

The History of the Golden Group
Founded April 12, 1981
Welland Ontario

At some point in late 1980 or early 1981, a few local members from another Group(s) came to believe that being that there was no evening meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous in Welland on Wednesday evenings; that they should begin the process of looking at creating a new Meeting or Group.

Three members named Rita L., Joe L. and Bernie L. began the search and on the evening of Wednesday April 12 1981 the Golden Group came to life and the Group was soon after registered with our General Service Office.

The weekly meetings were held at the United Church on Broadway Avenue for many years until a need to relocate became necessary. The Golden Group moved to the current location of All People's Church at 109 Chaffey Street and the first meeting at this new venue was held on Wednesday June 24 of 1992.

Over the years, members have come and gone. All of them will be remembered including Rick C. who has passed away recently. Henry T., still to this day along with newer members can be found at the door welcoming the new comer and old friends with a friendly hand shake and words of wisdom and encouragement.

The Group survived through lean years with a small membership. Today, the Golden Group is the Home Group of 19 proud members who are responsible for making sure that the meetings are held every Wednesday evening. Warm hand shakes and a welcoming smile are always there for the sick Alcoholic who still suffers.

Submitted by the Proud Members of the Golden Group – April 6 2011