

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

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**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.

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**Processing Information**

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**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:

Wat, Eric. *The Making of a Gay Asian Community: An Oral History of Pre-AIDS Los Angeles*. 2002.

Liebman, Roy. "Asian/Pacific Gays and Friends is turning 30!!" Asian/Pacific Gays and Friends website.

<http://www.apgf.org/a-pgf-history/>. Accessed March 5, 2013.

**Acquisition**

The bulk of the collection was donated by Milt Owens and Fred Bradford.

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**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Asian American gays

Newsletters

Asian American lesbians

Box 1, Folder 1	<b>Administrative records, general 1984-1995</b>
Box 1, Folder 16	<b>Color 35mm slides by Milt Owens undated </b> <b>Physical Description:</b> [Twenty-seven slides]
Box 1, Folder 2	<b>Correspondence 1980-1981</b>
Box 1, Folder 3	<b>Gay Asian Association proposal 1977</b>
Box 1, Folder 4-6	<b>Meeting records 1991-2005</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> [3 folders]
Box 1, Folder 7-8	<b>Membership applications 1990-1996</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> [2 folders]
Box 1, Folder 9-13	<b>Newsletters of A/PLG 1981-2001</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> [5 folders]
Box 1, Folder 14-15	<b>Newsletter distribution records 1985-1990</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> [2 folders]
Box 1, Folder 17	<b>Press and promotional material 1986-2012</b>
Box 1, Folder 18	<b>Receipt books 1980-1985</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> [Four books]