

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

NORTHEAST AREA



ARCHIVES & HISTORY

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DEDICATION

This history is dedicated to all the recovering addicts who have helped and/or started the meetings in this area, or any other area for the matter. Because you paved the way, we have so many meetings to attend in this area.

This history was first done in June of 2004 and throughout the years more Groups have been started. Therefore, the Public Information Subcommittee suggested that this information be updated in June of 2010. This history is also dedicated to the 33 Groups that we serve and all of the recovering addicts who help to keep the doors open.

Most importantly to the newcomers who are coming in after us. Hopefully this project will give the newcomer something to refer to and build upon.

INTRODUCTION

Narcotics Anonymous was formed in July 1953, with the first meeting held in Southern California. The Fellowship grew erratically but quickly spread to various parts of the United States.

We cannot change the nature of the addict or addiction. We can help to change the old lie "Once an addict, always as addict." By striving to make recovery more available. God help us to remember this difference.

xv. BASIC TEXT

The Public Information Subcommittee Regional Handbook suggested it might be a good idea to know the history of your Area - how the groups sprang up, which is older, newer etc.

These were given out in 2004 and updated in 2010 and now once again in 2024 after the pandemic of 2020, this is for groups to maintain the history of this area and a lot of the histories have been misplaced or destroyed. We voted to keep it anonymous. Although the book is intended for NA fellowship only, we don't want to risk breaking anonymity.

The Public Information Subcommittee would like you to add this booklet to your new policy booklet and maintain it with your groups. We appreciate all the members for keeping the brick and mortar and virtual meetings open and up and running. We are continuing to save lives and that is important for us as well, along with having groups know their history and anniversary dates

to continue to carry the message. We believe, like many others, that the history of the groups and those who started them are important to preserve. Many predecessors have relocated to other areas/states or passed on. Now we would like to update the information just to keep it current.

We hope you enjoy the book, keep it at home group and add it on to it as you remember. Please let us know if there are any corrections or new information. Please send it to the Public Information Subcommittee or Area; the book can always be reprinted. Thanks.

Yours in Service

NORTHEAST AREA PUBLIC INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE

There seems to be this alternative; either go on as best we can to the bitter ends - jails, institutions or death - or find a new way to live. In years gone by, very few addicts ever had this last choice.

LITTLE WHITE BOOKLET, P. 13

Though few of us today know it, Jimmy K's words in the above passage refer to a very real time in human history: A time when there really were few if any alternatives for addicts to find help and hope. A time when addiction itself was a crime and addicts were seen as guilty criminals because of their affliction. A time when it was illegal for addicts even to meet together in the hope of finding a solution to their common problem. A time when society at large knew the "truth" about addicts: "Once an addict, always an addict," they said. A time when everyone believed - most especially addicts themselves - that there was no possibility of a way out of the derelict life of a "dope fiend."

MIRACLES HAPPEN P.9

"In order to achieve our spiritual aim, Narcotics Anonymous must be known and respected. Nowhere is this more obvious than in our history. NA was founded in 1953. For twenty years, our Fellowship remained small and obscure. In the 1970's, society realized that addiction had become a worldwide epidemic and began to look for change that allowed addicts to seek help more openly. NA groups sprang up in many places where we were never tolerated before. Recovering addicts paved the way for more groups and more recovery. Today, NA is a worldwide Fellowship. We are known and respected everywhere.

If an addict has never heard of us, he cannot seek us out."

BASIC TEXT P 71

OUR MEETINGS LOST AFTER THE PANDEMIC of 2020

A BETTER WAY, JAN 1987 MON 8PM EASTMAN & HOLLY, WESTFIELD
A BRAND-NEW DAY, FEB 1993 THURS 8PM DIVISION & FLORA, ELIZABETH
FAITH HOPE & ACCEPTANCE APRIL 1986 SUN 7:30PM 214 SHERIDAN, ROSELLE
HOPE & RECOVERY, NOV 1991 FRI 7:30PM 12 BROAD ST, ELIZABETH
KEEP IT SIMPLE, APRIL 2002 MON 7PM 655 E. JERSEY, ELIZABETH
LIVING AS MEN, MARCH 1989 SAT 12 NOON 208 COMMERCE ST ELIZABETH
MAKING NEW CHOICES, JAN 2005 SAT 4PM 214 SHERIDAN AVE ROSELLE
MIRACLES ON ST GEORGES, MARCH 1991 MON 6PM 1149-57 ST GEORGE AVE
ROSELLE
NO NONSENSE, MAY 1997 FRI 9:30 PM 455 BOULEVARD, KENILWORTH
READ & RECOVER, FEB 1985 TUES 8PM 303 CHESTNUT ST, ROSELLE
REGARDLESS OF AGE, JUNE 2000 MON 7:30PM 829 SALEM RD, UNION
SERENTY ON SUNDAY, FEB 1988 SUN 8PM 253 CENTRAL AVE RAHWAY
WHY ARE WE HERE? SEPT 1989 FRI 10AM 155 WASHINGTON ST ELIZABETH
WRITE & RECOVER, SEPT 1991 WED 6:30PM EASTMAN & HOLLY CRANFORD
YOU GOTTA WANT IT, AUG 1988 MON 7:30PM 223-225 1ST ST ELIZABETH

