

LGBT-024-SC Bernie Pupo Collection

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COLLECTION REGISTER

Name:	Pupo, Bernie	LGBT-024-SC
Material:	Papers (1983-1996)	
Volume:	4 document folders, 2 oversized folders, 2 media items, 19 artifacts	
Donation:	Donated by Bernie Pupo, 2014, 2015, & 2024	
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Bernie Pupo was born in Kulpmont, Pennsylvania in 1945 and attended Mount Carmel Catholic High School. After working in a factory after high school, Bernie moved to Harrisburg, where he joined SCAAN, the South Central Aids Assistance Network, which is now known as the AIDS Alliance.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

These materials primarily document the activities of SCAAN (South Central Aids Assistance Network), including footage of a 1984 fundraising performance, in both VHS and DVD formats, and t-shirts distributed as part of an annual "Walk for a Better Life" event. The t-shirts also commemorate several Unity Festivals, which were precursors to the Central PA Pride Festival and took place in the late 1980's/early 1990's, and the Paper Moon, a gay-friendly restaurant located next the Neptune Lounge, in Harrisburg, PA. The artifacts and awards commemorate Bernie's contributions to the community through his work as a barber and work with groups like the Harrisburg Men's Chorus, SCAAN, Junior League of Harrisburg, Metropolitan Community Church of Spirit, and patronage of the Paper Moon Restaurant and Neptune Lounge.

Note to researchers: The video footage of the 1984 SCAAN performance is silent and the picture is grainy.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

Series 1 Documents

- Folder 01) SCAAN Fundraising Show Outline – 1984
- Folder 02) SCAAN Certificate of Appreciation – Jan. 28, 1989
- Folder 03) Tri-County Volunteer of the Year Nominee certificate – undated
- Folder 04) “Bernie” poem by Jerry Wendt – undated

Series 2 Oversized

- 2.01 Poem about Bernie by Jerry Wendt – May 1980 (see oversized OBS)
- 2.02 SCAAN “1986 Teddy Award” letter from Rodger L. Beatty, MPSSc President to Bernie Pupo – Jan. 31, 1987 (see oversized OBS)

Series 3 Media

- LGBT-024-D01 SCAAN Fundraiser DVD - 1984
- LGBT-024-V01 SCAAN Show VHS – 1984

Series 4 Artifacts

- LGBT-024-AC01 Red AIDS Walk for a Better Life “We’re All In This Together” T-shirt – 1993
- LGBT-024-AC02 Grey AIDS Walk for a Better Life SCAAN T-shirt – 1993
- LGBT-024-AC03 Blue AIDS Walk ’94 For a Better Life SCAAN T-shirt – 1994
- LGBT-024-AC04 Yellow AIDS Walk ’94 For a Better Life “We’re Still In This Together” T-shirt – 1994
- LGBT-024-AC05 Red AIDS Walk ‘95 for a Better Life SCAAN T-shirt – 1995
- LGBT-024-AC06 Pale Yellow AIDS Walk ’94 for a Better Life SCAAN “Recycled for AIDS Walk ‘96” T-shirt – 1996
- LGBT-024-AC07 Pink Unity Festival Staff T-shirt – undated
- LGBT-024-AC08 Blue Unity Festival T-shirt – undated
- LGBT-024-AC09 Green Unity Festival Staff T-shirt – undated
- LGBT-024-AC10 Yellow Walk for a Better Life SCAAN T-shirt – undated
- LGBT-024-AC11 White “Welcome” Walk for a Better Life SCAAN T-shirt – undated
- LGBT-024-AC12 Blue Walk for a Better Life SCAAN T-shirt – undated
- LGBT-024-AC13 Blue SCAAN Walk For AIDS T-shirt – undated
- LGBT-024-AC14 Gray Paper Moon 268 North Street, Harrisburg PA T-shirt
LGBT-024 Bernie Pupo (cont.)
- LGBT-024-AC15 Raylon “People to People Team” plaque presented to Bernie Pupo– 1983-1984
- LGBT-024-AC16 Metropolitan Community Church of the Spirit “Community Service Recognition Award” presented to Bernie Pupo – 1989
- LGBT-024-AC17 SCAAN Steven Franklin Memorial Award for 1990 presented to Bernie

- Pupo –1990
- LGBT-024-AC18 Harrisburg Men’s Chorus dedication plaque to Bernie Pupo, President –
Jan. 1991
- LGBT-024-AC19 Plaque from The Staff and Friends of the Neptune Lounge and Paper Moon
Restaurant presented to Bernie Pupo – Apr. 17, 1994