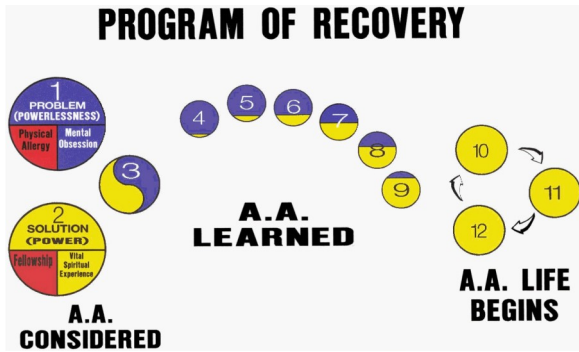


The Fourth Dimension Group

After the room in St. Paul's Church was vacated by the 38-year-old Tuesday Night Group, the *Fourth Dimension Big Book Step Study Group* moved their meeting into that room in 1994. This group was first started in Richmond by Bob and Deanna S. in 1989, after its 1987 inception in Southern California.



This 90-minute meeting would 'teach' the 12 Steps in thirteen-week segments. The students who finished were given a certificate of completion. Some of the ones who stayed on to instruct were Mark P., Chuck T., Kyle M., Mary Ruth S. and Bill G. This was not a discussion group, but sincere study with very little shared experiences and no expressed opinions allowed until after the meeting. Of course, students would be allowed to read the text and ask questions. This style of meeting proved to be an asset to newcomers and sponsors alike.

This group continues to present 12-Step and AA History Seminars. These workshops not only bring students from adjacent cities but have spawned many new meetings of the same ilk in Indianapolis, Dayton and surrounding areas. Most all these meetings use a large display chart as shown above, use the same format booklet, and use the same meeting handouts.

The West Side Group

(Friends Meeting House - West 7th & Main Street)

The *West Side Group* started perhaps a year or so following the closing of the *West Side Club* in 1960. Jerry Markey thinks perhaps some AAs from New Castle helped start this meeting as Richmond members attended the New Castle meeting at their YMCA. Some of the attendees of the 1970s

were, Mary Lou & Glyn C., John B., John Pruessner, Francis Courtney, Dottie Riggleman, Helen, from Centerville; Ken Reed; Ed S; Maxine Adams; Keith G.; Joe & Florence L.; Wayne & Naomi W., and Bill & Joan Centers. Throughout 1970s and early 1980s these groups met on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.



May Lou left the Sunday evening Group to start the Serenity Group at the 228 Club. This was April of 1981. Other members chose to remain with the Sunday West Side Group, but eventually it closed. However, the very active Dick Arden kept the Wednesday meeting alive.

Sam Meier (Serenity Sam), Bill Meier's son, became secretary of the Wednesday evening Group during the mid-eighties. The Wednesday Group still flourishes with large attendance. Sam, was a very avid AA, who sponsored many people. He was known as a great wit with a ready humor. He died in 2008 with nearly 51 years sobriety.