

THE NEW LIFE GROUP

PENN FOUNDATION RECOVERY CENTER

LAWN AVENUE

SELLERSVILLE, PA 18960

Thursday Night 7 p.m.

Open, Non-Smoking

Handicapped Accessible

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Several of these A.A. members approached Dr. Loux of the Penn Foundation, who had made it known that Penn Foundation was being offered as a location for an A.A. meeting. There were no meetings on Thursday evenings in the immediate area at that time.

The original meeting was held in the main Penn Foundation building in a room by the kitchen. Attendance was small in the beginning with an average of 10 to 15 people. Also started at that time were and Ala-Non and an Alateen meetings, in adjacent rooms. Late in 1987 the meeting was moved to it's present site in the Recovery Center Building.

Early in 1990 the meeting almost collapsed due to a lack of committed people and friction between the Recovery Center Staff and A.A. members. However, several individuals stepped forward to give the meeting direction and get things straightened out with the Recovery Center Staff. Unfortunately the Alateen meeting died at this time.

Currently the meeting is drawing an average of 35 to 45 people and is on solid ground once again. Early in 1992 the New Life Group helped to start a new meeting, "The Beginner's 1, 2, 3, Step" meeting Wednesday evening, by both helping with supplies and leadership.

This information has been gathered from those who have attended this meeting for a long period of time. New Life Group has always been a part of District 47.

Micheal S. (GSR)

1990 - 1992

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33 yrs

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In late 1987 the meeting was moved to it's present site of the Recovery Center. Early in 1990 the meeting almost came to an end due to pressure from the Recovery Center Staff and lack of committed people. However several individuals gave the meeting direction and got things straightened out with the Recovery Center Staff. Unfortunately the Al-Ateen meeting died at this time. At this time the meeting is drawing 30 to 40 people and seems on solid ground.

This information has been gathered from those who attend these meetings for a long period of time. To my knowledge there has been no splits from this group. It has always been part of District 47.

Michael S.
1990-1992

REQUEST FOR GROUP HISTORY

"Whenever a society or civilization perishes there is always one condition present; they forgot where they came from." - Carl Sandberg

Current Group Name New Life Group Group Number 133219 District 47

1. When was your group started?
First Thursday of October 1983
2. Who were the early members who started this group? Wayne S (Deceased) Art J (deceased) Russ B, Vince L., Charlie G, Faye F (deceased), Betty T, Terry O Bob F (Deceased)
3. Why was the group started? (Did it begin because of a split from the parent group? because of some unresolved dispute among members? because there was a need for a different type of meeting in your area?...and so forth) Dr. Loux had approached several members of AA offering the Penn Foundation as a location for an AA meeting
4. Where were the first meetings held? How often did the group meet? Where does the group meet now? At Penn Foundation, Every Thursday night Penn Foundation asked us to leave in 2013, we now meet at Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church
5. What kind of meetings were held? Have there been changes in the type of meeting your group holds?
Always speaker / Discussion
6. Have any groups split off from your group? Details?
None
7. Has the group changed its name over the years? If so, why?
No
8. Has membership grown/changed over the years? Has the group added additional weekly meetings? membership up and down. No new groups added
9. Did the group encounter any special challenges or growing pains? (These can be anything from changes in meeting place, meeting format, personality conflicts, too many or too few in attendance, those with problems other than alcohol, etc.)
None
10. Are there any amusing stories or anecdotes about your group's beginnings and subsequent growth? (Sometimes these incidents give the group its unique flavor, and set it apart as special for us.)
We were accused of selling drugs.

These questions are guidelines for a Group History. Please compile your group's information on a separate sheet(s) of white paper suitable for permanent archive records. Give your group history to your DCM who will forward the original to the Area Archivist for the Area Archives. You should retain copies for your group's and District records.

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In Spring of 2013 we moved to our new home Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 733 Ridge Road, Sellersville, PA 18960