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Howard A.	

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*** February 1, 1990 the meeting moved from St. John's Lutheran Church to St. Isidore's R.C. School. The meeting is currently held in the gym with the Al-Anon meeting in a room off the gym.

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