Lisa Wagaman (1943-2009) was born on May 2, 1943 in New Jersey. She grew up in that state and as an adult lived in Toledo and Indianapolis. She moved to St. Louis in 1972. Her activism in the St. Louis LGBTQIA community began in 1974 with her activities in the Metropolitan Community Church of Greater St. Louis (MCC). She was also involved with the former Metropolitan Life Service Center (MLSC), a Gay/Lesbian Community Organization that started the Gay/Lesbian Hotline. She served on the hotline for several years, assisted with training of new hotline volunteers, and served on the MLSC Board of Directors. Also, on behalf of MLSC, she spoke to several college classes, was interviewed on TV, and participated in several radio talk shows on the subject of Gay/Lesbian rights.

In 1979 she became involved with the Magnolia Committee, which planned the first public celebration of Gay/Lesbian Pride in St. Louis. The Magnolia Committee became today's St. Louis Lesbian and Gay Pride Celebration Committee. She served on the Celebration Committee's Board of Directors and served as a delegate to the Regional Planning Committee for the 1987 March on Washington. She also served as an area representative to several conferences of the International Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Coordinators and served on the Board of Directors.

Lisa represented the Metro St. Louis Chapter of the National Organization of Women (NOW) on the Celebration Committee since the Committee's beginnings. She held several offices in Metro NOW, including as President, and served as State Coordinator of Missouri NOW. She initiated successful fundraisers such as the Turkey drawing, the River Cruise, and the popular jail at the PrideFest.

Lisa was also very active in the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), the Red Cross, the Gay and Lesbian Community Center Task Force, and the St. Louis Chapter of the Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS). Wagaman, a transwoman, was also active around transgender issues and organizations over the years. Her "claim to fame" was that she was the only "officially recognized Dyke" in Missouri by virtue of her custom license plate "DYKE" which she was granted after a brief fight with the state.

Lisa donated some of her extensive collection to the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 1992.

Wagaman passed away April 15, 2009 at the age of 65 of natural causes. In 2010, STL Pride began presenting a new award in her honor, the “Lisa Wagaman Lifetime Community Service Award” for people who have dedicated a large portion of their life to further the Pride movement and LGBTQIA causes.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

Much of the material contained in this collection is visual media. Wagaman collected posters, flyers, t-shirts, and other visual material from Gay and Lesbian events from all over North America. In addition to the visual material, also included in the collection are copies of newspapers, pride guides, and other publications which target LGBTQIA
communities. All of this information is informative and entertaining, but unfortunately most of the publications are sporadic. There are a few complete runs of publications in the collection, but it is best used with the other gay and lesbian collections housed in the repository. This collection, however, contains valuable information and fills in gaps which the other gay and lesbian collections contain.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series 1, General Files: This series contains by-laws and constitutions of different organizations, articles and papers concerning gay and lesbian concerns, and miscellaneous conference information. Folders 1 through 11; dates run from 1976 to 1992.

Series 2, Mid-Continent Life Services Center: This series contains information concerning this organization such as minutes, by-laws, and correspondence. Folders 12 through 22; dates run from 1977 to 1978.

Series 3, Newspapers: This series includes gay and lesbian newspapers from across North America, and excerpts and articles from regular media concerning gay and lesbian issues. Folders 23 through 39; dates run from 1979 to 1989.

Series 4, Publications: This series includes gay and lesbian publications from across North America, and excerpts and articles from regular media concerning gay and lesbian issues. Folders 40 through 63; dates range from 1974 to 1992.

Series 5, Public Relations Materials: This series contains primarily visual material such as flyers, tickets, programs, and small posters. Also included are brochures intended to distribute educational information. Folders 64 through 78; dates, 1977-92.

Series 6, Pride Guides: This series contains Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration Guides from all across the North American continent. Folders 79 through 97; dates, 1983-91. Folders are arranged alphabetically by host city.

Series 7, Buttons: This series contains gay and lesbian buttons from the United States. Also included in this series is a Spanish button for the International March on the UN in 1979. Folders 98 through 100; dates, 1983-90. Buttons are on button pads.

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