



ONTARIO SOUTH ASSEMBLY (AREA 86)

AL-ANON/ALATEEN FAMILY GROUPS

HISTORY OF ONTARIO SOUTH

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Historical information submitted from Ontario South Archivist

First meeting was in Toronto in 1943, as an offshoot of A.A. when the wives got together and called themselves A.A. Wives Group. They met every two weeks in one of their homes and had six members at the first meeting.

- May 1944 Ontario Al-Anon was born. Co-founder was Pearl with Anne S. This meeting was held at Pearl's home.
- May 1947 Second group (Toronto North) was formed.
- March 1948 Lois and Bill W. attend in Toronto and speak to both A.A. and Al-Anon. Lois addressed the Wives Groups present. There were 200 wives at that meeting. As a result many more groups were founded.
- April 1961 First Ontario Assembly held in Burlington was attended by 17 groups and the first Delegate for Ontario was elected. (Ede D.)
At this time Ontario had 57 groups. 9 of them were in the north.
- April 1968 Ontario publishes its first Newsletter (named Open Lines in 1977). Jean A. and Wynne McC. worked and put together first newsletter/bulletin for Ontario South. It went out to groups every 2 months. First bulletin came out April 1968.
- 1969 Ontario represented at WSC.
- October 1969 Ontario South and Ontario North split into separate Areas.
- 1976 Ontario South Central Office was founded and opened November 1976. (Now the LDC – Nov 1997).
- 1992 Ontario South's first Trillium Convention.
- 1999 OSA opens its own Website and integral Group Records Database.

Currently Ontario South covers a large geographic area.

A general description of the boundaries are:

North -Parry Sound

East -Cornwall, Quebec Border, St. Lawrence River, some English speaking meetings in Quebec

South -Niagara Falls, US border, Lakes Ontario and Erie

West -Windsor, US border

There are thirty Districts in Ontario South. Specific boundary descriptions were documented in the 2000 – 2003 term

<u>Year(s)</u>	<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Panel Number</u>
1961-62-63	Edythe D. Toronto	1
1964-65-66	Wynne McC. Hamilton	4
1967-68-69	Jean A. Raeboro	7
1970-71-72	Betty L. Toronto	10
1973	Betty L. Toronto	13
1974-75	Helen S. Stoney Creek	13
1976-77-78	Willie H. Scarboro/Agincourt	16
1979-80-81	Mary C. Huron Park	19
1982-83-84	Bette S. Mitchell	22
1985-86-87	Dorothy I. London	25
1988-89-90	Margaret M. Agincourt/Scarboro	28
1991-93	Jerry S. Nepean	31
1994-95-96	Lucy J. Bracebridge	34
1997-98-99	Ruth H. St. Catharines	37
2000-01-02	Ann K. Niagara Falls	40
2003-04-05	Gail C. Stittsville	43
2006-07-08	Joan P. Windsor	46
2009-10-11	Claire D. Niagara Falls	49
2012-13-14	Jane H. Whitby	52
2015-16-17	Debbie P. London	55