

## The Goodwill Group

The Goodwill Group was founded on August 18, 1951 by Joe S. (Stockwell,1947), Fred F and Don Mel. Holding their meetings at the U.A.W. hall at 45 Carlisle St, St Catharines on Sunday at 9:00p.m. On the 3rd Sunday of each month they hosted the very informative and interesting showcase "All Groups Meeting" with special panels and or speakers that attracted 300 to 400 people. Early members of this group were Tommy D. (1947) and Toby H. (1953) The Goodwill Group provided the first Canadian Delegate to New York from the Niagara in Gil W. (1961) in 1970 to 1971. Gil went on to form the Fenwick Group in 1968.

On October 4, 1964 Les T. joined the Goodwill Group and served District 12 as Intergroup Literature Chairperson for 25 years; Secretary for 3 years and Chairperson of Intergroup for 1 year. Les T served this Area from as far away as Florida where you can find him with his lovely wife Joy during the winter months since he "retired" from service.

### CO-FOUNDERS OF THE GOODWILL GROUP:

Fred F (June 15/50); Joe S.(May 24/47); Toby H.(July 7/53); Gord L. (Aug. 13/57), Wilf D(Aug 15/57);Vern M(Oct. 6/57);Hank H (Mar 8/55); Mary B. (Oct. 17/59); Bev D. (Dec. 15/57);Gil W(Sept 17/61); Kay S.(Oct. 1/61); Dave F(Nov. 15/61);Dorris C. (Dec. 22/61), John P(Jan 17/61)

### Other Goodwill Members are:

Jim L (Oct 14/63); Wilf S and Vi S.(Jan. 13/63); Les G. (Feb. 3/63); Mike C. (Mar. 17/63);Hank S (Mar 22/63), Ted G. (May 1/62);Les T.(Oct. 4/64); Millie H. (Feb 5/64).  
Bob D (Aug. 29/63).

Other prominent members not listed are: Tommy D; Inez M; Don McL; George L; Jerry M; Evelyn J; Mike A; Suds (Barber); Doug C; Bill D; George C; Walter W; Joe F; Doug A; George W; Guy G; Shirley P; Debbie S; Duncan K; Joan M; Perry A.

Ken E; Ed L; Bill D; Anne H; Danny O; Dawna R; Roy S; Peter A; Lawrence R; Brian T; Peter and Carol T; Marg B; John H; Bonnie and Paul; Ray G; Bernie W. The Goodwill Group lost one of its active members this year, Peter B; always greeting the newcomer at the door with a smile and a handshake.

Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic in March of 2020 it forced the closing of all the churches for all Alcoholics Anonymous meetings making them scramble to find a new location to have meetings.

On November 25, 2020 the Goodwill Group found a new home at the Silver Spire Church at 366 St Paul Street. Goodwill Group is still at 8:00 pm Open Speaker Meeting as well discussion and is still held on Sunday nights.

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