

Script Revised June 20, 2021 – Sunday Night BDA Online Meeting **– Begins at 8 pm Eastern / 5 pm Pacific, etc. –**

The meeting chair will be made a “co-host” as each meeting begins, so that they will have tech functionality, especially seeing the order of raised hands, lowering hands as sharers are called on, muting if necessary, etc. The newcomer greeter will likely be made a co-host, too.

ONLINE SCRIPT (highlights in yellow are guidance for meeting chair)

8:00 – 8:10 pm EST – Meeting opening (10 minutes)

CHAIRPERSON: Welcome to the Sunday BDA Online meeting for all DA and BDA members interested in practicing our spiritual principles in your business and work life. Practicing our 3rd Tradition — "The only requirement for DA membership is a desire to stop incurring unsecured debt." — we trust you, as a fellow debtor, to decide if this meeting is where you belong. My name is _____. I am a recovering debtor and business owner. Will all who care to please un-mute and join us in the “we” version of the Serenity Prayer (**wait for a count of 5 for unmuting**): “God, grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference.” Now everyone please re-mute unless you are reading or sharing.

READINGS BY GROUP MEMBERS: We have three readings we read now at the beginning of our meeting. If you would like to be one of our three readers, please raise your hand in zoom, so I can call on you and invite you to read. (**Note to Chair –You can read if necessary.**)

1. _____, I see your hand. Please read **“What is BDA?”**, which is now on the screen.
2. _____, I see your hand. Please read the **Twelve Steps**, which is now on the screen, and then the **Tradition for this month**, which will be put on the screen next.
3. _____, I see your hand. Please read the **Additional Tools for Business Debtors Anonymous**, which is now on the screen.

CHAIR READS: Please note that all non-DA money-, time-, earning- and income-related programs and services are outside issues and sharing about them in DA and BDA are in direct conflict with Traditions 3, 6, 7, and 10, as well as in indirect conflict with many others. Please respect our DA and BDA principles.

CHAIR READS: The Sunday Night BDA Online meeting is following a format revised by group conscience as recently as December 2020:

Week One: Read STEP of the month from 12, 12, and 12 Book

Week Two: SPEAKER on PROMISE of the Month (see same color on next page for guidance)

Week Three: Read TRADITION of the month from 12, 12, and 12 Book / **30-minute BUSINESS MEETING beginning at 7:25pm**

Week Four: Read BDA TOOL of the month from BDA Tools pamphlet (see same color on next page for guidance)

Week Five: Read CONCEPT of the month from 12, 12, and 12 Book

8:10 – 8:25 pm – Speaker for 15 minutes OR Reading until finished

Week 2 only – Tonight the speaker will share for 15 minutes on Promise ____.

– **OTHER WEEKS** – Tonight we will read DA literature on Step ____, Tradition ____, Concept ____, or **BDA Tool** ____ (see previous page)

Week 2 only – Is someone willing to be of service tonight as Spiritual Timekeeper? (no requirements for this position) Is our Speaker Getter on the line? **(If yes)** Would you introduce our speaker tonight? **(If present, speaker getter will help arrange time requests, give a brief intro to the speaker, and then either tech coordinator or meeting chair will start the recording. If not present, ask for speaker to come forward.)** **(Please use the record to the cloud feature. It is set for audio only.)**

IN THE CASE OF AN ABSENT SPEAKER ON WEEK TWO:

Week 2 only – Would someone like to share their experience, strength, and hope in BDA and how they've applied this month's Step to their recovery in business? Eligibility for speakers is 90 days of not incurring any new unsecured debt, has a sponsor, has taken this month's Step, at least 2 PRGs, and willing to be recorded. **(This is audio only, and only the speaker gets recorded.)**

Weeks 1, 3, and 5 – This week we ask members to read TWO paragraphs each from the DA 12, 12, and 12 book, which will be shown on screen. Please raise your hand in zoom if you would like to read, so I can call on you and invite you to read.

Week 4 only – This week we ask one member to read Tool _____ from the BDA Tools pamphlet, which is now on the screen. Please raise your hand in zoom if you would like to be our BDA Tool reader for tonight.

8:25 – 8:45 pm – GROUP SHARES on topic (3min per person)

Week 2 only (after the recording has been turned off) – Thank you to our speaker for your experience, strength, and hope on Step _____. Would you **(the speaker)** care to share your contact info now? Please speak slowly and clearly. **... pause for them to share info...** If you are not here when we share contact details later, may I share your contact info? **... pause for response...** For everyone else, our Newcomer Greeter will facilitate contact info exchange immediately after the close of the meeting. Next is group sharing. Group shares are 3 minutes. Timekeeper will give you a one-minute warning after 2 minutes have passed. Please acknowledge you've heard your warning. **See "for all weeks" below for next thing to say ...**

– **OTHER WEEKS** – Thank you to everyone who read tonight on our topic of _____. Next is group sharing. Is someone willing to be of service tonight as Spiritual Timekeeper? There are no requirements for this position. Group shares are 3 minutes. Timekeeper will give you a one-minute warning after 2 minutes have passed. Please acknowledge you've heard your warning.

