

## ***Diane Ciral Papers 1898, 1967-2012, undated***

**Creator:** Diane Ciral (1934- )

**Extent:** 4 linear feet (8 boxes)

**Language:** English and French

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**Processor:** Laura Pearce, November 2012.

**Processing Information:** Finding aid updated January 2025.

**Separations:** Approximately 1 linear foot of duplicate and extraneous material was discarded.

**See Also:** Mary Ann Smith Papers and Marion Kennedy Volini Papers at the Women and Leadership Archives; Uptown Chicago Commission Records and documents relating to Friends of the Parks and Sister Cities International at the Chicago History Museum.

### **Biographical History**

Diane Ciral was born on November 27, 1934. Raised in Hyde Park, she has been a devoted Chicagoan her entire life. Educated at the University of Wisconsin where she majored in theatre, Ciral then returned to Chicago to marry her husband Shevlin and raise their children Jody and Dan. It was as a young mother in the 1960s that Ciral first became involved in many liberal causes and began her active organizational life. Ciral was appointed to the Uptown Conservation Community Council in 1975 and also worked with the Uptown branch of the Hull House. In 1975, Ciral was among the founding members of Friends of the Parks, a citizens' action group concerned about preserving the parks in Chicago, which she would continue to be involved with for more than 30 years. Ciral worked extensively with the Chicago Sister Cities International Program on the Casablanca Committee and travelled to Morocco through this organization numerous times. Additionally, she worked with the Newberry Library and chaired its Bughouse Square Committee for a number of years. Among her other causes, Ciral has also been an active

member of International Women Associates, an organization devoted to improving international relations through professional and personal communication and exchanges, since 2002.

### **Scope and Content**

The Diane Ciral Papers consist of 4 linear feet (8 boxes) of materials spanning the years 1967-2012, as well as copies of a document from 1898. The bulk of the materials relate to Ciral's professional career within various organizations and include meeting agendas and minutes, annual reports, correspondence, financial documents, newsletters, newspaper articles, and event planning documents. The organizational material relates mainly to three of the many organizations Ciral was actively involved in: Friends of the Parks, International Women Associates, and Sister Cities International Casablanca Committee, with additional materials related to other organizations. The collection also includes many photographs, oversized material such as newspapers from the Fort Indianatown Gap refugee camp for Southeast Asian refugees in the 1970s, and 3-D objects including political buttons from Dick Friedman's 1971 mayoral campaign. All series are arranged alphabetically and subsequently by date where applicable.

#### **Series 1: Biographical, 1971-2012, undated, Box 1**

A small series, this section contains personal correspondence and newspaper clippings as well as an excerpt from Ciral's memoir.

#### **Series 2: Friends of the Parks, 1977-2012, undated, Boxes 1-2**

The material in this series relates to Ciral's work with the organization Friends of the Parks. Materials include meeting agendas and minutes, annual reports, board member information, organizational information, events, organizational correspondence, newspaper articles, financial information, newsletters, and project proposals.

#### **Series 3: International Women Associates, 1999-2010, undated, Box 2**

This series pertains to Ciral's work with International Women Associates. Material within this series includes annual reports, meeting agendas and minutes, organizational correspondence, event invitations and programs, event planning documents, and background information on award recipients.

#### **Series 4: Sister Cities International, 1991-2011, undated, Boxes 3-4**

The material in this series includes material about the Chicago Sister Cities International program, but the vast majority pertains specifically to the Casablanca Committee. This series includes domestic and international organizational correspondence, meeting agendas and minutes, brochures, event planning documents, trip planning documents, contact lists, newsletters, financial documents, and newspaper articles. There is also one folder which contains documents written in French.

#### **Series 5: Professional, 1898, 1967-2006, undated, Boxes 4-6**

Materials in this series relate to Ciral's professional life. Included within this series are materials relating to political campaigns, the Chicago Public Library Central Building, the Chicago Water Tower, museum exhibits, Chicago Cultural Center, Millennium Park, Chicago's millennium celebration, Lakefront SRO, the Newberry Library, Temple Sholom Synagogue, Uptown history, Uptown Hull House, and Vietnamese refugee support.

