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Title: Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Auburn Branch records

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Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 1.6 Linear feet (4 manuscript boxes and 1 oversize folder)

Date (bulk): Bulk, 1998-2000

Date (inclusive): 1976-2002

Abstract: The collection includes Agendas, Minutes, Binders, Awards, Newspaper Clippings, Correspondence, Ephemera, Lecture Notes, Photographs, Programs, Publications, Reports, Scrapbooks and a Plaque. This also includes correspondence with prominent local and state politicians such as Senator Pete Wilson, Norman Schumway, Ray Johnson, Alan Cranston, Thomas Bates, Jean Moorehead, Gene Chapple, and Robert Matsui.

Language of Materials: English.

creator: Fort, Martha

creator: Livingston, Millee


Custodial History

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Auburn Branch assembled these records over many years as part of its effort to preserve the organization's materials.

Scope and Contents

The collection includes minutes, agendas, reports, correspondence, scrapbooks, photographs, and clippings collected by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Auburn Branch.

There are three main series pertaining to the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Auburn Branch records. **Series 1** consists of records compiled and created by Millee Livingston. **Series 2** consists of records compiled and created by Martha Fort. **Series 3** consists of miscellaneous records (plaques, awards, scrapbooks) of the WILPF.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical Note

Millie Livingston and Martha Fort, two prominent members of Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, donated this collection to Special Collections at Sacramento State University. WILPF was originally created in 1915; Jane Addams served as its first president. The women of WILPF are dedicated to world disarmament, full rights for women, racial and economic justice, an end to all forms of violence. The Auburn chapter of Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom was created in 1981, with many members active in other local peace organizations in the Sacramento area, including Grandmothers for Peace.

Martha Fort was active in multiple chapters of WILPF. Serving as a Works Progress Administration (WPA) worker, a social worker and professor at San Diego State University, a founding member of the San Diego Peace Resource Center, a United Nations representative for peace, an activist with the League of Women Voters and Grandmothers for Peace. Among her WILPF accomplishments, Martha served as editor for the international publication Pax Libertas in Geneva, as well as representing the United States in WILPF in Mexico, Africa and China. Her records document her participation in these activities.

Arrangement note

The collection is organized according to creator.

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item including date], [Folder Title], MSS 2001/13, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Auburn Branch records, Department of Special Collections and University Archives, The Library, California State University, Sacramento.

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated by Millee Livingston in 2002.

Access

The collection is open for research. Some restrictions may apply.

Publication Rights

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Accrual Information
Additions are expected.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Fort, Martha
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Arrangement
This portion of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is the personal papers of Millee Livingston, a founding member of the Auburn Chapter, former Treasurer, as well as active member of the organization. Her activities also include serving on an international counsel for Latin America. The collection demonstrates the interconnected nature of local peace organizations, particularly with women's groups such as Grandmother's for Peace. This portion of the collection spans the periods from the chapters founding in 1980 through 2002, the time of donation.


Arrangement
This sub-series includes participation in Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Activities on a regional, national, or international basis. Included in this sub-series are other regional chapters, particularly the activities of the Fresno Chapter. Programs, agendas and other materials are included regarding Triennial Conferences as well as Regional Conferences, as well as materials applicable to the WILPF affiliation with the United Nations. This portion also includes publications sponsored by the United Nations.

Box 1, Folder 1

Box 1, Folder 2

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Box 1, Folder 4

Box 1, Folder 5
Other WILPF Chapters, 1979-1981.

Box 1, Folder 6

Box 1, Folder 7

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Box 1, Folder 8

Box 2, Folder 1

Box 2, Folder 2
International Stamp Collection, n.d.
**Series 1: Millee Livingston, 1980-2002.**

**Subseries 2: Auburn Chapter Operations, 1980-2000.**

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**Arrangement**

This sub-series includes budgets, financial records, directories, personal correspondence, flyers, brochures, calendars, newsletters, and meeting minutes as applicable to the Auburn Chapter of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom's operations. Of particular note are original letters with prominent local, state and federal politicians regarding pertinent issues emphasized by WILPF.

**Box 2, Folder 3**


**Box 2, Folder 4**

Member Directories, 1981-1983.

**Box 2, Folder 5**


**Box 2, Folder 6**

Treasurer's Reports, 1982-1983.

**Box 2, Folder 7**


**Box 2, Folder 8**


**Box 2, Folder 9**

Correspondence, 1998-2000.

**Box 2, Folder 10**


**Subseries 3: Scrapbooks, 1982-1984.**

**Arrangement**

This portion of the collection documents chronologically the developmental years of the Auburn Chapter of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. This particular portion of the collection includes agendas, photographs, correspondence, press releases, and newspaper clippings etc. focusing on these early years of the chapter. Additionally, a scrapbook of items chronicled by Duke Livingston, Millee's husband, is hand bound and illustrated.

**Box 2, Folder 11**

Scrapbook, 1982.

**Box 2, Folder 12**

Scrapbook, 1983.

**Box 2, Folder 13**

Scrapbook, 1983.

**Box 2, Folder 14**


**Box 3, Folder 1**


**Series 2: Martha Fort, 1976-2002.**

**Language of Material:** English

**Arrangement**

Martha Fort served many roles in affiliation with Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. She was an active member of chapters in both San Diego and Sacramento, as well as serving in both Central America and Europe in positions affiliated with WILPF. This collection spans her career in WILPF from 1976, when she served as editor of the WILPF international newsletter Pax Libertas until her death in 2002.

**Subseries 1: California WILPF Participation, 1979-2002.**

**Arrangement**

This sub-series includes materials from Martha’s participations in both the San Diego and Sacramento chapters of WILPF. This includes information such as internal organizational documents, agendas, newsletters, flyers, publications, newspaper clippings, correspondence and other materials pertaining to the activities of these two chapters.

**Box 3, Folder 2**


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**Subseries 1: California WILPF Participation, 1979-2002.**


| **Subseries 2: Latin America, 1999.** |  |
| **Arrangement** | This sub-series documents Martha Fort’s stay in Mexico with the Casa de los Amigos program. |
| Box 3, Folder 7 | Latin America, 1999. |

| **Subseries 3: Pax Libertas, 1976-1989.** |  |
| **Arrangement** | This portion of the collection emphasizes Martha Fort’s experiences as an intern at the main Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom headquarters in Geneva. While there, she served as editor for the international publication Pax Libertas. This sub-series includes personal notes, rough drafts, correspondence, and publications pertaining to Martha’s work overseas. |
| Box 3, Folder 8 | Notes on Pax Libertas Internship, 1977-1978. |

**Series 3: Miscellaneous, 1981-1984.**

| **Arrangement** | Collection is composed of miscellaneous materials pertaining to WILPF, including stamp collections, photo albums, plaques, awards, and scrapbooks. |
| Box 4, Folder 3 | Photo Album, 1982. |
| Box 4, Folder 4 | Plaque, n.d. |
| Box 4, Folder 5 | Awards, 1984. |
| Oversize 1, Folder 1 | Scrapbook, 1981. |