

# Archives Outreach

## Displays and Presentations

The Eastern Area of Missouri (EAMO) Archives seeks to take advantage of each opportunity to bring the Archives to the fellowship. Since beginning in 1974, the Archives has created static displays, slide shows, a presentation of A.A. memorabilia, and recently, a historical presentation of A.A. in Eastern Missouri. Please contact us if you would be interested in bringing the Archives to your district, group, convention, or workshop.

For large venues, the Archives has several static display boards available, featuring pictures and documents relating to Bill W., Dr. Bob, the serenity prayer, the 1955 International Convention of A.A. in St. Louis, three newspaper scrapbooks (with articles on A.A. from 1939 to 1944), women in the early years of A.A., and Father Dowling.

For those groups who may be interested in seeing some of the historical documents, literature, and memorabilia of A.A., the Archives has a first edition, first printing of the Big Book, books on temperance from the 1800s, an actual prescription for alcohol written during Prohibition, a sheet of stamps from 1981 from the United States Postal Service titled "Alcoholism: We Can Beat It," the 1939 *Liberty* magazine article "Alcoholics and God," and *The Saturday Evening Post* from March 1941, with the famous article on Alcoholics Anonymous written by Jack Alexander. One or more of the Archives committee will be present to talk about these items and to answer any questions.

For those venues with a large-screen TV, the Archives has developed slide shows, including "The Journey of Bill Wilson," "Legacy of the Healer" (Dr. Bob), "If Walls Could Talk" featuring pictures of A.A. meeting rooms throughout Eastern Missouri, and "The Growth of A.A. in Eastern Missouri from 1940 to 1959."

In 2018, the Archives committee decided that we should actually tell the story of A.A. coming to Missouri using our historical materials. Thus, we created a PowerPoint presentation with live narration by Archives committee members. This presentation "The Experience, Strength, and Hope of Alcoholics Anonymous Comes to Eastern Missouri" features historical documents and photographs and tells the

story of how A.A. came to the EAMO and how the fellowship grew and spread throughout the state.

If you are interested in bringing any of these Archives programs to your venue, please contact the EAMO Archives ([archives@eamo.org](mailto:archives@eamo.org)) or call the archivist Carl B. (314-359-4776) for details and arrangements.