

Many chapters are meeting virtually during the pandemic. Here are some ideas to add some “spice” to your virtual meetings. Note that some of the activities require asking members to do certain things ahead of time, so be sure to plan accordingly. Thank you to Dr. Beverly Hall-Maughan, TN State Organization President 2019-2021, for sharing these ideas.

Virtual Icebreakers and Activities

Acronym

Each member takes a turn to share an acronym or initial used at their work, home, church, chapter, or etcetera and have others guess what it means.

Balderdash

Attendees are asked a trivia question. Each person makes something up as an answer and then everyone votes on what’s the truth. If you convince people your lie was the truth, you win points. (Some people call this Psych)

Chapter Portrait

Try to make heart symbols between every two members and take a photo to send love to the rest of the chapter who could not join the call/virtual meeting. One person makes the left side of the heart while the other makes the right side of the heart. Take a photo or snap a photo with Snipping Tool.

Charades

Send a private message through chat of a movie title and have attendee act it out while others guess.

Chat Room Drawing

Instruct members to bring paper and pen to the meeting. Send a word or phrase to a member *privately* through the chat room. That member must provide instructions or describe the image for all other attendees to draw without using words that give away the term. After 3 minutes, have attendees show their drawings. (*This is different that Pictionary as all members except one attempt to draw the object described*)

Coat of Arms

Ask members to draw their personal or chapter Coat of Arms and share with the group.

Dance Party

Tell members whenever they hear music, they need to hop up and dance. Fun and brings a physical element to the meeting.

Doodle Away

At the beginning of the meeting ask your members to grab a pen and piece of paper and doodle away as many say that doodling helps people be more attentive and creative. At the end of the meeting, have members share the notes or artwork by showing paper to camera.

Five Of Anything

Have members name 5 of anything. Examples are:

- 5 Favorite Novels
- 5 Scary Movies
- 5 Worst Movies
- 5 Favorite Flowers
- 5 Favorite Vegetables
- 5 Favorite Restaurants
- 5 Favorite Cities
- 5 Disliked Tasks Around the House
- 5 Favorite Dog Breeds

Five Second Rule

Each attendee has five seconds to name three things. Examples are

- Ice cream
- Vacation spots
- Clothing
- Italian food
- Soft drinks

Have You Ever? (Take A Stand – Virtually)

Ask members a series of questions which can be answered with Yes or No and begin with “Have you ever...?” Attendees can respond in whatever method is pre-determined (jazz hands, thumbs up, thumbs down, or etcetera).

Some examples are:

- Have you ever eaten escargot?
- Have you ever played ice hockey?
- Have you ever kissed a hippopotamus?
- Have you ever ridden a camel?
- Have you ever been bitten by a snake?
- Have you ever broken a neighbor’s window?
- Have you ever been skydiving?
- Have you ever found money in the pocket of clothing that has been washed?
- Have you ever gone two days without brushing your teeth?
- Have you ever met someone who always mispronounces your name?
- Have you ever pretended to speak in a language that doesn’t exist?
- Have you ever been recorded by someone while singing in the shower?

Home Treasurer Hunt

Get attendees out of their chairs by giving them a task and having them bring back the item to show other attendees. Examples are *You have 25 seconds to...*

- Fetch something yellow
- Get the strangest thing in your home
- Find the first thing with your name on it
- Show a refrigerator magnet

I Want To Be An Astronaut

Have members share with everyone what they wanted to be when they “grew up”

If Only I Could...Then I Would...

Members fill each part of this sentence – If only I could _____, then I would_____.

I Spy

One member ‘spies’ something in another’s background and other members take turns attempting to guess what.

Match Game

Before your meeting, ask each attendee to answer a question. Show the answer to the group and let them guess who answered which question. Examples are:

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- A famous person I am related to is...
- I was born in ...
- If I were to have a tattoo, it would be...
- My first car was a ...

Match Game Photo Style

Before your meeting, ask each attendee to send you a photo of her as a baby or toddler. Create a slide show and have members match the photo to the member.

