

SUGGESTIONS FOR WRITING YOUR GROUP'S HISTORY

(NOTE: The following questions were taken from Vol. V, No.1 – 1987 Markings, the archival newsletter published by GSO.)

When and why was the group first formed and where did it meet? Was it meant to fill the needs of a specific segment of the Fellowship? Was it a spin-off from another group? Who was instrumental in forming it and who were the first officers? How many members did it start with? Did it keep the original name; if not, why did it change?

How has the group evolved: Has it changed names, meeting places or times; has it moved; has the makeup of the group changed: has it added or lost (Big Book studies, beginners tables (meetings, etc.?)

Has the group been involved in and outside activities as a group: potlucks, institutions, public information, 12-step work, Bridge the Gap, workshops?

Has the group had any problems: how did it overcome them?

What do you feel makes the group unique---what are the good qualities about the group? Does the group now have any weaknesses? Has it ever had any?

Has the group ever been involved in an unusual projects or disagreements?

Have an "unusual" or "unforgettable" characters ever been associated with the group?

Does the group have any particularly close relationship with another group? Do the members of this group also attend another group together?

Is there any other thing in the group's history that is particularly interesting? Does it have any particular new plans for the future?

Do any of the original members of the group still attend the meetings?

Have any other groups spun off from this group?

What segment of the Fellowship is currently represented in the group; elderstatesman; treatment centers patients; young people; professionals: DWIs?

If the group is no longer active, why did it fold?

To paraphrase the Big Book (page 164), these questions are meant to be suggestive only. We on the Archives Committee realize that we know only little or nothing about your group. But you can disclose more by sending us your group's history. We suggest that you give it to your DCM or bring it to the Area Assembly.

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GROUP HISTORY

Name of Group: _____

Previous Name: _____

Date Found: _____ Founder/Founders: _____

Early Member: _____

Place/Time of First Meeting: _____

Current Time and Place of Meeting: _____

Present Membership Number: _____ Did the Group Move: _____

Where: _____ When: _____

Group Service Number: _____

Group History (Such as anniversary, special meetings, outside speakers, notes about the founders.etc) (If not enough room on this page continue on blank sheet use as many pages as you need)

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