

**Patsy George Solidarity Collection
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An inventory of records held by BC Labour Heritage Centre

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Title: Patsy George Solidarity Collection

Dates: 1983-1984

Physical Description: 32 cm of textual records

Administrative History: Patsy George was a Social Worker employed by the Province of British Columbia who was fired as an outcome of the 1983 provincial budget and accompanying legislation. She was hired as a staff member of the Solidarity Coalition and attended meetings, rallies and events and organized on behalf of the Coalition.

Scope/Content: The collection consists of newspaper clippings and intact issues of newspapers and newsletters, contact lists, flyers, leaflets, research papers, legislation, briefs, speaking notes, press releases, personal notes, buttons, stickers, petitions, reports, agendas, minutes, correspondence and notes. 1 photograph. The collection was donated to the BC Labour Heritage Centre in 2018 as part of the 35-year retrospective project, Solidarity35. It is in the order originally donated, duplicate items were removed.

Title Source: Title based on the contents of the fonds.

Finding Aid: File list and inventory available

Names: Patsy George
Solidarity Coalition
Operation Solidarity

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Box #	File #	Contents Description
1	1	Newspaper clippings from Vancouver Sun and Province, August-November 1983; two issues of Solidarity Times, copy of Declaration of Rights of the People of British Columbia.
1	2	Contact lists; The Hospital Guardian Volume 3 Number 3 [November 1983]; research paper, notes for press conference, Solidarity Coalition Bulletin 1, press release Sikh Solidarity Coalition, [January 1984]
1	3	Flyers, leaflets, research paper, Priorities Vol. XI No. 4 [November 1983]; Social Work Perspectives Vol. 5, No. 5 [December 1983]; photocopied newspaper clippings, Canadian Ecumenical News Vol 8 No.4 [September-October 1983], copies of correspondence; BC Business Magazine [August 1983]
1	4	Research notes; Solidarity Coalition notes, reports, agenda, budget, minutes, contact lists, proposals, press releases and correspondence; BC Federation of Labour memoranda, press release; Victoria Solidarity [newspaper] Issue no. 2.
1	5	Newspaper clipping, copies of legislation, Ministry of Human Resources News Release
1	6	Province of British Columbia leaflet, Solidarity Coalition brief and correspondence
1	7	Solidarity Coalition press releases, correspondence, leaflets, proposals, workshop notes, lists; photocopies of newspaper articles, BC Federation of Labour Program of Action.
2	8	Solidarity Coalition flyers, notes, correspondence, research notes, newspaper clippings, minutes, bulletins; BC Federation of Labour news releases
2	9	Speaking notes, press releases, correspondence and research notes from BC Association of Social Workers, Independent Canadian Transit Union, Consumers Association of Canada, BC Teachers' Federation, BC Federation of Labour, Operation Solidarity and Solidarity Coalition, Native Court worker and Counselling Association of British Columbia, BC Civil Liberties Association.
2	10	Stenographer's Notebooks [September 1, 1983-September 20, 1983]; [September 21, 1983 - November 4, 1983]; [November 7, 1983-December 7, 1983] containing handwritten notes and business cards.
2	11	Solidarity Coalition and Operation Solidarity red and white pins/buttons.
3	12	Signed petitions
3	13	Newspaper clippings, 1983
3	14	Newspaper clippings, 1983
3	15	Solidarity Coalition leaflets

