

Welcome to _____, an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. Groups, districts, and individuals are volunteering to facilitate these virtual meetings during a time that many in-person meetings have been suspended due to public health concerns. We are offering these virtual meetings so that we can carry the message to those who want to connect face-to-face and cannot do so otherwise.

My name is _____ and I am an alcoholic from [your district or homegroup]. I will be your Facilitator for this meeting.

Let's take a moment of silence to reflect on our primary purpose, followed by the [_____] In these virtual meetings, it is vital that everyone keep background noise minimal so that the speaker can be clearly heard. When not speaking, please make sure your line is muted by using the mute button on your phone, microphone icon on the Zoom app, or by pressing *6. To unmute when you wish to speak, press *6 or the mute or microphone icons again. If you do not mute your phone line, the Facilitator may do so in order that others may hear. Please be aware that if that happens and you are on a phone, you MUST press *6 to unmute regardless of what type of phone you have.

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.

[_____] will now read "How it Works" from Chapter 5 in the Big Book.

Thank you, [_____]. The short form of the 12 traditions, found on page 562 of the Big Book, will be read by [_____].

Thank you, [_____].

Is anyone celebrating a milestone or annual birthday in the month of March? [pause] Are there any AA related announcements? [pause]

**** Note to Facilitator: if this is an ASL-interpreted meeting, please announce to the group that an interpreter is present and will be speaking on behalf of the deaf or hard of hearing alcoholics.**

Seventh Tradition contributions can still be accepted via traditional mail-in methods. Online cashless services are being established. Please, however, be sure to stay in touch with your local and GSO websites for all current contribution options. You can access most mailing addresses here:

<https://www.area8aa.org/where-to-send-contributions>

We remind you that there should be no recording of this meeting. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions. What you hear here, who you see here, please let it stay here.

I will now turn the meeting over to our chairperson, [_____].

CLOSING:

Thank you, [_____] for chairing the meeting, [_____] & [_____] for reading, and for all who attended.

Let's take a moment of silence for the alcoholic who still suffers, followed by the [_____]

**** Note to Facilitator: Please remember to click "END MEETING FOR ALL" instead of only closing your browser or leaving the meeting, so that the Zoom meeting will close properly.**