

Welcome to the Beginners' Big Book AA Meeting

((Introduce yourself))

I will be your chairperson
for the month of _____



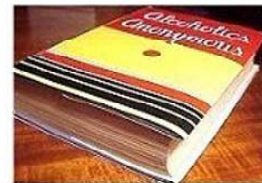
Dr Bob



Akron, Ohio - June 10, 1935



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In this Big Book Step meeting, we actually
FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS IN THE BIG
BOOK and TAKE ALL 12 steps

*Here's a quote from our AA co-founder
Bill Wilson, written in the 1958 AA Grapevine*

Sobriety -- freedom from alcohol -- through
the teaching and practice of the Twelve Steps,
is the sole purpose of an AA group

(End quote)

1. Let's open tonight's meeting with a moment of silence followed by the **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

2. ARE THERE ANY NEW PEOPLE?

3. Are there any announcements for the good of AA?

4. LITERATURE TABLE

- (a) Free Cd's -
- (b) Free handouts / worksheets
- (c) Free 4x6 pictures
- (d) books at cost

5. Are there any AA ANNIVERSARIES OF 1 YEAR OR MORE?

6. Are there any out of town guests?

7. Please SILENCE your cell phones

8. We have Big Book Guide books available to use in the meeting, who needs a book?

9. We will be passing the basket at this time

10. COURT PAPERS WILL ONLY BE SIGNED **BEFORE** THE MEETING STARTS

If you have to leave the meeting EARLY, please feel FREE to do so

11. Is there anyone sick or in the hospital that we can keep in our prayers?

Let's take a moment of **SILENCE** for those named

12. SHARING PARTNERS

We provide “sharing partners” for this meeting. Anyone who wants to take ALL 12 steps and be “RECOVERED” from ALCOHOLISM.

Please talk to a sharing partner after the meeting tonight. You don't have take the steps alone!

A sharing partner is a person has taken all 12 steps and is willing to take the new person thru the 12 steps.

Any men or women who want to take the 12 steps please connect with a sharing partner.

A sharing partner can work with you on a 1 to 1 basis so you can take all 12 steps!

Who want's a sharing partner?

Remember, this Group takes all 12 steps every month at the group level. Starting with steps 1, 2 and 3 on the first Sunday of EVERY month.

13. Alcoholics Anonymous 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.

14. This is a home group, if you would like to join “Beginners’ Big Book” please see one of our homegroup members

WILL THE HOMEGROUP MEMBERS please RAISE YOUR HAND, thankyou.

15. We will be using the “Big Book” guide books. Each page and paragraph is numbered.

We will be calling out page numbers and paragraphs so you can read or listen along with us.

Big Book Sponsorship

It only takes 4 hours to learn 'how it works' and a lifetime to practice it!

In the early 1940's the Beginners' Meetings were held throughout the U.S. and Canada during a period of time when A.A. witnessed 50-75 percent recovery rates from alcoholism.

Newcomers quickly learned "How It Works". They had conversion experiences, discovered a new way of living without alcohol and carried this message of hope to others.

After completing the steps, newcomers, to ensure their own sobriety, helped others through the Steps and led the Beginners' Meetings.

Studying the Steps is not the same as taking the Steps. In the "Beginners' Classes" you

take the steps. The Big Book says, “Here are the steps we took” not “here are the steps we read and talked about.”

The AA pioneers proved that action, not knowledge, produced the spiritual awakening that resulted in recovery from alcoholism.

Our Beginners’ Meeting quotes entirely from the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, our basic text for recovery.

Beginners’ Meetings can be conducted in one half day or in four, one-hour sessions to take all 12 steps!

It is suggested that everyone get a copy of the “Big Book” of Alcoholics Anonymous.

**ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS
OR COMMENTS?**