**Series 6: Audiovisual Material, 1975-1977, 1996-2007, undated, Boxes 6-8**

This series consists of a large number of photographs and some negatives as well as oversize and 3-D material. The majority of the photographic material relates to the Sister Cities International Casablanca Committee and trips to Morocco through this organization. There are also pictures of Friends of the Parks events as well as unidentified photographs. The negatives within this series have been digitized. Oversize and 3-D material includes newspapers from the Fort Indianatown Gap refugee camp, a Mundelein College summer workshop program, a copy of the Chicago Tribune Magazine, a hand fan from the McCormick Freedom Museum and political buttons from the Friedman Mayoral campaign. Ask the archivist regarding access to digital material.

**Subjects:**

Chicago, IL  
 Chicago Water Tower  
 Ciral, Diane (1934-)  
 Friends of the Parks  
 Hull House  
 Fort Indianatown Gap, PA  
 International Women's Association  
 Morocco  
 Sister Cities International  
 Uptown, Chicago

| Box | Folder | Title  | Dates                         |
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|     |        | <b><i>Diane Ciral Papers</i></b><br><b><i>1898, 1967-2012, undated</i></b> |                               |
|     |        | <b>Series 1: Biographical, 1971-2012, undated</b>                          |                               |
| 1   | 1      | Correspondence   | 1971-1978, 1989-2010, undated |
| 1   | 2      | Memoir Excerpt   | 2012                          |
| 1   | 3      | Newspaper Articles   | 1971-1991, 2001-2005          |
| 1   | 4      | Notes  | undated                       |
|     |        | <b>Series 2: Friends of the Parks, 1977-2012, undated</b>                  |                               |
| 1   | 5      | Advisory Council Guidebook   | 2000                          |
| 1   | 6      | Agendas & Minutes  | 1994-1998, 2005-2009, undated |
| 1   | 7      | Annual Reports   | 1994-2011                     |
| 1   | 8      | Background Information   | undated                       |
| 1   | 9      | Board Member Information   | 1996-2005, undated            |
| 1   | 10     | Board Retreat  | 2005, undated                 |
| 1   | 11     | Brochures  | 1998-2005, undated            |
| 1   | 12     | Conflict of Interest Debate  | 2000-2001, undated            |

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|---|----|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | 13 | Correspondence  | 1994-2009                         |
| 1 | 14 | Event Brochures   | 1977, 1994-1999                   |
| 1 | 15 | Finance & Development   | 1993-2005                         |
| 1 | 16 | Goals   | 2000                              |
| 1 | 17 | Grant Park Museum   | 2006-2007                         |
| 1 | 18 | Grant Proposal  | 2004                              |
| 1 | 19 | Harbor Projects   | 1996-1998, undated                |
| 1 | 20 | Lake Michigan & Lakefront Protection Ordinance                          | undated                           |
| 1 | 21 | Lakefront Transportation Studies  | 1997, undated                     |
| 1 | 22 | Latin Soccer  | 2007                              |
| 1 | 23 | Lincoln Park Alive!   | 1985, undated                     |
| 1 | 24 | Meeting Schedules   | 2000-2006                         |
| 1 | 25 | Miegs Field: Documents  | 1996, undated                     |
| 1 | 26 | Miegs Field: Newspaper Articles   | 1996, undated                     |
| 1 | 27 | Mission, By-Laws, & Policies  | 1999-2000, undated                |
| 1 | 28 | Newsletters   | 1985-1999, 2005                   |
| 1 | 29 | Newspaper Articles  | 1977, 1991-1999,<br>2008, undated |
| 1 | 30 | Nominating Committee  | 1997-2004, undated                |
| 2 | 1  | Parks Ball  | 1994-2005, 2012,<br>undated       |
| 2 | 2  | Park Information  | undated                           |
| 2 | 3  | Park Steward Awards   | 1994                              |
| 2 | 4  | Programs  | 2000-2005                         |
| 2 | 5  | “The Last Four Miles: Completing the Lakefront Parks”                   | 2009, undated                     |
| 2 | 6  | Video Outline   | undated                           |
|   |    |   |                                   |
|   |    | <b>Series 3: International Women Associates, 1999-2010,<br/>undated</b> |                                   |
| 2 | 7  | Annual Reports  | 2010-2011                         |
| 2 | 8  | Contact Lists   | 2010                              |
| 2 | 9  | Correspondence  | 2006-2008                         |
| 2 | 10 | Event Insurance   | 2007                              |
| 2 | 11 | Event Invitations & Programs  | 2005-2010                         |
| 2 | 12 | Future Forum  | 2007, undated                     |
| 2 | 13 | Initial Membership Information  | 2002                              |
| 2 | 14 | Rising Voice of Women Award 2008  | 2008                              |
| 2 | 15 | Rising Voice of Women Award 2010  | 2010                              |
| 2 | 16 | Rising Voice of Women Committee Agenda & Minutes                        | 2010                              |
| 2 | 17 | Stephen Kinzer Talk   | 2009-2010                         |
| 2 | 18 | Women Extraordinaire Award 2004: Georgia Anne Geyer                     | 2004                              |
| 2 | 19 | Women Extraordinaire Award 2005: Adele Simmons                          | 2004-2005, undated                |
| 2 | 20 | Women Extraordinaire Award 2006: Mary Margaret<br>McCarthy              | 2006, undated                     |
| 2 | 21 | Women Extraordinaire Award 2007: Dr. Funmi Olopade                      | 2006-2008, undated                |