For all weeks ... We invite everyone who knows they want to share to raise your hands in zoom sooner rather than later. By group conscience, if we reach a point where no hands are raised, but we still have time to share, I have permission to call on anyone present on tonight's meeting. Please note that if I call on you, you are being invited to share. If you are called on but do not wish to share, please simply pass. Our preference is to call on raised hands throughout the meeting. Who would like to share? **And so on ...**

8:45 – 8:50 pm – Announcements Break

ALL WEEKS – We will now break for about 5 minutes for 7th Tradition, BIZ Announcements, and Service Positions.

Reminder: **Our Business meeting is on the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a 30-minute meeting before our regular meeting, starting at 7:25pm eastern and 4:25pm pacific, etc.**

1. Seventh Tradition Announcement (to be read by Treasurer or substitute):

This meeting has no dues or fees for BDA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. By participating in 7th Tradition, we enjoy the privilege of giving back what has so generously been given to us. We collect contributions, through our general fund, used for our group needs, such as outreach materials, tech expenses, and support of the DA and BDA service structure. We maintain a second, separate fund to pay for the expenses of our GSR as they attend the annual World Service Conference (WSC). Our GSR is fully funded for 2021.

7th Tradition buttons can be found on our website at sundaybdaonline.org. I will also post the link to chat. If you want your contribution to go to the GSR Fund, please include a note with your contribution. The default for contributions is our general fund. Please give generously and attend our next business meeting to hear our monthly Treasurer's report. Our most recent report is available at sundaybdaonline.org. I'll post the exact link for those reports in chat as well.

2. Free Literature Announcement (to be read by Treasurer or Meeting Chair):

Our group generously supports the distribution of free conference-approved literature to BDA newcomers and members who need and request it via **BDA Help for Debtors (registered group # 7720)**. They offer both of our DA books and several DA and BDA pamphlets via mail or both of our books and all DA and BDA pamphlets by eBook. Please look for the links to "Free Literature" on their home page at helpfordebtors.org, which will take you to a request form. Upon receipt of your form submission, your literature will be gratefully sent to you. Again, visit helpfordebtors.org to request and receive free DA and BDA conference-approved literature. While you're there, be sure to check out the page related to BDA Online Events. (These two links will be posted to chat, too.)

3. Business Announcements:

Does anyone have Business announcements for the good of the group or **DA or BDA** as a whole?

4. Finding BDA Meetings and Readings:

Once more, please visit our group's website at sundaybdaonline.org to find our meeting readings and other details about our group. Most BDA readings and meetings can be found at debtorsanonymous.org. Please also visit helpfordebtors.org for a wealth of information and resources for BDA members and groups.

8:50-9:05 pm – RETURN to Regular Shares

We'll now return to group 3-minute shares. For all who share, please acknowledge the TIMEKEEPER'S 1-minute warning. **Before reopening shares on tonight's topic, we encourage newcomers to claim your seat by sharing for up to 3 minutes, perhaps sharing on what brings you here tonight or on the progress you're making in BDA so far. Are there any newcomers who want to share tonight?**

If not or after newcomers have shared ... We'll now return to our regular 3-minute shares, with warnings from our timekeeper after one minute has passed. Who would like to share? **And so on ...**

9:05-9:09 pm – 4 minutes for Business Goals

Our meeting encourages you to share your business goals for the upcoming week. Please keep them clear and brief so all who care to share may do so. Rather than waiting to be called on, please speak up whenever you are ready. If two members speak up at the same time, please politely resolve the overlap. We have up to 4 minutes to share our goals.

9:09-9:10 pm – 1 minute to Describe Our Group Contact List

ALL WEEKS – By group conscience, this meeting has assigned facilitation of contact information to our Newcomer Greeter, who will facilitate contact info exchange immediately after the close of the meeting. In the meantime, we have a group contact list much like the paper list you would see in face-to-face meetings. Several of the people on tonight's call are on that list, which is a simple spreadsheet on a (relatively) secure cloud platform – password-protected and with no advertising. If you would like access to the list for outreach to fellow members, or to add your name and contact info to the list, please email our 2021 Group Tech Coordinator, at sundaybdaonline@gmail.com, to request access. A link to the list will be emailed to you within 24 hours. The email address will be added to chat.

9:10 pm – 5 minutes until Close

1. “Who would like to give service and read the Promises of Debtors Anonymous?”

2. Chair Reads:

Thank you to everyone who gave service tonight including our speaker (**if there is one**), readers, sharers, goal setters, and elected trusted servants.

DA's Statement of Purpose: In DA, our purpose is threefold: to stop incurring unsecured debt, to share our experience with the newcomer, and to reach out to other compulsive debtors.

From DA's Notes to Newcomers: “We suggest that you practice the principle of anonymity. Who we see and what we hear at meetings and in private conversation is kept confidential. This principle allows all members the freedom to speak openly and honestly without fear that our words or deeds may be used to harm us. Please respect the anonymity of all DA members.”

9:14 pm and a half – 30 seconds until Close

Say to meeting: Please un-mute if you would like to join us in closing with the ‘We’ version of the Serenity Prayer.”

“God, grant US the serenity to accept the things WE cannot change, the courage to change the things WE can, and the wisdom to know the difference.”

Thanks everyone for a great meeting! We'll now here from _____, our Newcomer Greeter, who will facilitate contact exchange, help newcomers, and answer questions. Everyone is welcome to stay.

9:15pm EST – End on Time