

Area 53 Archives Committee Quarterly Report

December 11th, 2022

Archives Committee Mission Statement

The Area 53 Archives Committee works to aid groups, districts and the Area Committees in preserving our AA story. This includes maintaining a repository of valuable artifacts and records from our past and present to ensure the integrity of the Area 53 history.

- I attended the 2022 25th National A.A. Archives Workshop on September 22-25th, in Little Rock, Arkansas. The theme of the workshop was, “**DOES HISTORY CARRY THE MESSAGE? ...You Bet It Does!**” I have a separate report that includes details of the workshops and a few of my thoughts regarding the trip. There are audio recordings available for the workshops upon request. Please contact the Chair of the Archives Committee at archivist@area53aa.org.
- The Archives Committee encourages groups to select representatives to join the Archives Committee. All members of AA are welcome to attend a monthly Archives Committee meeting to learn more about the Area 53 Archives Committee. A representative from the 1728 Group joined the Committee in November.
- The Archives Committee met in November and voted to retain the current people as Chair, Archivist and Secretary. Most of the Committee members have current positions within the Area/District and nobody expressed a desire to stand for the positions.
- The Archives Committee Members plans to visit more groups and districts in 2023. The Archivist and Committee Members are available to meet with groups and districts to discuss how to support AA’s primary purpose.
- I am working with a Districts 26 and 28 to facilitate a workshop regarding Women in AA. The District Representatives and I have selected to focus on three of the pioneering Women. The workshop will be on May 6th and more details will be available soon.
- The Archives Committee is sharing a Zoom account with the Accessibilities Committee. I want to thank Kathy B. and the Committee for their willingness to collaborate with us.

- Mark E. has digitized several of our past talks that were on cassette tapes and is currently working on the reel-to-reel recordings that are in the collection. The Committee is discussing how to best share the information with interested A.A.s.
- The Committee continues to work on the collection of oral histories and we are prioritizing past delegates and folks with service experience within Area 53. Link: [Committee: Archives – Area 53 General Service \(area53aa.org\)](https://area53aa.org/committee/archives)
- The Archives Committee conducts a monthly meeting on the fourth Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom; refer to the Area 53 website for details [Committee: Archives – Area 53 General Service \(area53aa.org\)](https://area53aa.org/committee/archives). This December's meeting will be on the 3rd Saturday of the month due to the holiday. The date is Saturday, December 17th at 9:00 a.m. We will resume the regular schedule in January. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully,

Teri G, Area 53 Archives Committee Chair