

## **Green Acres Group History**

As relayed to Joyce K from one of the Founders Bo J, the Name “Green Acres” came from the very 1st meeting place. It was in a Public Housing Complex called “Green Acres” on Slocumb Street near the Back Gate of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro NC.

“Unofficially” the Green Acres Group was Founded December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1947 (according to Jim W whom had relayed this information to a current member around 2002)

Official Records from the GSO (General Service Office of AA) in New York record the first correspondence from the group dated March 28<sup>th</sup>, 1948. (See Attached)

## **Founding Members**

Jack D

Herb H

Bo J

Jack F

George L

All Deceased but some of these Founding Members Children are now Active Members of Green Acres Group.

### **Early Meeting Place and Times**

Over a Dry Cleaners

217½ North John St

Goldsboro NC

Meeting were held on Monday and Friday Nights at 8pm

13 Members in 1948 was recorded by GSO

In 1957 the Group had grown significantly and had to be moved due to safety issues at the John St location. It seems that the flooring above the Dry Cleaners was giving way. The Group then moved to 620 N Madison Ave in Goldsboro.

Unverified reports have it that, around 1958 Mr. Pat M had been sober for a time in AA. He and his grateful family donated to the group the property on Highway 117 and Arrington Bridge Road (current meeting location.) To avoid conflict with the AA Traditions dealing with the Groups inability to own property, several members of the Community and the Green Acres Group decided to form a Corporation. So, with Mr. Pat M as one of the original Directors, the Wayne County Recovery Corporation (WRC) was formed. It was incorporated on September 17, 1958 for the purposes of providing a permanent meeting place for AA in the community.

**Present Meeting Place and Times**

Green Acres AA Building

1903 US Highway 117 S

Goldsboro NC 27530

At the Intersection of US 117 South and Arrington Bridge Rd

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 11207

Goldsboro NC 27534

Monday	Noon	5:30pm	8pm
Tuesday	Noon	5:30pm	7pm
Wednesday	Noon	5:30pm	8pm
Thursday	Noon	5:30pm	8pm
Friday	Noon		8pm
Saturday	10:30am		8pm
Sunday	11:00am		8pm

The Group experienced a Fire at the building around the year 1980. The WRC had an insurance policy that enabled a complete refurbishment.

The Group Property is located near the Neuse River and is Prone to Flooding, especially during Hurricane events. Hurricane Fran in September of 1996, Hurricane Matthew in October 2016 and Hurricane Florence in September of 2018 all Flooded the Entire Property and the meetings had to be temporarily moved to other locations.

In the period from April 21, 2008 to June 01, 2015 the group had some quite interesting and intense Business Meetings. The main topic was the idea of making the meeting place “Smoke Free”. The Group ultimately became “Smoke Free” on June 1st, 2015.

The Individual Group Members did, at times donate the equivalent amount of Years sobriety in Dollars to the GSO in New York as part of their anniversary celebrations.

Approximate number of Current Members 100

The Group does not Celebrate its Founding Anniversary.

The Green Acres Group does participate in the monthly Coastal Plains Fellowship. The Green Acres Group Host the event in March of every year. The Group is also an active participant in AA's District 60 (Kinston NC) and of Area 51 (North Carolina). The Group Supports the GSO in New York and Periodically sends donations to all.

The Green Acres Group does provide a 24-Hour AA Hot-Line in service to the Community. 919-735-4221.

Submitted this the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of December in the Year 2018.

By Dale H (GSR Green Acres Group of AA)