

ARCHIVES CORNER

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In These Rooms

(Archives pictures recap and call for new pictures of group meeting places, especially photos showing inside views!)

From District 43 Archives ¹

¹ Photos shown in this Archives Corner previously appeared in Archives Corners for October 2021 & November 2021. The photos shown are simply representative of what is in the archives collection and do not try to cover all groups and all places.

Introduction

- *Grapevine* notes in the “If Walls Could Talk” monthly feature that “AA meetings can be held just about anywhere ...”
- The record of where AA groups meet has historical import to Alcoholics Anonymous.
- For these purposes the adage that “a picture can be worth a thousand words” still applies!
- Virtually all district archives photos show exteriors of churches and other buildings; we have only a few interior pictures.
- Archives would like to update and increase the photo collection, especially pictures that show the meeting rooms inside.
- **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Recap – Some Early Meeting Places



*St. Peter & Paul (Naperville)
Naperville (Tuesday) Step – 1952*



*New Life Lutheran (Bolingbrook)
Pathways – 1975*



*Edward Hospital (Naperville)
Keep it Simple – 1976*



*Joan of Arc (Lisle)
Sunday Big Book – 1977*



*St. Raphael (Naperville)
Not Just for Beginners – 1979*



*Mill Street Convalescent (Naperville)
TGIF group – 1981*

Some Early Meeting Places



Benedictine University (Lisle)
Sober Up & Grow – 1982



St. Benedict's (Bolingbrook)
Keep it Simple – 1982



St. Timothy Lutheran (Naperville)
12 & 12 group – 1985



Community Methodist (Naperville)
Back to Basics – 1984



DuPage Unitarian (Naperville)
Wednesday Morning Step – 1985

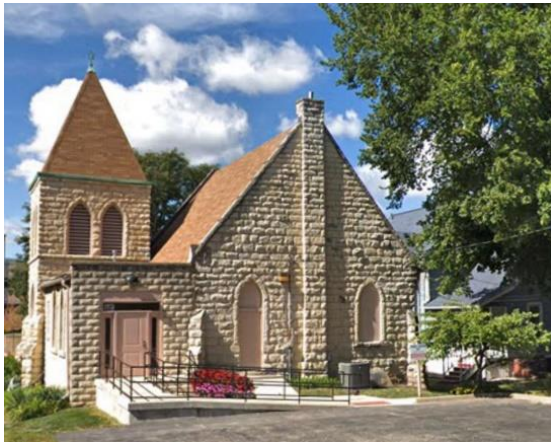
More Recent Meeting Places



United Methodist (Bolingbrook)
Beginner's Sampler – 1986



Our Saviour's Lutheran (Naperville)
How & Why group – 1991



Naperville Women's Club
Brown Baggers – 1988



Congregation Beth Shalom (Naperville)
Thursday Night Men's – 1989



Community Christian Church (Naperville)
Southside Sobriety Seekers – 2003



Grace Pointe Church (Naperville)
Monday Nite Men's – 2005

More Recent Meeting Places



*Wesley United Methodist (Naperville)
Foxhall Speaker Meeting – 2010*

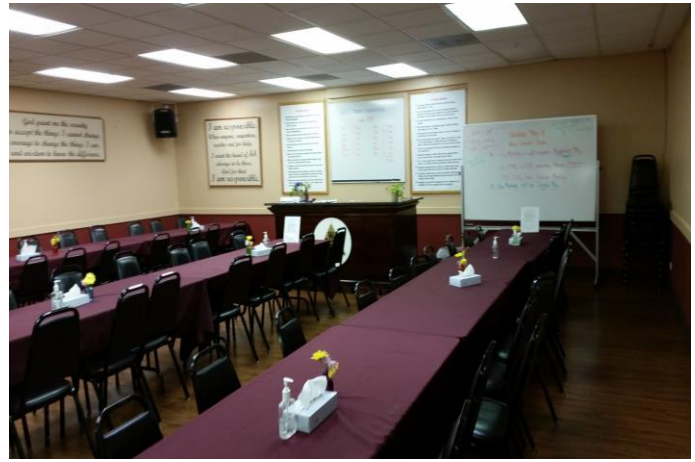


*Riverwalk Gazebo (Naperville)
Walk with Us –2016*



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OF YOUR GROUP'S MEETING PLACE
IN 2023*

Inside Photos



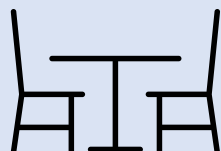
***West Suburban Fellowship Club (Naperville)
Multiple AA Groups since 1999***



***Community Methodist (Naperville)
Women's Spirit group – 1994***



***Trinity Church (Naperville)
Our Basic Text – 2004***



***INSERT NEW PICTURE
OF YOUR MEETING ROOM INSIDE***

In Conclusion

The Archives Committee requests that local AAs, especially GSRs, please email us new picture(s) of your current meeting place(s) so we can update our record.

It's easy! Simply take a picture on your smartphone and send it to:

archives@aa-nia-dist43.org

Please include your name, the group name, and the meeting location. Please remember to not include any faces in the picture, consistent with AA traditions of anonymity.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!