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3	16	Solidarity Coalition workshop notes, bulletins, briefs; City of Vancouver/United Way budget materials, one photograph
3	17	Flyers, leaflets, correspondence, agendas, legislation, minutes, policy statements, petition, articles, news releases
4	18	Newspapers: Public Employee Press, Nov 25, 1983; Surrey Teachers' Association Bulletin Feb 28, 1984; Pacific Tribune Oct 19, 1983; Solidarity Times Vol 1, No. 8; Vancouver Sun
4	19	Newspapers: The Province Oct 4, 1983 and Jan 23 1984. Social Work Perspectives, Oct 1983.
4	20	Solidarity Times, Vol 1, Number 1,3,4, (5), 6, 7,8,9 [1983]; The Fisherman Vol 48, No 18 [Sept 30, 1983]
4	21	Flyers, policy statement, Coalition bulletin, executive list, information package for seniors.
4	22	Information package: Button, stickers, agendas, lists, reports, correspondence; newspaper clippings, The Provincial (BCGEU) Sept 1983.
File Listing		
1	1	Solidarity Times Vol 1, Number 1 October 15, 1983
		Solidarity Times Volume 1, Number 9, December 14-20, 1983
		A Declaration of the Rights of the People of British Columbia
		Various newspaper clippings; to be scanned
1	2	Province-wide coalitions, 81-11-17
		Province-wide Coalitions, 83-12-06
		Province-wide coalitions 11/09/83
		Sign up sheet, Candlelight Vigil for Human Rights at Robson Square Fri, Sept 9, 6 pm to midnite
		Solidarity Coalition Lower Mainland Contact List
		Province-wide Community Groups, 83-10-17
		Council of Senior Citizen's Organizations of British Columbia, Officer List for 1982
		Organizations contact lists n.d.
		Province wide Community Groups 10-07-83

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		Canadian Federation of Students Local Association Contact List
		BCNU Contacts for Regional Labour Councils
		The Hospital Guardian, Volume 3, Number 3
		Province-wide coalitions 10/19/83
		Unemployment Action Centres, October 20, 1983
		Contact List "Groups" n.d.
		Community list, with notations
		"Revenge Not Restraint: An Overview of the Sacred Legislative Package" n.d.
		Solidarity Coalition Bulletin 1, September 15, 1983
		BC Civil Liberties Association, Notes for a Press Conference following meeting with the Minister of Labour, Bob McClelland, Aug 19/83
		Operation Solidarity, "Speak Out Before It's Too Late" - List of MLAs
		Press Release, Charan Gill, Sikh Solidarity Coalition, January 21, 1984
1	3	Speak Up Now! This is an EMERGENCY [leaflet]
		Operation Solidarity Join Us and Speak Out, information leaflet for Wednesday, August 10, 1983 Empire Stadium
		The Ideology of Restraint by Patricia Marchak, February 24-25, 1984.
		Priorities [periodical] Vol. XI No. 4, November 1983
		Social Worker Perspectives [periodical], Vol. 5, No. 5, December 1983
		Canadian Ecumenical News [periodical] Vol 8, No. 4 September-October 1983
		Why Teachers are on Strike [leaflet], November 1983
		Hot Lines and Guest Spots, September 1, 1983
		Correspondence, Art Kube and Laslo Barna, August 9, 1983
		The People of BC are Speaking Out [leaflet], 2 copies
		BC Business Magazine, August 1983
		Newspaper clippings (to be scanned)
1	4	Public Sector Restraint Act Explanatory Note, July 13, 1983
		Public Service Labour Relations Amendment Act Introduction and Explanatory Note, July 1983
		Compensation Stabilization Amendment Act, 1983, explanatory note, July 1983
		Solidarity Coalition Draft Suggestions re organization n.d.
		Solidarity Coalition Report to Steering Committee on Organizational Support for Local Coalitions - Wednesday, August 23, 1983
		Memorandum, M.L. Kramer, BC Federation of Labour to all affiliates and Operation Solidarity Trade Union Supporters, August 23, 1983

