



ALCOHOLICS TOGETHER RECORDS

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Descriptive Summary

Title

Alcoholics Together Records

Creator

Alcoholics Together

Extent

Number of containers: 2 archive cartons
Linear feet: 0.8 linear foot

Date

1971-1985

Repository

ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, Los Angeles, California

Abstract

Building committee minutes, financial statements and related documents, Internal Revenue Service correspondence and Federal tax returns along with general correspondence, 1971-1985 of Alcoholics Together (AT), a Los Angeles gay and lesbian alcoholics meeting formed in 1969 which follows the tenets and traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), along with providing an environment affirming gay and lesbian identity.



Administrative Information

Access

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Indexing Terms

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Alcoholics--Rehabilitation--California--Los Angeles
Alcoholics Together (Los Angeles, Calif.)
Gay clubs--California--Los Angeles
Gays--Alcohol use--California--Los Angeles

Acquisitions Information

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History

In 1969, in Los Angeles, a group of seven gay alcoholics met to establish an Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meeting that provided an environment affirming gay/lesbian identity. They attempted to have their meeting listed in the Los Angeles AA directory; however, AA would not recognize any "closed," meeting, such as a gay/lesbian only meeting. The organizers subscribed to AA tenets, traditions, and meeting format with the permission of AA, however AA requested that the meeting not use the Alcoholic Anonymous name. AA did allow the use of their materials and guidelines, only requesting a credit line on copies. The organizers subsequently chose the name "Alcoholics Together" also known as AT. In 1971, the organization opened the "AT Center" a location for meetings, AT meetings quickly expanded and unaffiliated AT meetings spread nationally. The AT Center continues to provide a variety of meetings for gays and lesbians alcoholics.



Scope and Content and Container List

The bulk of the collection consists of the Alcoholic Together (AT) building committee minutes and AT financial statements. The collection also includes the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) correspondence, Federal tax returns, and related information, along with a general correspondence file. The IRS correspondence includes AT's request for tax-exempt status, their exchange of correspondence, and supporting documentation which provides information on AT and their mission. The general correspondence file includes correspondence with the Alcoholic Anonymous (AA) Central Office in New York and other miscellaneous organizational correspondence such as letters related to seventh tradition obligations. The remaining folders contain meeting directories, 1977-1981, the bylaws and related documents of AT, 1977-1985, and a check register, 1971-1974.

Box Folder

1	1-3	Building Committee minutes, 1971-1984
1	4-6	Financial statements, bills, and receipts, 1978-1985
2	1	Internal Revenue Service correspondence, 1972-1983
2	2	AT Federal tax returns, 1972-1985
2	3	General correspondence, 1972-1985
2	4	AT meeting directories, 1977-1981
2	5	Bylaws, organizational structure, new officers instructions, 1977-1985
2	6	Check register and receipts, 1971-1974