

Welcome to the Back Porch AA Meeting. My Name is

* _____ (first name only) and I am your chairperson. *(If there is a co-chairperson please recognize them here)*

This is an open aa meeting that uses online technology. When you sign in please use your first name and last initial to protect your anonymity if you wish. If you choose to not use video so others cannot see your face you may use a profile picture. This is an open meeting, and it was started out of a need for fellowship. All are welcome who have a desire to stop drinking.

Please mute yourself while others are speaking.

The format for this meeting will be evolving. Please be patient as we navigate these difficult times... We ask that what and who you see here stays here. Recording has been disabled and we ask that if you wish to chat that you do so respectfully and in keeping with our singleness of purpose. Please refrain from cross-talk in both chat and during the meeting.

Let us take a moment of silent meditation followed by the serenity prayer.

Serenity Prayer

•God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

(Chairperson reads)

AA Preamble

• *Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.*

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

I have asked _____ to please read how it works from the Big Book. *(Before the Meeting Find a Person who would be willing to read How it works from the Big Book)*

I have asked _____ to read our 12 traditions. *(prior to the meeting please identify a member who would be willing to read the 12 traditions that can be found in the back of the 4th edition or online.*

Introductions :

- Is there anyone attending their first, second, or third AA Meeting? If so would you please introduce yourself to the group using your first name only.
- Is there anyone in their first 30 days of sobriety?
- Group announcements: please review on web page backporchmeetings.com • AA announcements 1. Women's Meeting Saturday and Women's Big Book Study Sunday afternoon.
- New Monthly Speaker Meeting: Please Join us for a speaker meeting on the 2nd Saturday of Every month (April 10) at 7 pm MST (9 pm east coast, 6 pm W.Coast) April Speaker will be John D. from Loveland Colorado. Please join us.
- Any AA Anniversary's from 30 days to multiples of years?
- Seventh tradition. We observe the seventh tradition and are self-supporting through our own contributions you may contribute on Venmo using @backporchmeetings or using pay pal on our website. (Chairperson: approx halfway through commented [JD1]: the meeting please "pass the basket" reminding people of the 7th tradition)
- If anyone wants a desire chip or a big book please message the chairperson or go to the website www.backporchmeetings.com and there is an order page. Big Books are available for purchase but if you cannot afford one please let us know so we may make sure you have one ordered via scholarship. We believe strongly that no one who needs one, should go without a big book and there are scholarship books available through the website or private chat message the chairperson and we will make sure you get one.
- If you need an attendance certificate you may go to the attendance section of the website to fill out the form to receive a signed certificate.

Topic

- The Chairperson will have prepared a topic using AA-approved literature with a focus on the Big Book of AA as it is the most accessible of the resources for members.
- Please Be mindful of the size of the group and the length of your sharing so that all may have an opportunity to share if they desire. *(Chairperson if sharing is overly long a gentle reminder to 'wrap it up and can talk more in the meeting after the meeting' –) (Chairperson please post in the Chat what page number your topic is from and what aa literature so others may find it and read it for themselves)*

Call on persons to share

- Please share your experience strength and hope as it pertains to your alcoholism.
- • Please respect others and please do not cross-talk.
- Please mute yourself while others are sharing.

The chairperson will call on persons to share and will open up the meeting about 15 minutes before closing for persons who wish to share.

If you have a desire to share you may raise your hand virtually or on-screen and the chairperson will call on you.

Chairpersons at approx 15 minutes before the end of the meeting:

Seventh Tradition

- Our Seventh Tradition states that we should be self-supporting through our own contributions. We use Venmo for contributions at this time. @backporchmeetings to contribute. You may also use Pay Pal on the website.
 - This group believes strongly in sponsorship. If you have a working knowledge of the twelve steps of AA and are willing and able to sponsor, we ask that you raise your hand at this time. If you are new to the program and are seeking a sponsor, please note those people who have raised their hands and you may privately message them to talk more about that.

Closing:

- Sponsorship is encouraged and this group encourages sponsorship. Please IM someone after the meeting in the chat area to talk to them about being your sponsor.
- Thank you all for sharing and being part of the solution.
- Closing with the lord's prayer or serenity prayer at the chairperson's discretion. You may do this with the mute on or off.
- The meeting will stay open for some time following for fellowship and exchange of numbers. (Chairperson: please be prepared for 15 min at least of post-meeting fellowship)