

## Self-Support – WE are responsible!

What are the facts?

- Services provided by GSB /GSO cost:
  - \$7.40 per member, per year
  - \$152.90 per group, per year
- Actual contributions from groups and members:
  - \$6.09 per member, per year
  - \$125.78 per group, per year
- Shortfall in contributions vs. services provided, made up by literature sale prophets:
  - \$1.31 per member, per year
  - \$27.12 per group, per year
  - Approximately \$2 million +- shortfall annually for the last 20 years
- Percentage of Groups that contribute to the General Service Board: 43.7%
- Percentage of Groups missing out on the spiritual connection of contributing: 56.3%
- CNCA's current % of contributing groups: 58.8% (currently #3 in the US/Canada)
- CNCA's target goal % of contributing groups: # 1 (currently 65.1%)
- CNCA's current per capita contribution: \$6.59
- CNCA's target goal per capita contribution: \$7.40 (current cost of services provided)

Where is the money spent?

- **(F-3) Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix** pamphlet (page 11 has a \$ break down)
- **(SMF-176) Services Provided by GSO/AAWS** (9 page detailed document)

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: 1945's \$1.00 = \$.08 in 2011 – 1984's \$1.00 = \$.47 in 2011
  - Tri-Annual Survey says: in 1984 AA members attended an average of 4 meetings per week, in 2011 members averaged 2.6 meetings per week (How does 35% 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 ( \$5,000 per year maximum)
  - One time bequests (put AA in your will, \$5,000 maximum)