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	BC Federation of Labour News Release: Legislation Means Insecurity, not Recovery, August 22, 1983
	BC Federation of Labour Memo, August 19, 1983 re: PNE Booth
	Solidarity Coalition correspondence: Renate Shearer to Trade Union Solidarity Committee August 19, 1983
	Solidarity Coalition correspondence: Renate Shearer to Chairperson, Local Solidarity Coalition Committee c/o local labour councils, August 18, 1983
	Solidarity Coalition press release, August 19, 1983
	Solidarity Coalition Correspondence: Renate Shearer to All Solidarity Coalition supporters, August 18, 1983
	Minutes: Steering Committee, Provincial Solidarity Coalition Meeting, August 18, 1983
	Solidarity Coalition Proposals Concerning Organization, n.d.
	Province-wide community groups, 83-11-15
	Solidarity Coalition press release, October 12, 1983
	Victoria Solidarity [periodical] Issue no. 2
	"The Fraser Institute, the Government and a Corporate Free Lunch "A report prepared for the Solidarity Coalition by Cliff Stainsby and John Malcolmson, October 1983.
	Solidarity Coalition Social and Economic Alternatives November 2, 1983
	Solidarity Coalition Prospects for the Long-Term, November 2, 1983
	Flyer: "This budget hurts women." Public meeting September 7, Women Against the Budget
	Workshop Proposal, 83-08-29
	8 Week Action Proposal. 83-08-29
	Minutes of Solidarity Coalition Steering Committee, August 25, 1983
	Interim Steering Committee members, 83-08-29
	Solidarity Coalition Agenda, 83-08-29
	Report on the first meeting of the Solidarity Coalition, August 3, 1983
	Solidarity Pressure on Legislators--some proposals, n.d.
	Solidarity Coalition Developmental Workshop Proposal, n.d.
	Solidarity Coalition Recommendations of Funding Sub-Committee, 83-08-29
	Petition Sub-Committee Proposals, 83-08-30
	BC Federation of Labour Budget and Resource Allocation for "Operation Solidarity Coalition" September 1, 1983-January 31, 1984.
	Operation Solidarity Recommendations August 17, 1983
	Draft of petition, n.d.

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		BC Federation of Labour Press Release, August 18, 1983
		Operation Solidarity Joint Council Coalition Meeting, August 11, 1983
		Memorandum from Art Kube to Whom it May Concern
		Telegram to Art Kube from Richard Haughian, Chairman, Canadian Health Coalition, August 8, 1983
		Telex to Art Kube from Robert White, Director U.A.W., August 8, 1983
		Budget and Accompanying Legislation [listing]
1	5	Newspaper clipping, Winnipeg Free Press, October 6, 1983
		Bill 5 Residential Tenancy Act
		Bill 45 Family and Child Service Act [annotated]
		Province of British Columbia News Release, July 25, 1983, "Program and Staff Reductions in the Ministry of Human Resources
1	6	Restraint and Recovery: Setting it Straight [leaflet] Province of British Columbia [date stamped Nov 7, 1983]
		Solidarity Coalition Brief to the Premier Regarding the Need for a Consultative Process, October 7, 1983
		Memorandum, Renate Shearer to Local Coalitions, Member Groups, November 22, 1983
1	7	Solidarity Coalition Press Release, March 26, 1984
		Memorandum to All Solidarity Coalitions, 83-08-31
		Notice of Solidarity Coalition Candlelight Vigil to Protest Bill 27, September 9 [1983]
		Solidarity Coalition Do's and Don'ts of Door to Door Canvassing, n.d.
		Solidarity Coalition Labour Day Work Session Format, September 1983
		Solidarity Coalition Media Workshop, News Releases and Handbills, n.d.
		Solidarity Coalition Media Workshop, Facing an Interviewer, n.d.
		Solidarity Coalition Media Workshop, Making Sure We Reach Our Audience, n.d.
		"News Releases" [tips], September 1, 1983
		News Release, "Sikh Solidarity Coalition Formed", September 6, 1983
		Core Committee - BC Human Rights Coalition, 83-09-02
		Flyer "Join Us and Speak Out" Public meeting and rally August 31, 1983, Courtenay Courthouse
		Notice: Public Forum on the BC Budget, September 15, Vancouver

