

## N.A. HISTORY IN BATON ROUGE

The first Narcotics Anonymous meeting held in Baton Rouge started on Monday, February 20, 1978 at 8:00 p.m. at the Oak Manor Motor Motel. Three members attended that first meeting, two the following week. After two months, the meeting changed from Monday night to Friday night at 8:00 p.m., and started having a candlelight meeting format. The original Monday night meeting that was started in February folded in April of 1978.

The oldest meeting still in existence is the Friday night candlelight meeting held at 10:00 p.m. at the Scout Hut Building. About 15 members attend regularly. The present Friday Night Candlelight meeting which grew out of the original Friday Night meeting has moved four times since it was started. The Friday night meeting at Oak Manor moved next to Grace Baptist Church on April 28, 1978. At the first meeting at Grace Baptist Church which started at 7:00 p.m., ten to fifteen members attended. The meeting grew so large that on some nights it had to be split into two meetings to give everyone a chance to share. The Friday night candlelight meeting at Grace Baptist Church celebrated its one year anniversary at Grace in April 1979. The meetings sometimes ran over and people were loud when leaving, peeling out, and cutting up and the neighbors complained so the meeting was asked to leave and then moved to Trinity Episcopal Church. The meeting at Trinity was still held on Friday night at 10:00 p.m. with the candlelight format. While at Trinity the meeting averaged about fifteen to twenty members sometimes getting to forty members. Members from New Orleans sometimes drove up and made this meeting.

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A meeting was started at Greenwell Springs Hospital in September of 1978 on Monday nights and lasted about six months before it folded from lack of support. Also a meeting was started up at Saint Gabriel Woman's Prison but folded for the same reason as above.

In late 1979, all the meetings folded except the Friday Night Candlelight meeting. Problems with conflicting personalities and with the youth of groups and group members were the main reasons for meetings folding.

Wednesday night started sometime in spring of 1980? Fifteen is the average attendance. This meeting meets at Scout Hut, the same place as Friday Night Candlelight Meeting.

A Sunday night meeting was started up in a member's apartment and lasted until April of 1981. About five to ten members attended regularly. Other meetings sprang up in other members apartments and homes.

Monday night literature and step study meeting started in October, 1981. This meeting was used to review approval literature and Basic Text on Recovery. Meeting ended two weeks after Easter Weekend 1982.

Our first Area Service meeting was held on November 18, 1981. At this meeting officers for the Area were elected from four groups that were represented. A post office box was also acquired and is in use today. Post Office Box 1663, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70812. The next Area Service meeting was decided to be held on the second Wednesday of December.

Denham Springs meeting started on Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. on November 24, 1981 at the Immaculate Conception Church. Seventeen members were in attendance. This meeting celebrated one year on Thanksgiving 1982. Average attendance of this open meeting is ten.

The Second Area Service meeting was held December 9, 1981. Literature and chips were to be purchased by the Area and stock-piled so groups would be able to easily get them. Discussion was held on getting a phone for a help line and a location for a Central office. A.S.R. Alternate was also elected which was overlooked at the first Area Service meeting. A special Area meeting was voted on to meet in two weeks to look into getting groups and see if their groups and see if their groups would support a phone, both with money and with people to man the phone. A report was given on the Memphis Literature Conference.

A Special A.S.C. meeting took place on December 16, 1981. The G.S.R.'s voted to support the phone. It was decided to place the phone in a member's home temporarily until a central office could be found.

On January 20, 1982, the third A.S.C. meeting took place. Two members were put in charge of chips and literature. The twelfth-step list was updated. Public service announcements over TV, radio, and newspapers were also discussed.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Feb. '78 1st Meeting Tues, Night  
Feb. '79 Fri. Group \*8;00  
July 1979 FIRST AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE  
Nov. '79 Sun. Group  
Feb. '80 Charity Hospital 8;00 Thurs.  
April '81 Sat. Matere Gen~~ital~~ Hospital  
Oct. 81 Tues. Step and Trad Meeting  
Dec. 81 Women's Group Mon.  
Jan. 82 Lit. Study Group Wed. 8:00  
Jan. 24, 82 H&I Subcommittee  
Jan. 31, 82 FIRST REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE  
April '82 1st P.I. Subcommittee  
1st Entertainment Committee

