

GROUP HISTORY

FRIDAY NIGHT GROUP

1. The group was started on August 20, 1976.
2. Early members starting the group were:
 - Bob H. - this member was very instrumental in starting the new group.
 - Pat S. - first G.S.R.
 - Ken F. - first alternate G.S.R.
 - Don C.
 - Andy J.
 - Tom B.
 - Pat and Liz K.
 - Betty B.
 - Andrew J.
3. The Friday Night Group branched from the Tuesday Night Group due to the desire for a different type of meeting, that is, an open discussion meeting, and to fulfill a need for another meeting in the Williamsport area.
4. The meeting was held at the Williamsport Hospital Medical Center on Friday night at 8 p.m.
5. The meeting format was open discussion.
6. The group retains its original name as the "Friday Night Group."
7. The group went through a very large growth spurt. It became so large it had to be split into three different meetings: a beginner's meeting, a speaker meeting, and an open discussion meeting.
8. A few interesting anecdotes about the group:

The hospital director requested a few volunteers from the group to speak to the first year nursing students during their study on alcoholism. The first volunteers to participate were Betty B. and Ken F.

The Friday Night Group sponsored the first Spring Banquet and Dance. This was held in the Williamsport Hospital Auditorium.

Bob L. Would bring a chihuahua named "Jake" to the Friday Night Group. Jake would sit at the table through the entire meeting and never say a word.

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9. In 2008, the group had to move from the Williamsport Hospital; due to hospital expansion, the Medical Building was to be torn down. In February, 2008, the group began to meet at the Salvation Army at 7:30 p.m. In 2010, the group again moved and now meets at the First United Methodist Church in Williamsport.
10. The group had grown significantly , see #7. But now meets as one meeting again.
11. The Wednesday Night Meeting in Muncy originated from the Friday Night Group.
12. The Friday Night Group belongs to District 48.