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Judy Reif and Sheila Clark
Papers, 1986-1995

FINDING AID AUTHOR

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ACQUISITION INFORMATION

Judy Reif and Sheila Clark donated these materials to Lambda Archives of San Diego in 1997.

PROCESSING INFORMATION

This collection was processed by Gabrielle Garcia as part of the 2020 CSL Project. This project was guided by an overarching anti-racist framework that informs archival practice in all aspects at Lambda Archives. Therefore, along with processing the collections specified in the original narrative, we intentionally prioritize the collections of BIPOC and Transgender members of the community to preserve and disseminate their narratives, which have been historically ignored and suppressed in archives across the U.S.

This framework promotes transparency and accountability in our responsibility to those in the LGBTQ+ community that have been historically underrepresented, misrepresented and/or trivialized in archives. Our goals are to (a) gain or rebuild trust with BIPOC members of the community; (b) more fully reflect the community's diversity; (c) outwardly recognize the contributions that BIPOC have made which have enabled the community, as a whole, to flourish; and (d) improve the discoverability of these under-acknowledged histories to increase their engagement for varying purposes within the community and for research and public knowledge.

EXTENT

Number of containers: 1

Linear feet of shelf space: 0.25

ABSTRACT

BIOGRAPHY OR HISTORY

Judy Reif and Sheila Clark are life partners who were involved with Shirtails Productions (organizing dances and concerts), the San Diego Women's chorus, the Beautiful Lesbian Thespians theater group, and other musical and women's events.

Judy Reif was also a member of the San Diego Pride organizing committee and served as grand marshal in 2006.

“Her activism dates back to 1970 in New York City, when she helped promote the nation’s first Pride march a year after the famous Stonewall riots occurred in Greenwich Village. Reif also became active in the Gay Liberation Front at that time while helping to organize GLBT dances, cultural performances, small press publications and a lesbian food co-op in an era when health food stores were rare. After arriving to San Diego some 30 years ago, she became active with Lesbians for Political Action, co-produced concerts by the San Diego Women’s Chorus and coordinated Shirtails women’s dances. Reif also served on the San Diego LGBT Pride board from 1994 to 1999. She currently works as a fitness instructor and also teaches classes for the seniors group Exercise 4 Life and Silver Sneakers.”

"San Diego Pride Announces Parade Grand Marshals." Gay and Lesbian Times, no. 969, 20 July 2006, p. 21. Archives of Sexuality and Gender, link.gale.com/apps/doc/SHIH1Y853254323/AHSI?u=lambda&sid=bookmark-AHSI&xid=d99dd207. Accessed 28 Oct. 2021.

COLLECTION SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection contains materials pertaining to Shirtails, a lesbian events group, including flyers, programs, press releases, and clippings from newspapers, and Judy Reif’s resume of involvements in various gay and lesbian committees.

ARRANGEMENT

This collection consists of 1 box.

SEPARATED MATERIAL

None.

SUBJECTS

Judy Reif, Sheila Clark, Shirtails, Women’s music, Women’s musicians and singers, Social events, Lesbians

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS

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PREFERRED CITATION

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San Diego, California

RELATED MATERIAL

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LOCATION NOTE

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LANGUAGES

English

CONTAINER LIST

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)	
1	1	Shirtails Flyers, Programs, Releases	1986-1994	
1	2	Shirtails Clippings	1987-1994	
1	3	Judy Reif Gay and Lesbian Committees Resume	1994	