

HAWAII -- N.A. HISTORY

N.A. began in Hawaii in 1970. It started with a group of clean addicts who had been exposed to N.A. in California, and a man involved in the Methadone treatment program who professed to not like addicts!

The meeting was held on a Thursday night at Ft. Derussy and anywhere from 1 to 8 people attended. This meeting is now the Sunday night St. Andrews N.A. meeting now ranges from 100-200 people and is integrated into the major treatment facilities on the Island of Oahu.

The first step study meeting was the Wednesday night meeting originally held in Waikiki in 1975 attended by 1-5 people until approximately 1980. It then made a few moves and has been at it's present location at St. Andrews cathedral for 3 years with 30-150 people attending. It is now an open discussion meeting with the first Wednesday of the month set aside for studying steps 1-3.

During the first eight years, only two or three meetings were held by one to eight people. Groups of addicts took the message to prisons, treatment facilities and schools right from the beginning.

Around 1979, 5 additional meetings spring up around the Island and are regularly attended by 2-25 people today.

In 1983, the first N.A. book study meeting was started with 8-10 people regularly attending.

Also started is the first womans prison meeting held on Monday nights.

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