

More will be revealed

Hello my name is Curlon W.

It was in early November the first time I attended a Clean and Serene meeting. I was going to AA. While I was there, I met Bill H. He was telling me about a Narcotics Anonymous meeting he had started. I had never heard of Narcotics Anonymous, but when he said I could do two meetings in one night, I jumped on the idea.

It started on October 22, 1990. They met in the cafeteria there at Charter Woods. There were lots of people involved and no way to name them all.

In November or December of 1990, as the meeting grew, we got involved with area. [Have to say a big thanks to all the people in area who have helped me to grow - from the ones who taught me early on - to the ones that are there today who are still teaching me].

Getting involved in area is one of the best things we did for the group because we knew nothing about recovery, other than what we had learned from attending the other fellowship. We owe a debt to the other fellowship for helping us to grow.

With time, we grew enough that we started to have more meetings. We started to meet every day, with the exception of Tuesdays. Less than a year later we started to meet every day at noon, as our membership grew to 50 members who were actively involved. We had an average attendance of approximately 55 at every meeting.

Eventually we started holding our meetings in the Professional building, rather than the cafeteria. We were sharing the message. I'm not sure if our way of sharing was always the best way, but we weren't using.

In 1991 I was convinced to become GSR-A. Bill H. was GSR. Thank god I was teachable! Because once I was voted in as GSR-A, Bill H stopped attending area and I was quickly voted in as GSR.

Since then I have held every position for the group, most at area, and been involved with region on occasion. When I came into the fellowship I was full of fear, but in the course of being of service I have found that the fear has gone away.

We started Friday night meetings at 12 for two years and did a Saturday night meeting as well for about two months. We did Saturday morning 9AM meetings for about a year and a Sunday morning meeting for about three years...

Our rent was \$15.00 a month. Charter woods didn't want to charge us rent, but we knew we had to be self-supporting.

We met there until the hospital was changing and coming under new management. Once the new management took over we started to have problems with them wanting to control our meetings. The group itself was changing with new people getting involved. Again, there were so many different people until it's hard to remember them all. We had people from both fellowships who would help in any endeavor we put on.

One really cool fact is that we had dances on a monthly basis.

Another thing that really sticks out in my mind was at 1 ½ years clean, there was this young lady of 16 years of age. Carolyn was her name. She was celebrating a year and asked me to speak. It was a time of growing for me. I was scared, but the group members supported me. We made up shirts for our anniversaries then.

Some where around, 1992-1994 we moved to the wiregrass club on Crawford street. We were there from 1994 -96.

I recall a phone line work shop we had at that location. (*Another learning opportunity for me*).

Another turning point in my recovery was when I was the chair of area and Homer P was H & I chair. I couldn't hold down a voting position in area at the time, with me being the area chair, but I could work with Homer as vice H & I chair. We went into Elba Work release for more than a year. (*Growth for me*).

The Clean and Serene Group continued to change and grow. Some of the members had a problem with the wiregrass club, so we moved to what a lot of people called Airplane seats place. That was in 1996, on Foster Street.

I have to thank Both the NA Group there at the time (New Freedom group) for us being there as well as the other fellowship group who rented us the place to house our meeting. We were there for a year. Then we moved to Woodland Drive in 1997. After a year they told us we had to leave. The whole club moved and bought the place on Herring Street at that time, which is where we are today.

In 1996 Bill H. and myself started talking about having more meetings, and the Group decided to add some more. We were searching for a place. Bill was doing some spiritual meetings on Bob Hall Road and they said we could rent their place for a meeting

In 1997 we started back up with the noon meetings as well as a Tuesday night 8:00 meeting. Then we added a Saturday night 8 PM meeting.

In 1998 Deliverance Group was formed.

Most every group in Dothan was affected by the Clean and Serene Group. The one thing which has been a part of my life all this time is of course the program, but the clean and serene group saved my life! Actually it gave me a life!

The more this program changes the more it stays the same. I sure as heck better keep up with the change. The statement more will be revealed is true, but to understand that you have to keep coming back just as I did.

The reason I'm saying this is there for several years there were only two of us really doing much for this group Business wise. There were others coming to meetings but that's it. But we just kept on carrying the message that any addict can stop using drugs, loose the desire to use, and find a new way to live.

You see the more things happen in my life the more things are revealed to me.

Thank you Clean and Serene, Area, God, and Narcotic Anonymous. Thanks to all the addicts who had to die so we can have a chance to live. Also thank you to the ones this program touches their lives in a real special way so we each can see it in their lives as well.

In Loving Service Curlon W