OUR CURRENT AND CONTINUOUS MEETING POST PANDEMIC



ANOTHER BRAND NEW
DAY

ANOTHER BRAND-NEW DAY, APRIL 2023

The facility at 800 Division Street was interested in a group coming back to the facility, since in 1993 - 2020 A Brand-New Day met there where they started in the small room and eventually moved to the bigger room. Members would attend Hugs Not Drugs and then A brand New Day, which has since closed. A few members got together

and agreed to a new meeting on Friday night at 6:30 pm. They agreed on it being an open meeting and talked about the format. They agreed to the Spiritual Principle Reading in the new book, but after a few weeks the group changed to a Just For Today meditation reading of the day.

The meeting started with a Secretary and Treasurer and home group members and has grown, and commitments are being filed and the meeting is thriving.

FRIDAY, 6:30PM, 800 DIVISION STREET, IN ELIZABETH



BEYOND OUR WILDEST DREAMS, OCTOBER 2022

In 2022 as the Covid Pandemic started to ease, NA Groups started once again to discuss and focus on getting back to the "Live meeting". Our Area the Northeast Area was heavily affected by the shutdowns and thank God for the emergence of the Remote Meetings. In August of 2022 the Regional H&I Chair contacted the H&I Chair in the Northeast Area with contact information for what we thought may be a potential H&I Commitment in Roselle at the Prevention Links Building on the corner of Chestnut and 2nd Ave. We reached out the Contact to get information on what the facility was looking for. It turned out that the facility was not looking for an H& I commitment, instead they were looking to re-establish a current meeting or even have a new one started. This information was passed onto the PI Chair and the PI subcommittee set up to bring. The facility a Presentation. After meeting with the facility, they told us that NA could use the building for whatever day they decided on. PI brought that information to Area Service and no Groups acted on the information. So, we discussed and decided that a Monday meeting would best fit the Area as there was a live meeting every day except Sunday and Monday. The information was brought to a Group that formerly met on Monday (Miracle on St George) but reestablishing that Group at a new location didn't pan out hence a New Group was formed, "Beyond Our Wildest Dreams" The name was given to us by our Contact who happens to be a member of NA. So, we brought this information to Area and asked to Join the Northeast Area. Created a Flyer and October 3rd, 2022, a new Group was born.

"Beyond Our Wildest Dreams" is an open meeting all are welcome.

The Groups format is 1st week of the month "Open Topic", 2nd week "Step", 3rd week "JFT that Day", 4th week "Step" and if there is a 5th week, "Speaker picks Pamphlet".

MONDAY, 6PM, 121 CHESTNUT, IN ROSELLE



CAUGHT IN THE GRIP

CAUGHT IN THE GRIP, JANUARY 1999

A member went to 3-4 members and told them "We need to give back to the community." Let's have a place for the people in the area (Rahway) to go to.

Members were sitting around trying to figure out the name of the group. The name came from a home group member. At the time, another home group member was going through some stuff and the home group member told her she was "caught in the grip" and the members said that's it...that's the name of the group: Caught in the Grip.

One of main reasons they wanted to start this group was to have it in the projects because it was in the belly of the beast. Leesville Avenue Rahway. The format was a beginner's topic. For the last two years on the 3rd week of each month they do Step 1-3 and the 4th week is an open topic, if it's a 5th week it will be a tag meeting.

Use to meet at 1011-13 Leesville Avenue on Wednesday in Rahway at 6:30 pm. The meeting closed during the pandemic and came back virtually for a period and now they meet in person on Wednesday's night.

WEDNESDAY, 7:30PM, 121 CHESTNUT STREET, IN ROSELLE



FRIDAY NIGHT
ALIVE

FRIDAY NIGHT ALIVE, DECEMBER 1985

This group holds two meetings at this facility. There is a meeting upstairs and one downstairs. Upstairs is a Step Meeting and Downstairs has always been a beginners meeting.

They once meet at Chest & Grant in Roselle and after the pandemic the meet at 301 Chestnut St in Roselle Park.

