

Cypresswood Group

BIRTHDAY NIGHT CELEBRATION PREAMBLE

Hi! My name is _____, and I am an alcoholic.

This is the monthly birthday celebration meeting of the Cypresswood Group of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other so 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 AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA 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 to help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Please join me in a moment of silent prayer or meditation followed by the Serenity Prayer.

This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. We ask in support of our Twelfth Tradition which states, in part, that anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions; that who you see here and what you hear here, please let it stay here.

In accordance with AA's 7th Tradition which states that every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions, we will pass the basket now.

_____ has volunteered to read The Promises from the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous.

In order to maintain our schedule and to allow each celebrant an opportunity to share, we ask celebrants to limit their time to 3 minutes. Please use the microphone so everyone can hear you.

It is now time to start the celebration!! Our first celebrant is_____.

<<**HAND OUT CHIPS**>> Closing Options: Serenity Prayer, 3rd Step Prayer, 7th Step Prayer, The Lord's Prayer