

EAT ALL YOU WANT:

BUT BE CAREFUL  
WHAT YOU DRINK!



WELCOME TO OUR  
50th ANNIVERSARY  
BREAKFAST

Local legend recounts that the earliest regular Richmond A.A. meetings were held in a most unlikely setting - the back room of **Pikes liquor Store!** This 1946 event was precipitated by Bill P. (the owner's son); Roy H., a famous photographer; and a uptown merchant, Bob B. A local piano tuner, Bill M., was the only one of this fledgling group to finally find long term permanent sobriety.

Perhaps the understandable concern of the owner prompted the move to an upstairs Drop-In -Center in the downtown **Craighead Building** at 925½ Main Street. Bill M. maintained residence at this key club and made 'eggshell coffee' in a 'never-to-be-washed' coffee pot. The group had a split in 1948 when Chas. H. started the short lived **Quaker City Group**. The Craighead Bldg. group became the on-going **Richmond Group**.

In February of 1951 the Richmond Group moved across the street into Rm. #205 of the **Hibberd Bldg.** on the North West corner of 9th and Main. In 1952 twenty -two members were listed with N.Y. This was the only meeting in town until Jerry M. and a few others started the **Westside Club** at 33 N.W. 'J. Street. This group moved to the Westside Friends Meetinghouse in 1960.

Another split from the Richmond Group occurred in the mid-fifties when a few members started meeting in the **Leland Hotel**. Then, Red A. found a nice family room in **St. Pauls Church** at 800 North A. Street. This group still meets there.

The **Richmond Group** left The Hibberd Building in 1956 or 1957. They moved to 101 North 10th Street where they still meet. This group became 50 years old this year!

The **Camel Club** started in the mid-sixties but had to close after the terrible 1968 downtown explosion. Keith G. found a great meeting room at the **Chester Hts. Church** and the club group began to meet there on Friday nights. A split occurred in 1973 and some of those members started to meet at the Y.M.C.A. this was the **AZ-U-R Group**. They now meet at the 228 Club.

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