



# Area 9 Archives Report

Fall Assembly September 30-October 2, 2016

As we approach Fall Assembly, our Archives Committee meets at 9am on Friday, September 23 to continue our efforts to inventory, organize, preserve and consolidate our holdings. In July we formulated a proposal to reduce physical inventory while scanning all text items in Archives. Cindy, our chairperson, facilitated formation of a Task Force on Archives to consider this proposal using our 3 Legacies, Service Manual, Knowledge Based Decision Making and other materials to make a recommendation to February 2017 Area World Service Committee.

Beginning with Alateen Conference and then with Alateen Round-Up, we endeavored to find recent Alateen archives for these events. I was able to find 1999 which I loaned to Lilly (and she returned) and 2014 Alateen Conference which I scanned and shared with Lilly on Google Drive. For Alateen Round-Up Chair I was able to find some old books from 1990's to share with Joanne. I mention this to prompt an appeal here and again at Assembly to ask members if they have materials loaned from Archives during prior Panels, please return them so we can inventory all items. Perhaps my committee and I will find more on Friday, September 23rd.

Scanning is an ongoing project with Convention Books stacked on shelves in my workstation and in crates nearby. There are other items such as Treasurer's records and Panel 25 work to decide if Florida Area should divide into North and South. Prior Panel AWSC and Assembly documents have also been scanned as discovered. All items have triple backup. Primary is Area 9 Archives on Google Drive. Secondary is the NFA AFG Archives Flash Drive. Third is a secure folder on my laptop at my workstation.

Archives has inspired me. Learning our area history comes with working with the materials as we scan and organize. Making archives available digitally makes our mission to make them available to the members possible. They will also be searchable using Adobe Reader. Thanks to Roger we may have a special announcement at Assembly. Our history as a spiritual fellowship in Area 9 offers us insight that may help us to avoid repetition and encourage innovation. Thanks for taking time to read.