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Archiving to Preserve Your Club's History February 11 & 20, 2014

DISTRICT 12 LEADERSHIP TRAINING

OBJECTIVES

Objective 1: To identify how to archive & store club information

Objective 2: To provide tools / documents / contacts for clubs

Objective 3: To discuss data needed for the History In Brief due to Barb Pellegren at <u>bgpell@aol.com</u> by April 1, 2014

Objective 4: To review the End of Biennium Reports due to Barb Pellegren at <u>bgpell@aol.com</u> by April 21, 2014

> The Heart of your Organization's Memory is in its Records (Society of American Archivists)



- Electronic Media
- Photographs
- Paper
- Donate to a Repository

 Keep up-to-date records regarding storage of club archives, and how to access electronic storage media

See Archiving Guides document on D12 website in Resources, Leadership Training, Archiving to Preserve Your Club's History



Electronic Media

- Copy files, pictures, & important emails to CDs, DVDs, external hard drives or web based storage
- Make multiple copies & store in different locations
- Name & date all files
- Update electronic media to keep current with new methods
- Be sure to include the Club Annual Report done by the club president
 - It has:
 - Current membership numbers
 - ► Local & ZIF service grants
 - Service projects & scholarships
 - Fundraisers
 - Officer List
 - See D12 Club Annual Report document on D12 website in Resources, Leadership Training, Archiving to Preserve Your Club's History



Photographs

- Use preservation enclosures such as envelopes, sleeves, albums free of sulfur, acids and peroxides
- ▶ If plastic is used, make sure it is uncoated polyester or polypropylene
- If mounting photos in albums, use photo corners only
- Look for storage materials marked "PAT" (passed a photographic activity test)
- Share albums with club members periodically



Paper

- Put letters, drawings, clippings, etc. in a clean area with moderate temperature & low humidity. Avoid cardboard containers. Insert sheets of neutral tissue between items & store flat
- Protect from light
- Use boxes, folders, envelopes, sleeves, & mats free of sulfur, acids, & peroxides
- If plastic is used, make sure it is uncoated polyester, cellulose triacetate, polyethylene or polypropane
- Look for storage materials marked "PAT" (passed a photographic activity test)
- Scan documents to make an electronic copy



Donate to a Repository

- Keep a record of what, where, & when. Pass this information along
- Obtain a copy of the repository's policy regarding availability, photo duplication, publication, & check out options, before submitting materials



History In Brief – Due April 1, 2014

- What is a History in Brief?
 - A short summary of a club's history
 - Used as input to the district's history in brief
- What is Included in a History in Brief?
 - 500 1000 word document
 - Organization of the Club
 - Date of charter
 - Charter presentation
 - Name of sponsoring (SOM) club
 - Number of charter members



<u>History In Brief Con't</u>

- Development of the Club
 - Growth/fluctuation of membership & current membership number
- Service Programs
 - Club participation in district projects, ZIF service projects & scholarship programs
- Special Achievements
 - Area meeting host
 - District conference host
 - Club members served at higher levels of ZI
 - Note the author, sources of information, date completed
 - See Guidelines History in Brief for Clubs document on D12 website in Resources, Leadership Training, Archiving to Preserve Your Club's History



End of Biennium Reports - Due April 21, 2014

- Club Archivist & Club Historian
 - Progress to date in archiving and history writing
 - ▶ Due to Barb Pellegren at <u>bgpell@aol.com</u> by April 21, 2014

- See Report Template for Club Archivists document on D12 website in Resources, Leadership Training, Archiving to Preserve Your Club's History
- See Report Template for Club Historians document on D12 website in Resources, Leadership Training, Archiving to Preserve Your Club's History



Where Can I Find Useful Information?

- Zonta International Website
 - www.zonta.org
 - Member Resources, Tools, Centennial Anniversary Tools
- District 12 Website
 - www.zontadistrict12.org
 - Resources, Leadership Training, Archiving to Preserve Your Club's History
- Society of American Archivists
 - www.archivists.org
 - info@archivists.org
 - > 312-922-0140
- Repositories including Public Libraries, Historical Societies

