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Tom O. and Don V. spent an evening at Bob D's discussing starting an A.A. meeting in Niagara Falls. Also present was Cliff H.

The first meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous in Niagara Falls was held Wednesday, January 12, 1949 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Victoria Avenue.

The speakers were Tom Mc. from Buffalo and Walter M. from Hamilton. At that time the Lutheran Church had not added their addition and was unable to let the group have a place to meet on a regular basis.

Arrangements were made to hold a meeting in Morrison Street United Church Hall. The first meeting of the **Rainbow Group** was held January 18, 1949. It was an organization meeting. Tom O. was Chair, Bill S. Secretary/Treasurer and Ralph E. Chairman of speakers. Tuesday became the night of the **Rainbow Group** meetings.

At the second meeting on January 25th, 1949 the speakers were Jack, Len W., and Bob G. from the "Central Group" in St. Catharines. By February 15th, 1949 the **Rainbow Group** had nine members: Tom O., Don V., Bill C., Ralph E., Marie R., Joe T., Burr B., Jim G., and Wes M. The group met at Morrison Street United Church Hall until January 30, 1984. In order to have an 8 o'clock meeting the group moved to the present location at the Stamford Lion's Memorial Hall.