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Coalition for Racial Unity Records
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PROCESSING INFORMATION: Initial processing undertaken by Archives staff in 1998. Last updated by Buffy Knappenberger in May 2025.

ACCESSION NUMBER(S): 2025.023 THL

EXTENT: 1.668 linear feet

CREATOR: Doherty, John and Ethel

DATE: 1990-2012.

EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF COPIES: Photographs in this collection have been digitized and are available to view online through the Past Perfect online database: <http://handley.pastperfectonline.com/>

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection is comprised of programs, by-laws, correspondence, membership, minutes, newsletters, articles, and other materials concerning the Coalition for Racial Unity (CRU).

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: The Coalition for Racial Unity was started in 1990 with the purpose of promoting understanding and bettering interracial relationships. The first event was the Race Unity Day Picnic on June 10, 1990, and the Coalition has since hosted many events including prayer vigils, jazz festivals, workshops, study groups, and fundraisers. The Coalition for Racial Unity is no longer active.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gift of Ethel Doherty.

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

Minutes 1990-1994, unnumbered, typescript

Minutes 1995-1999, unnumbered, typescript

Minutes 2000-2003, unnumbered, typescript

Minutes 2004-2006, unnumbered, typescript

Treasurer's Report, unnumbered typescript
1992
1993
1997
2001
2002
2006

Scrapbook, first picnic by Franklin Washington

BOX 2

News articles 1988-1991, unnumbered items, printed (photocopy)

News articles 1992, unnumbered items, printed (photocopy)

News articles 1993, unnumbered items, printed (photocopy)

News articles 1994-1995, unnumbered items, printed (photocopy)

News articles 1996-1998, unnumbered items, printed (photocopy)

News articles 1999, unnumbered items, printed (photocopy)

News articles 2000, unnumbered items, printed (photocopy)

News articles 2002-2005, unnumbered items, printed (photocopy)

News articles 2006, unnumbered items, printed (photocopy)

News articles 2009, unnumbered items, printed

Newsletters 1993-1999, unnumbered items, printed

Newsletters 2000+, unnumbered items, printed

BOX 3

Membership application forms (blank), unnumbered items, typescript

People

Biographical (various people), unnumbered leaves, typescript

Board Members, 1996-2009, unnumbered leaves, typescript

Committees, 1990-2006, unnumbered leaves, typescript

Kirby, John – Highway marker & biographical materials, unnumbered leaves, typescript and printed

Membership, 1990-1999, unnumbered leaves, typescript

Membership, 2011-2002, unnumbered leaves, typescript

Officers, 1993-2002, 18 leaves, typescript

Weatherston, Bob (-1993), first president of Coalition for Racial Unity, unnumbered leaves, printed

Programs

Kirby Day, 2004-2010, unnumbered items, typescript and printed

Poster – John Kirby Jazz Festival, June 29, 2006, 1 leaf, printed

Physical Location: Oversize, Box 26

Programs and Flyers, 2010, undated, 3 items, printed

Freedom Riders, John Handley High School

A Tour of Winchester's African American Neighborhoods, 2010

John T. Doherty Forum on Justice and Equality, undated

Listening Project – North End Community, November 1995, 1 item, 19 leaves, typescript

Miscellaneous Activities, 1990-2010, folder contains the following:

Field Trips

Hymn Sing

Kwanzaa Celebration

Picnic

Race Unity Day

Service in Remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Theater Night Fundraiser

Weed and Seed Program

Workshops

Other programs

Prayer Vigil, 1992-2009, unnumbered items, typescript and printed

Study Circles, 2001-2010, unnumbered items, typescript and printed

Symposium on Race Relations, November 7, 1998, 1 item, 13 leaves, typescript

Schedules & Agendas, 1990-2006, unnumbered items, typescript

BOX 4

Awards – unnumbered items, printed and typescript, folder contains the following:

Community History Project Award by Shenandoah University

Peace and Social Justice Award, and Robert Weatherston Award by Coalition for Racial Unity

Walking King's Talk Award by Lord Fairfax Community College

Bylaws, Constitution, Articles of Incorporation, State Corporation Commission Annual Report, unnumbered pages, typescript

Correspondence 1991-1999, unnumbered leaves, typescript and manuscript

Correspondence 2000-2009, unnumbered leaves, typescript and manuscript

Donations made by CRU, 1991-2005, 5 leaves, typescript

History of organization, 7 items, 10 leaves, typescript

Issues – Forums & Panel Discussions, 1991-2012, unnumbered items, typescript

Issues – KKK local presence and Coalition's reaction, unnumbered leaves, typescript and printed

Issues – Misc. Topics of Interest, 1991-2008, unnumbered leaves, typescript

Mission Statement and vision, 2002-2004, unnumbered items, typescript (photocopy)

NAACP, 1993-2009, unnumbered items, typescript and printed

Stationery, unnumbered items, printed

Washington, Franklin and Jeffrey – Court Case, 1995-2001, unnumbered items, typescript and printed

Winchester City, 1992-2008, unnumbered items, typescript and printed

PHOTOGRAPHS

- [1368-001]** John Doherty (l) and Bob Williamson (r), members of Coalition for Racial Unity, cleaning up Kent St., April 7, 2000.
- [1368-002]** Coalition for Racial Unity hosted a table at International Street Festival held on Loudoun Street Mall, Winchester, VA, circa 1992.
- [1368-003]** Coalition for Racial Unity hosted a table at International Street Festival held on Loudoun Street Mall, Winchester, VA. Rebecca Ebert in center and Charlena Childs on right, woman on left is unidentified, circa 1992.
- [1368-004]** James Crosby and John Doherty at Coalition for Racial Unity picnic, 1993.
- [1368-005]** Marcellus Harper and John Doherty at Coalition for Racial Unity picnic, 1993.
- [1368-006]** Stanley Lawson giving talk on "Buffalo Soldiers" [9th and 10th US Cavalry] at a Coalition for Racial Unity meeting, April 1997.
- [1368-007]** Stanley Lawson et al giving talk on "Buffalo Soldiers" [9th and 10th US Cavalry] at a Coalition for Racial Unity meeting, April 1997.
- [1368-008]** Onyx Club Band with Robin Williams (John Kirby's granddaughter), Rusty Mason (local jazz musician) and Alan Williams (John Kirby's grandson), standing in front of John Kirby house (442 North Kent St.). Other persons not identified, May 1, 2005.
- [1368-009]** Onyx Club Band, standing in front of John Kirby house (442 North Kent St.). No persons identified, May 1, 2005.