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Abstract

Archivist and information officer active in numerous Gay/Lesbian organizations, notably the Association of Suburban People (ASP). The collection relates primarily to Haller's activities with the Association of Suburban People and includes membership materials, executive board minutes and agendas, reports of the information officer, published material, and files relating to the organization's political action committee.

Biography

Douglas Haller was elected (1980-1981) as one of five officers who formed the Executive Board of the Association of Suburban People (ASP), at that time the largest Gay/Lesbian social and political organization in the State of Michigan. Over 200 members were drawn from metropolitan Detroit, including neighboring Canada. As Information Officer, he delivered oral reports to the membership at the (twice monthly) general meetings concerning important occurrences in the local, national, and international Gay communities by condensing information from *Gay Community News* (Boston), the *Advocate* (San Francisco), *The Washington Blade*, and *The New York Times*. For the *Detroit Free Press* and the *Detroit News*, as well as other Gay and non-Gay periodicals, he appointed monitors to submit news items for analysis, comment, and occasional written response. Haller was also responsible for the organization's official correspondence, such as a letter to *Time* magazine rebutting its anti-Gay article (Mar 24, 1980) concerning William Friedkin's film *Cruising*. As an outgoing officer, Haller prepared an annual report recommending improvements for the organization's effectiveness, including a name change that would reflect commitment to Gay rights and capitalize upon its location in the sixth largest urban center in the United States. The organization later became the Southeast Michigan Gay and Lesbian Association. Many of its goals and functions were later subsumed into the Michigan Organization for Human Rights and eventually into the Triangle Foundation.

As a member of ASP Political Action Committee (ASP—PAC), Haller aided the National Convention Project (Washington, DC) in its goal of electing pro-Gay delegates to the Democratic National Convention and securing a Gay civil rights plank in the party platform. During the Nov., 1980 Presidential election, Haller joined the Michigan Democratic Party, serving as an Edward M. Kennedy delegate at the 17th District Presidential Sub-caucus which elected delegates for the national convention. Here helped secure the 17th District's endorsement of the historic plank eventually adopted by the Democratic Platform Committee.

Scope and Content Note

The Douglas M. Haller papers reflect mainly to his activities as Information Office and executive board member of the Association of Suburban People in the period of 1978-1982. The collection, arranged and described by the donor, consists of the following series: Biographical / Personal; ASP members and general; ASP newsletters, events and publicity; ASP Executive Board; Information Officer's Reports/General Meetings; Periodical Clippings & Information; Information Officer's Correspondence, Related Publications; Political Action Committee (ASP/PAC); Michigan Democratic Party; and ASP Related and Successor Organizations.

Related Material

ASP newsletters found in the Haller collection have been removed and added to the library's holdings of the organization's newsletters.

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Biographical / Personal**Box 1**

ASP Records Inventories, Haller, Douglas M.
 Extracts from Personal Calendars, 1979-1982 re: ASP, Gaylife, Related
 Events
 Gay Community Service Resume (Draft), 1994
 Curriculum Vitae and Resume, 2011

Members & General

ASP Charter and Miscellaneous (D.H. Membership Jul, 79-Mar, 82),
 Membership Brochures, Stationery, Button
 ASP Membership Directories 1980/Members' Addresses & Directions
 ASP Members
 General: Doyle, John S.; Embury, Philip H.; Gollis, Allan;
 Kieselhorst, Timothy; Piontkowsky, David; Sandler, Allen;
 Smart, Doug; Smith, Robert J. "Bob;" Thompson, William
 "Bill" (d. 1994, 56 years old)
 Childers, Jim
 Dennis, J. Douglas "Doug"
 Fadiga, George M. (1954-2000) & Gervasi, Thomas M. (ASP
 Member)
 Greene, Phil (a.k.a. Ojibway, Phillip/"Phil")
 Horne, Ernest "Ernie" (1926-2010)
 Martin, Frank (1938-2010) & Vezza, Alvin "Al"
 Messer, Henry D. & House, Carl A.
 Musick, William C. "Bill" & McGirr, Michael "Mike"
 Pomann, James "Jim" (d. 1993, 45 years old)
 Re, Robert
 Redner, Alan A. (1948-1993) & DeLisa, Joseph M. "Joe"
 Sivil, Daniel R. "Dan" (1940-1993)
 Squires, Gary M.
 Van Hoose, Charles "Chuck"
 Young, David
 ASP Members Photographs: Douglas Haller, Alan Redner, Frank
 Martin, Jim Childers, David Young, David McLaren, George
 Fadiga

Newsletters, Events & Publicity

ASP Newsletters, 1979-1982 (Removed to printed materials for
 separate cataloging)
 ASP Eventers & Publicity
 1979-1980
 1980: "Billy Budd" Opera at Masonic Auditorium
 1981: "Bent" Performances at the Attic Theatre & San Francisco
 Gay Men's Chorus at Ford Auditorium
 1981-1982
 ASP T-Shirts

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ASP Executive Board**Box 1 (cont.)**

ASP Officers' Annual Reports 1979-1980 (Sivil, Musick, Martin, Childers, McGirr)

ASP Executive Board Meetings

Agendas & Minutes, Correspondence 1980

Agendas & Minutes 1981; Officers' Annual Reports (Martin, Dennis, Haller, Smith)

