

## HAPPY DESTINY GROUP HISTORY

HAPPY DESTINY was a branch off the Sunday Morning Breakfast group which was started in 1974. Their meeting was held at the Sun Valley Hotel – North Front Street then moved to the Ramada Inn. Marvin Y. was a member of this group and then left to start the first NO SMOKING meeting in this area. He then went on to rent the Knights of Columbus Hall. The new group started February 1, 1998.

During the month of January 1998, there was a lot of work involved in preparing the hall for our first meeting. We had to remove carpet from the floor and walls. We then had to install new drywall. We then painted the entire room, cleaned windows and floors – which were all sticky from carpet glue. New lighting was supplied and installed by Marvin Y.

The workers were Marvin Y., Dick T., Jake W., Jack B., John F., and Father Bernard O’Neill (who made this possible for us to rent the room.)

The first AA meeting was held on February 1, 1998 and was chaired by Marvin Y. Members that joined the group at that first meeting were Marvin Y., Dick T., Nancy T., Astrid S., Kay O., and Barb N.

Don G. suggested the way we should make the slogan board with the original five slogans. Voted on and carried. Don. G. passed away February 21, 1998 and never got to the meeting.

At our first business meeting, the group settled on a group name. Barb N. opened the Big Book to page 164 and chose the name from the line “as you trudge the road of Happy Destiny.”

Thursday December 7, 2006 the group moved to the Irish Hall at 315 Church Street. Helpers were: Marvin Y., Max C., Jack M., Dick T., Gerry V., Pat B. – all of whom were AA members. Kitty Y. from Alanon also assisted. The trailer we used was donated by Daryl J. (AA). We then held our first meeting in this location on Sunday December 10, 2006 and Susan Y. chaired this meeting. Sunday June 28, 2009, we held our last meeting at the Irish Hall and it was chaired by Faye P.

Tuesday June 30, 2009 Marvin and Kitty Y. moved all the inventory for the Happy Destiny group to the new location at the Foster Ward Community Centre located at 75 St. Paul Street, Belleville. Helpers were Gary F., Doug F., and Gerry L. Sunday July 5, 2009 the first meeting was held at this location. Meeting was chaired by Marvin Y. and the speaker was Marilyn U. Also at this meeting, the group celebrated Ryan H. 56 years of sobriety and had him do the slogans.

This is still the current location of the meeting.

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