Vision of Hope DA- Thursday Night – Lawrenceville, NJ
Meeting Format

Opening:

Hello. My name is _____ and I am a compulsive debtor/spender. Welcome to the Vision of Hope Meeting of Debtors Anonymous.

Serenity Prayer: 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.

Preamble: Debtors Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from compulsive debting and spending.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop incurring unsecured debt. There are no dues or fees for DA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. DA 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 stop debting one day at a time and to help other compulsive debtors and spenders to stop incurring unsecured debt.

Readings:

Twelve Steps of DA

Twelve Traditions of DA

Alternate: week 1,4: Signs of Compulsive Debting/ Week 2,5: Just For This Day/ Week 3: 15 Questions.

Are there any Newcomers to DA here? Are there any visitors to our meeting here?

Please share your first name so we may welcome you.

A Word to Newcomers:

If you are having problems with money and debt and think you may be a compulsive debtor or spender, you have come to the right place. Debtors Anonymous can help you. We offer face-to-face, telephone, and Internet meetings, and we suggest attending at least six meetings to have an opportunity to identify with the speakers and become familiar with DA before deciding whether or not this program is for you. If you then identify with some or all aspects of compulsive debting, we hope you will join us on the path of recovery and find the peace, joy and love that we have found in Debtors Anonymous.

Topic:

Week One: Step Meeting – read from DA 12, 12 & 12 or Twelve Steps of DA pamphlet
Week Two: Business Meeting/ Visions
Week Three: Story Week: Speaker, Podcast or story from Currency of Hope book, Traditions, or Concepts
Week Four: Tool and Pamphlet Meeting. Read the Tools and associated pamphlet of the month.
Introduce Speaker. Speaker has up to 20 minutes to share their story ***OR*** read for up to 20 minutes.

Week Five: AA Big Book

Sharing:

In some groups, the speaker may respond to someone sharing from the group. However, in DA, we do not engage in cross-talk (members interrupting or directly addressing another sharer). Each person will be given __ minutes to share and we use a spiritual timekeeper.

Announcements:

We encourage newcomers to speak to other members and exchange phone numbers before leaving the meeting. Please stay on the line after the meeting if you want to give or obtain phone numbers or information about sponsors in this program. You may also give your phone number before expressing your mini-vision later in the meeting.
Are there any other DA-related announcements?

Anniversaries:

Is there anyone celebrating an anniversary in DA or special occasion such as 30, 60 or 90 days of solvency?

Seventh Tradition:

DA has no dues or fees. We are self-supporting through our own contributions, so we pass the virtual basket. Please give as generously as you can. However, if you cannot, please keep coming back.
We have a fund to send a representative to the annual World Service Conference.
And please keep in mind that our group's monthly expenses include Zoom rent, and a prudent reserve. In addition, DA has a service structure which depends on contributions from our group. After our group's needs are met, we contribute 50% to the General Service Office and 50% to our area Intergroup. Help us meet our responsibility for supporting DA as a whole.
You can make on line contributions to this meeting by sending a donation to @Sarah-Vogel-26 on Venmo. Please indicate if you want your contribution to be split between the General Fund and the fund to send a representative to the World Service Conference. Thank you for your support.

Promises:

Please read the Promises of DA.

Mini-Visions:

Now we share our Mini-Visions for the week.

Closing Statement:.

In closing, we would like to remind you that in Debtors Anonymous we practice Tradition 12, which is the principal of anonymity. This assures us the freedom to express ourselves in meetings and in private conversations without fear that our comments will be repeated. We keep what is shared at meetings confidential. As we work the steps and practice DA's Traditions and Concepts, we are reminded that recovery is possible and that we are all here for a common purpose – to recover from compulsive debting one day at a time.

Close with the Serenity Prayer