

Hawaii Archives Committee
Questionnaire: Re Group and Individual History
(GSO Archives)

How did you yourself get to A.A.?

Where did you hear about it?

Did you have a sponsor; if so, how did it help you as a newcomer?

What contributions did you yourself make to the fellowship's growth – and don't be unnecessarily modest!

When was A.A. started in your town or area? Where meetings were held: Home, churches?

By whom – were there early members who especially contributed to the growth and success of the group?

How were they started: i.e., offshoot of the parent group, quarrel or split with first or main group, one person starting group?

What was A.A. like in the early days in your area?

How did you contact new members? How was 12th Step work done?

Did you seek cooperation of local community and professional agencies – ministers, doctors, law enforcement agencies?

Who were the founders and group officers of the early groups?

How often meetings were held, what kind of meeting format used? (speakers, open meetings, discussion closed, any public meetings held?)

Were there any special problems that arose during the early years – growth pains, etc.?

What was the group's first name – did it change, if so when? More than one change of name?
What is the present name of the group?

Do you know how the first group was received by the community when it was started?

Do you think your group or groups has/have had influence in your community; has attitude of your local professional people, particularly towards alcoholism been changed by contact with the local members?

Conference or Conventions held? When started, how often held, well attended?
When did clubhouse (if you have one) start, and under what circumstances? Any problems developed? How solved?

Was there any opposition to A.A. or intergroup feuds in your area – would you elaborate?

Intergroup or Central Office in your area or community? Do you know when it was started? And how? Any problems?

Do you celebrate anniversaries, individual and group? How?

Is there Al-Anon in you community? Good relations? Alateen?

Have you experienced growth in your group, in you area? Who approaches A.A. today: more young people, women, minorities? Are all welcome? Any special problems?

“Outside Agency” in your area? What is your relationship with it? Many referrals, any problems with these?

Do you participate in state or regional get-togethers: conventions, conferences, forums, etc?

How has A.A. changed, it has, since you first encountered it?