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Chicago Bi-Ways Collection

Accession Number: 95-5

Fonds/Provenance: **Donated by George Barr**, received by Barry S.

Series Number: ORG 11

Title: **Chicago Bi-Ways Collection, 1980-1985.**

Date Range: 1980-1985

Extent: 0.5 lf

Location: K1B (Row K, Bay 1, Shelf B)

Collection History:

Chicago Bi-Ways is a bisexual organization which first met in December 1978, with the goals of extending outreach to the Chicago bisexual community by ways of regular newsletters, holding regular meetings, forming a steering committee, providing an outlet for those questioning their identity, encourage political involvement, and organizing social activities for members and bisexual Chicagoans alike (Barr, George. "Chicago Bi-Ways: An Informal History," pg 232).

Custodial History:

[No available accession information.]

Scope and Content:

This collection contains committee reports, meeting minutes, organization charter, illustrations, correspondence, organization history report, information sheets, and newsletters.

Arrangement:

Organized into 11 series with one series per folder. Folders are arranged by artifact-type, and are dated to reflect the artifacts and ephemera within.

Series:

1 Committee Report | Date Range: April 24,1982

2 Charter | Date Range: 1982

3 Illustrations of Mascots | undated

4 Correspondence | Date Range: February 1982 – May 1984

5 Informal History Report | Date Range: 1985

6 Information Sheet | undated

7 Newsletters | Date Range: November 1980 - 1984

Container List:

BOX 1

Series/File List:

0. Finding Aid

1. COMMITTEE REPORT

1.1 Committee report, dated 24 April 1982.

2. CHARTER

2.1 Organization charter, 1982. Coffee stained.

2.2 Organization charter, 1982 – proposed draft, updated formatting with expanded detail on membership fee rates and code of conduct for board of directors.

2.3 Organization charter, undated – proposed draft, formatting similar to 2.1, condensed information from 2.2.

2.4 Organization charter, 1982 – draft “approved by the membership,” similar in layout to 2.2 with expanded Article V and addition of Article VI.

3. ILLUSTRATIONS OF MASCOTS

3.1 Description of organization mascots, Bi-Ron and Ronette

3.2 Pencil hand-drawn illustrations of mascots.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Letter, from Timothy Wolf to George (Barr?) regarding revised article changes for the “Journal,” 10 May 1984.

4.2 Letter, from Joanne Clapp to Chicago Bi-Ways on behalf of The Bisexual Center in San Francisco, regarding the answers to a crossword puzzle submitted by Bi-Ways to The Bisexual Center’s bimonthly publication, dated 22 February 1982.

4.3 Completed crossword puzzle, with name “Karen” at top, on back of January-February 1982 Chicago Bi-Ways newsletter. Possibly sent in response to 4.2 letter.

5. INFORMAL HISTORY

5.1 Excerpt from book, Bisexualities: Theory and Research, chapter on “Bisexual Organizations,” a passage on Chicago Bi-Ways’s informal history, copyright 1985.

6. INFORMATION SHEET

6.1 Explanatory handout describing bisexuality and a brief summary of the organization. No date.

7. NEWSLETTERS

7.1 Newsletter, dated November 1980. 2 pages.

7.2 Newsletter, dated June 1981. 2 pages.

7.3 Newsletter, dated September 1981. 2 pages.

7.4 Newsletter, dated November 1981. 1 page, double-sided.

7.5 Newsletter, dated December 1981. 1 page, double-sided.

7.6 Newsletter, dated February, 1982. 1 page, double-sided. Crossword puzzle on page 2.

7.7 Newsletter, dated March-April 1982. 2 pages, double-sided.

7.8 Newsletter, dated April-May 1982. 2 pages, double-sided.

7.9 Newsletter, dated June 1982. New format for newsletter, with logos on either side of the header. 2 pages, first page double-sided.

7.10 Newsletter, dated June 1982. 2 pages, double-sided.

7.11 Newsletter, dated September 1982. 2 pages, double-sided.

7.12 Newsletter, dated November 1982. 2 pages, double-sided.

7.13 Newsletter, dated February-March 1983. 3 pages, double-sided.

7.14 Newsletter, dated June-July 1983. 3 pages, double-sided 1-5.

7.15 Newsletter, dated November-December 1983. 2 pages, double-sided.

7.16 Newsletter, dated January-February 1984. Identified as Vol. VI, no. 1. 3 pages, double-sided.

7.17 Newsletter, dated March-April 1984. Vol. VI, no. 2. 2 pages, double-sided.

Separations: SEE “Potential Separations” and “DUPLICATES” folders in box ← *to be edited*.

Restrictions:

No donor restriction. Standard restrictions apply (see G/H “Confidentiality Agreement” for archives use).

Related Fonds/Series: -

Subject Headings:

Bisexual marriage

Bisexual men

Bisexual men -- Relations with women

Bisexual men – United States

Bisexual parents

Bisexual women

Bisexual women – Identity

Bisexual women – United States
Bisexuals
Bisexuals – Relations with heterosexuals

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