

## District 11 Group History Project Questionnaire

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Group name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location (town, building, street address): \_\_\_\_\_

A.A.W.S. Group Identification Number (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

1. The estimated date the Group started meeting:
  
2. The place, day, and time of first (or earliest) meetings, and the number of members:
  
3. Did the group separate from another Group, and why?
  
4. The type of meetings: speaker-led; closed discussion; open discussion; Big Book Study or other Literature Study; Step meeting; Traditions Meeting; etc. Has the format changed over the years? Please describe:
  
5. Does the group hold any public Open Meetings?
  
6. The Place, Day, and Times your group meets today and the number of members?
  
7. How many times has the Group moved? To what different sites, and under what circumstances? Please be specific as to locations, building name or church, the street address, town, and years the group occupied each address. If you can provide photographs of those locations, they would be appreciated.
  
7. a. Has the group changed names, if so why?
  
8. Early members, "founders," trusted servants and their recollections, or your Group's recollections of them:

9. Have any Group members rotated forward to District service? To Area Service? Did/does your group assist with any general service committee work?

10. What kinds of growing pains, problems, or any “feuds” happened, and what were the solutions? Did any particular member lead the Group out of difficulties toward any resolutions?

11. How did/does your Group cooperate with outside agencies: Treatment Centers, Courts, Probation and Parole Boards, for example, and has this changed over the years?

12. Did/do you ever assign sponsors? Temporary contacts (from a volunteer list or Bridge the Gap list)? How did/do you welcome first-timers?

13. Could any Group members maintain contact with each other in between meetings? Did/ do you have a members’ phone numbers list available? Is/ was there any linkage to your District’s Answering Service?

14. How did/does your Group celebrate anniversaries, for both individuals and also the Group? Any annual dinners, picnics, or special events over the years?

15. Did /do you count off to break for discussion tables? How did / do you change the jobs for set-up (making coffee, setting out literature) and clean-up? How did/ do you change who chairs the meetings? Did/ do you have “greeters” at the doors? Treats or snacks at meetings? Do you take a smoke break?

16. Your Group’s Seventh Tradition practices: have the ‘passed basket’ contributions changed over the years? Do you give away any books? Any fundraisers or special collections (events like holiday parties, picnics, weekend Conferences, AA Forums)? Describe the amount of contributions...What amount of rent did/ do you pay? Did / does your Group support the expenses of your GSR and other trusted servants?

17. On our Seventh Tradition of sharing funds, how did/do you contribute to District or Area 72, and GSO (AAWS)? 60-30-10%?

18. Did /do you contribute literature to any libraries, hospitals, jails, or treatment centers? What percentage of literature purchases is in your Group's spending? What items and pamphlets are in your Group's packets for newcomers?

19. Your business meetings how were/are your trusted servants elected or selected? Your GSR, Treasurer, Secretary, Greeters, and so on, and how often? Outside of the regular finance discussion and votes, are current District, Area, and General Service Conference agenda items discussed for a Group consensus at your business meetings?

20. Generally, what has been your Group's linkage to A.A. as a whole, (with District, Area, and AAWS)?

21. Does your Group do a Group Inventory, what can you tell us about the process?

22. What makes your Group unique?

23. How does your Group keep long-timers involved?

Please include any other thoughts or memories not covered in the above questions.

District 11 Archives thanks you for your effort in providing answers to these questions. *This history record is considered confidential and "For A.A. use only."*