FRIDAY, 8PM, 301 CHESTNUT ST IN ROSELLE PARK

FROM HERE TO
ETERNITY

FROM HERE TO ETERNITY, MAY 1995

This group started when members from Middlesex County wanted to start another group on Tuesdays. This group started out on Elm Street in Rahway. The group relocated to Hamilton Street (Butter Hall) Rahway in 2002, where they were still located.

For the 1st two years this meeting was part of the Middlesex County Area and in 1997 they moved to the Northeast Area. The format was an Open Beginners Grab Bag Topic for the 1st three weeks and the last week was Step 1-3. If there was a 5th week in a month, they will have a grab bag.

Tuesday 8pm 279 Hamilton Street, Rahway and after the pandemic they reopened and relocated to Rahway Housing Authority

TUESDAY 7:30 PM 165 EAST GRAND AVENUE IN RAHWAY

GOOD ORDERLY
DIRECTION

GOOD ORDERLY DIRECTION, MAY 1988

Good Orderly Direction is also known as G.O.D. started out on Broad Street (across the street from then St. Elizabeth's Hospital). They used to meet in the same Pearl & South Broad Streets facility where Hugs Not Drugs was meeting at the time.

At the time Winfield Scott Hotel used to have a Detox in the Hotel. This Detox later moved to what used to be St Elizabeth (Trinitas). This group used to meet on a Monday night, and it used to be a 1-12 Step.

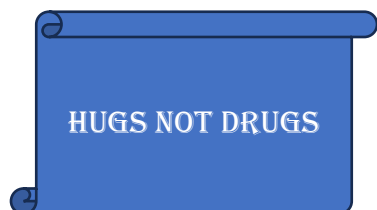
When the Detox left, the meeting had to relocate, so they changed their meeting day to Saturdays and this group relocated to Pierce Manor, Irvington Avenue Elizabeth, Hope & Recovery also met there. From there in 2000, this group relocated to Chandler & Middlesex Avenues, Linden. The format of this group was Steps 1-3 out of the Basic text.

Because this group had such a combination of newcomers - along with the support of old timers, the format was changed - going up

to Steps 1-6 with open topics at the end of each month, 3rd & if there is a 5th week is an open discussion.

They met at 1007 Chandler Avenue, Roselle after pandemic went virtually and now meet at 121 Chestnut Street in Roselle

SATURDAY, 7:30 PM 121 CHESTNUT STREET ROSELLE



HUGS NOT DRUGS, NOVEMBER 1981

When members started the meeting, they said we do hugs - not drugs. That's how the group got its name. Before the speaker shares the group ask that you hug each other or hug the person next to you.

Years ago, there were not a lot of Narcotics Anonymous in the detoxes, it was mostly AA in these facilities. The idea for Good Orderly Directions came out of the meetings held by Hugs and the detox meetings.

This meeting moved from Chestnut Street, Pearl & South Broad Steets, and Court Street. While Good Orderly Direction relocated Hugs currently meets on Broadway and my vote on requesting Public Information assists in moving on in the future.

Before the speaker shares it is customary in this group that everyone stands up and gives the person next to you a hug. But the group doesn't mind if you hug as many as you can.

They have changed their time from 8 pm to 7:30 to 7 pm and now meet at 6:30 pm as a result most members started attending and supporting both meetings in Elizabeth - Hugs Not Drugs and A Brand-New Day.

They met at 101 Broadway & 1st Streets in Elizabeth, Moved on ____
This meeting now after the Pandemic stayed virtually.

THURSDAY 6:30 PM VIRTUALLY
<https://zoom.us/j/86348383831>

IF YOU WANT WHAT WE HAVE

IF YOU WANT WHAT WE HAVE,
SEPTEMBER 1989

The group has a business meeting and votes on the group's name. member's name was picked and that's how the group got the name "If You Want What We Have".

A YMCA to 155 Washington Avenue Race Street entrance. The group has always met on that day and time, but they meet in a smaller room.

They used to have a different format then what they have now. The format of this group was the 1st week - Speaker Meeting and every other week was an Open Topic. They now meet virtually, and the format is Just For Today daily mediation.

MONDAY, 12 NOON, VIRTUALLY
<https://zoom.us/j/83907001940>

JUST FOR TODAY

JUST FOR TODAY, OCTOBER 1985

This group used to meet at Holy Trinity Church, across the street from where they had met for years. This group used to meet on Monday night but changed the day to Tuesday. As a result, the attendance at the Monday, Better Wy meeting started to grow.

The format of this group is the speaker can choose to share on the Just For Today meditation for that day or speak on an IP (Pamphlet) This is an Open Meeting.

