
Register of the Ziemeļkalifornijas latviešu biedrība records

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Historical Note

Founded in 1958, the Ziemeļkalifornijas latviešu biedrība (Northern California Latvian Association) has served as a focal point in the community life of Latvians in Northern California. The association has sponsored cultural events and organized recreational activities for young people. It sought to preserve the cause of independence for the Baltic States during the Cold War, and after Baltic independence was renewed in 1991, the association promoted assistance to newly sovereign Latvia. The association publishes *Ziemeļkalifornijas Apskats*.

Scope and Content of Collection

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The records include papers relating to two earlier organizations, the Latviešu Apvienības Oaklandē and the Latviešu Kopa Los Gatosa. There are also extensive materials concerning the building of a proposed Latvian center in Orinda, California, a project that never came to fruition. The printed matter series includes many issues of *Ziemeļkalifornijas Apskats*, the association's monthly publication. There are also numerous issues of *Zelta Vārtu Vēstis*, the publication of the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran church. Additionally, the collection contains significant materials about youth activities organized by the association.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Latvians -- United States

Latvia -- Emigration and immigration

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