



**General Service of Southeast Michigan
Area 33 Archives**

GROUP HISTORY FORM

Group Name: _____ District: _____ Group No.: _____

Date Group Was Formed: _____

Meeting Location/Address: _____

Day(s) & Time(s) Group Meets: _____

Type of Meeting (Open, Closed, Study, Speaker): _____

Group Contact Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Original Members (Names & sobriety dates, if possible. Attach additional sheets, as necessary): _____

Group History (Meeting address changes; Meeting format changes; Area growth history, by years, if possible; Service history—Committees, workshops, etc.; Social history—Anniversary celebrations, special events, etc.—Attach any flyers:

**Tell your story, not just the facts! Refer to the back of this form for typical questions to ask when writing a group's history.
ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, AS NECESSARY.**

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Please print and return completed form to:

**General Service of Southeast Michigan—Area 33
ATTN: Archives Committee
24225 W. Nine Mile Rd., Suite 104
Southfield, MI 48033-3990**

If questions, contact: area33archivist@aa-semi.org or area33archiveschair@aa-semi.org

RESEARCHING A.A. GROUP HISTORY

The General Service Office Archives Department is frequently asked how A.A. Groups can write their group history. Listed below are some typical questions that the Archives Department uses when writing a group history. It is suggested that groups try to answer these questions and, as needed, contact both the General Service Office Archives and their local Archives for information. If groups are conducting an oral history, the G.S.O. Archives has prepared an Oral History Kit that can be used as a guide – experience has shown that many groups have found it to be helpful. The Oral History Kit is available on the Archives portal of G.S.O.'s A.A. website at www.aa.org.

- Who were the founding members of the group?
- Where and when was the first meeting held? In date order, list where later meetings have been held. Include city, state, building, residence, church, clubhouse, etc.
- Did the group list with the General Service Office at the time the members first met?
- What is the group's name? Have there been any changes to the group's name over the years?
- What initiated the meeting: was it the offshoot of a parent group; was there a split due to disagreements; did a few A.A.s simply decide to start a hometown group, etc.
- How did the founding members let the community know that a new A.A. meeting was forming?
- How many members attended the group's first meeting?
- Describe member composition, for example, men only, women, young people, etc.
- How did the group experience growth over the years?
- Are group inventories conducted regularly and have they been helpful?
- Who were the early group officers? List, for example, GSR, Group Contact, Chair, Group Secretary, etc.
- Has the group used a steering committee?
- Have any group members participated in District, Area or other service to the Fellowship?
- How often were meetings held and has that changed over the years?
- What meeting formats have been used – closed, open, discussion, etc.
- Describe the group's growing pains or controversies.
- How does the group celebrate group member's anniversaries of sobriety?
- How has the group celebrated the anniversary of its' founding?
- Describe how the group has cooperated with professional agencies (by signing court cards, supporting a meeting in an institutional setting, taking regular phone duty at the Intergroup or Central Office, etc.).
- Has the group participated in special local or regional A.A. functions, such as conventions, conferences, round-ups, forums or workshops?

For information on how to contact your local Central, Intergroup Office or Area, go to the *A.A. Near You* portal of www.aa.org. G.S.O.'s Archives Department can be contacted via their portal on the website or by calling (212) 870-3400.