TUESDAY, 8PM 336 1ST STREET, USE WATTERSON ST ENTRANCE



MEN AMENDS

MEN AMEND, NOVEMBER 1984

This group started as a private meeting in 1982. After two years they decided to meet publicly, and they found a location in Irvington. The attendance grew and then they moved to Millburn and after a few years it was a conflict with a day care center at the locations, so we moved to South Orange and after Covid we were forced to relocate and found our home at the Morrow Memorial United Methodist Church in Maplewood. It has always been a men's meeting but we welcome all members.

The 1st week is a Topic picked by the Speaker, 2nd week is a JFT, 3rd week is again a Topic and 4th week is a Step meeting, if there is a 5th week the 4th week is another topic and 5th is the Step meeting. "WE WILL BE CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF CARRYING THE MESSAGE

WEDNESDAY, 7PM MORROW MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, MAPLEWOOD



MORNING WAKE UP

MORNING WAKE UP, FEBRUARY 2019

We found the need for an early Saturday meeting, the facility at 101 14th Avenue asked a member if it was possible to have an NA meetings held at the facility. Several members met to discuss a meeting format and time. They agreed the format would be a closed Narcotics Anonymous meeting with a "JFT" mediation referencing he page.section in the Basic Text. If there was a 5th week, the format would be a 2-speakr meeting on "All Ages in Recovery". Which was later eliminated

The group attempted to join the Original and Inner City area but ended up becoming apart of the NJ Northeast Area of April of 2019.

The meeting is now virtually and will remain as such. The participation has grown and the group is fulfilling its primary purpose.

SATURDAY 9:30 AM VIRTUALLY
<https://zoom.us/j/872535981>

NEVER ALONE

NEVER ALONE, APRIL 1982

Summit has a meeting and the group decided to start another meeting on Saturday nights at the Unitarian Parish House. It was named the Talking Head and within 2 months had moved to Overlook Hospital. The hospital asked us to move after complaints of the noise, smoking and congregating after the meeting. Then it moved over to Michaels Church on the corner of Overlook Terrace and Vauxhall Road in Union, but it was temporary. Then they moved to Burnett Middle School, and it was a difference of opinions so one part moved to West Orange and took the name New Attitudes, the other part moved to Battle Hill Moravian Church, and they took the name of Never Alone. The church was pleased, and the meeting flourished for 16 years. In 2006 new management came and increased the rent so they moved to Townley Presbyterian Church on Salem Road in Union. Regardless of Age joined us on Monday night but then closed around August of 2019.

When the pandemic came, we met virtually and in November of 2020 the opened back up in person and attendance began to pick up with masks and sitting spaced out and when the restrictions were lifted, we gained support and keep the doors open.

SATURDAY, 7:30 PM TOWNLEY PRESBYERTIAN CHURCH, ROSELLE

NO MORE SECRETS

NO MORE SECRETS, JANUARY 2008

A group of addicts wanted a Gay & Lesbian meetings in this area. They started meeting at a member's home and then they received a facility. They meet at Trinitas hospital. A member & The Public Information Chairperson met with the facility and their attendance grew.

Their format was 1st week an Open Topic, 2nd week - Just For today, 3rd week - Round Robin, 4th week - Step correlating with month and if there is a 5th week - tradition.

When the pandemic allowed us to meet, members came together and became an Juts for Today with no speakers and everyone can share.

They met Sunday at 5 pm at 655 East Jersey Street at Grassman Hall in Elizabeth and is now a regular virtual meeting.

SUNDAY, 10 AM VIRTUALLY
<https://zoom.us/j/85348791578>

OF THE BOULEVARD

OFF THE BOULEVARD, MAY 1982

This is reported to be the second oldest group that stayed in the area.

The first met in Kenilworth - On the Boulevard. That's where the group got its name. They left there and moved to Morris Avenue, Union at Burnett Junior High School. They stayed there for a few years. The format then was A Life Story meeting. There were issues with the Township, and they had to relocate.

A group member called the Township and requested the Myra Kears facility. The mayor agreed. They relocated to where they meet now and changed the format to an Open Topic. A lot of patients from the detox were in attendance. It used to be a small meeting; it has grown.

They used to meet at 2410 Springfield Avenue, in Union and now met virtually.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 PM VIRTUALLY
<https://zoom.us/j/482404423>

PRINCIPLES
BEFORE
PERSONALITIES

PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES,
OCTOBER 1991

This group got started in May 1991, but wasn't listed in the Statewide Meeting Directory until October so they celebrated in October.

The name came out of the fact that home group members felt no individual member is greater than their group. The Principles of Recovery are more important than personalities. Hence the name,

they used to meet upstairs in this facility, they then moved downstairs the meeting attendance grew.

