

## Self-Support – WE are responsible!

What are the facts?

- Program Services and Supporting Services provided by GSB /GSO cost:
  - \$12.50 per member, per year
  - \$307.00 per group, per year
- Actual contributions from groups and members:
  - \$6.78 per member, per year
  - \$165.00 per group, per year
- Shortfall in contributions vs. services provided, made up by literature sale prophets:
  - \$5.72 per member, per year
  - \$142.00 per group, per year
  - Pre-Pandemic the annual shortfall between services provided and voluntary group and individual contributions was approximately 2 million dollars. In 2023 the shortfall was around 4 million. As we continue to recover from the financial impact of the pandemic these number should decrease, and the reserve fund will be built back to Pre-Pandemic levels.
- Percentage of Groups that contribute to the General Service Board: 31.6%
- Percentage of Groups missing out on the spiritual connection of contributing: 68.4%
- CNCA's current % of contributing groups: 38.36% (currently #22 in the US)

Where is the money spent?

- **(F-3) Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix** pamphlet  
[https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/F-3\\_0724.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/F-3_0724.pdf) 11 has a \$ break down)
- **(F-203) 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Fact Sheet**  
[https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/F-203\\_7th\\_Tradition\\_Fact\\_Sheet\\_2024.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/F-203_7th_Tradition_Fact_Sheet_2024.pdf)
- **(SMF-176) Services Provided by GSO/AAWS**  
[https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/Services\\_Provided\\_by\\_GSO-SMF-176\\_EN\\_1124.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/Services_Provided_by_GSO-SMF-176_EN_1124.pdf)

What can I do? Talk about it! Let members know about the above numbers!

- Talk about the importance of Self-Support:
  - Money and Spirituality Mix in The Hat
  - The Spiritual Connection that comes with contributing, even the most financially challenged group could decide to contribute \$1 per year to make that connection.
  - AA Membership = Ownership – this is my deal!
  - Inflation effect: 1935's \$1.00 = \$23.19 in 2025, 1984's \$1.00 = \$2.95 in 2025
  - Tri-Annual Survey says: in 1984 AA members attended an average of 4 meetings per week, in 2022 members averaged 2 meetings per week (How does 50% less meetings per week translate in contributions?)
  - What % does your group use to disburse excess funds to AA Service Entities?
- Personal Contribution Plan:
  - \$3-\$5 in the basket at your meeting
  - A larger \$ amount in the basket at my home group
  - Contribute at Area Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings
  - Participate in the **Birthday Plan (FR-5)** \$1 for every year sober, or a penny a day, \$3.65 per sober year!
  - On-line Contributions at AA.org (\$7,500 per year maximum, \$10,000 one-time bequeath)