

GLBT Historical Society
Dr. John P. De Cecco Archives and Special Collections
Holdings Related to Addiction and Recovery

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This research guide is intended to help users locate holdings related to addiction and recovery at the GLBT Historical Society.

It highlights holdings in the following areas:

- Organizational records and personal papers
- Periodicals
- Ephemera
- Oral Histories

Other collections may contain relevant materials. Researchers are encouraged to also conduct their own searches of the catalog and finding aids. Please contact the GLBT Historical Society Archivist (reference@glbthistory.org) with any questions or comments.

Organizational Records and Personal Papers

Castro Country Club records, 2019-30. The Castro Country Club (CCC) was founded in 1983 in San Francisco, California as a sober gathering place for the queer recovery community.

L/SM Round-Up records, 2001-30. The L/SM Round-Up records document this clean and sober conference for people involved in the kink and leather community who were also in 12-step recovery programs.

Mary Richards audiotapes, 2002-34. Mary Richards was a freelance writer for the Bay Area Reporter (BAR) in the 1980s and 1990s. This collection contains over 150 audiotapes of interviews Richards conducted with with LGBTQ people, including one about adult children of alcoholics.

Robert Pruzan papers, 1998-36. Robert Pruzan was a photojournalist, horticulturist, and actor. His collection contains notes on his recovery.

Skip Aiken papers, 1994-29. Skip Aiken was a computer programmer and leatherman. His collection contains extensive material on alcoholism and recovery, including his work interpreting sign language for Deaf people at Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

Stephen Fish papers, 1991-19. Stephen Fish was active in AIDS and antiracist causes as well as Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. His collection contains significant material on 12-step work, including a recovery journal.

Periodicals

The digitized archives of the *Bay Area Reporter* contain potentially relevant articles:
<https://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc?a=cl&cl=CL2.1995.09&e=-----en--20--1--txt-txIN-----1&sp=BAR>

Other periodicals in the GLBT Historical Society's collections include:

Title: IACTivity

Type: Newsletter

Alternate Title: IACTivity Newsletter

Subtitle: Newsletter of the International Advisory Council for Homosexual Men and Women in Alcoholics Anonymous

Organization: International Advisory Council for Homosexual Men and Women in Alcoholics Anonymous (IAC)

Holdings: #16 (Oct 1990), #17 (Feb 1991), (Sep 1991), #20 (Jan 1992) - #22 (Jul 1992), #24 (Feb 1993), #30 (Fall 1994)

Ephemera

The GLBT Historical Society has a large collection of ephemera arranged by subject. Relevant topics include:

Business Ephemera:

Castro Country Club

General Subjects Ephemera:

Support Groups and Therapy: Addiction

Groups Ephemera:

Acceptance House

Awareness Campaigns: Intravenous Drug Users

Gay Alcoholics Anonymous

Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous

Women's Alcoholism Center

Oral Histories

Birmisa, George

Bremerman, Otto (transcript: http://docs.glbthistory.org/oh/Bremerman_Otto8-12-1994_web.pdf)

Gilmore, Conrad

Hague, Dick (transcript: http://docs.glbthistory.org/oh/Hague_Dick8-19-1994_web.pdf)

Samora, Tedesio (transcript: http://docs.glbthistory.org/oh/Samora_Tedesio6-6-2003_web.pdf)