

Welcome to the Back Porch AA Meeting. My Name is \* \_\_\_\_\_ (first name only) and I am your chairperson.

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. The back-porch friends of bill group is an open meeting.

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.

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#### 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.

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#### 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 selfsupporting

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 \_\_\_\_\_ please read how it works from the Big Book.(Prior to 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 4<sup>th</sup> edition or online.

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Introductions it is often easiest for the chair person to call out persons from the gallery and ask them to introduce themselves.

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- 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? We will go around the “room” and introduce ourselves. Please feel free to use your first name only.
  - Group announcements: please review on web page [backporchmeetings.com](http://backporchmeetings.com)
  - AA announcements
  - 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

#### Topic

- The Chair person 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.
- Those who do not have a big book or 12 and 12 these may be found online at [aa.org](http://aa.org)

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#### Call on persons to share

- Please be respectful of the size of the group and share appropriately
- 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 chair person 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 and the chairperson will call on you.

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#### 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. that pays for the upkeep of the meeting and adding hosts or other meetings. Some excess funds may be used to help brick and mortar groups during this time of crisis to pay their rent or other fixed expenses not covered by their prudent reserve.
- The steering committee will meet regularly. The next steering committee meeting will be 3/29/20 at 1900 hours MST.

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#### Sponsorship and Closing

- Sponsorship is encouraged and this group encourages sponsorship. Please IM someone after the meeting on the chat area to talk to them about being your sponsor.

- Closing with the lords prayer or serenity prayer at the charipersons discretion. You may do this with mute on or off.