

HILLTOWN  
SAT. NIGHT

A Guide For Compiling Group Histories  
For Archives Committee

1. When was your Group Started? 3-1-86 Bill Mc M.
2. Who were the early members who started the group? Janet + Dick J. Bill + Charlotte W.  
Ralph + Lorraine O. Lee + Betty J.
3. Why was the group started? (Need for a new group because of growth, dispute or split from parent group, need for different type meeting, i.e. closed, step, open, women, men, non-smoker.) NEED FOR A mtg. ON SAT NITE FOR COUPLES - AA and ALANON.
4. Where did you first meet? How often? Same
5. What kind of meetings were held? SPEAKER - DISCUSSION
6. Have there been any group name changes? If so, why? No
7. Did your group encounter any special problems or growing pains? (such as meeting places, meeting format, "Mr. or Ms. AA" wanting to run the whole show.)
8. Do you recall any amusing stories or sidelights of your group's beginnings and growth? (The drunk who thought he was crashing a party, or misunderstandings between owners of meeting places and the group.)
9. Where does your group meet now? ST. PETERS LUTH. CHURCH, HILLTOWN PIKE  
HILLTOWN, PA
10. Has group grown in numbers and number of meetings?  
50 60/meeting
11. Have any other groups split from from your original group? No
12. District # 47

Please turn the information you can gather on your group over to Jim Sarger, your Area Archivist. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation,

Your trusted servant

P.S. Please put all above information on another sheet or sheets of paper, for permanent archive record.

Thank you.

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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF MARCH 1, 1986

Vote was taken on length of meeting:

one hour - 1

1 1/4 hour - 9

1 1/2 hour - 3

Vote was taken to make the meeting closed except for the last Saturday of each month when it will be open. It is to be a speaker-discussion meeting.

Business meeting was voted to be held on the first saturday of the month.

Election of trusted servants and other items such as format will be decided at the April business meeting.

Announce at each meeting that the group needs a name and will welcome suggestions.

Bill McM volunteered to be temporary treasurer.

Attendance at the first meeting: 56 for AA and 24 for AI-non.

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Because of its location, the meeting continues to serve members from both Districts 23 and 47 in Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Area 59.

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Besides regular weekly meetings, the group participates in A.A. fellowship and service activities within District 47. There are "booker" exchange meetings with groups in Paoli (District 30) and Scranton (District 39). The group accepts commitments at the Renewal Treatment Facility in Quakertown; the Detox Unit at Grand View Hospital, Sellersville; the Breakthrough Rehabilitation Program at Penn Foundation in Sellersville; and various treatment and correctional facilities serviced by the Southeast Pennsylvania Intergroup Association.

After payment of necessary expenses, the group distributes 7th Tradition contributions to District 47, Southeast Pennsylvania Intergroup Association, Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Area 59, and General Service Office in New York quarterly.

Hilltown Saturday Night Group elects a slate of officers each year, some of whom serve a two-year term. A General Service Representative attends District 47 monthly business meetings and workshops and Area 59 assemblies and conventions, thus providing the group with information necessary for an informed group conscience. Group members have also attended many Northeast Regional Conventions, Forums, and Service Assemblies as well as International Conventions in Montreal, Seattle, and San Diego.

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