The format of the group the Basic Text with the exception of Symbol. They did Chapter 1-9 starting with Who's An Addict? They skipped the Traditions and continued through Book Two - the personal stories. The group used to do burning desire in the beginning of the meeting: joys & sorrows. They no longer do joys & sorrows.

The group's format now is Basic Text - Book One - no personal stories, no Traditions. They read the just For Today in the beginning of the meeting. The group was very small and was started out of resentment and out of resentment it grew into the spirit of carrying the message to the newcomer.

WEDNESDAY, 8PM 1689 RARITAN ROAD, CLARK



SISTERHOOD IN
RECOVERY

SISTERHOOD IN RECOVERY,

SEPTEMBER 1987

This is a women's meeting. Home group members want it to know that no one is refused a seat in this meeting (male or female).

According to a predecessor, women started to find relationships. They sometimes didn't know what was appropriate to share or not share. They needed a place where they could share everything.

The meeting was originally held at East 8th Avenue in Roselle then they moved to 214 Sheridan they also mee at 1268 Shaffer Avenue in Roselle and right before that they meet in Garwood and where a 2-hour meeting but now after a little tie virtually they moved to Westfield.

WEDNESDAY 7 PM, 140 MOUNTAIN AVENUE IN WESIFIELD



SPIRITUAL
WORKSHOP

SPIRITUAL WORKSHOP, OCTOBER 1988

NA members felt there needed to be a meeting on Sunday at noon. Two members picked the name for the group. One of the founding

members had office space in Elizabeth-on-Elizabeth Avenue, so the group originally met there.

The group relocated two weeks after the conception of the meeting because the landlord needed the office space cleaned regularly; unfortunately, it was the same time as the meeting.

So, the members have to move to the YCA, in Elizabeth, Years later the YCA kicked out all of the NA meetings including H*I. They moved to Bond Street but there was a problem with residents (parolees), so the group found Trinitas (Grassman Hall) at 655 East Jersey Street in Elizabeth where they meet up until the pandemic. They now meet virtually. Their format has not changed, and it is from the Symbol to More will Be Reveal from the Basic Test.

SUNDAY, 12 NOON VIRTUALLY

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87609258955> Password: 849459



STEPPING INTO
SERENITY

STEPPING INTO SERENITY, OCTOBER 2009

This group was going to start meeting in the Greater Plainfield area. It was suggested that that the importance of anonymity that we use the Step Working Guide to cover the Steps. The format was taken from a meeting in Matawan area of NA. The name came after we looked into our literature and felt it was appropriate for all members to share. It started as a women's meeting and in Plainfield. After a lengthy discussion we changed the format to include everyone. In June of 2016, we changed to Friday night and found a facility in the Northeast Area and we have grown in our attendance and with home group members. We are now an open meeting, and the first three weeks are a Step meeting, and the fourth week is a pamphlet. We have met virtually and in person we are currently meeting in person since August 2023 is our new format is 1st Friday is a Step meeting 2nd bis SPAD, 3rd is pamphlet, and the 4th week is an Open Topic and want to thank everyone who supported this group.

FRIDAY. 6:30PM RAHWAY HOUSING AUTHORITY
224-250 WEST GRAND AVENUE, RAHWAY



STEPPING
OUT ON
SATURDAY

STEPPING OUT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1989

This group started out as an illness meeting for recovering addicts who had a second disease. The group meeting met in Westfield for years. The group's format is a Step 1-3 meeting, the 4th and 5th weeks are an Open Topic. Before the pandemic they met at 315 1st Street in Westfield.

SATURDAY 12 NOON, RAHWAY AVE & WATTERSON ST IN THE GYM IN WESTFIELD



STEPS AHEAD

STEPS AHEAD, MAY 1990

This group first met when the Friday Night Alive group met at Chestnut & Grant, Roselle Park. A member who was a regular at the meeting went to an AA meeting one night. He came into the diner where a lot of people from the meeting when after the meeting and everyone asked where he was. He told them he had just come from a meeting. He said there are no 12 Step Meeting in the area. They only had 1-2-3 Cha-Cha-Cha.

So, a member said that is God telling you that you need to start a Step Meeting. You don't need to go to the other fellowship for 12 Steps, start one yourself. Therefore, that's how they got the: Steps Ahead.

He asked "how do you do that?" He responded 'you're going to get about 12 people that are going to commit to it for 6 months and support it. Then get a facility, go to area and ask for a starter kit." They got started; approximately 70 people showed up for the first meeting. They lost that facility and moved to where they meet now. They met at 214 Sheridan Avenue in Roselle, and after the pandemic they are in person.

