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## Last Chance Group History

Area 59 District 47 Located in Dublin PA 18917

Group ID 000008120 FNV Service Number 000170075

Locations:

St. Luke's Evangelical Church Route 313 & Quarry Road October 1991 to October 2014

St Luke's UCC Church 141 S. Main St Dublin PA 18917 October 2014 to Present

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The "Last Chance" Group was started October 10, 1991 by Paul B. "Bone," Dave W. "Smoke" and Bob. The Group was started because the men belonged to the "Last Chance" motorcycle club and sober bikers must start an "AA" group to belong to the Eastern Chapter of Pa. bikers.

The meetings start at 8:00 P.M. It is a speaker - discussion meeting ending at 9:00 P.M. On October 19, 1995 the group made a change of format, and now has a "Bookers Meeting" every third Thursday of each month.

The meeting usually has from 10 to 20 people each Thursday and things are going well.

===== Updated =====

The Last Chance MC Never got a local chapter due to politics of the biker community but the group thrived in their absence. Booker's meeting where a short-lived segment of the group history as this was a practice many groups were using in this time period to expand on their experience strength and hope. In the later 90's Chris F. and his wife Betsy made this group a home group. With a strong foundation in A.A. Tradition and a mantra that Sobriety had to be the MOST important thing in your life the group thrived. It was a destination for many members from surrounding communities and as a group many found the support to start a sober journey.

At the beginning of the 21 century the group continued to grow. Sam L. (Samantha) started attending in 2002 and with Betsy as a sponsor had grown to become an asset to A.A. and a Woman of integrity. In 2005 Goatee Mike S. started attendance and eventually making Last Chance home with periods of commuting back and forth from Sobriety Group. Mullet Dan moved to the area from NJ where his home group was the Jersey Baptist Town meeting and has been a regular ever since. Then in 2007 you could not help but see Big Rich riding his bicycle to the meetings no matter the weather. Tough ride on a road like PA313. (Going to any lengths) In 2010 Rich the cop moved out to Bucks County and became a home group member with such a passion for sharing the gratitude of sobriety and having some crazy war stories. These are just a few of the many lives transformed by the dedication and commitment to our fellowship it would be impossible to list them all.

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In June of 2013 tragedy struck the group with the passing of Betsy F. long time group member. Soon after her husband Chris moved and only attended on occasion. The legacy they passed on still continues strong. Then in 2014 the Church organization changed hands and all the meetings that meet at that location had to move. A new location same name different address was available right down the street. This move did not affect attendance so much as the decision of which location to hold the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. The first meeting in the new location was the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the group and the group continued to prosper despite the lack of air conditioning in the summer. The meeting format remained the same as an open speaker discussion but at some point, the meeting was extended to 9:15 pm. This allowed for more members to share and encouraged newer members to participate. We continue to celebrate specific anniversaries. 24 hours, 30 days, 60 days, 90 days and yearly.

===== COVID =====

At the beginning of the Covid 19 era the group was allowed to continue meeting as normal. As state regulations changed week by week the church asked us to stop meeting. Some members chose to meet on-line other decided to meet in Mike S. back yard in Upper Black Eddy. Fortunately, this shut down did not affect us long as the church although not having their regular services allowed us to meet in person in a very short time. Last Chance was able to reopen long before many other groups in our district. Although attendance was smaller for a while, things got back to our normal crazy very quickly.

This history is being updated for our 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The group is united and strong. Be sure to come out and visit us on Thursday nights for a warm welcome and some great fellowship.

Abandon yourself to God as you understand God. Admit your faults to Him and to your fellows. Clear away the wreckage of your past. Give freely of what you find and join us. We shall be with you in the Fellowship of the Spirit, and you will surely meet some of us as you trudge the Road of Happy Destiny.

May God bless you and keep you - until then.

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