

**UPCOMING
EVENTS:**

- Area Assembly will be held in San Angelo Texas November 14th and 15th 2009 at the LaQuinta Hotel.
- 2010 International Convention will be July 1 - 4, 2010 in San Antonio Texas.
- Southwest Kansas Conference will be Jan 8th - 10th, 2010 in Dodge City Kansas which will have Area 66 members speaking.



No Birthday's were sent in for this month.

If you have a birthday please email it to:
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Pass it on...



NWTA 66 NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2009

Conference Agenda Committee Request

The members of the 2000 Conference Agenda Committee, included in their report as an additional consideration that:

"The staff secretary prepare a letter and form to be sent out annually in early August to all Conference members to gather suggestions for the Conference theme, presentations and workshop topics."

The theme, presentation and workshop topics for each General Service Conference are discussed by delegates during the week of the Conference. These topics revolve around basic principles of A.A. and can spark thought-provoking discussion at Area and district meetings as well. Regions, areas and districts may incorporate discussion of these topics into workshops, meetings, pre-Conference assemblies, etc. This gives A.A. members involved in service the opportunity to participate and become more informed about A.A.

The 2010 Conference Agenda Committee will consider suggestions for a theme, presentation and workshop topic for 2011. We hope that you will assist us by asking members

in your area to offer suggestions for the theme, presentation and workshop topics for the 61st annual meeting of the General Service Conference, May 1 - 7, 2011.

Please send suggestions in by December 18, 2009 to Leon R. Nwta 66 Delegate.



Alcoholics Anonymous is full of treats no tricks!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

A message on the "Young Peoples Videos"

October 7, 2009

As you know, your General service Office has had some management changes in recent weeks. The new management team is resolving some documentation difficulties with the DVD of the "Young People Videos"

which require time to solve.

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services is fully informed of the situation and is confident that management will negotiate solutions that will result in the release of these videos in the very near future. We are working

with producers and intellectual property owners toward a solution that meets the conditions of our Traditions and Concepts.

A.A.W.S. Would appreciate your understanding that the delay is unavoidable.

John K. Chairperson, A.A.W.S

Texas AA History Project (and a new idea)

The Regional Forum was terrific and it was great to meet some folks to discuss the Texas AA History project. One idea discussed was to seek out interest in organizing a weekend Texas Archives Workshop. The idea behind it is to have members involved in Archives service (and any other member who wants to) to come together and see how we can help each other build and maintain a strong Archives service in each area.

The proposed location for the first Texas State Archives Workshop is Midland, TX which has an excellent permanent exhibit and great meeting facilities. It would be nice to hold the weekend workshop in Spring 2010 over Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday until noon or so. An invitation to attend the workshop would be sent to all areas in the Southwest Region plus some other neighboring areas. It's important to collect scheduling information for each of the four Texas area's assemblies and area committee meetings to recommend a specific proposed date for the workshop. Could you please reply with the planned dates of your area assemblies and area committee meetings?

There is no shortage of initial ideas for a suggested workshop agenda:

- 1. Introductory overview of each Area Archives Committee and collection
- 2. How to get an archives collection started (from nothing)
- 3. Archives administration (committee and collection)

- 4. Collection storage, preservation and conservation practices (basic do's and don'ts and sources of supplies)
- 5. Anonymity practices - what's right and what's wrong (plus challenges of the digital age)
- 6. Digital Records Management (for area/district continuity)
- 7. Creating a Texas AA History (earliest groups and pioneers)
- 8. Creating a Texas General Service History
- 9. Digital Archives (to enhance, or substitute for, a collection)
- 10. Types of Area/District Archives Services (e.g. group displays, history presentations, records management, etc.)
- 11. Digitizing audio tapes
- 12. Financing Archives (and the cost of maintaining a collection)
- 13. Encouraging participation in the National Archives Workshop (NAW)
- 14. Encouraging combined area exhibits in support of the Texas State Convention
- 15. Should the workshop be an annual event? (location rotating among Texas Areas)
- 16. Ideas submitted from addressees

Topics selected/recommended for the

agenda will be determined by email polling of the potential workshop attendees. The addressees on this email distribution are considered to be the initial members of an Archives Special Interest Group. If any addressee wishes to be removed from the list please just reply to this message stating your desire. Addressees are strongly encouraged to nominate other AA members for inclusion in the list. The only qualification is that the AA member nominated has a keen interest in AA Archives and history. It is recommended that the following AA members be asked to be included:

- 1. Current trusted servants involved in Archives Service (group, district, area)
- 2. Past trusted servants who were involved in Archives Services
- 3. Current and past Delegates/ Alternates and Trustees (typically have a keen interest in AA history)
- 4. Any other AA member who has an interest and might be a candidate to serve on an Archives Committee

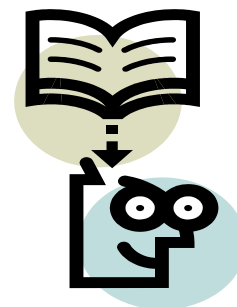
Your comments are solicited.

Cheers
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Archives
thoughts and
note.



ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

"We are trying to build up extensive records which will be of value to a future historian..."

It is highly important that the factual material be placed in our files in such a way that there can be no substantial distortion...

We want to keep enlarging on this idea for the sake of the full length history to come..."

Bill W., 1957

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