



### **Off the Hook**

**The Off the Hook group of Alcoholics Anonymous was started in January of 2002. The original founders were Cory B., John M., and Heather C. It originated as a place for the younger members of AA to go. The group originally met at Lycoming College at 10pm on Friday night. It moved to Sojourners Church, and now is being held at Williamsport Hospital, Thursday night at 7:30pm. It has a variety of topics including: speaker meetings, as Bill sees it, grab bag, and living sober.**

**By mistake the group was deemed the Williamsport Young People Group, early in its conception, and it showed up on the meeting cards that way, and had to be changed. Membership started out small, became a bit larger, and went through some tuff start up periods, including declining membership, almost to the point of extinction. The group asked for help and welcomed the half way house, and now has many in attendance regularly.**

**In 2003 many attendees and members of the Off the Hook group help bid for and received the Pennsypaa Conference, which was then held in Williamsport. Pennsypaa is the conference held for young members of Alcoholics Anonymous.**

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## **OFF THE HOOK MEETING**

*The "Off the Hook" meeting started in January 2002. The founding members were Cory B., John M. and Heather C. The meeting was started because there was a need for a meeting to represent the young people in our town.*

*The first meetings were held at Lycoming College at 10:00 pm on Friday nights. It then changed to 7:30 pm on Thursday nights at the Williamsport Hospital. It is now held at The Sojourner on Thursday nights.*

*The early meetings were open meetings, which included varied topics (speaker, Living Sober, As Bill Sees It, Grab bag) and it is the same format today.*

*The group has not changed its name since it was started; however it was mistakenly called The Williamsport Young Peoples Group on meeting cards, which has since been corrected. The meeting place had to be changed initially due to anonymity reasons. There was also some thought of changing the day due to the number of larger Thursday night meetings in the area.*

*Several home group members went to bid on PENNSYPAA in 2003. We came back with the bid and hosted the annual PENNSYPAA conference in 2004.*