

HISTORY OF NA IN NORTHWEST INDIANA

First NA Meeting: October, 1978. Aquarius Group.

In the Northwest Indiana Area our first NA Group started in October of 1978. A recovering addict at the other Fellowship was in Chicago at an earlier date and happened to hear a speaker give a particularly fine message of hope and recovery. The speaker was a member of N.A. The addict decided to look into N.A. From that N.A. began here in Northwest Indiana for us. It wasn't a case of instant growth for the group now called The Aquarians located in Griffith Indiana. "The addict" who is still a loved member of the group, recalls meetings with little attendance and even a meeting when a teacher brought 2 students caught smoking pot at their school. So, the students, and the teacher, who tried his best to relate his addiction to tobacco, had a 1st Step Meeting for the boys. Today this meeting (Jan. '83) is regularly 20-30 strong, with closed meetings each Tuesday.

Our second meeting started in 1979 at a Halfway House in Valparaiso on a Sunday.

The Freedom Seekers became our first meeting to have an open speaker platform. One week a month was set aside for open meeting. It was a success and soon, other meetings started. A couple didn't make it, unfortunately.

But, the good news is, today, we have a dozen or so meetings in our area with talk of a couple more about to start. We have an Area Service Committee which has and will continue to serve the groups further adding to our unity and strength. Many of us can now say, "Thanks to God as we understand him and the growing Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous, we are recovering a day at a time."