A.A. Group #4 The New Jersey Group of Alcoholics Anonymous



In June of 1939, the New Jersey Group of Alcoholics Anonymous began meeting at the South Orange home of Herb D. The Sunday Night meetings continued here off and on until October. At this time, the group was beginning to grow and had about 15 members. At these meetings you would have found many of the pioneers of Alcoholics Anonymous including: Hank P. (The Unbeliever), William R. (A Business Man's Recovery) and the first Class "B" Trustee and Chairman of the Alcoholic Foundation; Douglas D., Paul K., Harry B. (A Different Slant) Harry was "Fred" in Chapter III of the big book and served as the second Class "B" Chairman. Morgan R. (The Gabriel Heatter Radio Show), Ernest M. (Mac), Gordon M., and Bob V. all of whom are mentioned in the A.A. Book "Pass It On". New Jersey's second woman, (after Florence R.) Helen P. along with Gordon M. had their photos appear with other A.A. members in the Saturday Evening Post article in March of 1941. Lastly Wally V., George S., Ken C., Gene E., and Tom K. who later became the third Class "B" Trustee from the group. Over the years, The South Orange Sunday Night Group would have four different members serve as Class "B" Trustees.

The New Jersey Group of A.A. was later renamed the South Orange Sunday Night Group