THURSDAY, 7:30PM, 113 CHIEGO PL & WESTFIELD AVE, ROSELLE PARK



TODAY WE
LIVE A NEW
BEGINNING

**TODAY WE LIVE A NEW BEGINNING,
NOVEMBER 1995**

The names for this group were put into a hat. A home group member's name, New Beginnings, was picked. Early in November a group of recovering addicts who were blessed to have jobs found it hard to attend the early Wednesday night meeting, so they started the group.

They were first located at 155 First Street at the Mack Building, Elizabeth. They relocate because of a discrepancy with the facility and because of a change in hands in the facility.

The group relocated across the street to 101 Broadway. The facility wanted them to come back, but the meeting was settled in their new facility. Coincidentally, the Wednesday group "Today We Live" lost their facility at St. Patrick's so they needed a new facility. A New Beginnings home group member informed the facility, and they allowed the Today We Live group to move into New Beginnings groups' old spot at the Mack Building.

The group always meets on Wednesdays, but they use to meet at 8 pm. They also meet at 7:30 pm. The format used to be Steps 1 thought 12 out It Works How & Why. Then the format changed to the Symbol to More Will Be Revealed with the exception of Steps 1 thought 4.

Today We Live was an Illness In Recovery meeting. The format was an Open Topic discussions meeting. They used to meet at St. Pat's in Elizabeth, where Hugs Not Drugs meet until a few years ago. They relocated to the Mac Building in Elizabeth which was the New Beginnings old facility.

According to predecessors, this meeting started because members felt there was a special interest need for recovering addicts who have other illnesses. Just For Today, they did not feel they were suffering with the illness but living with it. Therefore, the name: Today We Live.

In 2002 the New Beginnings group was in jeopardy of closing, so they combined the two meetings. Therefore, Today We Live A New

Beginning was born. The Mack Building was closed in 2008 and they currently meet at Mravlag Manor where they reach out for support regularly.

This group also has a Workshop on the same day at 3:30-5pm virtually. They are currently in the new Tradition book.

3:30-5PM <https://zoom.us/j/83552856888>
WEDNESDAY, 6:30PM, MRAVLAG MANOR, ELIZABETH

UNITY IN THE HOOD

UNITY IN THE HOOD, DECEMBER 1993

A member grew up in the neighborhood, so she was able to secure the facility. This group has always met on Olive Street, Elizabeth. Another member picked the name and they took it to a vote. The group originally met on Monday nights, but the members felt it conflicted with the You Gotta Want It group, so they decided to change the meeting day to Tuesdays.

1994, the group extended the time to two hours so they changed the time to 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The time was extended because the Steps of the It Works How & Why are so lengthy, they felt the group needed more sharing time especially because there's a lot of new comers that attend the meeting.

The current format of this group is Steps 1 through 12 out of the It Works, How & Why Book on the 1st & 4th weeks, 2nd & 3rd weeks are Traditions and if there is a 5th week or the speaker doesn't show it's a Tag Meeting. The GSR doesn't read the announcements and they re-implemented the Traditions.

They met at Olive Street and Routes 1&9 in Elizabeth. They now meet virtually since the pandemic.

TUESDAY 6:30 PM VIRTUALLY
<https://zoom.us/j/72786245340>

WHAT'S IN A NAME

WHAT'S IN A NAME? MARCH 1986

According to a predecessor who was there, home group members were trying to figure out a name for this group. They were going back and forth when one member asked them "What's In A Name?"

The group always meets at this location at 12 noon. People used to come during their lunch breaks. They have a lot of recovering addicts from Middlesex and Essex Counties that used to attend on a regular basis. This was a strong group with a very good attendance. Now group members describe this meeting as small and casual. This group has always had a small group of committed trusted servants to hold the door open. They used to have a van load of outpatients from a detox attend this meeting on a regular basis. The format of this group has always been an Open Topic. The groups celebrate clean time in the middle of the meeting. They used to meet at 455 Boulevard.

MONDAY 12 PM 33 SOUTH 21ST STREET IN KENILWORTH

NORTHEAST AND REGIONAL HISTORY

According to a member who is a predecessor, the Northeast Area is one of the oldest areas in New Jersey. It is older than the New Jersey Region. When the "NORTHEASTERN" Area started, Bergen, Essex/Greater Newark, Hudson, Middlesex, New Brunswick, Passaic, Plainfield, Sussex, were all one of the Area. Hudson was the first area to break off to form their Area.

This area was the first to host the Regional Convention which was held in 1985 or 1986 in Asbury Park, New Jersey on Memorial Day Weekend. The idea for the NJ Regional Convention came from the Northeast Area. A predecessor also recalled the East Coast Convention always being held on a college campus. One Convention theme was "From Jail to Yale".

