

DISTRICT 11 – AA's PRIMARY PURPOSE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, April 2, 2020 – 7:00pm

OPENING:

- Quiet time followed by the **Serenity Prayer**

WELCOME / ROLL CALL:

- CLARIFICATION: This meeting is NOT our monthly business meeting; our group conscience voted to cancel April's business meeting and resume with the regular schedule in May.
- These are unprecedented times due to Governor Pritzker's Executive Order to "stay at home" during the Coronavirus pandemic. Our "new normal" has required us to be creative to meet our needs, especially our AA programs. Our Primary Purpose is to stay sober and to help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. Today's meeting is focused first on discussing how to follow AA's 7th Tradition while we're homebound during this pandemic. Also on the docket are suggestions to help us and our fellows with our AA programs by sharing the message, tools, meetings and updates with all alcoholics.
- Who is on this call?

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 7th Tradition for Online Meetings - "Every AA group should be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."
 - Your 7th Step Contributions: [AA's 7th Tradition Fact Sheet](#)
 - GSRs should discuss how to best follow AA's 7th Tradition via **group conscience** with their home groups in this new era of virtual meetings
 - Here's an article from AA's Box 4-5-9 that shares a member's experience with "Passing the (Digital) Basket on page 3 [AA Box 4-5-9 Passing the Digital Basket p 3 Holiday 2017](#)
 - Options for electronic 7th Tradition collection
 - PayPal - [Setting Up a PayPal Account](#), [Sending Money Using PayPal](#)
 - Venmo – How Venmo Works [How Venmo Works](#)
 - Credit Cards
- Access to virtual / online / phone AA meetings in District 11
 - [District 11 Online Meetings](#)
 - [Submit a new remote meeting to D11 website](#)
 - [Chicago Online Meetings](#)
 - [AA Intergroup Online Meetings - Global](#)
- Sharing **free** tools to use during this stay-at-home directive
 - [Free access to 2020 Grapevines](#)
 - [Free access to Hazelden Betty Ford meditation books - limited time](#)
 - [Free access to AA Speaker talks](#)

- AA in the Community
 - McHenry County Jail – meetings cancelled in early March until further notice
- CANCELLED EVENTS DUE TO COVID-19:
 - April 4th Pre-General Service Conference Workshop is POSTPONED; when we get a new date, we will share it
 - April 19-25 General Service Conference in New York is CANCELLED; new dates not yet known
 - April 26th 46th Annual Women's Luncheon in Rosemont is CANCELLED
 - 2020 AA International Convention July 2-5 in Detroit is CANCELLED; 2025 Convention will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA [2020 AA International Convention Cancellation](#) [FAQs 2020 Convention Cancellation Process](#)
- Checking in with each other – I know I'm not the only one who tends to isolate during this home stay period. PLEASE reach out to each other. Use those phone lists from your meetings. You may just save someone's life.

OPEN MIC:

Ask questions and share important information. 2-minute limit.

INVITATION TO DISTRICT 11's BUSINESS MEETING:

Please join us on Thursday, May 7th at 7:00pm.

If the stay home directive is lifted, we will meet in person at First United Methodist Church, 201 West South Street, Woodstock, IL.

If we are still on home confinement, we will send out a virtual meeting invitation and post it on the D11 website.

CLOSE WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT:

I am responsible.

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,

I want the hand of AA always to be there.

And for that, I AM RESPONSIBLE.