

NEW BEGINNINGS

Date Founded: 2008

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Founding Members: Judy Blake and other recovering alcoholic women in Lake Wildwood

Original Location: Met in various members' homes

Current Location: Buttermakers Cottage, Western Gateway Park, Penn Valley

Day of Week and Time of Meeting: Friday, 10:00 a.m.

The New Beginnings meeting was established in 2008 by Judy Blake & included a small group of recovering alcoholic women in Lake Wildwood. Meetings were held in various homes each Friday morning. As word spread our sisters in Grass Valley & Nevada City began attending. So we also held meetings in homes at those locations.

The meeting grew and grew until it became impossible to hold in homes. So, in June 2013, we rented Buttermakers Cottage in Western Gateway Park and had the meeting included in the local AA directory. In 2019, the meeting registered with GSO and the District, and in 2020, elected its first GSR. The meeting has always been and continues to be a closed women's meeting.

The format is that we read the daily selection from Hazelton's New Beginnings with a discussion following on that reading. The first Friday of the month is a Step meeting, corresponding to the month (i.e., January is the 1st Step, February, the 2nd Step, etc.)

Members volunteer for the Secretary position and to bring snacks each week (we have great snacks!) These positions change weekly. The Treasurer & GSR, however, are elected positions with a term of 2 years. There is a loyal following of women with an average attendance of 25. We think it's a great meeting!