

60TH ANNIVERSARY ARCHIVES PROJECT

This is a project that all members can work on. Make it a fun search for information on our history in New York North. Have a potluck or picnic and some fellowship. There are many resources that we can use. In the process, we may meet some longtime members who have drifted away, or help a group reconnect with the district and area, or even encourage members to become more involved with service. Getting involved helps each of us grow as individuals and will help our Area to be more united in carrying a message of hope.

As an Area, we have the resource of our Area Archives. Soon they will be located in Syracuse. We need some volunteers to help arrange them, until we are able to have someone fill the Archivist position. Some Districts maintain their own archives and some groups have saved information through the years.

Other resources can be

- Longtime members (stories or tapes they may have done)
- Early correspondence
 1. Any reference in correspondence may help date the group. A first name and phone number for a contact, the group name, street address. Keep track of all info.
 2. A member may mention the group participation in an Al-Anon event—this could help establish a date.
 3. If a group voted to elect a Delegate for an early World Service Conference that could be a clue.
 4. How the World Service Office is referenced can help. If the group called it the Clearing House, then they would be quite old.
 5. Where mail was sent: i.e. New York or Virginia Beach.
 6. Types of paper that was sent from WSO and different letterheads can give a clue to dates.
 7. The amount of postage on an envelope or a postmark is a clue.
 8. Sometimes WSO stamped dates on correspondence. If multiple dates are found, use the earliest.
- World Directories (1952-1988)
- Old Area printouts
- Flyers of Area Events or Group Anniversaries
- Conference Summaries (1961-present)

When you find information on starting dates, please send info to the Area Group Records Coordinator so that it can be recorded. If you find dates that are listed but are incorrect, please make note of that too. Many hands make light work...sooooo- *Let it begin with me. When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there and let it begin with me.*