

HISTORY OF BUCKS COUNTY

- 1972- Meeting at drug rehab; out-patient clinic on county line road Thursday nights
- 1973- Thursday night meeting in Doylestown (same as above new location)
- 1979- Tuesday night Bristol meeting 8:30 2 groups in bucks county 10-25 members
- 1980- (Jan.) "Hulmeville Steppers" formed Sunday nights(a) 8:30 10-25 members (3 groups in Bucks county)
- 1980- (Feb.)- "Hulmeville Friendship" group formed Sat. night (a) 6:30 10-25 members,-This group was formed at this time with the intention that members could get together afterwards for fellowship on a sat. night. This added greatly to the unity in bucks county NA. (4 groups in Bucks)
- 1980- (April) "Hulmeville Step Reform Committe" Formed.  
 -This committee was formed for the purpose of writing & compiling N.A. steps for the "Hulmeville Steppers" group to use in their meeting. The group's conscience of this group had reached a decision that use of A.A. 12 & 12 was indirect violation of the 6th tradition, and removed it from their tables. Members in this group conscience meeting felt about the need to continue this as a step meeting for their own survival & recovery, thus the decision to write N.A steps.. The committee consisted of 5-10 members who met weekly in a members house; they talked about their experiences and feelings about each step recording their discussions on tape. One member then transcribed the discussions from the tapes and began to edit the discussions into a readable format. This committee continued meeting weekly working on a different step each week, in order, 1 through 12. After completing through the 6th Step, several members attended the 1st East Coast Convention in Lewisburgh, Pa. There they met members from Georgia, California, Nebraska, Kansas and other places, who had been working on compiling an N.A. Basic Text For Recovery. In this way, Bucks County became a part of the N.A. World Literature Movement. The "Hulmeville Step Reform Committee" registered with the World Literature Committee, and became known as the "Bristol Literature Committee." They returned to Bucks County and continued their efforts to write the 12 Steps of N.A. They now received a lot of support from other committees in Atlanta and other places, through regular correspondence and telephone communications. All of these various committees around the Fellowship were united by a common bond and purpose - to carry the message of Recovery to the addict-who-still-suffers, through the written word. The "Bristol Lit. Com" began to draw up outlines for each step as they worked. Finished material was then typed up and copied and sent to Georgia, where all input for the Basic Text was being gathered. When they finished working on the 12 Steps, one member traveled out to the 2nd World Literature Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska, to learn more about literature work and to share what we were learning through our efforts. He returned with several new techniques, such as 'snip & paste', which helped to speed up the work and he also had a rejuvenated spirit to share. The committee then began to write the 12 Traditions of N.A. The tape recorder was no longer used.

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