Information Officer's Reports/General Meetings

ASP General Meeting

Political Workshop, MI Democratic Party, Jan. 13, 1980

Information Officer's Report, May 25, 1980

Arthur C. Warner Lecture & Paper Authored, July 13, 1980

Material Collected at Jun. 29, 1980 San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade & Celebration (Discussed & Circulated at an ASP General Meeting)

1980 San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Celebration (SF & LA Programs & Buttons Collected)

ASP General Meeting, Information Officer's Report

Aug. 24, 1980

Sept. 28, 1980

Oct. 12, 1980

Oct. 26, 1980

Nov. 9, 1980

Nov. 23, 1980

Dec. 14, 1980

Jan. 11, 1981

Jan. 25, 1981

Feb. 8, 1981

Feb. 22, 1981

Mar. 8, 1981 (In Absentia)

Mar. 22, 1981

Apr. 5, 1981

May 3, 1981 (ASP Elections)

May 17, 1981

Jun 7, 1981 (Family Protection Act)

Periodical Clippings & Information

Detroit Newspaper Articles Re: Homosexuality, Politics & Related Issues, Jun-Oct., 1981

Other Newspaper Articles

Homosexuality, Politics & Related Issues, Mar. 1980-Dec. 1981

[Washington Blade, NY Times, Advocate, Gay Community News, SF Examiner & Chronicle]

Gay/Lesbian Archives/Art (1980-1981)

Homosexuality, Politics, History Etc. (Advocate May-Nov., 1981) (in oversize folder)

Detroit Area/Michigan Gay Material, 1978-1981

Detroit Gaylife Newspaper and Magazine Clippings

"Gay Life in a Blue Collar Town," 1978

"Why Gay History," 1978

"Behind the Closet Door: The Hidden Lives of Detroit's Gays," 1981

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Periodical Clippings & Information (cont.)

Detroit Area/Michigan Gay Material (1978-1981)
Palmer Park

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“The Palmer Park Mystique,” 1981
“Palmer Park, Palmer Park,” 1981
Alternative Health Center (Gigi’s Bar; Holy Trinity Family Center Benefits)
Committee on Gay Men and Lesbian Women of the ACLU of MI
Entertainment/Businesses
Carousel Lounge, Grand Rapids
Central Methodist Church Film, Detroit
Interchange Bar, Detroit
Leather Hut, Detroit
Selectmen of Detroit (Outlaw Bar, Detroit)
Lesbian-Gay Pride Week, 1981
Lesbians/Womyn
Motor City Business Forum Interim (First) Referral Directory, 1980

Information Officer’s Correspondence, Related Publications

Letter to *Time* re: the William Friedkin Film “Cruising” Apr, 1980 (the file includes a copy of the novel *Cruising* by Gerald Walker (New York: Bantam Books, 1980, 2nd printing))
Letter to/Response from Jonathan Katz re: *Gay American History* and *Career Opportunities in Gay History*, Mar.-Apr. 1980
Book Review by D. Haller of *The Passionate Eye: The Life of William R. Valentiner* by Margaret Sterne (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1981) (includes material related to Detroit Institute of Arts’ Director Valentiner’s homoeroticism)

Political Action Committee (ASP/PAC)

ASP/PAC
1979
1980
1981

Michigan Democratic Party

MI Democratic Party, 1980 (Nov. 1980 Carter/Reagan Presidential Election)
Membership, MI Democratic Party
“MI Democrat” Apr-Dec., 1980
Democratic National Convention Lesbian/Gay Rights Platform
Plank Unanimous Endorsement
Jerry Brown Presidential Candidate
William M. Brodhead for Congress Material
Senator Don Riegle Special Report
John Anderson/National Unity Campaign Flyer
Ronald Reagan Material
ERA button/sticker
Wayne County General Election Ballot, Nov. 4, 1980
Americans for Democratic Action 1979 Legislative Ratings

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Michigan Democratic Party (cont.)

MI Democratic Party, 1980 (Nov. 1980 Carter/Reagan Presidential Election) (cont.)

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UAW Endorsements

Primary Election Analysis by Popular Vote & Delegates, *NY Times*, Apr. 1980

MI Democratic Party, 1980 (Nov., 80 Presidential Election)

President Carter/Walter F. Mondale Material

Senator Edward M. Kennedy Material

17th District Democratic Party

Kennedy Presidential Delegate Selection Sub-caucus Membership

Kennedy Obituaries 2009 (NY Times, Le Figaro, Le Monde, Human Rights Campaign)

Michigan Democratic Party, 1981-1982

Membership, MI Democratic Party

"MI Democrat," Mar.-July 1981 and Jan., 1982

17th District Democratic Party

Congressman Brodhead, Senator Riegle, Senator Carl Levin Reports

ASP Related and Successor Organizations

MOHR (MI Organization for Human Rights), 1980-1981 (includes Coalition to Save the Detroit Human Rights Ordinance flyer)

SEMGLA (Southeast Michigan Gay & Lesbian Association; successor to ASP), ca. 1986-1988

Triangle Foundation (Jeffrey Montgomery, Sean Kosofsky), 1998-2001, 2008 (the file includes a membership pin)