consists of administrative records from SCGBA, which was organized by bar and restaurant owners in 1979 to provide services and support for the Los Angeles gay community. The collection is divided into two series: (1) Southern California Gay Bartenders Association and (2) Other Organizations and Activities. The first series contains the administrative records of the SCGBA, including meeting minutes, newsletters and correspondence, as well as photographs and negatives documenting SCGBA events. The second series documents Freitas' involvement in Aid for AIDS and other community organizations such as The Triangle Project, the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center, AIDS Project Los Angeles, and Sunset Junction. Notably, this series includes minutes, bylaws and reports from Aid for AIDS, mostly dating from 1986 when Freitas was most active in Aid for AIDS and the SCGBA.

Series Description and Container List

Series 1: Southern California Gay Bartenders Association.

Dates: 1979 – 1987

Extent: 1 linear foot

This series contains administrative records and photographs from the Southern California Gay Bartenders Association (1979 – 1987). It is divided into two subseries: (1.1) Administration and Activities and (1.2) Photographs and Negatives.

Subseries 1.1. Administration and Activities

Dates: 1979 – 1987

Extent: 0.8 linear foot

This subseries contains bylaws, minutes, administrative records, correspondence, *The Bar Rag* Newsletter, printed ephemera and miscellaneous notes from the Southern California Gay Bartenders Association (SCGBA). Included are minutes from the general membership meetings as well as the executive committee and Board of Directors meetings. Materials document the activities and services the SCGBA provided, such as a healthcare program, fundraising events, and a benefits/discount program for SCGBA members.

Box Folder

1	1	Bylaws, circa 1980.
1	2	Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, 1979 – 1986.
1	3	Executive Committee Meetings Minutes, 1981 – 1984.

		General Meetings, 1979 – 1987
1	4	Agenda Lists and Meeting Announcements, 1982 – 1984.
1	5-6	General Meeting Minutes, 1979 – 1987 (2 folders).
1	7	General Meeting Minutes, 1981 – 1984.
4	1	General Meeting Sign-In Sheets, 1982 – 1987 (oversize).
1	8	Meetings Summaries, 1979 – 1983.
1	9-11	<i>The Bar Rag</i> , 1979 – 1987
1	9-10	Newsletters, 1979 – 1987 (2 folders).
1	11	Paste-ups, 1984.
2	1	Brochures and Pamphlets, circa 1980 – 1985.
2	2-10	Correspondence
2	2	1980.
2	3	1981.
2	4	1982.
2	5	1983.
2	6	1984.
2	7	1985.
2	8	1986.
2	9	1987.
2	10	Undated.
2	11	Event Flyers and Printed Ephemera, 1980 – 1986.
2	12	Financial Records, 1985.
		Form Letters, 1980 – 1985
2	13	Blank Letterhead, Undated.
4	2	Blank Membership Applications, circa 1980 – 1985 (oversize).
2	14	New Members, Undated.
2	15	Questionnaires, circa 1980 – 1985.
2	16	Renewed Members, Undated.
2	17	Requests for Information, Undated
2	18	Requests for Renewal, Undated.
2	19	Gay Community Services Center Questionnaire and Community Calendar, Undated.
2	20	Mailing Lists, 1985 – 1986.
2	21	Major Medical Program for the Southern California Gay Bartenders Association, 1985.
2	22	Membership Benefits Program, Undated.
2	23	Press Releases, 1981 – 1986.
2	24	Progress Reports, 1979 – 1984.
2	25	Registration Forms, 1985 – 1986.
4	3	Troupers Hall Fundraiser to Benefit Aid for AIDS, 1986 (oversize).
		Awards and Recognitions, 1985 – 1986
4	4	Certificate of Commendation to the Gay Bartenders' Association from the City of West Hollywood, circa 1985 (oversize).
2	26	Plaque to Southern California Gay Bartenders Association Presented by Comprehensive Nursing Services, circa 1986.
4	5	Miscellaneous Handwritten Notes, circa 1980 – 1985 (oversize).

4 6 Miscellaneous, 1981 – 1986 (oversize).

