

Archives Report June 2020

Hi everyone, my name is Kathy S-C., I am alcoholic. It has been my privilege to be your Area 82 AA NS Archivist for the last 3 years and over the last 8 years, 5 of those helping Gary when he was Archivist, it has been our privilege and delight to present and show the archives as they are today. We also have had the opportunity to put on a couple of workshops, one when the assembly was in Dartmouth and the other when we were invited to put one on at the monthly meeting for District 1, where all who attended had a chance to look for clues about their local AA history. We all had a blast. Anytime I have the opportunity to share the history of AA with someone I jump at the opportunity and the greatest part of my job is that I never stop learning. Most likely when I am at different events some member will bring me something or share a story with me. There will always be history and always someone to share it with - so please if you have anything tucked away and would like to give it a good home, I promise you I will take good care of it for you.

So what have I been up to since my report to you last July? I am happy to report to you that everything on my to do list has been completed. We had a banner made up that says Area 82 NS AA Archives in gold and black lettering, some of you may have seen it at the Lighthouse Roundup or at the Mid-Winter. Some of the binders have been upgraded. In an effort to save valuable Area money, I recycle and reuse what I can and accumulate binders when and where I can, but sadly some of them had to be retired.

The "In Memory" of Binder has, SADLY, grown since I introduced it last year, but I would like to thank all those who have helped me with this project.

The inventory is always growing with the archives, but rest assured that every time I make an entry I update the inventory list. As I reported to you last July I was going to send a complete inventory list to the Webmaster, and with Lisa N.'s help, that has been done. This was done so all members would have access to what exactly we have in the archives.

The big news I have is that your archives is now in a safe and secure storage facility in Bridgewater as of Jan. of this year. Many trips were made from Lunenburg to Bridgewater and with Gary's help with some additional shelves, everything is up on shelves and being organized every time we go there. Your archives have grown, and grown and grown over the past 8 years, from the 5 totes we received to 15 plus totes, along with numerous other items, such as banners, pictures and cassette tapes. It is like we received a little baby who has now grown into a full fledged teenager, YIKES !!

So having said all that, here are my plans for my next year's term. I introduced several weeks ago, the idea of a time capsule with contributions from all members who would like to participate in sharing their experience, their strength and their hope with some member most of us will never meet. This time capsule will be kept with the Archives and re-opened at some event, perhaps a Provincial Roundup, in the year 2045. Trudy A. has graciously agreed to send out a letter I wrote explaining exactly what would be acceptable for the capsule - a small note, a pin or maybe even a medallion, whatever you would like to pass on would be appreciated. I would like to leave this project opened for as long as possible in 2020 - as to give all members a chance to contribute.

Also I would like to expand my displays by doing some more research on some of the displays and putting an explanation next to them while the items are on the tables for display. For example, we have the Golden Records by Father John Doe - well what are the Golden Records, who recorded them and who exactly is Father John Doe ?? If you are too shy to approach me and ask or if I am tied up talking to someone else, you may walk away never knowing. This way it will be a learning experience for all of us.

Well, so much for my One page report, but you did a lot for me in a half hour !! But as some of you know I am very passionate about the archives and the work that I have done with them. It is my wish that you see

and appreciate that passion in the displays and in when I have the opportunity to speak about the archives. To me, without history - without one drunk going to talk to another drunk in hope he would stay sober himself, with out Ruth having the foresight to know these things should be saved for future generations, I would be without a job.

I look forward to continuing with my work as your Archivist and to meeting a lot of you around the archives displays. I am here as a servant of AA and will be available to all members if ever I can be of any help.

Yours in Service
Kathy S -C.
Area 82 NS AA Archivist

Sent from my iPad