



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
2018-19-20	Sue G.	London 58
2021-22-23	Gwen D.	London 61