

## History of Argentina NA

NA arrived in Argentina in 1986. The first group opened in Call Bruselas 1022 in Buenos Aires. A member who was attending AA meetings had a daughter who had a drug problem and he contacted the WSO and they sent him the Spanish literature that was available at that time. As more addicts joined the groups the more the fellowship grew. In June of that year a second group opened. We decided that it should be called Narcotics Anonymous.

As more groups opened the ASC capital was formed which covered all the groups in the country. After a few years the Oeste or west area was formed and so forth until 1993 when the Inter-area committee was formed which eventually led to the RSC.

Through learning and carrying the message among the areas and more than just in a closed meeting, the fellowship grew a lot 1993-94, not just by what we did or learned locally but also from the World Service perspective. We had our first camp and regional convention in 1993. We had some disputes due to power and leadership issues that harmed the fellowship quite a bit at the time that was the negative side of service.

We have almost 100 groups and 300 weekly meetings

We have regional and area IP, H&I and literature subcommittees. We have a regional service office and a help line that operates 24 hours 365 days per year.

One thing that helped these far away areas grow was to participate in the regional service committee. It was important for far away areas to finance their representative's trips to the regional meetings. Argentina is a very large country. The region also financed the delegate's trips to the WSC and to the LAZF. It was a conscious decision made by the region.

We hope we were able to share the happiness we feel for being part of this world community and we hope to be able to celebrate World Unity Day with you and we want to continue carrying the message to the addict who still suffers.