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Meeting Blindly

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Dear Jen,

While browsing the personals at an online dating service, I met a wonderful girl. We have been sending emails back and forth for a while now. I am ready to meet her, but have never seen a picture of her, so I am a bit scared. Should I insist on a photo first or just go ahead and set up a meeting?

Signed,

Blindly Dating

Dear Blindly Dating,

You need to be honest with yourself and decide if her appearance is what is most important to you. This person could either not be happy with their own appearance or even maybe doesn't have a digitalized picture to upload to her personals or in email. In fact, in my experience, some people don't send or post photos in their personals only because they are tired of people liking them for their looks without getting to know the inside. Whatever her reasons, it can't hurt to just ask her. If she says "no" you are no worse off then you are now. You just have to decide if you like her enough to take the time to test the chemistry in person sight-unseen. For that matter, just because a person's photo may be appealing, there is no guarantee that the chemistry will be there when you meet in person. I would also suggest if you have only exchanged e-mails so far, start talking on the phone a bit before you meet. You will get a better idea of how conversations truly flow between the two of you. Remember..."love is blind!"

Good luck in your quest for love

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How to Get the Most Out of an AA Meeting

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1. Know where the meeting location is in advance.

You might want to check a directory to see if the meeting is still at that location. Preferably, drive by the building at least the day before so you know where the building is, since many of the meetings are at night and it may be difficult to locate an address in the dark.

2. If you are self-conscious about going to your first AA meeting, or going to a new group, you might want to find someone to go with you who is a member of this group, or know someone in the group.

3. Have a positive expectant attitude.

If it's the first time that you are attending any AA meeting, you might want to talk with someone who is already a member of AA who can explain how the meetings work, or even take you to a meeting.

4. Take a nice bath that day if you can.

Not only will it help you relax and make you feel better as soon as you do, but you may also feel more comfortable in the meeting.

5. Wear comfortable clothes.

The dress code is very informal. Some meetings do not even require that you wear shoes. (Almost everyone in Alaska wears shoes during the winter!)

6. Have a bite to eat before you go if it's a later meeting, and you would have to delay your lunch or dinner.

No reason to be distracted by hunger pangs.

7. If you are a smoker and find it very difficult to go without a cigarette, you can make it easier by choosing a "smoking" meeting where, not surprisingly, smoking is allowed during the meeting, ashtrays are provided, and you won't go into a nicotine fit.

8. Try to arrive a few minutes before the meeting is scheduled to begin.

Most AA members are very friendly and glad to greet "newcomers." They're there for the same reason you are -- alcohol was a problem and they want to stop and stay stopped.

9. Realize that you are not required to say anything at all at a meeting.

It's all up to you to say as much or as little as you wish. You don't even have to give your name if you

don't want to.

10. Take it a day at a time, or five minutes at a time.

And allow yourself to enjoy the Fellowship.

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