Meet My...

Inform attendees they will be introducing something or someone in advance of the meeting. Examples are *Meet My*:

- Pet
- Parent
- Child
- Sibling
- Plant
- Neighbor

No Smiling

At the beginning of the meeting, instruct attendees that they must keep a straight face with no smiling and glare with their most fierce facial expression directly into the camera. Under NO circumstances should they smile. Members should start smiling and laughing within a short span of time.

Nosy Neighbor

Ask participants to take a picture of something with their mobile phone and share by holding up to camera. Whoever is “in the chair” selects what that is.

Here are some ideas:

- Your view right now looking forward
- What is on the wall to your right
- Your desk
- Outside your house or flat
- Your freezer
- Your TV

One Word

Pick a phrase that is central to the program, agenda, or topic for discussion and have everyone write down one word that comes to their mind. Examples are:

- How can we increase membership?
- What project of focus should we concentrate?
- How are we going to grow our leaders?

One Word And “I’m In”

Start the meeting with having each person pick one word to fill in the sentence “I’m _____ and I’m in”

Example:

- I’m stoked and I’m in
- I’m excited and I’m in
- I’m ready and I’m in
- I’m set and I’m in

One Word At A Time

Create a surprise sentence by having each member say one word at a time. The first person says one word followed by each person in the meeting saying one word until an entire sentence is created one word at a time. This can also be conducted in the chat room.

Picnic Basket

This game is an awesome way to get to know everybody's names in your group, and some of their favorite foods. Take turns saying what item you'd bring to a picnic, with the first letter of the food being the same as your name.

Pictionary

Send a message *privately* to a person through the chat room and have them draw the object while others guess. (*This is different than Chat Room Drawing as only one member is drawing while others guess*)

Poll

Ask members questions using polling through Zoom. Share poll results with members.

Randomizer

Ask attendees to show a random item within their reach.

Rose, Rose, Thorn

Have everyone share 2 roses – these are things that are going well, any positives in their life right now, what’s making you happy or what you can be grateful for.

Ask them to also share a thorn. These are challenges or issues you are facing. They can be work or non-work related for both.

Option- Rose, Thorn, Bud. Same as above but would finish with a bud. A bud is what you have to look forward to – new ideas which have blossomed or new things you are going to try, etc.

Share Your Favorite

Have members share their favorite. Examples are:

- Favorite Tree
- Favorite Actor
- Favorite Ice Cream
- Favorite Vacation Destination
- Favorite Animal
- Favorite City in the Unites States
- Favorite City in the World

Show Your Favorite....

Notify attendees in advance what they will need to show to audience. Examples are:

- Favorite DKG Favor
- Favorite Book
- Favorite Photo
- Favorite pair of Socks

Show And Tell

Notify attendees in advance what they will need to show to audience. Examples are:

- Show something you have had since high school.
- Show something you use every day.

Speed Dating With Yourself

Provide attendees with the following instructions: Imagine you are speed dating with yourself and have to describe yourself in one sentence. The sentence must describe who you are and what you are all about.

Think Fast

Everyone has one minute to write down as many things as they can in a chosen category.

Two Truths And A Fib

Ask members a specific question and ask them to pick three answers – two that are true and one that is not true. Let other members guess which are truths and which are not. Examples are:

- Name three cities you have visited.
- Name three desserts you love.

Virtual Body Language

During meetings microphones are often muted. Create a signal or multiple signals that will help members express themselves. Examples are

- Shake hands in air versus clapping
- Salute instead of saying yes
- Thumbs up
- Heart symbol for happiness
- Jazz hands

Virtual Four Corners

One person closes their eyes and counts to 10, while every other person holds up a number one through four. The person counting then calls out one, two, three, or four and the people who held up that number are *out*. Continue to only 1 person remains *in*.

Virtual Statues

Members dance while they hear music, they freeze in place when the music stops.

Wear....

