

HISTORY OF THE UNITED GROUP

Welland, ON
District 13, Area 86

The United Group began with a handful of members December 2, 1954 at the Central United Church on King Street, in Welland at 9 pm.

The original members were: Roy McM., Hilda K., Frank F., Donnie D., and his brother Joe D. and Moe D.

The New York General Service office shows that the earliest correspondence on record with them is a group information card dated March 16, 1959. At this time Russ B. and Roy McM. were listed as the contact people for the group.

In the 1960's Kelvin L., Danny C., Keith H. and Mike S. joined the group. All remained sober and have since passed away.

The group moved in 1976 to its present location St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Bald St., and has remained there except for a brief period where the meeting was held at Knox Presbyterian Church on Fitch Street.

In the 1970's Barbara D. and Grace C. joined the group. They remained sober and have since passed away.

Barbara was District Committee Member (DCM) for District 13 and was one of the founding members of the District 13 Niagara South Spring Roundup. All Niagara was under District 12 and when the District had too many groups it separated into two districts, District 12 Niagara North and District 13 Niagara South. Barbara suggested that a way to keep the two districts united was to hold a yearly gathering, and the Roundup was born.

In the 1980's Elizabeth O'B., John M., Patty L. Al H., Bill M. Al B. joined the group. All of these members remain sober.

Al B. remained sober until he passed away in the late '90s

Patty was District 13 DCM, Panel 66.

Tom V. was a member of the group during his term as Area 86 Delegate, Panel 56. He eventually left the group to start the Bethel Serenity Group.

The group eventually changed to an 8 pm meeting and has always been governed by group conscience. The following are additional members of the group:

Joe M. (came from the Welland Group), Tom B., Wally G, George W., Deborah R., Shane T., Clark P., Pam N., Joel F., Mike G., Deb L., Lillian L., Jessica T., Gerry O., Richard H., Kaitlyn T., Susan W., Lisa S., Krista H.

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