

Open Speaker Meeting held on the 4th Sunday

Note: The chairman of each meeting is responsible for putting out literature & signs, having coffee ready, setting the thermostat, etc. The chairperson is also responsible for ensuring that everything is put away, the thermostat is reset, the coffee and supplies are cleaned up, and that the garbage is emptied after the meeting if needed. Anyone is welcome at open meetings, but the chairperson should ask members if anyone objects to letting a visitor attend a closed meeting. Regular Sunday and Tuesday meetings are closed. Speaker meetings are open.

I. Chairperson Introduction

Would everyone turn their cell phone off or to silent mode?

II. Moment of Silence

Let's observe a moment of silence for the alcoholics still suffering followed by the Serenity Prayer.

III. Serenity Prayer

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

IV. Welcome

Welcome to the monthly open speaker meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon. Your presence tonight does not indicate that you are an alcoholic, but that you are interested in the problems of alcoholism. For those who may be attending our meeting for the first time, I would like to remind you of AA and Al-Anon traditions of anonymity.

AA Tradition 11 – Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. Our names and pictures as AA members ought not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us.

AA Tradition 12 – We of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities.

The anonymity of each member of AA is a prized possession over which they alone have control. It is their right to break this anonymity in public or in private. We therefore ask that you respect this right by not discussing by name in public those in attendance at this meeting. However, feel perfectly free to discuss any ideas or thoughts you may have gained here tonight.

V. How it Works

VI. The Traditions

VII. Promises

VIII. Announcements

AA literature is available at our cost for anyone who wants it and pamphlets are free.

IX. Introduce Speaker

X. Seventh Tradition

AA has no dues or fees, but we do have expenses. Visitors and new members are asked NOT to contribute.

Chairperson Note: Please count the money collected at the meeting and post the amount and your name in the calendar inside this notebook. The money should be dropped into the overnight envelope depository at the Renasant Bank after the meeting (not the next day).

XI. Chips

This AA group gives chips to members reaching different lengths of sobriety. The white chip is for 24 hours of sobriety, after a slip, or for anyone wishing to join this group; one month, red; two months, gold; three months, green; six months, blue; and nine months, purple.

XII. Closing

Close the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.