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Pride in Trenton Collection, 1980-1986

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History

The information in this description was retrieved from the by-laws and statement of purpose documents located within the organizational records series.

The purpose of Pride in Trenton was to be a force to motivate a new and exciting community to add to the rich history of the city and its communities. There was a need for a group where the sole concern was pride in Trenton, and came from the grassroots of the business, ethnic, political, religious, educational, economic, and cultural leadership of the city. It was also meant to operate as an umbrella organization to promote and foster all Trenton groups dedicated to the improvement of the civic image of the city. The organization was co-sponsored by the Trenton Action Council and the Trenton Civic Improvement Committee [see also Coll. 354] and instituted pride and motivation in one's community. Pride in Trenton was also designed as a vehicle to reduce litter. During its active years from the early 1980s through 1986 there was a known trash problem within the city, which was a main campaign point for Mayor Carmen J. Armenti. The management of the Pride in Trenton organization was vested in the executive committee, and the first meeting was where the 12 members of the committee were elected.

Scope and Content Note

This collection documents the events and activities of the Pride in Trenton organization and how it went about various monthly activities and meetings. It contains meeting minutes, organizational records, member contact lists, correspondence, newsletters, and ephemera. There are also two binders, one of which contains meeting minutes and notes about the organization, and one which is a scrapbook. This collection will be useful for those who are looking for the

general proceedings of the organization and the impact it had on the Trenton community, as well as how their events helped increase pride within the city and its communities. It also showcases the various events, activities, and committees that were sponsored by the executive board, and how the committees and events helped foster pride in the community and among the city's inhabitants.

Extent: 1 Document Box

Related Persons

- C. V. Collins -- Board of Directors
- William Falcey -- Board of Directors
- Milton Fienberg -- Board of Directors
- John W. Galuchie -- Board of Directors
- Rev. Dr. John Wiley Nelson -- Board of Directors
- James Ort -- Board of Directors
- Helen Perlee Solon -- Board of Directors
- Rev. Arthur Stanley -- Board of Directors
- Harold W. Thompson Jr. -- Board of Directors [also Trenton Free Public Library director]

Series Description

Series 1: Organizational Records

This series contains a number of records that describe the structure of Pride in Trenton and how the organization was created and operated. These records include the statement of purpose, plan of action, and proposed by-laws. There are also two copies of the proclamation from Mayor Arthur Holland which created the organization in the eyes of the city, and made it an official city program. The series also includes documents from the Civic Improvement Committee [see also Coll. 354] which was linked to the work of Pride in Trenton and joint activities between the two groups. There are also calendars of events and activities from the organization and a few lists of names and members.

Folder	Contents
1	Statement of Purpose Plan of Action Proposed By-Laws “Draft” of By-Laws Pride in Trenton Preamble Pride in Trenton By-Laws Pride in Trenton Draft By-Laws Draft: Membership Letter Second Draft Membership Letter

Series 1: Organizational Records (cont.)

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1	Preamble with notes Preamble with corrections Pride in Trenton Application Forms Organizational Steps Letter PIT "Thompson has..." notes Do you know that about Trenton? "Trenton Takes Pride in..." Pride in Trenton Week Proclamation "Request for Tickets to the Salute" Organization Committee Agenda June 5th Richard Couper Letter with notes Pride in Trenton Agenda August 21 Pride in Trenton Task Force Organizing Committee Letter Proposed Deadline Dates Pride in Trenton Video Notes Organizational Plan November 1980 Task Force Names List March 1980 Trenton Commons Commission April 24 Application and Draft Notes Organizing Committee (Commons Commission) Clean Sweep Conference Civic Commission Pride in Trenton Letterhead Corrections Letterhead Organizational Membership Letter Meeting with Dir. Tuccillo Improvement Commission T.C.I.C. Meeting with Mr. Peters Organizing Committee Meeting June 19th Organizational Steps to be taken 11/30/81 Drafts Pride in Trenton Party Plans 1/21/82 Pride in Trenton Annual Budget (Falcey) Pride in Trenton Background Information Affiliates Attendance List 3/4/1982 Draft of Five Important Announcements Gilbert Foundation Request Documents Pride in Trenton Treasurer Report, 5/21/1982 Treasurer's Report, 8/23/1982 Board of Directors, 9/24/1982 Board of Directors, 10/22/1982

Series 1: Organizational Records (cont.)

