

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 the City of 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 Holy Trinity Church, (back door) 77 Division Street in Welland. The Group remained at that location for approximately three years.

In 1984, the Members decided that a change in venues might be of benefit to the Group and its Members. The Members chose to hold their weekly meetings at the United Church on Broadway Avenue for many years until a need to relocate became necessary, once again.

The Golden Group moved to All People's Church at 109 Chaffey Street and the first meeting at this new venue was held on Wednesday June 24 of 1992.

The Group survived through lean years with a small membership. In April of 2011, the Golden Group was 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.

As a result of All People's Church closing in early 2015, plus the dwindling attendance at the meetings, the Members of our Group had to start looking for another venue to carry the message.

The result of the search found the Golden Group moving to the Central United Church, located at 12 Young Street in Welland in March of 2015. In April of 2017, the Group has a membership of 15 Members.

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

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