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Descriptive Summary

Title: Stan Freitas papers

Dates: 1979-1989

Collection number: Coll2008-032

Creator: Freitas, Stan

Collection Size: 4 archive cartons.1.5 linear foot.

Repository: ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives.

Los Angeles, California 90007

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.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

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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*.

Biography

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

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.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Aid for AIDS, Inc.

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

Box: 1 : 1 - 11 ; 2 : 1 - 26 ; 3 : 1 - 14 ; 4 : 1 - 6
Series 1. Southern California Gay Bartenders Association 1979-1987
Physical Description: 1 linear foot.

Series Scope and Content

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.

Box: 1 : 1 - 11 ; 2 : 1 Subseries 1.1. Administration and Activities 1979-1987
- 26 ; 4 : 1 - 6

Physical Description: 0.8 linear foot.

Subseries Scope and Content

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 1 : 1 **Bylaws circa 1980**
Box 1 : 2 **Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 1979 - 1986**
Box 1 : 3 **Executive Committee Meetings Minutes 1981 - 1984**
Box 1 : 4 - 8 ; 4 : 1 **General Meetings 1979 - 1987**
Box 1 : 4 **Agenda Lists and Meeting Announcements 1982 - 1984**
Box 1 : 5 - 6 **General Meeting Minutes 1979 - 1987**

Physical Description: 2 folders.

Box 1 : 7 **General Meeting Minutes 1981 - 1984**
Box 4 : 1 (oversize) **General Meeting Sign-In Sheets 1982 - 1987**
Box 1 : 8 **Meetings Summaries 1979 - 1983**
Box 1 : 9 - 11 ***The Bar Rag* 1979 - 1987**
Box 1 : 9 - 10 **Newsletters 1979 - 1987**

Physical Description: 2 folders.

Box 1 : 11 **Paste-ups 1984**
Box 2 : 1 **Brochures and Pamphlets circa 1980 - 1985**
Box 2 : 2 - 10 **Correspondence 1980 - 1987**
Box 2 : 2 **1980**
Box 2 : 3 **1981**
Box 2 : 4 **1982**
Box 2 : 5 **1983**
Box 2 : 6 **1984**
Box 2 : 7 **1985**
Box 2 : 8 **1986**
Box 2 : 9 **1987**
Box 2 : 10 **Undated**
Box 2 : 11 **Event Flyers and Printed Ephemera 1980 - 1986**
Box 2 : 12 **Financial Records 1985**
Box 2 : 13 - 18 ; 4 : 2 **Form Letters 1980 - 1985**
Box 2 : 13 **Blank Letterhead Undated**
Box 4 : 2 (oversize) **Blank Membership Applications circa 1980 - 1985**
Box 2 : 14 **New Members Undated**
Box 2 : 15 **Questionnaires circa 1980 - 1985**

Series 1. **Southern California Gay Bartenders Association 1979-1987**

Subseries 1.1. **Administration and Activities 1979-1987**

Box 2 : 16	Renewed Members Undated
Box 2 : 17	Requests for Information Undated
Box 2 : 18	Requests for Renewal Undated
Box 2 : 19	Gay Community Services Center Questionnaire and Community Calendar Undated
Box 2 : 20	Mailing Lists 1985 - 1986
Box 2 : 21	Major Medical Program for the Southern California Gay Bartenders Association 1985
Box 2 : 22	Membership Benefits Program Undated
Box 2 : 23	Press Releases 1981 - 1986
Box 2 : 24	Progress Reports 1979 - 1984
Box 2 : 25	Registration Forms 1985 - 1986
Box 4 : 3 (oversize)	Troupers Hall Fundraiser to Benefit Aid for AIDS 1986
Box 2 : 26 ; 4 : 4	Awards and Recognitions 1985 - 1986
Box 4 : 4 (oversize)	Certificate of Commendation to the Gay Bartenders' Association from the City of West Hollywood circa 1985
Box 2 : 26	Plaque to Southern California Gay Bartenders Association Presented by Comprehensive Nursing Services circa 1986
Box 4 : 5 (oversize)	Miscellaneous Handwritten Notes circa 1980 - 1985
Box 4 : 6 (oversize)	Miscellaneous 1981 - 1986

Box: 3 : 1 - 14 Subseries 1.2. **Photographs and Negatives 1983-1985**

Physical Description: 0.2 linear foot.

Subseries Scope and Content

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 3 : 1 **Wedding of Gary Bond & John Duncan to Benefit Aid for AIDS 1983**

Physical Description: 6 photographs : b&w.

Box 3 : 2 **Queen Mary Meeting May 1983**

Physical Description: 18 photographs : col.

Box 3 : 3 **Floyd's Meeting March 1984**

Physical Description: Negatives.

Box 3 : 4 - 5 **P.S. Trip April 1984**

Physical Description: 12 photographs + negatives.

Box 3 : 6 **Queen Mary Meeting May 1984**

Physical Description: 28 photographs : col.

Box 3 : 7 **S.S. Friendship Meeting July 1984**

Physical Description: Negatives.

Box 3 : 8 **Woody's Meeting August 1984**

Physical Description: Negatives.

Series 1. **Southern California Gay Bartenders Association 1979-1987**

Subseries 1.2. **Photographs and Negatives 1983-1985**

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| Box 3 : 9 | Griff's Meeting November 1984
Physical Description: Negatives. |
| Box 3 : 10 | Tandem Meeting November 1984
Physical Description: Negatives. |
| Box 3 : 11 | Silver Dollar Meeting December 1984
Physical Description: Negatives. |
| Box 3 : 12 | Spike Meeting January 1985
Physical Description: Negatives. |
| Box 3 : 13 | Bunkhouse Meeting February 1985
Physical Description: Negatives. |
| Box 3 : 14 | Brass Rail June 10, 1985
Physical Description: Negatives. |

Box: 3 : 15 - 32 ; Series 2. Other Organizations and Activities 1984-1989

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Physical Description: 0.5 linear foot.

Series Scope and Content

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.

Box: 3 : 15 - 37 ; 4 : Subseries 2.1. Aid for AIDS, Inc. 1985-1989

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Physical Description: 0.2 linear foot.

Subseries Scope and Content

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

Box: 3 : 28 - 32 ; 4 : Subseries 2.2. Miscellaneous 1984-1987

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Physical Description: 0.3 linear foot.

Subseries Scope and Content

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

Box 4 : 10 (oversize) **Miscellaneous Typescripts 1984 - 1987**