Folder	Contents
1	Pride in Trenton Calendar of Events 1982 Board of Trustees Agenda 1/21/1983 Notes Treasurer's Reports 1/21/1983 Treasures Report through 3/17/1983 "To a Believer in Trenton" Proposed "Salute to Trenton" Gala Venues

Series 2: Meeting Minutes and Notes

This series contains a number of documents and hand written notes that describe the proceedings of the Pride in Trenton organization with most information presented through meeting minutes, agendas, and notes from meetings. These meeting minutes also include those of task forces and other groups that comprised the overall Pride in Trenton organization. They are a valuable resource to anyone trying to understand the inner workings and proceedings of the organization and groups that helped create and fortify the overall Pride in Trenton organization.

Folder	Contents
2	Written Attendance Notes 10/29/1980 Civic Improvement Minutes 11/13/1980 Task Force Minutes 11/14/1980 Task Force Meeting Notes 1980 Dec.1,2,3? Task Force Meeting Minutes 12/5/1980 Pride in Trenton Notes PR/PIT 1/19/1980 Agenda for Meeting 2/2/1981 Pride in Trenton Notes PIT 3/6/1981 Minutes Organization Meeting 4/24/1981 Pride in Trenton Meeting Notes 4/24/1981 Pride in Trenton Meeting May 1981 Notice of Meeting May 20th, 1981 Written Meeting Minutes 6/5/1981 Written Agenda for 10/2/1981 PIT Written Notes 11/5/1981 Pride Executive Board Minutes 1/18/1982 Pride in Trenton Member List 3/4/1982 Master Organization MTG Minutes 3/4/82 Officers Organization Committee 3/26/82 First Board and Officers Meeting 3/26/1982 Pride in Trenton Minutes 4/30/1982 Minutes of Fourth Meeting 5/21/1982 Minutes of the Sixth Meeting 6/10/1982

Series 2: Meeting Minutes and Notes (cont.)

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2	Second General Meeting Minutes 6/23/1982 Meeting Minutes June 23, 1982 Sixth Officers/Board Meeting 6/25/1982 Board of Directors Letter 8/23/1982 Board of Directors Minutes 9/24/1982 Pride in Trenton Minutes 10/22/1983 Pride in Trenton Minutes 11/19/1982 Board of Directors Minutes 11/19/1982 Board of Trustees Minutes 1/21/1983 Board of Trustees Minutes 2/25/1983 Written Board of Directors Notes 2/25/1983 Pride in Trenton Minutes 3/18/1983 Print Shop Receipt 25 Copies Meetings between 1980-1982 Notes Sheet Notes for Meeting 6/5 Agenda for Task Force Meeting Written Meeting Notice 3/27 First Presbyterian Organizational Plan/Public Relations Meeting Minutes PIT 3/13 Written Organizational Plan for Task Force Written PIT Notes Written Kennedy Foundation Proposal PIT Agenda Organizing Committee 6/19 Organizing Committee Meeting Notice 6/19 Written Chairman and Personnel List Written Suggested Letterhead Template Written P.I.P. Notes First Presbyterian Meeting Notice 3/27 Agenda Pride in Trenton 6/19/1981 Committee Written Notes Jan 21 PIT Written Notes Yellow Written Note for Pride in Trenton Agenda for Meeting 3/1 Governing Board as Executive Committee Written Responsibilities of Governing Board Notes on Meeting 1/5/1981 Written Follow Up on 1/21 Meeting February to March Written Calendar Events

Series 2: Meeting Minutes and Notes (cont.)

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2	Organizations to be Followed up Notes Written Agenda for 10/2/1981 Meeting

Series 3: Member Contact Lists

This series has a number of lists and contact information sheets, and include member lists for the task force and the overall Pride in Trenton affiliated groups. This list includes a collection of index cards which are believed to be an unofficial list of members for the task force group, and list names and contact information for the members. Some include the person's position within the organization. The lists will help researchers understand who was part of these organizations and connect them to other Trenton organizations and groups. The lists also offer insight into which members were selected as well as which affiliated groups were added to support the overall organization.

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3	PIT Original Names: Task Force 5/5/83 Groups Affiliated with Pride in Trenton 1/82 Groups Affiliated 1/15/1982 to 3/1/1982 PIT from M. Hartt to Hope 4/17/1982 Groups Affiliated with Pride in Trenton 1/82 Area Businesses Using Technology Dep. Original: Area Businesses using Technology Written Board of Directors Address Information Public Relations Committee Member List Task Force Member List and Info Organizations that joined PIT Written List Organizations Agreeing to PIT 11/5/81 Organizations Agreeing to PIT 11/24/81 Others for Possible Follow up List Officers of Pride in Trenton List Pride in Trenton Roster of Membership Pride in Trenton Roster of Membership 4/6/83 Public Relations Committee List Corrections List of Organizations Agreeing to Join 10/21 Discuss and Follow up Affiliation List Trenton City Museum Society Member List Pride in Trenton Members List Sept. '84

Series 4: Correspondence

This series contains a selection of correspondence from various members of Pride in Trenton and the task force group. Other letters are representative of the day-to-day proceedings of the organization, as well as those between outside entities contacting the organization.