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| 2 | 22 | Women Extraordinaire Award 2008: Bliss Brown                                | 1999-2009, undated   |
| 2 | 23 | Women Extraordinaire Award 2009: L. Tammy Duckworth                         | 2009                 |
| 2 | 24 | Women Extraordinaire Nominee Bios   | 2005-2006            |
| 2 | 25 | Women's Forum Committee Minutes   | 2007                 |
|   |    |   |                      |
|   |    | <b>Series 4: Sister Cities International, 1991-2011, undated</b>            |                      |
| 2 | 26 | Alakhawyn University Booklet  | undated              |
| 2 | 27 | Arab Cultural Center of Chicago Brochure                                    | undated              |
| 2 | 28 | "Art" Event   | 1998-1999, undated   |
| 2 | 29 | Background Articles   | 1999-2005            |
| 2 | 30 | "Bridges to Progress II" Ambassadorial Trade Mission                        | 1996                 |
| 2 | 31 | Casablanca Committee Business Itinerary, Appointments, & Social Engagements | 2002                 |
| 2 | 32 | Casablanca Caravan Book   | 1997                 |
| 2 | 33 | Casablanca Committee Correspondence: General Domestic                       | 1999-2008            |
| 3 | 1  | Casablanca Committee Correspondence: General International                  | 2003-2005            |
| 3 | 2  | Casablanca Committee Meeting Agendas, Minutes, & Summaries                  | 1999-2002            |
| 3 | 3  | Casablanca Committee Meeting Agendas, Minutes, & Summaries                  | 2003-2007            |
| 3 | 4  | Casablanca Committee Reports  | 1999                 |
| 3 | 5  | Casablanca Parks Project  | 2005                 |
| 3 | 6  | Casablanca Party  | 2006, undated        |
| 3 | 7  | Chicago Rhythm & Rhymes   | 2003, undated        |
| 3 | 8  | Chicago Week in Casablanca  | 2004-2005            |
| 3 | 9  | "Come with me to the Kasbah" Tour   | 1997                 |
| 3 | 10 | Committee Chair List  | undated              |
| 3 | 11 | Contact Lists   | 2005, undated        |
| 3 | 12 | Customs Information   | 1997, undated        |
| 3 | 13 | Documents in French   | 1996-2002, undated   |
| 3 | 14 | Education Programs  | 1999, 2007, undated  |
| 3 | 15 | Event Brochures & Flyers  | 1997-2007, undated   |
| 3 | 16 | Events: Other Organizations   | 2000-2005            |
| 3 | 17 | Financial Reports   | 1999-2005, undated   |
| 3 | 18 | Fundraising   | undated              |
| 3 | 19 | Government Documents  | 1991-1995, 2005-2006 |
| 3 | 20 | Ibn Rochd Children's Hospital   | 1995, undated        |
| 3 | 21 | International Visitor Leadership Program                                    | 2005                 |
| 3 | 22 | Invoices & Receipts   | 2006-2007            |
| 3 | 23 | Literacy Committee  | 2004                 |

