

# SOCA AREA ARCHIVES GROUP HISTORY: The "Freedom Group" May 31, 1990 - Oct. 27, 2011



The Freedom Group was founded on Thursday, May 31, 1990 and kept its doors open until they finally closed in October 27, 2011.

The Freedom Group was located at 97 Main St. in the Community Centre 55 (just south of Gerrard St. E.), in Toronto, Ontario. Original members included: Kerry B. (Secretary), Chrissie Y. (Group Director), Carol W. (Librarian), and Danny D. (Treasurer). Other early members included: Phil F., Anthony V., Dominic S., Perry A. Mooneyan, Bobby D., and Tommy H.

Originally the C.A. Group was called the "Freedom 55" Group of C.A. (55 after the name of the Community Centre where the Group met). The name was ratified by the Group on September 27, 1990 and was later changed to the "Freedom Group of C.A." at the Thursday, January 31, 1991 business meeting.

The Freedom Group originally met every Thursday at 8:00 pm, but by 1994 it was opening its doors at 7:30 pm and by 1996, the Group would meet at 7:00 pm until it

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closed its doors in 2011. Group business meetings were held the last Thursday of the month.



Angelina, organized the creation of The "Freedom Group" banner which was presented to the Group on October 29, 1992.

Like many C.A. meetings, the Freedom Group's readings over the years included: The 12 Steps of Cocaine Anonymous, The 12 Traditions of Cocaine Anonymous, "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," "How It Works" and "We Can Recover". There were also short presentations on "What is Cocaine Anonymous", Sponsorship and Service, Alcohol is a Drug, and The Promises of C.A., The Freedom Group also took time for Secretary Announcements, C.A. Key Tag presentations and regularly took a 7th Tradition. The Focus of the Group was generally Big Book discussions.