

SPEAKER CHAIR SCRIPT

Good morning, good afternoon, good evening... Hi everyone and welcome to Newcomers International. I am XXX, a recovering alcoholic and your chairperson for today.

Let's start our meeting with a moment of silence to remember why we are here today, and the suffering alcoholics in & outside the rooms of AA.

We start the meeting with **THE SERENITY PRAYER** (<u>Chair reeds the serenity prayer</u>)

"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."

Now I have asked XXX to read the **AA preamble**.

I would like to call on **XXX** to read from CH(**X**) "**XXX**" Pages (**XXX**) from the big book of alcoholics anonymous.

This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous, *which means that anyone who is interested in Alcoholics Anonymous program of recovery from alcoholism are welcomed to our meeting*. This meeting is designed to support newcomers in their first 90 days. If you are new or returning, we are glad you are here. In keeping with our singleness of purpose and our third tradition which states

that "*the only requirement for membership is the desire to stop drinking*" we ask all who participate to confine their discussions to their alcoholism. If you wish to share, raise your Zoom hand or wave at the screen.

Attendance Verification email will be shared later in chat. Please send a request to the email address we provide later and allow us around 48 hours to reply back.

The private chat feature of Zoom has been disabled for security reasons. You may, however, chat to our Chat host who is XXX today, or any co-host if you have any questions or needs. Please avoid chatting to any Security member since they are busy keeping the meeting safe for you. Sharing is allowed to all participants with video on. If you had a drink today, we ask that you postpone your sharing to the after meeting for your own safety.

We are here **7 days a week**, at 9:00PM UK time, 4:00pm EDT, 1pm PDT and have a rotating format. We open the room **15 minutes early**, so join us and allow us to know you more...

Newcomers Day Count:

Now we would like to welcome Newcomers in their first 90 days to be recognized. Please raise your hand using the reactions icon from the bottom of your page to introduce yourself, tell us how many days you have, and since this is an international meeting, tell us where you are from. If you don't know how to use the raise hand feature, wave at the screen or chat to a cohost.

Let's start with XXX

Thanks to all who have shared their day count with us, we are extremely delighted you are here today. Please keep coming back, it works if you work it & we are here to support your recovery.

SPEAKER

I'm now delighted to introduce our speaker today who is (XXX) from (XXX) to speak for **20 minutes** & share their experience, strength & hope with us. Our timekeeper who is XXX today, will give you a 2 minute warning.

Take it away (XXX)...

Open Shares (Less than 90) Days:

I would like to call now on newcomers with **less than 90 days** to share with us. Tell us if you can relate or you are struggling to allow other guests to share back. We allow each share **2 minuets** & our timekeeper, will give you a friendly 30 second warning.

Again, for safety please make sure your videos are on and we can see your beautiful face. If you have had a drink today, we ask that you postpone your sharing until the after meeting or the breakout rooms.

Our last share will be XXX. (9:46 pm)

Thanks to all our newcomers for sharing with us tonight and before I call on people with **over 90 days** to raise their hands, I have couple of **announcements to make**,

7th Tradition, Service & Sponsorship

AA 7th tradition states we are fully self-supporting through our own contributions. If you would like to contribute to help other alcoholics, please notice AA members contribution link in Chat. All funds are used by AA General Service Organization to support alcoholics around the world achieve sobriety. Thank you in advance for your kind contributions.

Service & Home Group are excellent tools to protect your sobriety and work your program, we invite you to Join our Homegroup to be in service and support with simple tasks. Please share your details with our Chat host or any co-host for support.

We also invite people offering **sponsorship** to message our **chat host** with their details to add you to our sponsorship list to help others & cascade the message of AA.

Open Shares (Over 90) Days:

Lets start now with Over 90 days shares, where people with more time can share with the newcomers about their experience in this program of recovery.

** Call on people over 90 days until 9:58 pm

Closing:

Thanks to all who have shared with us tonight, we have reached the end of our meeting. If you didn't get a chance to share, please stay for the after meeting where we will continue sharing and have smaller breakout rooms to grant you more privacy. We divide people in to male & females breakout rooms and can grant you other grouping should you request it.

Thanks to our beautiful Homegroup members for their service today, without you all this meeting is not possible:

Security team: XXX Chat XXX, Timekeeping XXX, Reading: XXX and our lovely HG members for greeting our guests tonight.

And before I call on **XXX** to read our **10**th **step** promises, I would like to elaborate on the **attendance verifications**.

VERIFICATION

Attendance Verification is provided by sending us an email with some important details that will be shared in chat. Please allow us 48 hours to respond back.

Now over to XXX, to read the **10**th step promises.

Now, I would cordially invite our Speaker (XXX) to share their final thought and take us out with the **serenity prayer**. Please allow members to unmute themselves to pray together.

MEETING AFTER THE MEETING

Welcome to the meeting after the meeting where we will continue sharing, but we need to sort out people who are struggling or need a sponsor or can be a sponsor to a breakout room where we sort you in smaller groups, mail, female, and non-binary when requested. Please raise your hands now. Kindly be patient since this is a manual process.