Subseries 1.2. Photographs and Negatives

Dates: 1983 – 1985

Extent: 0.2 linear foot

This subseries comprises photographs and negatives that document events and general membership meetings of the Southern California Gay Bartenders Association from 1983 to 1985. Included are photographs of the wedding of SCGBA members Gary Bond and John Duncan—a fundraising event to benefit Aid for AIDS. Notably, this subseries includes images of Los Angeles-area bars and restaurants, such as Woody’s Hyperion, Silver Dollar Saloon and Bunkhouse.

Box Folder

- 3 1 Wedding of Gary Bond & John Duncan to Benefit Aid for AIDS [6 photographs: b&w.], 1983.
- 3 2 Queen Mary Meeting [18 photographs: col.], May 1983.
- 3 3 Floyd’s Meeting [negatives], March 1984.
- 3 4-5 P.S. Trip [12 photographs + negatives.], April 1984.
- 3 6 Queen Mary Meeting [28 photographs : col.], May 1984.
- 3 7 S.S. Friendship Meeting [negatives], July 1984.
- 3 8 Woody’s Meeting [negatives], August 1984.
- 3 9 Griff’s Meeting [negatives], November 1984.
- 3 10 Tandem Meeting [negatives], November 1984.
- 3 11 Silver Dollar Meeting December [negatives], 1984.
- 3 12 Spike Meeting January [negatives], 1985.
- 3 13 Bunkhouse Meeting [negatives], February 1985.
- 3 14 Brass Rail [negatives], June 10, 1985.

Series 2: Other Organizations and Activities.

Dates: 1984 – 1989

Extent: 0.5 linear foot

This series contains materials not directly related to SCGBA and which document Freitas’ involvement in AIDS activism, in particular, Aid for AIDS, Inc. as well as several gay advocacy organizations in the 1980s. This series is divided into two subseries: (2.1) Aid for AIDS, Inc. and (2.2) Miscellaneous.

Subseries 2.1. Aid for AIDS, Inc.

Dates: 1985 – 1989

Extent: 0.2 linear foot

This subseries comprises correspondence, minutes, financial records, bylaws, committee reports and policies and various printed ephemera from Aid for AIDS, a Los Angeles-based organization



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formed to provide services and advocate for people with AIDS. The bulk of the materials dates from 1986 and document the relationship between Aid for AIDS and SCGBA as well as Freitas' involvement in both organizations.

Box Folder

- 3 15 Agreement Forms, circa 1986 – 1989.
- 3 16-18 Board of Directors, 1986 – 1987.
- 3 16 Applications, 1986 – 1987.
- 3 17 Meetings, 1986.
- 3 18 Memoranda, 1986.
- 3 19 Bylaws, Undated.
- 3 20 Committee Reports, 1986.
- 3 21 Correspondence, 1986.
- 3 22 Financial Records, 1986.
- 3 23 Financial Statements, 1985 – 1986.
- 3 24-26 Fundraising Events, 1986 – 1987.
- 3 24 Anniversary Dinner Programs, 1986 – 1987.
- 3 25 Being Alive "Hooray for Hollywood" Fundraiser, 1986.
- 3 26 Troupers Hall Fundraiser, 1986.
- 3 27 Personnel Policies, 1986.
- 4 7 Printed Ephemera and Miscellaneous Typescripts, 1985 – 1986 (oversize).

Subseries 2.2. Miscellaneous.

Dates: 1984 – 1987

Extent: 0.3 linear foot.

This subseries comprises printed ephemera, correspondence and miscellaneous typescripts from several activist organizations and activities in which Freitas was involved. These activities include The Triangle Project, AIDS Project Los Angeles, and the National Lesbian & Gay Health Conference. This subseries also includes a certificate of recognition that Freitas received from Christopher Street West.

Box Folder

- 3 28 AIDS Project Los Angeles, 1985 – 1986.
- 3 29 Christopher Street West / Los Angeles Salutes Stan Freitas, Undated.
- 3 30 The Maggie Awards, 1986 – 1987.
- 3 31 National Lesbian & Gay Health Conference / Fifth National AIDS Forum, Los Angeles, March 26 - 29, 1987.
- 4 8 Southern California CARES, 1986 (oversize).
- 4 9 Sunset Junction, 1984 (oversize).
- 3 32 The Triangle Project, 1986.
- 4 10 Miscellaneous Typescripts, 1984 – 1987 (oversize).