

History of Thursday Night Battle Creek N.A. Group

The Battle Creek Group began with the initiative of one person who saw a need for an alternative self-help group specifically dealing with recovery from drug addiction. Contact was made with the World Service office for contact people affiliated with N.A. in Michigan. Although the list was out of date, persistence brought this person in touch with George S. of Bay City, who informed the inquirer of the time and place of the meetings of the then Michigan Area Service Committee of N.A.

This person from Battle Creek attended the first Area Service Committee meeting in Bay City. He listened and learned. Then there was a meeting in Grand Rapids; a mini-marathon in Flint in January, 1983. Finally the announcement of a meeting place, time and date in Battle Creek was made.

The first meeting was held Thursday night, March 17, 1983 at 8:00 p.m. in Conference Room C of the Battle Creek Adventist Hospital. At the first two meetings only two people were present - Linda D. and Paul P. Then other calls came. Lowell K. came, Michael D. and people who were in treatment at the New Day Center. Only Paul P. continued to come, the rest dropped away. Then Myron M. and Glennie W. started to take hold. Paul P. turned the group over to Myron M. and Glennie W.

Assistance to this new struggling group came from the Lansing area from Bob H., Sandy H., Steve, Jerry and Earl.