

SERENITY GROUP
2003-Present

The Group split off from the Village Group in about 2003. We were located at the Old Funeral Home at 134 A Nelson Street in Arroyo Grande from 2003 to mid-2020. We are presently located in a Church at 555 S. 13th St., Grover Beach.

Many of the original members still attend.

We have 3 to 4 one hour meetings each day. The first meeting begins at 6:45 am in order that our members who work locally can still get to their job by 8 o'clock. The 6:45 start time was not popular by all and it was not uncommon for people to arrive late. A larger controversy arose over our use of the book "Drop the Rock" which we used in rotation with "Living Sober". "Drop the Rock" is not A.A. Conference approved. We wrote to the General Service Office concerning the use of this book in our program and were informed that we were free to use what we wished in our program as long as it was directed by the "Group Conscience". Later one of our members was touring one of the homes Bill and Lois Wilson lived in "Stepping Stones" and saw a copy of "Drop the Rock" lying on the table in the house. Not that it proved anything, it was just interesting. Other controversies were clapping following the readings of the portions of Step 3, 5 and the 12 Traditions at the beginning of each meeting as well as not ending each meeting with the "Lord's Prayer".

We struggled with the COVID19 restrictions, and the Alcoholic trying to get or stay sober. Our building was sold while this was happening. We wondered if we would have to close, or should we find a new location?. We continued with some small meetings, using masks and social distancing. Eventually we found a new and larger space and are back offering our full meeting schedule, with masks and social distancing.

Our new location is a Church located at 555 South 13th Street in Grover Beach.

Please feel free to contact us with additions or corrections to our history.