

**L1997.02**  
**PFLAG (Diane Warner)**  
**Collection, 1982-1994**

**FINDING AID AUTHOR**

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**ACQUISITION INFORMATION**

Diane Warner donated these materials to Lambda Archives of San Diego on May 28th of 1997.

**PROCESSING INFORMATION**

This collection was processed by Ethan Lopez as part of the 2020 CSL Project.

**EXTENT**

Number of containers: 1  
Linear feet of shelf space: 0.5

**ABSTRACT**

**BIOGRAPHY OR HISTORY**

This collection contains materials from PFLAG, a group for Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, that are related to the organization and the San Diego Chapter's activities and internal structure.

“Lillian and Hy moved to Oceanside, San Diego County, in about 1979. They were encouraged by Adele Starr to form a P-FLAG chapter in that County even though one or more previous attempts to do that had not taken hold. In fact, Lillian’s first public attempt to gather together some parents of gay children drew no one at all. It wasn’t until she contacted and obtained assistance from the Gay Academic Union (GAU) at the University of California San Diego (UCSD), that things began to gel. The GAU provided good initial publicity and later helped with finding permanent meeting rooms. The first meeting of this new chapter was at the home of Heinz and Gertrude in La Jolla at 3:00pm on Sunday December 12, 1982 with 35 people in attendance. Lillian was elected Chapter Coordinator. From the very first meeting, the chapter maintained a regular newsletter to which Lillian was a heavy contributor. The second meeting drew about 50 people and Lillian announced its first fundraiser, selling tickets to “Follies

1983” put on by the Metropolitan Community Church. By May of 1983, the meetings settled in at North Conference Room in the Student Center at UCSD.

Under Lillian’s dynamic leadership the chapter quickly established itself with good meetings, great speakers and panels, excellent ‘Rap’ session, good refreshments, a membership and dues structure, and a library. It also started a telephone hotline and even marched as a unit in the June 1983 Gay Pride Parade. Within a year, P-FLAG members were offering workshops on “Coming Out to Parents”. The work of the chapter began to attract donations from various sources including the Imperial Court and the Greater San Diego Business Association.

Lillian was a tireless activist. In addition to shepherding the progress of the chapter, she personally continued to fight for understanding and the civil and human rights of gay and lesbian people...In late 1983, the chapter participated in a large project which was a joint effort with GAU, P-FLAG, and GYA. A mass mailing to all principals, guidance counselors, and PTA’s in all the high schools in the county. The mailing carried information and offered to provide speakers and panels to speak to various school groups. Unfortunately, the mailing did not result in a single invitation to speak. It was, perhaps, indicative of how uptight the school system was about the subject of homosexuality. In 1984, the chapter was honored with “The Stonewall Award” for Outstanding service to the Gay/Lesbian community of San Diego...Over the years, Lillian found ways and opportunities to a number of different groups which included the San Diego Human Relations Commission, the Sex Educators of the San Diego Schools, and the North County Psychological Association. Particularly noteworthy was her success with churches.

In 1987, after about five years of dedicated service and constant devotion to the causes of support, education, and advocacy regarding homosexuality, Lillian and Hy Rubin stepped down from the leadership of the chapter.”

Excerpt from “The Origins of P-FLAG, San Diego County”: A Tribute to Lillian and Hy Rubin” by Rocky Vegas located in the first folder of this collection.

## **COLLECTION SCOPE AND CONTENT**

This collection consists of records, correspondence, and papers from the San Diego chapter of PFLAG between the dates of 1982-1994. Records include board meeting minutes, financial documents, newsletters, and sign-in sheets. The correspondence includes letters and cards. The collection also showcases Lillian Rubin's reference materials which include essays, magazine articles, university statements, booklets, pamphlets, and newspaper clippings. Some founding documents are included in this collection as well.

## **ARRANGEMENT**

This collection consists of 1 box divided into 1 series:

- Series I: Documents

## **SEPARATED MATERIAL**

1. Photographs
  - a. P230
  - b. P232

## **SUBJECTS**

PFLAG, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gay men, Lillian Rubin, Gay Children, "The Bible of Being Gay, Kinsey Institute, Imperial Court, PFLAG North County, PFLAG San Diego

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## **PREFERRED CITATION**

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## **RELATED MATERIAL**

L2004.03, L2009.06, L2011.30, L2014.30

## **LOCATION NOTE**

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## LANGUAGES

English

## CONTAINER LIST

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	
1	1	Lillian Ruben Historical Materials		
1	2	Newsletters 1982-1990	1982-1990	
1	3	Sign In Sheets January 28, 1992- February 22, 1993	1992-1993	
1	4	Sign In Sheets February 28, 1993- January 27, 1993	1993	
1	5	Reference Materials from Lillian's Files		
1	6	Correspondence	1982-1986	
1	7	Board of Directors Meeting minutes	1990-1994	
1	8	"Yes on 6" Campaign Material		
1	9	"No on 6" Bumper Stickers		
1	10	"No on 6" Telephone Canvassing		
1	11	"No on 6" Clippings		
1	Loose	2 loose binders of meeting minutes and sign in sheets		