

Our Stories Disclose Third Edition Story Collection

Preparation for gathering group histories involved the creation of support materials:

District history packet:

Every district was given a hard copy and a digital copy of a packet containing:

1. A complete list of all groups ever to have existed in that district (from Area72 Registrar spreadsheet). It includes inactive groups, groups gone silent (unknown or blank), and active groups.
2. Group History form and Guidelines for writing a story (2 copies provided, make more).
3. History of the district (from OSD2): Like all others it will need to be updated.
4. Individual group histories as published in OSD2. These are copywritten and should not be distributed for any other reason except to help with new histories. They may be helpful in updating the last 15 years of events.

Note: To obtain individual group histories I went through the original OSD2 word file and created a separate file for each of the 400+ stories.

Outreach:

Packets were distributed at the 2018 Assembly and emailed to each DCM.

This was followed by 18 months of presentations and meetings, events and distribution of fliers.

Data:

1. A special Area email account was set up for group histories and that email appeared on all written material.
2. A Team Drive was set up with separate files for each district.
3. A roster on the team drive listed every history that came in and which district folder it was in. New entries were in RED. When stories were transferred to editors their color was changed to BLACK.
4. Hard copies were scanned and saved to the Team Drive by district. The originals were delivered to Area Archives.

The process was smooth but time consuming.

All materials are archived on our Team Drive.

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