Finding aid to the Asian/Pacific Lesbians and Gays (A/PLG) records
Coll2013-023

Kyle Morgan
Processing this collection has been funded by a generous grant from the Council on Library and Information Resources.
ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, USC Libraries, University of Southern California
909 West Adams Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90007
(213) 821-2771
askone@usc.edu
URL: http://one.usc.edu
Language of Material: English
Contributing Institution: ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, USC Libraries, University of Southern California
Title: Asian/Pacific Lesbians and Gays (A/PLG) records
creator: Asian Pacific Gays and Friends
creator: Asian/Pacific Lesbians and Gays
Identifier/Call Number: Coll2013-023
Physical Description: 1 Linear Feet1 archives box
Date (inclusive): 1977-2012
Abstract: Newsletters, newsletter distribution records, meeting files, membership records, photographs, correspondence, receipt books, and press and promotional material of Asian/Pacific Lesbians and Gays (A/PLG), 1977-2012. A/PLG was created in 1980 to meet the needs of gay men and women of Asian and Pacific heritage and to provide a support system in their relations with their families and communities.
Conditions Governing Access
The collection is open to researchers. There are no access restrictions.
Processing Information
Formerly box A240. Collection processed by Kyle Morgan.
Preferred Citation
Arrangement
This collection is arranged in alphabetical order.
Scope and Contents
Newsletters, newsletter distribution records, meeting files, membership records, photographs, correspondence, receipt books, and press and promotional material of Asian/Pacific Lesbians and Gays (A/PLG), 1977-2012. Although most of the records are dated after the organization's founding in 1980, the records include a proposal for a group called the Gay Asian Association from 1977.
Administrative History
Asian/Pacific Lesbians and Gays (A/PLG) was created in 1980 to meet the needs of gay men and women of Asian and Pacific heritage and to provide a support system in their relations with their families and communities so as to understand and accept each other with caring and pride. The idea of forming an organization for gay Asians had been discussed before 1980, but an important impetus came from gay liberation pioneer Morris Kight, who then had an Asian partner. A/PLG strives to enhance identity, pride, personal growth, competence, empowerment, and leadership skills as well as inform its members of political and social issues. Other goals include building solidarity between Asian gay men and lesbians and between native Asian-Americans and those who had emigrated from other countries. The organization provides support groups, seminars, and social events for its members. In 1997, the name changed to its current form, Asian/Pacific Gays and Friends.
Sources:
Acquisition
The bulk of the collection was donated by Milt Owens and Fred Bradford.
Conditions Governing Use
All requests for permission to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted in writing to the ONE Archivist. Permission for publication is given on behalf of ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives at USC Libraries as the owner of the physical items and is not intended to include or imply permission of the copyright holder, which must also be obtained.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Asian American gays
Newsletters
Asian American lesbians
Asian Pacific Gays and Friends
Asian/Pacific Lesbians and Gays

Box 1, Folder 1  Administrative records, general 1984-1995
Box 1, Folder 16  Color 35mm slides by Milt Owens undated

Box 1, Folder 2  Correspondence 1980-1981
Box 1, Folder 3  Gay Asian Association proposal 1977
Box 1, Folder 4-6  Meeting records 1991-2005

Box 1, Folder 7-8  Membership applications 1990-1996

Box 1, Folder 9-13  Newsletters of A/PLG 1981-2001

Box 1, Folder 14-15  Newsletter distribution records 1985-1990

Box 1, Folder 17  Press and promotional material 1986-2012
Box 1, Folder 18  Receipt books 1980-1985