

ARTISTS IN SOBRIETY

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

a brief history of the meeting and the group

The first meeting of Artists in Sobriety was held at David's Coffee House on 5th Avenue in Hillcrest in the Fireplace Room off the front patio at 6:00 p.m. on the first Monday in January, 2000. There were four people who attended: Louisiana, Audrey, E.J., and Melissa. The first secretary was Louisiana. A standard discussion format was decided on and it was agreed to keep the meeting time, place and length (one hour) the same. Because of the anonymity needs of some artists, it was agreed that Artists in Sobriety would be a closed topic discussion meeting. A decision about whether to make it a group was put off to be considered if the attendance built and stabilized.

In 2004 Glen became the secretary and served for a long period of time, then Ralph took over. A new meeting room was set up in the back by the coffee house and the meeting moved there. Its size varied from 4 to 20 people, averaging around 12. It continued to use the format approved when it was originated.

In 2006 Artists in Sobriety was registered with the Alcoholics Anonymous International Office in New York and officially became a group in name, but did not participate in AA activities beyond the group level.

Scooter became the next ongoing secretary. In 2008 when David's Coffee House was sold and was no longer available for meetings the group moved to the patio at Lily's Coffee House on Howard Street in University Heights. Alex became Treasurer. The format and size of the meetings remained basically the same.

In the spring of 2010 Lily's closed and the group moved back into Hillcrest. Its new meeting place was a church at 3900 Cleveland Avenue in room 205 with Scooter continuing as secretary.

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