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4	Dr. John W. Nelson Letter 8/13/80 Harold Thompson Response to Dr. Nelson Dr. Nelson response to Harold Thompson Milton to Harold Thompson 4/25/1981 Pride in Trenton Printing Estimates 5/8/1981 Invitation to Pride in Trenton Letter Members of Organizing Committee 10/10/81 Organizing Comm. Meeting Notice 11/30/81 Meeting Notice 11/30/81 Written Notes Members of Organizing Committee Dec. 28 Pride in Trenton Party Letter 12/21/1981 Organizing Committee Letter 1/4/1982 Organizing Committee Reminder 2/24/82 PIT Phone Number Info Letter 4/8/1982 Letter to Paul Comegys, Treasurer 4/16/82 Letter from Marilyn to Ellen 5/3/82 Dr. John W. Nelson Pg. 2 of Letter 8/13/80 State Street Stroll PIT Invitation Lawrence I. Hlavacek to William H. Falcey Samuel W. Lambert III to William H. Falcey Walter F. Gips, Jr. to William H. Falcey The Contemporary to Pride In Trenton Pat Deraczunas to David A. Fluck Edward H. Robbins to William H. Falcey Harold Thompson to Rev. Leon Gipson, Sr. Ellen L. Dockery to Hope Jackman Organizing Committee Letter 10/10/81 Richard and Adrienne to Volunteers William Falcey to Delegates and Affiliates William Falcey "Salute to Trenton Gala" Richard Bilotti to Pride in Trenton Affiliates Organizational Membership PIT Letter "From the Desk of Jean Otersen" Notes Harold Thompson to Rev. Dr. John Nelson (Envelope) Feinberg to Harold Thompson

Series 5: Newsletters

Newsletters were sent out to inform members of the organization as well as the public on the proceedings of Pride in Trenton. They offer a variety of information about events sponsored by Pride in Trenton, and were used to keep the organization's members up-to-date on proceedings.

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5	Pride in Trenton Newsletter Fall 1983 Pride in Trenton Newsletter Spring 1984 Pride in Trenton Newsletter Summer Fall 84 Pride in Trenton Newsletter Winter 1984 Pride in Trenton Newsletter Fall 1985 Pride in Trenton Newsletter Winter 1985 Pride in Trenton Newsletter Winter 1985 Pride in Trenton Newsletter Spring 1985 Pride in Trenton Newsletter Winter/Spring 1986 Pride in Trenton Newsletter Summer 1986 Pride in Trenton Newsletter Fall 1986

Series 6: Ephemera

This series contains material such as pamphlets, booklets, calendars, and newspaper clippings.

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6	Pride in Trenton Community Calendar 1983-84 PIT Third Annual Meeting Booklet 3/26/1985 This is Pride in Trenton Pamphlet "The Key to our City's Future" Pride in Trenton PIT Annual Meeting Pamphlet 3/28/1984 Salute to Trenton Advertisement Sept. 15th 1984 Trentonian Clipping 8/31/1984 "Doer of Month" Trentonian Clipping 5/23/1984 "Doer of the Month" "Milton Finberg" Newspaper Clipping Pride in Trenton Organization Envelope w/Address Bibliography Paper Clipping Pride in Trenton Organization Letterhead Pride in Trenton Organization Envelopes "In Bold" Times Clipping "Pride in Trenton" 4/7/1983 Trentonian "Trenton's Pride" Clipping 4/7/1983 "Try Trenton" New Jersey Capital City Booklet PIT Board of Directors Mailed Newsletter

Series 6: Ephemera (cont.)

Folder	Contents
6	Community Notebook Page of Pamphlet/Newsletter PIT Annual Meeting Pamphlet/Notes 3/28/1984 Live and Work in Trenton Exhibit Advertisement “Groups Unite in Attempt to Plug Trenton” Clipping Pride in Trenton Week Newspaper Clipping PIT Third Annual Meeting Invitation 3/26/1985 “I Have Pride in Trenton” Bumper Sticker Trenton Times “Trenton Doer” 3/29/1984

Pride in Trenton Binders

These two binders include information about the organization through a number of meeting and event minutes. One is designed as a scrapbook. Neither offer information about who created them or when.