

Hello,

As I sit down to write this report, I am saddened by the news that I must share with you. On Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, my home was part of the catastrophic flood that happened in Spencer. I left our home and went to our son's house to drier safer ground. When we returned home on Sunday, we found our basement and the Archives room to have about 5 feet of water in it. I instantly contacted a District 2 member to tell them about the Area Archives. I started receiving texts and calls and District 2 members came and helped me get the items out of the flood waters. This is our Program at work! Thankfully most of the Archives were in the newly purchased waterproof tubs. We had a total of 6 tubs and 5 of them were floating in the water. When they were brought up out of the water everything was dry! Everything in the basement was a total loss except the five tubs full of Archives. This is our Higher Power working! The sixth tub was open and did not fare so well. This had more recent items in it that I had been going through. There were several binders of minutes, Serenity Weekend flyers, Assembly flyers and programs. I believe all the minutes can be retrieved through District 2 members. Those will be put on a flash drive at this time. Some of the flyers and programs may be able to be saved. Unfortunately, the pictures of Losi and Anne were a total loss.

The Archives Coordinator quarterly call was on Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ironically, I had sent in the question of how do we start the process to go digital or online with our Archives. What are the best options? I was not able to attend the call due to the flood. And we will be talking more about this later in our meeting.

I am sorry this happened to the Archives. I have run every scenario in my head of what I could have done differently. I was reminded that there was nowhere to go with the Archives the day of the flood. I did what I needed to do to take care of myself.

Area Archivist

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