Guide to the Men of Tomorrow, Inc. Oakland Chapter Records

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: The Men of Tomorrow, Inc. was a male African American civic and professional organization started in Oakland, California in 1954. Founded by Jefferson Beaver, Richard A.G. Foster, Aramis Fouche, Theodore R. Hardeman, H. Solomon Hill, L. Sylvester Odom, Kenneth F. Smith, and George R. Vaughns, the group eventually grew to include over 300 members including many notable judges and politicians, including Evelio Grillo, Lionel Wilson, and Allen Broussard, and would eventually establish additional chapters in San Francisco, Richmond, Sacramento, and Los Angeles. The Men of Tomorrow, Inc Oakland Chapter records document meetings, conferences, and the administration of the organization between 1959-1985.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

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Biography / Administrative History

The Men of Tomorrow, Inc. was a male African American civic and professional organization started in Oakland, California in 1954. Founded by Jefferson Beaver, Richard A.G. Foster, Aramis Fouche, Theodore R. Hardeman, H. Solomon Hill, L. Sylvester Odom, Kenneth F. Smith, and George R. Vaughns, the group eventually grew to include over 300 members including many notable judges and politicians, including Evelio Grillo, Lionel Wilson, and Allen Broussard, and would eventually establish additional chapters in San Francisco, Richmond, Sacramento, and Los Angeles. The organization’s membership consisted chiefly of lawyers, judges, politicians, doctors, pastors, educators, and businessmen from Oakland and was dedicated to “foster the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying by each member of his occupation or profession as an opportunity to serve society through fellowship.” The Men of Tomorrow, Inc. was governed by a moderator, Board of Directors, and a Chairman of the Board and was organized into seven standing committees: membership, program, finance and budget, charter and extension, community relations, youth services, and publicity. The group held weekly business meetings at Jack London Inn, where they would often invite notable speakers to
give lectures on politics, education, civil rights, religion, sports, international relations, labor relations, and economics. Beginning in 1959, the group also held a biennial conference on social and economic issues related to the African American community.

Scope and Content of Collection
The Men of Tomorrow, Inc. Oakland Chapter records document meetings, conferences, and the administration of the organization between 1959-1985. The bulk of the collection consists of the Men of Tomorrow, Inc. Oakland Chapter’s constitution and by-laws, meeting minutes, agendas, newsletters, membership directories, and four scrapbooks assembled by the organization’s publicity chairman, Edward Douglas Jr. The scrapbooks include photographs of weekly meetings, newspaper clippings, conference programs, and luncheon invitations. The records are organized into three series: administrative files (.25 ft.), scrapbooks (1 ft.), and artifacts (4 items).

Arrangement

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Men of Tomorrow, Inc. Oakland Chapter
African Americans--California--East Bay--History.
African Americans--California--Oakland--Societies, etc.
Oakland (Calif.)--Clubs.
Oakland (Calif.)--Social life and customs.
African Americans Societies, etc.


Administrative files
Box 1:1 Constitution and by-laws 1959-1962

Board of Directors
Box 1:2 Officers 1967-1970
Box 1:3 Minutes and agendas 1966-1970
Box 1:4

Report
Box 1:5

Budgets 1961-1969
Box 1:6

Membership directory 1961-1971
Box 1:7

Committees 1961
Box 1:8

Conferences 1961-1965
Box 1:9

Luncheon invitations 1979-1980

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| Box 1:10 | Newspaper clippings 1961-1980 |
| Box 1:11 | Special events 1961-1985 |
| Box 2 | Scrapbook, Volume I 1959-1962 |
| Box 2 | Scrapbook, Volume II 1963-1966 |
| Box 3 | Scrapbook, Volume III 1967-1969 |
| Box 3 | Scrapbook, Volume IV 1970-1973 |
| Box 1:2 | Lapel pins undated |