



NA Comes To Northern California in 1966

“The Berkeley Tuesday Night Candlelight” Celebrates 43 years of Recovery in Narcotics Anonymous

The ‘Berkeley Tuesday Night Candlelight’ meeting is the oldest meeting in Northern California.

The meeting was started in the fall of 1966 at the Lutheran Church of the Cross, in Berkeley, California by Sylvia (Sylvia had moved to San Francisco from Los Angeles). She had received the message of Recovery from the Los Angeles fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous and carried its seed to Northern California.

In the early stages of its existence, NA had some assistance forming its first group the “Tuesday Night Candlelight Group” from the Sociology Department at U.C. Berkeley. The staff and students from Cal-Berkley sociology Department saw the youth of America drawn into the drug culture where their lives were being ruined and they decided to do something about it. They became determined to make a change in these young people’s lives and started the “Save an Addict” project, which became the ADD program. Sylvia was hired as staff in this program and realized that an NA meeting was needed. She approached the Pastor of The Lutheran Church of the Cross and he gave her permission to use a room in the church for that meeting. Later Sylvia also asked her brother Richard M. to come to Berkeley to assist her with this new meeting and the both of them together established the roots of NA in Berkeley and it has grown and flourished ever since.

Today, the Northern California Region of Narcotics Anonymous extends from Monterey to the Oregon border with hundreds of NA meetings. This amazing feat transpired and mushroomed into thousands of groups because of one member sitting in a room on Tuesday nights, at 8PM, with her two young daughters, waiting until addicts showed up so she could share the message of recovery.

The Tuesday meeting continues to be hosted in the exact same location where it was started, however, the room is larger today than it was 43 years ago.

Respectfully submitted in service to NA.

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