According to minutes of August 26, 1984, the Northeast Area Service Committee was opened at 7pm and closed at 10 pm with the Lord's Prayer. I was told that in the early 8s, most NA members didn't know they were breaking Tradition by including religion (The Lord's Prayer) at the end of their meeting. After all, most predecessors were still a bunch of members who started out in Alcoholics Anonymous who were trying to start Narcotics Anonymous meets. According to the predecessor, this was controversial and created internal problems because this program states "you don't have to be religion" "this is not a religious program" Some Muslims, Jews and other religions had problems with this prayer. It brought religion into the program. The Lord's Prayer was taken out sometime around 1984-1985 and replaced with the Serenity Prayer.

Minutes also reflect a motion to change the time for area to start at 2 pm. The motion passed and it became effective, September 1984.

Two groups made donations which totaled \$22.87. The October 1984 Service Workshop and Area Service was scheduled to be held at St. Paul's Church in Teaneck, New Jersey.

Below are groups that were listed on the 1984 Northeastern Area Minutes as being part of the area. Some, we are told, are still in existence in the other areas that broke off such as Greater Newark, Plainfield, etc.

ABSTINENCE & BEYOND	FOR THOSE WHO CARE
BEGIN TO WIN	RECOVERY IN ALL SEASONS
BORN TO WIN	RECOVERY ROOM
BEGIN TO LIVE	RECOVER AND DISCOVER
COME CORRECTHUGS NOT DRUGS	TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT
CLEAN & CRAZY	GREATER ADDICTS
HUGS NOT DRUGS	WAKE UP AND LIVE
MENTAL CARE	TOTAL ABSTINENCE
NEVER ON SUNDAY	STRAIGHT TALKING
STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN	RECOVERING ADDICTS
THE GOOD, BAD & SOBER	12 STEP WORKSHOP
THE NIGHT OWLS	

Total abstinence is believed to have been the oldest group then in the area. Total Abstinence meetings still exist in the Valisburg Section of Greater Newark. Hugs Not Drugs is the oldest group still in this area. Information provided by NJ Regional Archives Chair and verified by Kenny and Nabilah.

NORTHEAST AREA SERVICE - 2024

AREA SERVICE MEETS THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT:

CLARK RECREATION CENTER, 430 WESTFIELD AVENUE, CLARK AT 1PM

This Area had 33 groups for years and mostly represented by Group Service representatives (GSR) and Alternates. They had an Area Service Chair, Vice Chair, Policy Chair, Treasurers, Literature Distribution Chair, Secretary, Service Workshop, Activities, Public Information, Convention. Board of Trustees, Literature Review and Ad Hoc Committees, along with Group Hospital & Institution Representative (GHIR) was created in the Northeast Area because they were not getting support from H&I Subcommittee meetings. Therefore, a predecessor who was serving H&I asked each group to send a GHIR.

In the early 1980s the group used to do all their own fundraising. The groups did not want to be in competition or coincide with each other's fundraising events.

In 2009, the CAR Report indicated that the 5th Edition Basic Text no longer be used and suggest that we all incorporate the 6th Edition of the Basic Text.

NORTHEAST NEW JERSEY AREA CONVENTION - NENJAC

There were many members who were instrumental each year in bringing this Area one wonderful Convention after another. All have been overwhelmingly supported by recovering addicts around the states and other countries as well.

The following have been Convention Themes for the past 24 years.

NENJAC I	IN THE SPIRIT OF UNITY	OCT 1995
NENJAC II	FREEDOM, SELF, GOD, SERVICE	NOV 1996
NENJAC III	IN THE SPIRIT OF UNITY III	NOV 1997
NENJAC IV	THE BRIDGE THAT UNITES US IN THE SPIRIT OF UNITY IV	NOV 1998
NENJAC V	CARRYING THE MESSAGE OF HOPE IN THE SPIRIT OF UNITY V	NOV 1999
NENJAC VI	STEPPING OUT OF THE SHADOWS IN THE SPIRIT OF UNITY VI	NOV 2000
NENJAC VII	FOLLOW IS TO FREEDOM IN THE SPIRIT OF UNITY VII	NOV 2001
NENJAC VIII	TOGETHER WE CAN IN THE SPIRIT OF UNITY VIII	NOV 2002
NENJAC IX	SURRENDER TO WINS IN THE SPIRIT OF UNITY IX	OCT 2003
NENJAC X	A DECADE OF RECOVERY IN THE SPIRIT OF UNITY X	NOV 2004
NENJAC XI	A NEW WAY OF LIFE IN THE SPIRIT OF UNITY XI	NOV 2005

