

6:00 p.m Friday  
2877 Governor Drive

## A WOMAN'S MEETING

A while ago I was asked by the Co-GSR of A Woman's Meeting to give the history of the group.

The meeting was started in November of 1992 on a resentment and a need for convenience, mostly my own. With the help of Melody O. and Cindy I. we secured a location blocks from my home at the preschool my daughter had been attending. With the location secured Melody and I sat down at her computer to create the format for the meeting.

The resentment that we had was that the same people got called on week after week at the meeting we had been attending on Friday nights. Prior to moving to San Diego I had attended a regular Wednesday night woman's meeting where raffle tickets were handed out before the meeting, half was placed in the basket to be drawn by the leader once a topic had been announced, thereby eliminating the calling on of people; the last five minutes were for volunteers. The use of tickets has since been expanded to be used for the selection of the secretary.

The other format piece that I felt adamant about was the serenity prayer which isn't typically said at the beginning of meetings, but was a part of every meeting in Phoenix.

Contrary to lore this meeting didn't start out having childcare; usually, the handful of women who had children just brought them and they played on the playground or with the toys in the preschool room where the meeting was held. Childcare was later established by a regular of the meeting Laurielynn. At the request of the church we eliminated the serving of coffee.

Finally, sometime in the second year the childcare room and patio underwent remodeling so the meeting was held at my house. With lawn chairs in hand, women showed up and sat on the cement deck in my backyard to share their experience, strength.

I feel honored to have been a part of the beginnings of this meeting.

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