

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 If the group is no longer active, when and why did it fold?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, or return it to the person who gave you this form.

Strait & Undiluted
Group Name

9/5/25
Today's Date

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Group contact name, phone number and email address

District #

GSO #

6/1/12
Date Group formed

6
Current number of Home Group members

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

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

Monday 7:00 P.M.
Meeting day and time

11/27/26 - deduced copy

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?

Originally called "The Home Home Group" we met in 2 members' homes. 4 of us (Jason H, Joshua B, Kenny J and Eric C started it. Two of us still regularly attend.

2. Meeting changes over the years?

We've done a variety of literature studies over the years from the Big Book and 12/12 to the Tiebout Papers and original Manuscript. We have also did mini leads as well.

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

COVID proved challenging, moving from homes to Zoom, to a treatment center and now a church. We still retain a zoom option for attendees.

4. Has the Group had any "unforgettable" members?

Jason H. who moved to Florida is truly one of a kind!

5. Has the Group been involved in outside activities as a Group? (12 Step work, workshops, conventions, etc.)

No, but many of us are in the same sponsorship group.

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

We traditionally just announce it.

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

We had disagreement over Covid, but ultimately, the group conscience led us to our solution.

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

By and large, the group is very step focused and solution oriented. At times, it can be dominated by those who comment multiple times.

9. What other situation or event is particularly interesting/unique to your Group history?

I think the group's birth in members' homes is unique and gives the group a special feeling to this day.