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- 1) Monday Feb. 20th, 1978 8:00pm.  
Oak Manor Motel  
8181 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, L.A.  
April 28th 1978 (Friday night)  
Moved to Grace Baptist 630 Richland  
April 1979 1 year anniversary  
April 1979 moved to Trinity Episcopal Church  
Scout Hut, Scenic Highway- Still Today
- 2) Sept. 1978 Grenwall Hospital  
St. Gabriels Womans Prison
- 3) Late 1979 All Meetings Folded except Friday night
- 4) Spring 1980- Wednesday night at Scout Hut- Still going
- 5) Sunday night in home until April 1981
- 6) Monday night step Study and literature meeting started Oct. 1981
- 7) 1st Area Service Nov. 18, 1981
- 8) Nov. 24, 1981 Denim Springs Meeting  
1st year Anniversary Thanksgiving 1982- Still in existence
- 9) Dec. 9th 81 2nd. A.S. meeting
- 10) Dec. 16th 1981 Special A.S. meeting for the phone
- 11) Jan. 20th 1982 3rd. A.S. meeting
- 12) Jan. 31st. 1982 1st. Regional service meeting
- 13) Feb. 17th 1982 4th A.S. meeting -Phone installed
- 14) March 7th 1982 2nd. Regional service meeting
- 15) March 10th 1982 5th A.S. meeting
- 16) April 1982 Easter weekend 1st. Service workshop
- 17) April 10th 1982 3rd. Regional service
- 18) April 1982 Delta Haven, Thursday night
- 19) May 19th 1982 A.S. meeting
- 20) June 6th 1982 4th Regional service
- 21) July 14th 1982 A.S. meeting
- 22) Aug. 1st 1982 5th Regional service
- 23) Aug. 11th 1982 A.S. meeting
- 24) Sep. 8th 1982 A.S. meeting
- 25) Oct 3rd. 1982 Regional service meeting
- 26) Oct. 13th 1982 A.S. meeting
- 27) Oct. 20th 1982 A.S. meeting
- 28) Nov. 10th A.S. meeting
- 29) Nov. 15th 1982 Monday night Baker, L.A.
- 30) Dec. 5th 1982 Regional Service

81 Louisiana - Charles Kuecher, Representative for Louisiana, gave his report. Reported that progress in Louisiana is very slow. Comprised of basically 4 cities: New Orleans, Freeport, LaFayette, Baton Rouge. New Orleans has 4 meetings a week. Baton Rouge has 2 meetings. Freeport and LaFayette have 1 meeting each. Great controversy with N.A. and A.A. - not getting solved. Controversy with treatment centers and drug rehab centers and N.A. Treatment centers and drug rehab centers discourage clients from going to N.A. because they (the centers) feel their facilities can best serve the needs of the addict. Charles hopes to get this matter solved at this year's conference and take some kind of solution back to Louisiana.

Chuck Gates reminded everyone that the deadline to submit input forms was 12:00 noon today.

Bryan Scott was introduced as the Treasurer for WSC '81 and he gave his report. Started the year out with a balance of \$2,136.79. Current balance is \$738.28. Stated that there weren't too many donations to the Conference this year. Georgia donated \$285.00 to the Conference. Southern California

82 LOUISIANA REGION...Roland Heisler, 6317 General Pershing, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70125, (504-866-0412.

Formed a region in January 1982. Comprised of 4 ASC's: Baton Rouge - 4 meetings, Lafayette - 4 meetings, Shreveport - 5 meetings and New Orleans - 11 meetings. Also, about a half-dozen meetings in smaller towns around the state. Incidentally, the first drug maintenance clinic in the U.S. was established in Shreveport in 1919 (just thought I'd lay that on you.) The first NA meeting in Louisiana was started in New Orleans in February 1978, by a woman from San Francisco NA who we love and owe a lot to. Kathe M., Baton Rouge NA began shortly thereafter, was off and on for a while, and is real solid now. Shreveport NA was started 3 years ago by Curt, my alternate. Today, we have a total of 30 meetings statewide with approx. 300 members. 3 out of the 12 meetings in hospitals and H & I meetings. 2 prison meetings are in the works for St. Bernard parish and Orleans Parish (counties). Many other hospitals and institutions want meetings. Our biggest controversy in the past year has been over which of our meetings being held in hospitals should be H & I. We need clearer guidelines on that. Held a regional conference for new literature review over Easter weekend in Baton Rouge, went over the big white book and the proposed changes in the service structure. We've had a hot-line in N.O. area for quite awhile, just formed a PI committee to make it more effective. This year, had a couple of successful fundraisers in Shreveport and New Orleans. A lot of "firsts" in the past year. We think we're doin' real fine.