

June 11th 2016

To: AA Members

From: District 9 Archives Chair

Subject: Our Group Histories

Dear friends,

The District 9 Archives is a New Committee that started in January 2014. We are currently seeking Home Group Histories and any thing that pertains to our history in Carroll County. I know this may require a little work. But we feel the loss of our history will be much greater. Remember the Washingtonians, they forgot where they came from and were lost forever. We do not want that to happen to us. We are currently trying to save our history and we need your help. The Home Group History sheet is on our web page. Please take the time to fill it out or better still type or write a history while answering the basic questions. Any information will help us to preserve our history not only for us but for those who will come. Remember if we lose our history-"IT IS GONE FOREVER". We will work with you. If you would just answer the questions we can meet you any where at any time. We will type up your history. All we need is the information. Only you the member can do this, we can not do this alone.

We also need information on meetings and groups in which we have no info on. Correct info (not what we think but the facts and evidences to back it up). We need information on groups in the Sykesville and Eldersburg area. As of today the need for group histories on the Sykesville Monday and Friday, Flohrville Big Book, Eldersburg Tuesday Night Group, and Lake View Live Group. We also need info on the Taneytown Groups and the Taneytown Step Group. Please do not forget the Woodbine Saturday Night Group that, started in 1972. The year you started is not enough we need your history the good , bad, and painful experiences. The people that is yet to come will need your experiences. Any help you can give will be greatly accepted with our thanks. Remember "We Can Do Together What We Can Not Do Alone".

We also need Meeting lists before 2010, whether they are from the District or the Intergroups. Documents developed locally to support Twelfth Step Work, Photographs, Obituaries of our active members, Minutes of our District meetings, minutes from our committees, and any correspondences of our members. The list can go on but remember mainly for District 9 or Carroll County except meeting lists or directories, they can be Eastern US Directories, West Central Intergroup, Baltimore Intergroup or District 9. Your Group GSR will know what to do. If your meeting or group does not have a active GSR, PLEASE elect or appoint one. The GSR is our link to AA as a whole.

We need any information on the Alcothons. The first New Years Alcothon was in December 1990-91. Joe L. from the Westminster Saturday Night Group & others made it happen and has been going on ever since. We need your help We have very little information from the 1990`s. Any think like; Your group sponsored it, you helped one or more times, a flyer, any financial information, or even just a memory. We need this to preserve our history.

Something we have not mentions is Oral Audio Recordings. This can be done by Francis S. who is also our Area 29 Archives Chair. Francis has the equipment to do this. We would like to tape old timers oral histories. Remember the old timers carried the message to us and we do not want to lose their memories or their experiences.

In closing we wish too thank everyone who has helped, is helping and is going to help us. THANKS !

PS: We are seeking people for the Archives. If you would like to join us, that would be great. Thank You !

With Love and Service, District 9 Archivist.
District 9, P.O. Box 251, Westminster, Md.