

**Archives Committee** 30 Carew Street, South Hadley, MA  
**Meeting Date/Time:** 2/7/2023, 7:30pm

**Archives email:** [archives@area31aa.org](mailto:archives@area31aa.org)

**Archives chair:** Melissa G, After Work Group

**Archives co-chair:** Chris K, Hand in Hand Group

**Archivist for Area 31:** Carl

**Area Chair:** John

### **Archives Reps**

Mick, Thursday Night Men's Group in Wilbraham

Chris H, Haydenville Sunday Night Life Group

Matt, Do or Die (via Zoom)

Jason, Chicopee Morning Light (via Zoom)

Hope, Chicopee Morning Light (via Zoom)

### **What is Archives?** (from [area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org))

Archives collects and stores items of significance to the history of AA. The committee arranges to record the stories of 'old-timers' to preserve the oral history of AA. Additionally, the committee arranges displays of archive items at Area Assemblies, the Area Round-Up, and area group anniversaries.

The Archives boards are a visual presentation of A.A.'s early history, as well as the history of A.A. in Area 31, Western Massachusetts. The Archives display boards are available for A.A. functions such as, Group Anniversaries, Area Assemblies, or various conventions, etc. If you would like to schedule the Archives Boards for an A.A. event you can contact the Archives Committee at [archives@area31aa.org](mailto:archives@area31aa.org).

### **Archives Workbook** <https://www.aa.org/archives-workbook>

For AAs interested in service in AA archives, this workbook offers shared experience on committee activities, setting up a repository, preservation work, copyright, collecting oral histories and more. Also provides information about accessing materials in the GSO Archives.

### **Group History Form** [https://www.area31aa.org/files/archives/Group\\_History\\_Form.pdf](https://www.area31aa.org/files/archives/Group_History_Form.pdf)

### **Meeting Notes**

- Mick volunteered to be Archives Secretary and will attend Intergroup Meeting 2/9 to represent Archives <https://www.area31aa.org/node/508>
- Archives plans to put on an event "Listening Party" sometime end of March (pending church availability). Event will consist of food/fellowship, followed by the playing of an archived AA member's tape and then discussion. More information to follow so reps can promote at meetings.

- Jay asked if photos of group members/AA activities are allowed to be archived - it is allowed as long it is not published publicly.
- Matt asked how a Deed of Gift form (discussed in Archives workbook) may impact interviews - Melissa will f/u at NERASAA to discuss with other Archive Chairs/ reps
- Remember you can raise your hand during meetings to inform members that the Archives boards are available for groups to display at anniversaries (or for any reason) and to ask groups if they would like to submit a group history

### **To Be Discussed at Next Meeting**

- Review interview format, interview questions, discuss more in depth about how to perform an interview
- New speaker tapes?
- Listening Party details

### **Archivist's Report**

- Area history can be found at [area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org)
- The Archivist sits in at area meeting; however, the archivist cannot vote as this is not a rotating position
- Carl works to catalog AA history at 30 Carew Street - you can reach out to Carl at [archivist@area31aa.org](mailto:archivist@area31aa.org) if you would like to schedule a time outside of the Archives Meeting to view the archives
- AAs can request to have access to late AA member's interviews
- The archives are living and breathing - the AA past impacts how we operate today!

### **Area Chair's Report**

- NERAASA 2/23 to 2/26 in Albany, NY
- More info about Spring Assembly to come!
- Committee officers/chairs are available to bring a service meeting to your home group. The committee officers/chairs will speak about how service has impacted their sobriety at your meeting (like an incoming group). Reach out to John at [areachair@area31aa.org](mailto:areachair@area31aa.org) if interested.