

## AFG AREA9 ARCHIVES COORDINATOR REPORT

### FALL ASSEMBLY OCTOBER 3, 2015

- The Area Archives Committee met this past Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at the storage unit in Ocala, Florida. We accomplished the following:
  - Completed inventory of all historical and out of print Conference Approved literature. This serves two purposes:
    - It helps us to know the contents of our storage unit for Panel 55 and future Panels.
    - Having an inventory allows us to make a special note of removal when we take it from storage to an Area Meeting to share with the members. In this way, we might be responsible and accountable as we offer members to view history of our fellowship through older publications.
  - We will meet again October 30<sup>th</sup> at our storage unit in Ocala to hopefully complete the physical and digital inventory of all items in Archives.
- Digitizing of archival material continues with scanning of Panel 46 and 49 Secretarial records given to this trusted servant during Area World Service Committee in August. The first Florida North Area Convention Book from 1990 has been scanned. Scanning is a continuing detail oriented process which will expand our digital availability of items in storage. We ought not to expect completion of this task during Panel 55 but remain hopeful of good progress. Using my “smart phone” as a scanning device takes time and patience along with good naming of the pdf files as they are being uploaded to Google Drive.
- I will research portable scanners to be purchased for Area Archives in 2016. Wi-Fi is not reliably available in my rural locale and I have a limited data plan with my phone. With proper preparation before driving to my local library, I may be able to scan an entire convention book or two in each outing. Using a tub to transport the book contents will allow me to properly observe our 12<sup>th</sup> Tradition. I am sharing this information in the hope that if any of you have an idea or suggestion you might share it with me by email: [archives@afgarea9.org](mailto:archives@afgarea9.org)
- If possible I hope to also purchase some tubs to hold items more appropriate to containers. The proposed budget for Archives storage for 2016 shows a reduction due to lower storage rental. Our materials and supplies budget remains \$250. This budget should be very adequate to our needs for 2016 and I thank Doug for all his hard work in creating a proposed budget for our area.
- This first year of Panel 55 is not over and my hope with help from my Higher Power is that much more will be accomplished before midnight on December 31, 2015. I have learned that participation does not mean knowing everything or being right. For this member it means showing up and adding my voice if Higher Power guides me to do so. I have learned the deeper meaning of we are never alone in AI-Anon. Thanks!