

Self Support- WE are responsible

What are the facts for 2018

Services provided by GSB/GSO cost:

- \$8.06 per member, per year
- \$166.87 per group, per year

Actual contributions from groups and members:

- \$5.91 per member, per year
- \$125.78 per group, per year

Shortfall in contributions vs. services provided, made up by literature sale profits:

- \$2.15 per member, per year
- \$44.42 per group, per year
- Approximately \$3 million

Percentages of Groups that contribute to the General Service Board: 41.3%

Percentages of Groups missing out on the spiritual connection of contributing: 58.7%

CNCA current % of contributing groups: 56.28% (Still currently #3 in the US/Canada)

Hawaii is 60.07 % and Georgia is 59.63 % of AA groups contributing

CNCA current per capita contribution: \$5.51

What is the money spent on?

- **(F-3) Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix** pamphlet (page 11 has a breakdown)
- **(SMF-176) Services Provided by GSO/AAWS** (a 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! I am responsible
- Inflation effect : What a \$1 could buy in 1935 now takes \$18.55 in 2018
- The Tri-Annual Survey says in 1984 AA members attended an average of 4 meeting per week. In 2014 members attended an average of 2.5 meetings per week. (How does less meetings per week translate in contribution?)
- What % does your home group use to disburse excess funds to AA Service Entities?

The Personal Contribution Plan

- \$3-5 in the basket at meeting
- A larger amount in the basket at your 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! You can make them re-occurring on-line (\$5000 per year maximum) It's easy to sign up!
- One time bequests (put AA in your will, \$10,000 maximum)