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| 3 | 24 | Messengers of Mercy                                       | 2001                               |
| 3 | 25 | Milano Festivale  | 2000                               |
| 3 | 26 | Moroccan Architects Visit                                 | 2000, undated                      |
| 3 | 27 | Moroccan Business Cards                                   | undated                            |
| 3 | 28 | Moroccan Education Minister Trip to Chicago               | 1997                               |
| 3 | 29 | Moroccan Fountain   | 2003                               |
| 3 | 30 | Moroccan Marketplace                                      | 1996-1997, undated                 |
| 3 | 31 | Moroccan Marketplace                                      | 2006, undated                      |
| 3 | 32 | Morocco Trip  | 1996-1998                          |
| 3 | 33 | Morocco Trip  | 2002, undated                      |
| 3 | 34 | Morocco Trip  | 2005-2006                          |
| 3 | 35 | “Motif” Newsletter  | 1999-2000, undated                 |
| 3 | 36 | National Institute of Solidarity with Women in Difficulty | undated                            |
| 4 | 1  | Newsletters   | 2000-2004                          |
| 4 | 2  | Newspaper Articles  | 1996-2006, undated                 |
| 4 | 3  | Postcards   | undated                            |
| 4 | 4  | Program History & Highlights                              | 1999-2005, undated                 |
| 4 | 5  | Projects  | 2002-2005, undated                 |
| 4 | 6  | Resumes   | 2003                               |
| 4 | 7  | Sister Cities Reports                                     | 2001-2002, 2011                    |
| 4 | 8  | “The Music of Morocco & The Cycles of Life”               | 2000-2002, undated                 |
| 4 | 9  | United States Conference of Mayors                        | 2005                               |
| 4 | 10 | Volunteerism Seminar                                      | 2004                               |
| 4 | 11 | Youth Delegation  | 2007                               |
| 4 | 12 | Youth Exchange  | 1994, undated                      |
|   |    |   |                                    |
|   |    | <b>Series 5: Professional, 1898, 1967-2006, undated</b>   |                                    |
| 4 | 13 | “A Day of Moving”   | undated                            |
| 4 | 14 | Antonia Brico Chicago Symphony Booklet                    | 1976                               |
| 4 | 15 | Arkansas Quilt Company                                    | 1973-1975, undated                 |
| 4 | 16 | Center for Street People                                  | 1987, undated                      |
| 4 | 17 | Chicago Cultural Center                                   | 1996-1997                          |
| 4 | 18 | Chicago Cultural Center Walking Tour Research             | 1980, 1997, undated                |
| 4 | 19 | Chicago Newspaper Articles                                | 1996, undated                      |
| 4 | 20 | Chicago Public Library: Central Building History          | 1898, 1969, 1985,<br>1991, undated |
| 4 | 21 | Chicago Riverwalk Booklet                                 | 1999                               |
| 4 | 22 | Chicago Teachers’ Center Brochure                         | 2003                               |
| 4 | 23 | Chicago: The Museum City                                  | 1983, undated                      |
| 4 | 24 | Chicago Tourism Council                                   | 1985, 1998, undated                |
| 4 | 25 | Chicago Water Tower Centennial Program                    | 1967                               |
| 4 | 26 | Chicago Water Tower Coloring Book                         | 1993                               |
| 4 | 27 | Chicago Water Tower Opening                               | 1994                               |
| 4 | 28 | City Aldermen Contact List                                | 1997                               |
| 4 | 29 | “City: An Exhibition of Photography from Chicago”         | 2001                               |

