

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

AREA 86, DISTRICT 12

MARKET GROUP HISTORY

The Market Group was initially started by two brothers: Joe and Alf S. Joe, coming from the Central Group (started in March 1947) and Alf coming from the Downtown Group (started in September 1947). The first meeting of the Market Group was held on Friday August 13th, 1948 in the Lyceum Lecture Hall on Church St. at the corner of William Street.

It moved to the Roman Catholic Parish Hall at 68 Church St., site of the current Regional Police Department. When the Parish Hall was demolished, the group moved across the street to the cathedral. The meetings were held on Thursday nights at 9:00 pm.

Renovations to the cathedral caused the group to move to Welland Ave. United Church at 5 Henry St. on August 7, 1986. To accommodate church activities the meeting was changed to Monday night at 9:00 pm. The time was changed to 8:00 pm in the late nineties.

The group moved to the CAW Hall in June of 2008 and the meeting night was changed to Tuesday. The Market Group has an active membership and is a well attended, popular Speaker Meeting.

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