

Writing your group's history helps you understand its foundation and connects it to our Area Archives, highlighting its place in Alcoholics Anonymous. Trace the origins of your group, in story form, with details that tell the group's chain of events. This will serve as a resource for learning about past experiences, including both challenges and successes.

*"We are trying to build up extensive records which will be of value to a future historian..."*

*"It is highly important that the factual material be placed in our files in such a way that there can be no substantial distortion..."*

*"We want to keep enlarging on this idea for the sake of the full-length history to come..." Bill W., 1957*

### **THE IDEAL GROUP HISTORY**

1. Should trace the evolution of your Group in story form. The most important thing is recording the information.
2. Your Group history should be a collection of descriptive information, such as the Group's past experience, strength, hope and tribulations. Also include facts and details such as names and dates.
3. Ask your members to share about the most unforgettable, most dedicated and/or helpful characters. If the group is no longer active, when and why did it fold? Others can learn from the shared experiences of AA's past.

### **SUGGESTIONS**

1. Discuss in your group conscience how to best accomplish your group history.
2. Talk to old-timers in your group on a one-to-one basis.
3. When your Group history is nearly complete, share it with your members. Keep a copy for your Group and email the original, preferably in a Word document, to Teri G., Area Archivist, at [archivist@area53aa.org](mailto:archivist@area53aa.org). or return it to the person who gave you this form.

STRAIGHT UP AA 12 steps Group

9/15/25

Group Name

Today's Date

HUGH G.

Group contact name, phone number and email address

District #

GSO #

4/27/07

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Date Group formed

Current number of Home Group members

BETHEL LUTHERAN Church 4501 Hoover Rd Grove City Ohio 43123

Meeting location (facility name, street address, city, zip code)

12STEP Meeting

FRIDAY 7AM

Type of meeting (BB, women's, literature, etc.)

Meeting day and time

*If you need additional space, please write on the back or attach additional sheets.*

1. Provide a brief history of what the group was like when it started and what it is like now. For example, is your group active? Who were the founders? Is your group name the original one? How many original members still attend?

Founders on Attached Page. Three original members still attend  
Same name

2. Meeting date/time/location, changes

Friday mornings 7am has stayed same

3. Meeting format (speaker, BB, ABSI, women's)

12 steps + 13<sup>th</sup> week is a wrap up of previous weeks

4. Group changes over time. (controversial subjects, group conscience, etc.)

No Changes except more members attending.

5. Has the Group had and "unforgettable" members?

Bernie Klaus was an original member who ask other members to join. Format was different but has been embraced by others who stay.

6. Has the Group been involved in outside activities as a Group? (12 Step work, Workshops, Conventions, etc.)

We started an Outside AA Retreat. STRAIGHT UP Retreat held the second week of Nov. at the Bergamo Center. Attendance has gone from 40-70 since starting in 2016.

7. How does the Group celebrate members' sobriety anniversaries?

Sponsors sometimes give sponsees chips. We send out Text to other Group Members + show lots of Love + Joy

8. Has the Group had any problems, unusual projects or disagreements? How were they overcome?

No problems really. But at retreat we decided to watch OSU FOOTBALL Game on SAT we voted almost unanimously to watch Game.

9. What are the Group's strengths and weaknesses?

Close knit Group lots of outside meeting gathering. We have zoom attendees since 2020 which has been awesome. We consider some of them homegroup members also.

10. What other situation or event is particularly interesting to your Group history?

Going with zoom also has made the meeting stronger.

## Straight Up Group of Alcoholics Anonymous

On or around April 27th, 2007 Bernie started this meeting based on a format from a meeting he once attended in Chicago. The meeting format is that we focus on one step per week with a volunteer speaking for 10-15 minutes on the step. Any literature pertaining to this step is acceptable. On week 13 (Wrap up) we discuss how the previous 12 weeks may have impacted our sobriety. There is an emphasis on members working the inventory steps with each other and sharing the results with the group. The first 7 members on this list attended the first meeting. (This statement needs clarification. Please feel free to correct any mistakes or add anything regarding how this meeting started.) RB

Member Name	Phone Number	Email Address	Sobriety Date
Bernie K.	Graduated With Honors		9/24/1968
Gary L.	Graduated With Honors		1/7/1981
Rex B.			4/10/1986
Mike R.			3/4/1982
Dean H.			9/28/1991
Rick E.			1/31/1994
Dave T.			10/10/96