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The third Sunday of each month was an open meeting so anyone attending the movie could stay for the A.A. meeting. All the remaining meetings were closed. All the meetings at this time were speaker discussions. The movies lasted about one year. The movies were dropped by the group because the attendance for the A.A. meeting on the third Sunday was not doing any better than any other week, and the same people were doing all the work. The meeting attendance did not drop because of this, it grew slowly. Sometime in the past two years another change was made. The group decided to make the first Sunday of each month an all discussion meeting. To date the group still meets at the same time and location.

The group has enjoyed a good rapport with the Telford Boro. Since the meetings are not in a church or hospital, we have not had problems with smoking, parking, storage of A.A. literature and supplies. Since it's a Sunday night meeting, the meeting has not outgrown the building, but is full most Sunday nights.

The meeting room, a painting of a sunrise with the letters O.D.A.A.T. hangs on the wall. The painting shows the one day concept. It was painted in 1981 by Joe S., an early member of the group.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Adams,
GSR

One Day At A Time Group

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*** Since this writing O.D.A.A.T. meeting has sponsored a noon meeting on Thursdays. It started March 1997.

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 one Day at a Time Group Number _____ District 47

1. When was your group started? March 15 1981
2. Who were the early members who stated this group?
Bill W Dav B Devny A
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)
there were no Sunday night mtgs in the area
4. Where were the first meetings held? How often did the group meet? Where does the group meet now?
Telford municipal building. Sundays 8:30 PM
5. What kind of meetings were held? Have there been changes in the type of meeting your group holds?
open discussion, speaker. Third Sunday was a movie night but was dropped
6. Have any groups split off from your group? Details?
NO
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?
The group added a Thurs. NOON mtg open Topic discussion
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.)
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.)

PAINTING There is a painting of a sunrise with the Letters Odeat
The ~~painting~~ shows the one day at a time concept, painted by Joe S 1981
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.