



Participation is the key to harmony.

Archivist Awakenings

In preparation for Fall Assembly 2020

As fall begins, we bring in the harvest to prepare for winter. In my role as Area Archivist, this is a time for me to reflect on the bounty of recovery that has resulted from my role and prepare the items held for movement to the trusted servant who will carry on the precious work of protecting and improving access to our heritage.

In a physical way, that means creating an inventory of the items that either have not been scanned or photographed, or the items that have and will continue to be held in trust for our membership. Items that were once stored in cardboard boxes are now being moved to more durable plastic ones (now made possible because there are fewer items to transport).

In an emotional way, that means preparing to let go of the love and effort that my team and I have put into making materials more available to our membership through digitizing them. It means that our fellowship and shared recovery will take a different form as the new Panel begins.

In a spiritual way, that means embodying the principal of “Let Go and Let God” and knowing and trusting the future will provide safety and security for all that we have done. It means trust that the next Archivist will be the perfect person to carry on.

I am left with a profound sense of gratitude;

- ♥ gratitude for all the loving interactions of my team: Mark, Jeanene and Mike and their willingness to show up and participate,
- ♥ gratitude for my fellow members of Area 9 Panel 58 and for being a part of an effort that is truly meaningful and worthwhile
- ♥ gratitude for all that I have learned and grown in this role, the skills that I did not have and have now and the rich history that I did not know before,

Thank you North Florida Al-Anon,
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