TransGender San Francisco collection

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Abstract: TransGender San Francisco is a longstanding organization which provides peer support for transgender and gender nonconforming people, as well as educating the public about trans issues. The collection includes various organizational materials, publications, and scrapbooks of articles and clippings.

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Acquisition Information
The collection was donated to the GLBT Historical Society by an anonymous former TGSF officer in 2006.

Biography/Administrative History
TransGender San Francisco is a longstanding organization which provides peer support for transgender and gender nonconforming people, as well as educating the public about trans issues. It was founded in 1982 as a safe meeting place for people who identified as crossdressers or transvestites, which was reflected in its punning original name, Educational TV Channel. At first, members met in various homes; later, they began holding more formal monthly restaurant socials and theme parties. The group established its bylaws in 1983, and throughout the eighties it became increasingly organized - establishing a leadership structure, a group for couples, a small library, and a publications wing which put out informational pamphlets. Membership grew to over 400 during this time. In the nineties, the group continued to expand its mission, receiving nonprofit status in 1994. ECTV changed its name to TransGender San Francisco in 1998 to reflect its ambition to serve the entire trans community.

Scope and Content of Collection
The collection includes various organizational materials, publications, and small scrapbooks of articles and clippings from ECTV's institutional library. Organizational materials include an officers' manual, articles of incorporation, job descriptions and information for officers, and materials related to TGSF's Cotillion ball, including information on contestants, judges, and judging criteria.

Indexing Terms
Transgender people

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