

History of NA in Mid-Atlantic Region

Mid-Atlantic that we know now as the Mid-Atlantic Region, had its origin back in 1970-1972. 1st groups sprung in Central Pennsylvania in 1970, another group sprung up in '72 in Northtown, Southeastern Penn. Area, an interesting comment that was pointed out to me by the people with me from that area, at best count there are 10 of the original people who started that group who are enjoying drug-free recovery in NA today, continuous. 1st area service started in June 1973, Northtown Area. Dutch H. was the first chairman, and as they got it together, they then started a hot-line in '73. The first regional efforts consisted of 2 areas in 1975. The initial efforts of regionalization were awkward, to say the least. Some regional meetings were held, with as many GSRs as possible to gather up. 1st East Coast brought a lot of experience, strength and hope and communication to the N.E. And one day a California transplant showed up with a service manual under his arm and you wouldn't believe what he told us. "You all are doing it wrong." With a lot of guidance and some time we started to re-structure that region and the RSC, using the guidelines that were found in the structure and shared with us, that were found successful in the other areas of the world. The committee meetings were hosted by different areas each quarter. Interest grew rapidly; new areas and groups were formed. The 2nd East Coast Convention brought more unity and many new friends in the fellowship. Surrounding areas grew, joining the RSC. The hosting areas now offer warm hospitality, buffets, speaker meetings, social gatherings, and enthusiastic participation in meetings, 7 secret spiritual herbs and spices, conducive to the unity we truly cherish. We enjoyed a kind of unity in that region that is just fantastic. The last regional meeting was hosted by the Washington, D.C. Area which boasts a fantastic recovery atmosphere for the black community; they're doing a tremendous job. That hosting area brought 150 addicts to that regional meeting. The region now consists of 10 areas, 10 ASC's and 10 hot-lines. Region includes: Connecticut, New York City, N. New Jersey, Eastern Penn., Baltimore, Delaware, South New Jersey, Tidewater Area of Virginia, and metro Washington, D.C. Those ASCs represent 205 groups, hold 287 meetings per week, 32 H&I meetings, 1, 435 addict's voices and group conscience. Voices through which our ultimate authority expresses himself. This past year, we have enjoyed a maturing process that has provided motivation of many, many recovering addicts to participate, as well as host in the service conferences, literature conference, conventions, workshops, and many other fellowship functions. A lot of effort has been given this year to carrying the message of our fund flow, and repeated and repeated through communication. Our fund flow represents a process that has proven itself in many other spiritual fellowships, to be successful. We are seeing success, we are seeing it start to work, and we are seeing it start to generate funds in following the service committee structure. Another area that a lot of effort has been put into and I'm proud of has been our Regional Directory. The Regional Directory, which is not yet in print but together is a regional listing of meetings by state and day. 2. Service Committee information