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)