

Al-Anon Area 22 November 2021 Assembly/AWSC, November 6, 2021
Archivist/Archives Coordinator Report
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At the local level –

- The Power Point presentation PDF of the Area 22 Archives Room housed in the Baton Rouge AIS Office will be updated very soon.
- It will include the updated listing of the contents of the showcase as well as items located around the Archives Room.
- Instead of cards beside each of the CAL in the showcase, there will be a list of items in the collection.
- This allows for the inclusion of more CAL.
- The identification information will be in the form of a list in a binder which can be utilized while viewing the collection.
- The list of the contents of the collection will be available on the Area 22 website.
- An updated power point and a video will also be posted to the Archives section of the Area 22 website www.la-al-anon.org as soon as it is completed.

At the WSO level –

- AFGCONNECTS has issued a call for copies of the first 5 Membership Survey Reports so I will be looking through our boxes and files to try to locate the Survey Reports which may be part of the information sent to us from past Delegates – please let me know if anyone has a copy that I can share.
- AFGCONNECTS has reminded us that Lois's Story (AV-1) and Lois W & the Pioneers (AV-24) are available as per Joe Tanory, WSO Archivist, for streaming online. The cost for each film will continue to be \$25 , which will grant access to the film for a period of 7 days. The WSO will continue to maintain its library of DVDs available for rent. This will be found on the al-anon.org website under the Archives section titled "Historical Films".
- WSO needs Alateen Members' shares for the new Alateen bookmark, "Just for Tonight". Please submit before the December 31, 2021, deadline.
- AFGCONNECTS has reported that Michigan is updating its Top Ten (although it may expand) Reasons Archives are Cool and I think that we in Louisiana should start a list of our own. I am taking suggestions for the list now at the email address archives@la-al-anon.org
- GRs and others, please invite your founders and longtime members to grant you an interview using the "Longtime Member Interview Form" located on the Area 22 website in the Archives Section.
- GRs and others, you may utilize an audio recording if you wish and submit these as soon as possible to me at archives@la-al-anon.org in order to capture the recollections of our founders for posterity.
- GRs and others submitting to the Archives, please remember to submit the paper items (non-CAL) also digitally by scanning them and emailing them to me as an attachment.
 - Please use this naming system: District number.Group number.Item.Name.month.day.year.
 - Example: District 6.Group 5507.Interview with longtimer.Jane R.12.14.2016

Archives still needs volunteers to assist in delving into the approximately 12 boxes yet to be reviewed and classified –

- GRs, past Delegates, and others dropping off boxes in the last 4 years, please consider volunteering to join the team to classify and file the contents.
- Anyone wishing to contribute to the Archives Room, please reach out to me for instructions as to how to label the contents and the boxes themselves and the type of boxes to be used for submitting materials to the Archives.
- Please volunteer to help us organize the contents of the already donated boxes as we transfer them into the appropriate boxes, label them as to contents with the goal of getting the contents into uniform, clearly labeled boxes or into the filing cabinets.

- As we return to face to face events, please consider sending a digital event notice to the Archives for historical preservation of our return post pandemic.
- GRs and DRs in Area 22, please utilize (on the Archives Section of the Area 22) the Archival Event Form to systematically memorialize your group/district/area events and submit them to the Archives Coordinator and we will include them in a special section of the Archives Room.
- We will be developing a schedule for scanning the documents once they are inventoried and categorized.

My goals remain as follows:

- 1) Clearly identify material with the date of origin and photos should have names and dates written on the back. I will encourage those submitting items to date everything to make it easier for future Archivists.
- 2) Interview area pioneers and encourage GRs and DRs to do so as well as soon as possible and record their recollections of early group development and their personal recovery stories.
- 3) After the Archives are organized, research possible systems for possibly digitizing parts of the collection in a searchable system to locate material in the collection, building on what already exists and enhancing it as appropriate.
- 4) Protect the anonymity of our fellows as the archives collection is consolidated, organized, and maintained.

Thanks so much for the opportunity and privilege to serve as Archivist for Area 22 Panel 60.

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