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|   |    | Booklet   |                    |
| 4 | 30 | City of Chicago Millennium Celebration  | 1999, undated      |
| 4 | 31 | Commission on Chicago Landmarks: Michigan Avenue Streetwall District                    | 1993               |
| 4 | 32 | Community Partnerships in the Arts Booklet  | undated            |
| 4 | 33 | Dinosaur Benefit Dinner   | 1998-2001, undated |
| 4 | 34 | Earth Day Sculpture Flyer   | 1990               |
| 4 | 35 | Friedman Bumper Stickers  | undated            |
| 4 | 36 | Friedman Mayoral Campaign   | 1971, undated      |
| 5 | 1  | Garfield Park Conservatory Children's Garden  | 1997-2000, undated |
| 5 | 2  | "Got Cow?" Exhibit Catalogue  | 2006               |
| 5 | 3  | Here's Chicago!: Water Tower  | 1982, undated      |
| 5 | 4  | Lakefront SRO: Annual Reports   | 1997-2000          |
| 5 | 5  | Lakefront SRO: Board Meeting Presentation   | 2001               |
| 5 | 6  | Lakefront SRO: General Information  | 1998-2001, undated |
| 5 | 7  | Lakefront SRO: Housing for the Mentally Ill   | 2001               |
| 5 | 8  | Lakefront SRO: Marketing Committee  | 2001-2004          |
| 5 | 9  | Lakefront SRO: "More Than a Roof" Event Committee                                       | 2001, undated      |
| 5 | 10 | Lakefront SRO: Outcome Planning Process Presentation                                    | 2001               |
| 5 | 11 | Lakefront SRO: Revenue Development & Marketing/Communications Committee Binder Contents | 2004               |
| 5 | 12 | Lakefront SRO: South Loop Apartments  | undated            |
| 5 | 13 | Lakefront Supportive Housing Presentation   | 2003               |
| 5 | 14 | Lakeshore Drive Improvement Project   | 1995               |
| 5 | 15 | Lois Weisberg Nomination  | undated            |
| 5 | 16 | Millennium: 2000 Priceless Sensory Experiences  | 1998, undated      |
| 5 | 17 | Millennium Park Plans   | undated            |
| 5 | 18 | Newberry Library  | 2009, undated      |
| 5 | 19 | Ozark Opportunities, Inc  | 1972               |
| 5 | 20 | People's Music School Benefit   | 2002, undated      |
| 5 | 21 | Plant Club  | 1973, undated      |
| 5 | 22 | Preservation Resources  | 1996, undated      |
| 5 | 23 | Rosenbloom Hall of Fame Nomination  | 2003               |
| 5 | 24 | Support Our Mayor Campaign  | 2005               |
| 5 | 25 | Temple Sholom Sisterhood: Illinois Constitution Forum                                   | 1970, undated      |
| 5 | 26 | Temple Sholom Sisterhood: "Pollution"   | 1970, undated      |
| 5 | 27 | "There Are No Jews in Bialystok"  | undated            |
| 5 | 28 | Uptown Conservation Community Council   | 1975               |
| 5 | 29 | Uptown History  | 1975, undated      |
| 5 | 30 | Uptown Hull House   | 1978               |
| 5 | 31 | Uptown Hull House: Children's Center  | 1977-1978, undated |
| 5 | 32 | Uptown Hull House: Community Arts Center  | 1975-1978, undated |
| 5 | 33 | Uptown Hull House: Gallery & Theater  | 1974-1978, undated |
| 5 | 34 | Uptown Newspaper & Magazine Articles  | 1976, 1988-1989    |
| 5 | 35 | Uptown Reflection   | undated            |

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| 5 | 36 | Vietnamese Refugees: Newspaper & Articles                                | 1975-1978, undated |
| 6 | 1  | Vietnamese Refugees: Group Sponsorship Committee                         | 1975, undated      |
| 6 | 2  | Wildflower Gardens Task Force  | 1989               |
|   |    |  |                    |
|   |    | <b>Series 6: Audiovisual Material, 1975-1977, 1996-2007,<br/>undated</b> |                    |
| 6 | 3  | Album #1 Photographs   | undated            |
| 6 | 4  | Album #1 Photographs   | undated            |
| 6 | 5  | Album #1 Photographs   | undated            |
| 6 | 6  | Album #1 Photographs   | undated            |
| 6 | 7  | Album #1 Photographs   | undated            |
| 6 | 8  | Album #2 Photographs: Morocco  | 1996               |
| 7 | 1  | Album #2 Photographs: Morocco  | 1996               |
| 7 | 2  | Album #2 Photographs: Morocco  | 1996               |
| 7 | 3  | Album #2 Photographs: Morocco  | 1996               |
| 7 | 4  | Album #2 Photographs: Morocco  | 1997               |
| 7 | 5  | Album #2 Photographs: Tangiers & Chechouan                               | 1999               |
| 7 | 6  | Casablanca Photographs   | 2007               |
| 7 | 7  | Chicago Water Tower Exhibit Photographs                                  | undated            |
| 7 | 8  | Damaged Trunk Photographs  | 1996               |
| 7 | 9  | Formal Event Photographs   | 1997, undated      |
| 7 | 10 | Friends of the Parks: Miscellaneous Photographs                          | 1996-2003          |
| 7 | 11 | Friends of the Parks: Parks Ball 1996 Photographs                        | 1996               |
| 7 | 12 | Friends of the Parks: Parks Ball 2005 Photographs                        | 2005               |
| 7 | 13 | Historic Uptown Photographs  | undated            |
| 7 | 14 | Moroccan Marketplace Photographs   | 1997               |
| 7 | 15 | Unidentified Photographs   | undated            |
| 7 | 16 | Vietnamese Students at Barat   | 1975               |
| 8 | 1  | McCormick Freedom Museum Fan   | undated            |
| 8 | 2  | Fort Indianatown Gap Refugee Camp Newspapers                             | 1975               |
| 8 | 3  | Mundelein College Summer Workshop Program                                | 1977               |
| 8 | 4  | Chicago Tribune Magazine   | 2001               |
| 8 | 5  | Friedman Mayoral Campaign Buttons [6 buttons]                            | undated            |