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Jeri Dilno
Collection, 1950-2016 (bulk 1987-2016)

FINDING AID AUTHOR

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ACQUISITION INFORMATION

Jeri Dilno donated these materials to Lambda Archives of San Diego in 2015. Accession #L2015.26.

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 with materials related to the San Diego Democratic Club (SDDC), San Diego Pride 2001, educational materials from the 1970s about transgender people, the Support Gay Boy Scouts Demonstration 2000, Normal People vs. Pride 1994, Nicole Murray Ramirez, and more. These materials include newsletters, biographical information, certificates, speeches, correspondence, meeting minutes, booklets, reports, emails, forms, clippings, newspapers, badges, nametags, books, photographs, a CD, a DVD, and 4 clothing tops.

ARRANGEMENT

This collection consists of 1 box divided into 5 series:

- Series I: Organizations
- Series II: Educational Materials
- Series III: Controversial Events
- Series IV: Correspondence and Publications
- Series V: Memorabilia and Ephemera

SEPARATED MATERIAL

No separated material.

SUBJECTS

Jeri Dilno, newspapers, transgender, transvestitism, awards/commendations, legal, seniors, aging, political conventions, San Diego Pride, San Diego Democratic Club (SDDC), Nicole Murray Ramirez, Democratic Party, literature

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS

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PREFERRED CITATION

The suggested citation for the collection is:

[Item Description]
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San Diego, California

RELATED MATERIAL

1995.10, 2013.23, L2013.28, 2013.46, L2014.17

LOCATION NOTE

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LANGUAGES

English

CONTAINER LIST

Box	Folde r	Description	Date(s)	
1	1	San Diego Democratic Club (SDDC): Group Info		
1	2	San Diego Democratic Club (SDDC): Newsletters		
1	3	San Diego Democratic Club (SDDC): Freedom Awards/Banquets		
1	4	San Diego Democratic Club (SDDC): Freedom Awards/Banquets		
1	5	San Diego Pride 2001		
1	6	Transsexual, Transvestite, Transgender Information		
1	7	Out and Aging Metlife Study of Lesbian and Gay Baby Boomers 2006		
1	8	Support Gay Boy Scouts Demonstration 2000		
1	9	Normal People vs. Pride 1994		
1	10	Correspondence		
1	11	Nicole Murray Ramirez Articles, Column, Letter		
1	12	Gay and Lesbian Articles		

1	13	Newspapers		
1	14	Awards and Certificates		
1	15	Badges, Nametags, Souvenirs		
1	16	Photographs, CD, DVD		
1	17	Clothing		
1	18	Books		