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		Solidarity Coalition Proposal-Delegated Provincial Conference, October 7, 1983
		Correspondence, Committee for Racial Justice to Hon PE Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, Hon WM Bennett, Premier of the Province of BC, July 22, 1983
		Correspondence to Honourable WR Bennett from leaders of Canada's churches, July 25, 1983
		Solidarity Coalition Proposals Concerning Organization, 83-08-30
		Memorandum and news clippings, The Community Council of Greater Victoria, August 5, 1983
		Solidarity Coalition Communicating with Your Community Workshop Outline, September 1/83
		Dealing with the Social Credit Counter Offensive, September 2, 1983
		On the creation of the Lower Mainland Budget Coalition [printed material], BC Federation of Labour Program of Action "Operation Solidarity", July 15, 1983
2	8	Memo and attachments from David Yorke to Solidarity Coalition Provincial Steering Committee re: Draft Declaration of Rights, October 7, 1983
		Memo from Patricia Lane to Clay Perry re: Changes to Compensation Stabilization Programme Act, September 6, 1983
		Solidarity Coalition Bulletin 12, May 15, 1984
		Solidarity Coalition Bulletin 10, April 18, 1984
		Solidarity Coalition B bulletin 11, May 1, 1984
		Operation Solidarity publication, "restraint: or the Demise of Preventative Social Services in British Columbia. August 20, 1983
		Solidarity Coalition publication by Renate Shearer, "Privatization" 84-03-12
		Solidarity Coalition publication by Renate Shearer, "Women Hurt by New Provincial Budget" 84-03-16
		Operation Solidarity flyer re: demonstration March 31, 1984
		Copy of flyer by Federal PC Women's Caucus of Vancouver re: March 31, 1984
		Flyer from City of Vancouver and the United Way of the Lower Mainland re: October 13 meeting
		Meeting notice of public meeting September 13
		Flyer advertising March for your Rights, October 15, 1983
		Flyer advertising rally September 17, 1983 and Lower Mainland Solidarity Coalition Minutes, September 13, 1983
		Solidarity Coalition media release, September 19, 1983
		Letter from David W Mossop to Steve Schacter, September 28, 1983
		Solidarity Coalition Developmental Workshop Proposal, September 26, 1983

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	Notice of public meeting, CIP (Community Involvement Program) Fightback, September 16, 1983, explanatory leaflet and press clippings
	Victoria Operation Solidarity Alternate Budget
	Memo to Art [Kube], update of funds as of August 10, 1983
	News release, BC Federation of Labour, August 5, 1983
	News release, BC Federation of Labour, August 4, 1983
	Memo from David Rice to All Staff Members BC Federation of Labour, August 3, 1983
	Memo from Astrid Davidson to all staff, BC Federation of Labour, August 3, 1983
	Synopsis of legislation, n.d.
	Analysis of proposed amendment to Bill 3, n.d.
	BCGEU News Release, August 4, 1983
	BC Federation of Labour proposal, n.d.
	Document: Introduction: General Background to Budget Changes
	Operation Solidarity flyer re: Empire Stadium meeting and rally, August 10, 1983
	Solidarity Coalition memo from Renate Shearer re: structure recommendations, February 13, 1984
	Solidarity Coalition, suggested agenda for steering committee, February 25, 1984
	Solidarity Coalition News Release, 84-02-13
	Province of British Columbia Ministry of Human Resources, Invitation for proposals, February 13, 1984
	Solidarity Coalition Bulletin 5, February , 1984
	Memo from Renate Shearer January 13, 1984 with attachments
	Provincial Steering Committee Meeting Minutes, January 24, 1984
	Canadian Association of Social Workers, "BC Cutbacks Unproductive says CASW President" October 13, 1983
	Memorandum from Renate Shearer, Action Proposal against Fraser Institute, February 10, 1984
	Memorandum from Renate Shearer, Provincial Inservice Resource Team, February 10, 1984
	The Public Sector: Myths and Realities, August 18, 1983 by John Calvert
	Magazine article, "Solidarity Socredomics" by Eli Sopow, Winter 1983-84, Goodwin's
	Solidarity Coalition Operational Statement 83-08-29, [annotated]
	BC Association of Social Workers Information Release, n.d.
	Solidarity Coalition, Communicating with your Community Workshop Outline, September 1, 1983

