

**Coalition of Labor Union Women
Metro-Detroit Chapter
Collection**

Records, 1974-1995

**6 linear feet
12 manuscript boxes**

Accession #1614
OCLC #

The records of the Metro-Detroit Chapter of the Coalition of Labor Union Women were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs by chapter president, Millie Hall, in February of 1995 and opened for research in May of 2005.

The Metro-Detroit Chapter of the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) was founded as the Wayne County Chapter of CLUW (the name change came in 1980) at the Southeastern Michigan Organizing Conference in July of 1974, where 250 women from 26 national and international unions met to form local county chapters of CLUW. Their goal was to bring together as broad a representation as possible of union women living or working in Wayne County to identify common problems and develop union-centered programs to deal with them.

In its early organizational stages, under the leadership of co-chairs Mabel Holleran (Local 42, OPEIU) and Gyneze Williams (UAW), the Metro-Detroit Chapter participated in the demonstrations of the United Farm Workers and assisted striking, predominantly women, workers at Helm Company and Detroit Optometric Centers. In 1977 Marilou Cheff (DFT) was elected Metro-Detroit CLUW's first president and remained in office until 1991, when Millie Hall (Local 494, OPEIU), the organization's current president, took over. Under their presidencies, the chapter grew in membership and activity, supporting affirmative action in the Detroit public schools through its Public Employees and Public School Task Force, collaborating with NOW and other groups in pro-ERA actions, organizing the annual Olga Madar Award Dinner and International Women's Year, Women's Equality Day and Working Women's Awareness Week events as well as publishing a regular column in the Detroit Labor News.

Important subjects in the collection:

Affirmative action programs
Discrimination in employment
Equal pay for equal work
Equal Rights Amendment
Sexual harassment
Women labor leaders--Michigan
Women labor union members--Michigan

Important correspondents in the collection:

Marilou Cheff
Millie K. Hall
Olga M. Madar
Joyce Miller

Box 1

- 1-2. AFL-CIO, 1980-91
3. AFL-CIO; resolutions, n.d.
4. AFSCME, 1980-83
- 5-8. AFT, 1979-84
- 9-17. Annual chapter activity reports, 1978-91

Box 2

1. Appeal hearings; designation of Madar fee to CLUW, 1981-86
2. Articles, 1979
- 3-7. Center for Education and Research, 1980-94
8. Chapters, Michigan—Capitol Area (Lansing), 1978-88
9. Chapters, Michigan—Kent, Wastenaw, Muskegon, 1978-87
10. Chapters, Michigan—leadership memos, 1978-79
11. Chapters, Michigan—Macomb-Oakland, 1978-87
- 12-17. CLUW, national, 1977-78

Box 3

- 1-3. CLUW, national, 1978-94
4. Committees, 1979-84
5. Committees; assignments, 1979-83
- 6-8. Convention, 1991
9. Convention delegates, 1979-91
- 10-14. Correspondence; incoming, 1976-93
15. Correspondence; Marilou Cheff, 1981-85
- 16-18. Correspondence; outgoing, 1977-94
- 19-20. *Detroit Labor News* column, 1980-84

Box 4

- 1-2. *Detroit Labor News* column, 1985-1993
3. "Discrimination Against Women" (Detroit Human Rights Commission Women's Equality Day Observance), 1984
4. Election Committee, 1981-91
- 5-8. Equal pay, 1978-90
- 9-10. Equality Day, 1979-90
- 11-12. ERA, 1976-94
13. Executive Committee/Board; members, 1979-93
- 14-19. Executive Committee; meetings, NEB delegate reports, 1977-86

Box 5

- 1-20. Executive Committee/Board; meetings, 1987-94

Box 6

- 1-2. Executive Committee/Board meeting, Jan 1995
- 3-7. Financial statements, 1979-93
8. Fundraisers, 1980-90
- 9-17. General Membership meetings, 1977-92

Box 7

- 1-3. International Women's Year, 1977-92
- 4-5. (U-M/WSU) Labor Studies Center, 1980-84
- 6-10. Legislative Committee, 1978-91
- 11-16. Membership lists, 1979-83

Box 8

- 1-16. Membership lists, 1984-92
- 17-19. Membership sign-in sheets, 1980-92

Box 9

1. Membership information, 1978
- 2-3. Metro-Detroit Chapter bylaws and constitution, 1975-87
4. Metro Detroit YWCA, 1992
5. Michigan Democratic Women's Caucus, 1980-82
- 6-7. Michigan State CLUW Conference, 1987-88
- 8-13. National Executive Board meetings; minutes, attachments, 1984-93
- 14-16. National Women's Political Caucus, 1979-83
17. News articles, 1978
18. Officers, Michigan, 1979-83
- 19-20. Pamphlet; "Color Me Union," 1983

Box 10

1. Pamphlet; Sixth Biennial Convention, 1991
2. Pamphlet; Seventh Biennial Convention, 1993
3. Pamphlet; Proposed Amendments to the Constitution, 1988
4. Pamphlet; testimonial dinner for Harry Lester and James Howell, 1991
5. Pamphlet; Women's Conference of Concerns, 1985
- 6-14. Reproductive rights, 1977-92
15. Retirement, 1991

Box 10 (cont'd)

16. Sexual harassment; articles, 1978-92
17. Southeast Michigan Organizing Conference call, 1974
- 18-20. State Vice Presidents meetings, 1979-81

Box 11

- 1-2. Task Force; assignments, 1978-79
- 3-4. Task Force; full employment, 1977-78
5. Telephone bank/phonathon, 1979-87
6. Testimonial resolutions, proclamations, 1977-91
- 7-12. Union affiliations, 1978-91
13. Unions; A-C, 1978-87
14. Unions; Hotel and Restaurant Employees, 1977-83
15. Unions; I, 1980-85
16. Unions; P-U, 1978-87
17. Union women and minorities data, 1978-91
18. U.S. Association for the Club of Rome, 1977
19. Use of meeting room, 1981-90

Box 12

1. "Women in Michigan: A Statistical Portrait," 1987
2. Women's health issues, 1977-92
3. Women's Yellow Pages, 1987-88
4. *Working Detroit*; publicity, 1984
- 5-9. Working Women's Awareness Week, 1984-93
10. Workplace fairness, 1990