

Archivist Activities

What an amazing adventure my Al-Anon service role provides! How lucky I am to be a part of this great program!

In January, our chairperson Diane met me in Tampa so that we could go to the new storage facility location. There, we were able to tour the facility, see the new unit and sign contracts. It was good to spend time together, learn a little more about each other and be able to take a step forward for the good of Area 9.

In February, we had our big move day. Michael, our panel 55 Archivist, had put a great deal of time and effort into preparing everything for the move. He carefully packaged, inventoried and documented each item. With the help of a wonderful district 8 volunteer (Mark), we rented a truck, drove to Ocala and loaded up! We moved 3 large wooden book cases, 1 collapsible and durable plastic book case, and boxes and boxes of archive books, tapes, and other materials.

It was not all work and no fellowship, though. We had a delicious lunch before heading back to Tampa and that gave us a breather. I felt so blessed to be assisted by such dedicated Al-Anon members.

The unloading went smoothly and now everything is settled into its new (Tampa) home.

Our new storage unit is interesting in that it is 10 feet wide, 5 feet deep and has **two** separate doors for easy access.

This month I was able to get the scanner from the storage unit, install and test it. It is really something – Scan Snap IX500. It is not what I expected because it only occupies a small amount of space on the desktop but has the capability to do 40 – 50 documents at a time. Impressive!

In addition to the preparation of the archives for the move, Michael prepared a beautiful manual for me to learn from. My gratitude to him for his service is immense.

My next fun will be in selecting the materials that I will present to you, members of Panel 58, for the table at our Spring Assembly. I can't wait to choose!

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