

**New York North  
2017 Spring Assembly  
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Archives Coordinator Report**

Been going through the archives a bit. Organized the Forums and removed the duplicates. The Archives has Forums dating back to 1967 with most years complete from 1972 to present. I also went through the literature and removed duplicates. Started organizing the "Misc" boxes.

In looking through the archives, I came across a few notebooks from old meetings. These notebooks contained a weekly account of the meeting, attendance, topic, and general thoughts expressed during the meeting. I think this is a great idea. It has been interesting reading the topics they discussed and thoughts they had. I find this is a great way to keep a history of the meeting. And what a wonderful service position to offer. There are some notebooks at the Archives display.

In this month's Group enews, there are instructions on how to download a free audio file of an interview recorded in 1982 with Lois W. (AI-Anon's cofounder), Henrietta S. (the first General Secretary of the World Service Office), and Margaret D. (the first Editor of The Forum). You can find it by following these steps:

- Go to <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/members/user-login>.
- Enter your group name, followed by AFG as your password. (Example: Easy Does It AFG or mondayafg).
- Click on "WSO" on the home page choices.
- Click on "Inside the WSO."
- Click on "History of the WSO and AI-Anon."
- Under "Archives," click on "Lois W. and the Pioneers Audio Interview."

My time as Archives Coordinator will be up this year. Thought I would share some things the Archives Coordinator does

- Store the NYN archives (27 banker boxes, one metal shelf that hold 15 boxes, not all boxes are completely full).
- Prepare display of Archives materials for the Fall and Spring assemblies
- Determine appropriate items to be kept in the Archives
- Organize and pare them down as best one can.
- Answer any questions members may have (maybe got 3 -4 emails requesting info)
- Write monthly article for the Northern Hi Lights (hardest part for me)

Looking forward, several other Archives Coordinators from around the country are looking into or have started to digitize their archives (get rid a keeping 27 boxes ☺). I think this is something the next Archives Coordinator could look into. But as with any service position, you do it your way and best you can, and you don't do it alone. I did it differently than the person before me and the next person will do it differently than me. I had help from the previous Coordinator and members from my District. To me service is a huge part of my recovery and am grateful I am able to give back to AI-Anon. Feel free to contact me if you

Always looking for photos and longtime member's questionnaires. In general, contact me if you have anything you think would be a good addition to the NYN Archives before bringing to an assembly or other event to ensure they are appropriate.

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Other contact info is in NHL, but email is best.

Yours in Service  
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