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		Operation Solidarity publication "Hey I'm Unemployed" n.d.
2	9	"Responding to the Unthinkable", October 5, 1983
		"Ill Fares the Land" A sermon delivered in the Unitarian Church of Vancouver on Sunday, September 18, 1983 by Dr A Philip Hewett
		Solidarity Coalition To All Employees of Macmillan Bloedel and Cominco, n.d.
		Press release, British Columbia Association of Social Workers, July 18, 1983
		Operation Solidarity, These Services have been or are going to be cut or substantially reduced in Prince George
		Consumers' Association of Canada British Columbia Branch, 1983 Regional Newsletter
		BC Teachers' Federation Solidarity Education Report Number 2
		Social Services Budget Cuts
		Mid-Island Solidarity Coalition
		News Release, September 29, 1983
		British Columbia Teachers' Federation, Major Features of Bills Affecting Teacher Tenure and Teachers' Bargaining, August 26, 1983
		Bill 3 Public Sector Restraint Act
		Proposed Amendment to Bill
		Operation Solidarity, What Does It All Mean?
		The Native Courtworker and Counselling Association of British Columbia
		The Democratic Commitment, Newsletter of the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association, Volume 17 Number 2 September 1983
		What the Budget and the new bills mean to workers
2	10	Stenographer's Notebook: Sept 1 '83 - Sept 20 83
		Stenographer's Notebook: Sept 21 '83 - Nov 4, 1983
		Stenographer's Notebooke: Nov 7, 1983 - Dec 7, 1983
2	11	Solidarity Coalition and Operation Solidarity buttons
3	12	Original signed petitions to Premier Bennett and Grace McCarthy from group of Foster Parents
3	13	Newspaper clippings
	14	Newspaper clippings
	15	Operation Solidarity Coalition leaflets
	16	Solidarity Coalition Communicating with your Community Workshop Outline and attachments
		Solidarity Coalition Structure Committee Recommendations, 84-02-25

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		Solidarity Coalition Some Questions and Answers about a Major Public Strike, 83-11-03
		Solidarity Coalition Government Budget/Legislative Package Threatens the Environment, October 7, 1983
		Photograph: Patsy George, BC Association of Social Workers
		News Release, Office of the Mayor City Hall Vancouver, October 6, 1983 with attachments
		Third revised draft, What's the BC Spirit? Recent Experience in the Management of Restraint, AR Dobell, September 1983
	17	Solidarity Community Involvement Program Fightback [leaflet]
		Meeting Notice: Vigil on behalf of the victims of Cutbacks, Ash Wednesday March 7
		Incoming Correspondence: The Unitarian Church of Vancouver, September 17, 1983
		Memorandum to Local Coalitions Member Groups from Renate Shearer, November 22, 1983 re: Joint meeting of Operation Solidarity and Solidarity Coalition Steering Committees
		Government Bill 27, Human Rights Act
		Provincial Steering Committee Meeting Minutes, February 25, 1984
		A Time to Speak Out [leaflet], Defend Education Services Coalition
		Policy Statement Essential Services, BC Federation of Labour November 1977
		Solidarity Coalition Petition to Legislature
		Solidarity Coalition Social and Economic Alternatives, November 2, 1983
		Social Workers, Strikes, and Service to Clients - Social Work, March-April 1983 Vol 28 No 2
		Social Service Cutbacks What do they mean? What can we do? A Community Forum, City of Vancouver and United Way of the Lower Mainland, October 13
		BCGEU On Strike [leaflet]
		New Democratic Party press release, Statement by Margaret Mitchell MP, November 2, 1983
		Solidarity Coalition, Tired of Waiting! November 8, 1983
		Solidarity Coalition Prospects for the Long Term, November 2, 1983
		Solidarity Coalition Press Release, 84-02-28
		Joint Sub-Committee Meeting Operation Solidarity/Solidarity Coalition November 28-29, 1983 [page 1 only]
4	18	Miscellaneous newspapers and clippings
		Supreme Court of British Columbia Court Order, November 1, 1983

