

THE HISTORY OF THE BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON D.C. AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

In the year of 1979 there were several meetings in Washington D.C. but there was not much organization or communication. These meetings were mostly "underground" meetings. In July of 1980 an addict moved from Georgia to D.C. to go to school and he had trouble finding an N.A. meeting. He went to some A.A. clubhouses looking for addicts, found a few and told them about N.A. They began to start meetings in Wash. D.C. and out in suburban Central Maryland and Virginia areas. N.A. began to grow and spread through the rest of that year in D.C., Maryland and Virginia. Meetings were also started in Baltimore during this year. N.A. members were brought in from other areas, such as Philly to share their experiences in workshops at the V.A. hospital. The growth of N.A. in D.C. and Baltimore was phenominal in 1981, and in August of 1981 the D.C.- Baltimore area split into 2 seperate areas. Baltimore had 5 meetings at that time. Today (1983) Baltimore has grown to 40 meetings.