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Jeri Dilno
Collection, 1962-2010 (bulk 1987-2009)

FINDING AID AUTHOR

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ACQUISITION INFORMATION

Jeri Dilno donated these materials to Lambda Archives of San Diego in August 2013.

PROCESSING INFORMATION

This collection was processed by Gabrielle Garcia as part of the 2020 CSL Project.

EXTENT

Number of containers: 1

Linear feet of shelf space: 1

ABSTRACT

BIOGRAPHY OR HISTORY

Jeri Dilno was born and raised in San Diego. Dilno joined the Airforce after attending San Diego State University in 1958, however she received a dishonorable discharge in 1961 after being investigated, along with eight others, for being gay. Dilno was the only one to fight the charges and later had her dishonorable discharge changed to honorable, establishing her commitment to pursuing LGBT Rights.

After living in Philadelphia for a brief time, Dilno returned to San Diego and helped found the first organized San Diego Pride march in 1975. Dilno served as the first female Executive Director of The Center from 1975 to 1977 and chaired the board of The Center from 1978 to 1980. Dilno also served as the President of the San Diego Democratic Club from 1987 to 1991, the co-chair of the LGBT Democratic Caucus from 1989 to 1991, and a delegate at the National Democratic Convention in 1988, 1992, and 2000.

From 1993 to 1995, Dilno held the position of Editor at the Gay and Lesbian Times (GLT) at a time during the AIDS crisis when organizations such as ACT UP and Queer Nation held large protests. A dedicated journalist, Dilno once posed as a straight couple alongside Mel Merrill to attend a conservative church meeting that was held to discuss the overturning of the Human Dignity Ordinance.

Dilno has received a great deal of recognition for her political involvement and activism, including being one of the Grand Marshalls—alongside Jess Jessop—in the 1989 San Diego Pride parade, having March 25, 2006 declared “Jeri Dilno Day” by Mayor Maureen O’Connor, and receiving many awards such as the Harvey Milk Award at the 1988 Nicky’s, the 1990 Jess Jessop memorial Founders Award from The Center, and the Susan B. Anthony Achievement Award from the San Diego chapter of NOW.

COLLECTION SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of two document cases, one with ten file folders containing documents, meeting minutes, reports, letters, photocopied articles, pertaining to the Citizen’s Review Board on Police Practices, the San Diego Democratic Club, San Diego Pride’s effort to build LGBTQ senior community housing, and the San Diego Human Dignity Ordinance. Other folders contain papers related to a homophobic incident at Grossmont Union High Schools, printed signs used to honor AIDS victims and protest against former President Ronald Reagan at the time of his death in 2004, documents pertaining to Neil Good’s City Council campaign run, and other miscellaneous paper objects such as booklets, flyers, and magazines. Other objects include paper and plaque awards and commendations, books, and various convention badges and lanyards.

ARRANGEMENT

This collection consists of 2 document cases divided into 2 series:

- Series I: Papers [Box 1]
- Series II: Ephemera and Memorabilia [Box 1- Box 2]

SEPARATED MATERIAL

In this field, list any materials that have been removed from the collection and transferred to another collection, department (e.g., the library), or institution.

1. CD: [D241, box 3]
 - a. Festival Commitment Ceremony, k.d. Lang Concert DVD 30th Annual San Diego LGBT Pride July 30-August 1, 2004
2. Buttons: [Z0986-Z0989]
 - a. Lift the Ban
 - b. Support Marriage Equality? I Do.
 - c. Albert Bell
 - d. Gay Celebration (possibly from 1970s)
3. Photographs: [P340]
 - a. Envelope of loose photos with notes: Jeri Dilno with political figures at San Diego Pride

SUBJECTS

San Diego Democratic Club, Neil Good, San Diego Pride, Citizens Review Board on Police Practices, Human Dignity Ordinance, Grossmont Union High School, Politics, Organizations - political, Political campaigns, Political conventions, Democratic Party, Legislature, Awards/commendations, Law enforcement, Police departments

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PREFERRED CITATION

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[Item Description]
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San Diego, California

RELATED MATERIAL

L1991.11, L1995.10, L2013.23, L2013.28, L2014.17, L2015.26

LOCATION NOTE

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LANGUAGES

English

CONTAINER LIST

Box	Folde r	Description	Date(s)	
1	1	Citizen's Review Board on Police Practices		
1	2	San Diego Democratic Club		
1	3	Grossmont Union High School District		
1	4	San Diego Pride - LGBTQ Senior Community Housing		
1	5	San Diego Human Dignity Ordinance		
1	6	2004 Reagan Protest	2004	
1	7	Miscellany		

1	8	Awards/Commendations		
1	9	Neil Good City Council Campaign		
1	10	Bravo! Woman of the Year Plaque		
1	11	Lambda Archives Hero's Pioneers and Trailblazers Award 2010 plaque	2010	
2	1	2000 Democratic National Convention (August 14-17, 2000) Delegate Badges and Lanyard with two button pins	2000	
2	2	National Gay and Lesbian Task Force 17th Annual Creating Change Conference (November 10-14, 2004) Badge with string attachment	2004	
2	3	1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights Gay & Lesbian Times Reporter Badge with string attachment	1993	
2	4	Pride Worldwide/Orgullo Mundial San Diego Pride Board of Directors Badge with lanyard		
2	5	SBC Official Communications and Wireless Company Democratic National Convention 2000 Badge, lanyard, and two button pins	2000	
2	6	Pride Around the World San Diego Pride (July 15-17, 2011) Board of Directors Badge with lanyard	2011	
2	7	NCAA Championship 1994 Division I Women's Basketball West Regional - First Round March 16 Uptown Publications Media Badge with string attachment	1994	
2	8	Democratic National Convention 1992 (July 13-16, 1992) Delegate Badges with string attachment and a button pin	1992	
2	9	2009 International Gay & lesbian Leadership Conference Attendee Badge with lanyard	2009	
2	10	California Democratic Party State Convention (April 24-26, 2009) Delegate Badges	2009	
2	11	California Democratic Party State Convention (April 27-29, 2007) Delegate Badges	2007	
2	12	California Democratic Party State Convention (March 14-16, 2003) Delegate Badges with lanyard	2003	

2	13	California Democratic Party State Convention (April 15-17, 2005) Delegate Badges with lanyard and San Diego County Democratic Central Committee button pin	2005	
2	14	4 San Diego Pride Board Member name tags		
2	15	Jeri Dilno Awardee name tag		
2	16	30 Years of Pride - Strength in Numbers - San Diego Pride dog tag and chain		
2	17	<i>The First Gay Pope and Other Records</i> by Lynne Yamaguchi Fletcher		
2	18	<i>Trying Hard to Hear You</i> by Sandra Scoppettone		
2	19	<i>This Is Not for You</i> by Jane Rule		
2	20	<i>The Gay Militants: How Gay Liberation Began in America, 1969-1971</i> by Donn Teal		