

Welcome to New Horizon Group of Narcotics
Anonymous 30 Year Anniversary
This is a brief History of the Group

This Meeting was Started in 1981 around July, it was first recorded on a NA meeting list September of 1981 and back then it took months to get on a meeting list. It was started by three addicts that investigated starting a new NA meeting at the Second East Coast Convention in Trenton New Jersey. They wanted to make sure the 12-Traditions were being followed. Mike P. and Mike L. asked Mike Polin who was a counselor at PATH "We want to start a meeting here?" New Horizons was born and it was located at 8220 Castor Ave. in the PATH building, Monday Nights 8:00. PATH stood for (People Acting To Help.)

Mike Polin originally got clean in 1979 in Philadelphia. He started and ran recovery programs in the Philly area, In 1989 he moved to Harrisburg, PA. with his wife MaryEllen, and in 1993 they moved to California and he worked at the World Service Office as the Chief Planner for NA's World Conventions. He passed away September 25, 2007, he had just celebrated 21 years clean. Mike is responsible for getting the World Convention to come to Philadelphia in 2013.

Mike P., is in the room tonight, we want to Thank him. Ask him to stand up and be recognized. (Clap, Clap.)

Mike L. is clean since 1986, he could not be here with us tonight because of his work schedule.

Around January of 1984 Gary F. & Cheryl R. attended AA meetings at PATH on Thursday Nights and they changed it to a NA meeting around February and Named it "New Attitudes". It's in the April 1984 meeting list. Thursday Nights 8:00. The 4th meeting of the week was a Step meeting.

In the Spring of 1985 New Horizons moved to Redemption Lutheran Church at Bustleton & Rhawn Sts. only the Thursday meeting moved. Monday must have closed.

In 1986 Mark H. & Craig (Also known as Crash) Helped move New Horizons to Solly Playground, Craig new a guy who worked at Solly. The 4th week was a Step meeting and the 5th week Chair Persons Choice.

In the Spring of 1987 New Attitudes was Started up again on Monday Nights 8:00 (Some how they switched Nights) We are some Confused Addicts, aren't we?

The Members that started and kept New Horizon alive in the 80's were Mike P., Mike L., Mike Polin, Gary F., Jill A., Andy P., Cheryl Race, Steve M., Dave S., Brian C., Howard O., Scott S., Howard P., Shawn Z., Steve Kaskey, Mike Kaskey, Harvey D., Rose K., Mark, Molly, Marvin, Ellen, Amy, Stephanie S., Donnie B., Marcy, Tommy S., Joe F., Steve L., Scott Grace, Beth K., Harry G., Kip, Mindy L., Randy S., Vanessa V., Danny M., Fred B., Robin Banks, Mitch S., Mark R.-Weasel, Jim H., Scott Wegman, Tommy Mc., Jeff Spitzer, Alan C., Robin H., Tom C., Steve R., Craig -Crash. There was a couple non-addicts that came regularly to, Sharon G., & Alice Mc.

In the Summer/Fall 1991 both the Monday & Thursday meetings joined each other and called themselves New Horizons Group of NA.

The Home Group Members that kept New Horizon alive in the 90's were Mike H., Tom B., Mike L. the Mover, Joel S., Dennis V., Talking about Dennis V. he road his bicycle from Camden to the meeting every Thursday and back to Camden. That's dedication!

There was a lot of echoing in the room which caused a lot of addicts to have side conversations, which caused distractions. The Acoustic Sound was terrible in this room, so Mike H. & Mike C. put these sound boards on the ceiling and the room was much quieter.

In the Winter of 2005 Solly Playground went under Construction and they had to move out. A few Home Group members held meetings at their houses such as Jodi M. & Donna C. this lasted a few months to keep the meeting alive. They then moved to the Church at Cottman & Central Aves. They survived there for only 5 or 6 Months, because they sold the Church and had to move again. The meetings nickname became the NOMADS group. They moved to Roosevelt Recreation Center at Walker & Hellerman. It was a 9:00 p.m. meeting and only 1-hour because of how late it was. This lasted around a year.

In 2006 they were back to Solly Playground where we meet today. Bruce H. ran into Frank who worked at Solly Playground at the Doctors Office and asked about moving back to Solly Playground. Frank said we were trying to get a hold of you guy's but we didn't know how. You are always welcomed back and they came back and still meet in the same exact room today. The Playground was still under

Construction when they moved back and they renamed it "The Pelbano Recreation Center" in 2003. It cost 7.6 Million Dollars to renovate.

The Home Group Members that kept New Horizon alive in the 2000's were Joel S., Bruce H., Rona, Paul K., Kevin, Rob, Donna C., Amanda, Darris, Dennis K., Elisa, Emil B., John P., Johnny S., Mariah, Brian F., Ahjay, Al, Harry, Patricia, Roz, Ed, Jerry, Danny, Dennis V., Carol, Beverly, Bob, Troy, Lillian, Lauren, Howard, Jason, Hasaad, Terry W., Lavelle, Mark H., Rich O., Rick M., Vladimir, Mike W., Tom B., Tom S., Mike L., Mike H., Dino, Rebecca, Mike K., Phil, Stacey, John, Keira, Dave P., Ryan N., Jodi M., Alex G., Johnny K., Walt M., Luke S., Dale F., Dan D., Lori B, Marshall, Steve R., Tara G., Pete F., George S., Irene A., Gary A. & Jackie.

The Monday before Thanksgiving The home Group puts on a Gratitude Meeting, they've been doing this for years. They Celebrate with a Turkey and all the fixings. Dale F. would bring gourmet desserts and the Addicts couldn't believe how good they were, "They were like from Beverly Hills or something". Luke S. Catered this Thanksgiving affair here at New Horizons as all home group members participated.

They would put on events such as Bowling Nights, Phantom Ice Hockey, Camden Riversharks and much, much more.

There is a long term member named John who Loves this meeting with all his heart and if you want to measure LOVE for a meeting, you have to measure it by Johns love for New Horizons meeting.

May New Horizons Group of Narcotics Anonymous be open for another 30 Years and Carry the Message to many more Addicts!