Notify attendees in advance to wear a particular object to the meeting and show attendees. Examples are:

- Hat
- Pajamas
- Costume

- DKG Tee shirt
- Socks
- Mask
- Glasses
- Hair Bow
- Ring on every Finger

Year Of The Coin

Fill a bowl with coins. Coins should have a variety of dates. Pick a coin out of the bowl for each person. The member will share something they were doing the year the coin was minted.

Yes...And

Provide a beginning statement which each attendee must add to the sentence with “Yes...and” (Note, you will need to establish the participant order prior to this activity). Each attendee will add to the sentence.

Examples are:

- We are going to host an online party (Yes...And)
- A comedian came to our meeting (Yes...And)
- There was a rock which looked like Santa (Yes...And)

Your One And Only

Share your one and only. Examples are:

- If you could only watch one movie for the rest of your life, what would it be?
- If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?
- If you could only talk to one other person for the rest of your life, who would he/she be?
- If you could only listen to one song for the rest of your life, what would it be?
- Holiday

Zoom Background Challenge

Before your meeting, set a theme and ask your attendees to pick a virtual background image that, for them, best represents the theme. (Note, you might have to provide instructions for setting up virtual background images)

Some examples are:

- 80's disco
- Dream vacations
- Memes
- Prom
- Holiday

Fun or Unusual Questions

Ask a fun question for members to answer. Example questions are:

Who is the most famous person you have ever met in person?

If you were a vegetable, what vegetable would you be?

If you woke up tomorrow as an animal, what animal would you choose to be and why?

If you could live anywhere on this planet and take everything that you love with you, where would you choose to live?

What favorite color are you and how does being that color make you feel?

If you could choose an imaginary friend, who would you choose and why?

If you could sit on a bench in a beautiful woods, who would you like sitting next to you on the bench and why?

Are you sunrise, daylight, twilight, or night? Please share why you picked your time of day.

If you could choose your age forever, what age would you choose and why?

If you could be in the movie of your choice, what movie would you choose and what character would you play? Why?

If you could meet any historical figure, who would you choose and why?

If you were a city, which city would you choose to be and why?

What are your 10 favorite foods?

If you were a candy bar, which candy bar would you be? Share why.

If you were to change your name, what name would you adopt going forward? Why?

Are you spring, summer, fall, or winter? Please share why.

If you were stranded on a desert island, what three items would you want to have with you?

Share a description of your favorite material object that you already own.

What item that you don't have already, would you most like to own?

If you could only choose one vacation destination where would you pick and why?

If you were to create a slogan for your life, what would the slogan be?

Pick something out of your pocket or purse and share with the group why it's important to you.

If you could meet any living person for a chat over a shared dinner, who would you pick and why?

If you awoke one day as a flower, what flower would you choose to be?

If you could choose one hobby that now seems out of your reach either financially or time-wise, what hobby would you take up and why?

Thinking about the architecture of houses, what type of architecture is the best fit for you?

Who would win in a fight: a horse-sized duck or 100 duck-sized horses?

What superpower would you choose to have? Why?

What was your favorite television show as a kid?

If you had a time machine, what time period would you travel to?

If you could only eat one thing for the rest of your life, what would it be?

If you had one wish, what would you wish for?

What song best describes you?

What is your proudest accomplishment?

If you could write a book, what would it be about?

What is the happiest moment in your life? What made it so special?

What is the scariest thing you've ever done for fun?

What is the best gift you've ever given/received?

What is your dream job?

What is something you were known for in college/high school?

What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

What does your ideal day look like?

What is your spirit animal?

What's rocking your work world today?

What do members complain about in your chapter?

What characteristic do you value the most in others?

What is the most important personal attribute that you bring to your chapter?

What are you most excited about in relation to your chapter this year?

What is one work skill that you'd like to develop, especially if you could do it easily?

If your chapter was a tree - what kind of a tree would it be and why?

If your chapter were a car, what kind of a car would it be and why?