NENJAC XII	THE LIE IS DEAD IN THE SPIRIT OF UNITY XII	NOV 2006
NENJAC XIII	A PRICELESS GIFT IN THE SPIRIT OF UNITY XIII	NOV 2007
NENJAC XIV	A MIRCLE WITHIN IN THE SPIRIT OF UNITY XIV	OCT 2008
NENJAC XV	NOW WE BELIEVE IN THE SPIRIT OF UNITY XV	NOV 2009
NENJAC XVI	UNITY IS A MUST IN THE SPIRIT OF UNITY XVI	OCT 2010
NENJAC XV	IN THE SPIRIT OF UNITY	NOV 2011
NENJAC XVI	UNIVERSAL PROGRAM	NOV 2012
NENJAC XVII	UNITY OF ACTION AND PURPOSE	NOV 2013
NENJAC XVIII	THE BRIDGE THAT UNITES US	OCT 2014
NENJAC XIV	CARRYING THE MESSAGE OF HOPE	NOV 2015
NENJAC XX	STEPPING OUT OF THE SHADOWS	NOV 2016
NENJAC XXI	FOLLOW US TO FREEDOM	NOV 2017
NENJAC XXII	SURRENDER TO WIN	OCT 2019URUR
NENJAC XXIII	NOW WE BELIEVE	NOV 2023

IN THE SPIRIT OF UNITY CONVENTIONS, WE ARE TRYING TO HAVE OUR CONVENTION NEXT YEAR, 2025, WITH EVERYTHING INCREASING IN PRICES. WE ARE ASKING EVERYONE TO PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR AREAS EVENTS, MEETINGS, SECRETARIES, TREASURERS, GSRs, COFFEE MAKERS, HOMEGROUPS, OTHER GROUPS, ACTIVITIES, PUBLIC RELATIONS, HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS, BOT, REGISTRATION, PROGRAMMING, FUNDRAISING AND ENTERTAINMENT, HOTELS AND HOSPITALITY, MERCHANISE, CONVENTION INFORMATION, SERVICE WORKSHOP, HOTEL AND HOSPITALITY, WEBSITE, VICE CHAIRS, POLICY, RCM, CHAIRS AND ANNIVERSARIES AND OUR VIRTUAL PLATFORM MEETINGS!!!

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ABAGAIL
AL C
ANGELO
ARISTOTLE
ASHLEY
BARBARA
CARLOS
CARLOS
CARMELIA
CECILIA
CHERYL
CLAUDE
COLLEEN
CURTIS
DAVE C
DAVE G
DAWAD S
DEE
DEBBIE
DERRICK
DORESS
DORICE
DREW
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EDDIE
EDDIE D
EDDIE
EDGAR D
ELSE
ERIC
FRANK F
FRED T
GARTH
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MARK B
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SHELLEY
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STEVE
TOM
TRACI

TRISH K
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RALPH N
MEGAN
BARBARA
TARA
OMAR A
HASSANAH
RABIYA
JAMILA A
LIZ R
WAHIDAH C
DAVID R
CYNTHIA B
MAHASSIN
SHEILA
KENNY W
JAMES K
JEANETTE H
LYNNE W
LUCILLE R
KIM
EDDIE W
DEVON
DAVE G
LARRY
PETER B
IVAN S
TED W
RICHARD K
JAVIER
CURTIS
TED

<p>JANUARY</p> <p>CAUGHT IN THE GRIP</p> <p>NO MORE SECRETS</p>	<p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>MORNING WAKE UP</p>	<p>MARCH</p> <p>TODAY WE LIVE A NEW BEGINNING</p> <p>WHAT'S IN A NAME?</p>	<p>APRIL</p> <p>ANOTHER BRAND-NEW DAY</p>
<p>MAY</p> <p>FROM HERE TO ETERNITY</p> <p>GOOD ORDERLY DIRECTION</p> <p>STEPS AHEAD</p> <p>OFF THE BOULEVARD</p>	<p>JUNE</p>	<p>JULY</p>	<p>AUGUST</p> <p>STEPPING INTO SERENITY</p>
<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>IF YOU WANT WHAT WE HAVE</p> <p>SISTERHOOD OF RECOVERY</p>	<p>OCTOBER</p> <p>JUST FOR TODAY</p> <p>PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES</p> <p>SPIRITUAL WORKSHOP</p> <p>STEPPING OUT ON SATURDAY</p>	<p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>HUGS NOT DRUGS</p> <p>MEN'S AMENDS</p>	<p>DECEMBER</p> <p>FRIDAY NIGHT ALIVE</p> <p>NEVER ALONE</p> <p>UNITY IN THE HOOD</p>