

It is necessary to recognize and to value the past history of an organization in order to appreciate the present and to look toward the future. The founders of the Easy Does It Center met on October 2, 1979 at the Drop-In Center at Brookville, Indiana. That initial Board of Directors included Paul Martin, Gerald Barber Art DeFossett, Dave Hodges, and Mike Gilmore. They drew up the incorporation which operated for many years under these "Objectives" which were:

- " Community Center
- Help AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)
- Help school kids - educate
- * Not recreation center
- Community Education
- Meeting Place for Community Service Groups
- Referral Service for Community "

Over the years the first formal incorporation was deleted from the list of active incorporations when the Board became inactive as a formal legal body recognized by the State of Indiana. However the faithful AA members persevered. The AA meetings continued on a regular basis maintaining and holding to the principles of AA. Some of these people were Art DeFossett, Jr., Robert Estridge and Clarence Grunkemeyer. Chrysteen Martin continued the work of her husband, Paul Martin, acting as treasurer and caretaker of the meeting facility. Robert Estridge kept the center open for many years Clarence Grunkemeyer and Bob worked as partners. They were and are dedicated AA members who joined the founders in continuing the work of the Easy Does It Center.

Remaining true to the founders, the new incorporation was written to reflect and to preserve the original purpose of the Easy Does It Center. It was prepared in compliance with current laws of the State of Indiana and incorporate on May 2, 1991 by Arthur DeFossett, Jr. and Floyd E. Howard. The Corporation is required to report on the annual activities of the Easy Does It Center, Inc. included the purpose of the Corporation in the Articles of Incorporation:

" The purpose of this Corporation shall be

" to provide and to operate a center to service the needs of the immediate community as this community relates to controlled substances,

" to educate the community about drug and alcohol abuse thus allowing persons to make a responsible decision concerning these substances;

" to act as a referral service for the Indiana Department of Mental Health or other institutions which may offer substance abuse treatment services; and

" to offer the use of its facilities to community service groups for meetings providing those meetings are scheduled without conflict of the Easy Does It Drop-In Center."