



Guide to the Marvin P. Marks Papers UP001665

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Summary Information

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Title:	Marvin P. Marks Papers
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Physical Description:	2.5 Linear Feet 2 SB, 1 MB
Language of the Material:	English
Language of the Material:	Material entirely in English.
Abstract:	Marvin Marks, a Metro-Detroit area accountant, participated in many LGBT community organizations in 1980s and 1990s. This collection includes many important papers of two of these organizations: Detroit Area Gay Lesbian Council and Motor City Business Forum. Marks served as President of the Detroit Area Gay Lesbian Council, and as both founder and President of Motor City Business Forum. The Detroit Area Gay Lesbian Council brought together many of the organizations serving the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community to promote unity and communication between organizations. The Motor City Business Forum was founded in 1980 as a forum for exchanging ideas, serving professional needs, and increasing the influence of the gay and lesbian community.

Citation Style

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Biography

Marvin Marks worked as an accountant in the Metro-Detroit area. During the 1980s-1990s, Marks also was a participant in, and leader of, a number of organizations serving the Detroit LGBT community. This work included serving as treasurer, and later President, of Dignity International, President of Wellness

Network (also known as AIDS Partnership Michigan) from 1983-1986, President of the Detroit Area Gay Lesbian Council, as well as founder and President of the Motor City Business Forum.

The Detroit Area Gay Lesbian Council was founded in 1981 and served as a means of bringing together the different organizations within the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community. This council aimed to promote communication, education, unification of all organizational members.

The Motor City Business Forum was created for the purpose of exchanging ideas and serving the professional needs of the gay and lesbian community. The forum also aimed to increase the influence of the gay and lesbian community, as well as encourage its members to become leaders. Additionally this forum helped support the Forum Foundation and provided opportunity for social interaction amongst its members.

Marvin Mark's dedicated work within the LGBT community was recognized and he was honored on three occasions with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his work as an LGBT Activist at the Michigan Pride Banquet.

Marvin Marks passed away in April 2015.

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Scope and Content

The Marvin P. Marks papers consist of documents pertaining to his work with the Detroit Area Gay Lesbian Council and the Motor City Business Forum from about 1980-1996. Documents include by-laws, correspondence, meeting agendas and minutes, newsletters, financial papers, and event planning files.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged into 1 series, Organizational involvement. This series contains 2 subseries. Folders in each subseries are arranged roughly alphabetical order or grouped by subject. Subseries 1: Detroit Area Gay Lesbian Council, 1981-1996 (Box 1), Subseries 2: Metro Detroit Business Forum, 1980-1996 (Boxes 1-3)

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Publication Statement

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Acquisition

Collection deposited at the Walter P. Reuther Library by donor, Marvin Marks, in October 1996 and January 1997.

Processing History

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Access

Collection is open for research.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library Rules for Use of Archival Materials. Restrictions: Researchers may encounter records of a sensitive nature – personnel files, case records and those involving investigations, legal and other private matters. Privacy laws and restrictions imposed by the Library prohibit the use of names and other personal information which might identify an individual, except with written permission from the Director and/or the donor.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Gay pride celebrations
- Gay culture
- Gay community
- Detroit (Mich.)

Collection Inventory

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Detroit Area Gay Lesbian Council

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Anti-violence activities, 1990-1992	Box 1	Folder 7
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Committee reports and notes, 1980-1985	Box 2	Folder 16
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