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Dear Conference Member:

I send you warm greetings from your A.A.W.S. Board of Directors!

As you may know, the A.A.W.S. board has been spending a great deal of time focusing on the future of G.S.O. and how best to serve the Fellowship. Specifically, with respect to self-support, we realized that we could do a better job informing the Fellowship of how member contributions are used to carry our life-saving message to the still sick and suffering alcoholic.

To this end, we have created the attached "7th Tradition in Action" fact sheet which we trust will better convey to the Fellowship where and how the "dollar in the basket" is being used.

We also plan to make better use of Box 4-5-9, the A.A. Grapevine, the contribution acknowledgements, and aa.org to communicate to the Fellowship examples of the "7th Tradition in Action"—stories that we hope will better convey where and how the "dollar in the basket" is being used. Please feel free to send in your own *7th Tradition in Action* story.

You can send your stories to A.A.W.S. by email or regular mail to Sandra Wilson, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1100, NY, NY 10115/wilsons@aa.org.

Thank you for your service, and we look forward to hearing from you.

As always, we thank you for your service, and your participation in the process.

In fellowship,



Chet Parker
Chair
A.A. World Services, Inc. Board of Directors

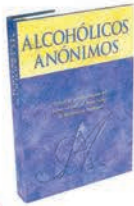
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YOUR SEVENTH TRADITION CONTRIBUTIONS

Carrying Our Message Beyond Your Home Group

When you or your home group contributes to the General Service Office (G.S.O.) your contribution helps an alcoholic around the corner or around the world.

Here are some of the ways that happens:

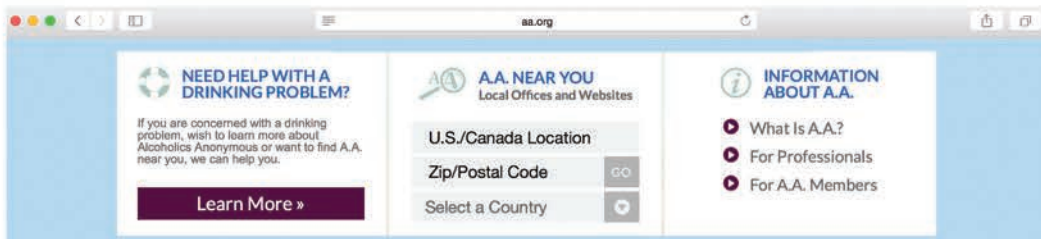


1 The G.S.O. Publishing Department has coordinated translations of the Big Book in 68 languages and translations of other A.A. literature in more than 80 languages. Further translations are constantly in process.

2 Each year G.S.O. staff responds to over 90,000 emails, letters, and phone calls from A.A. members, suffering alcoholics, professionals, students, the press and others interested in A.A. Thus accurate and consistent information about A.A. is provided.



3 Staff communications often help someone find local A.A. meetings, link members in service, and support the start of A.A. in countries where there are no A.A. meetings.



4 G.S.O. maintains and updates the aa.org website that averages over 30,000 visits per day. The website provides information about A.A., including how to find A.A. in their community, and provides help to members and those seeking help with their drinking problem, as well as to families and friends of problem drinkers, and professionals.

5 G.S.O.'s Publishing Department publishes and distributes all A.A. Conference-approved literature. Approximately 8 million books, pamphlets, video and audio products are distributed annually. Some of this literature is specifically designed for sight- or hearing-impaired members. *Box 4-5-9*, news and notes from G.S.O., is published four times a year in English, French and Spanish.



6 G.S.O. coordinates the *Loners-Internationalists Meeting Correspondence Service (LIM)*, which is often the only link to A.A. for many A.A. members in remote areas, homebound, or deployed in active military service.

7 The Corrections coordinator at G.S.O. responds to over 6,500 letters a year, primarily from incarcerated alcoholics. Letters often request literature and many express gratitude for a Big Book supplied or a link to an outside member who can take a soon-to-be released alcoholic to his or her first meeting on the outside.



8 G.S.O.'s Corrections staff member also coordinates a Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS), which each year connects over 1,000 alcoholics behind the walls with outside members in order to share A.A. recovery by mail. *Sharing From Behind the Walls*, containing excerpts from inmate letters to G.S.O., is printed four times a year.



9 The G.S.O. Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities desk responds to letters and communications from residents or patients in treatment centers and connects them with local committees. The staff member on this assignment supports groups and members in making the A.A. message receivable to alcoholics with special needs.

10 Professionals are frequently the first contact for an alcoholic seeking help. The Cooperation With the Professional Community (C.P.C.) staff member at G.S.O. provides information about A.A. to hundreds of professionals each year, often sending them basic literature. This assignment also coordinates A.A. exhibits at over 25 national conferences of professionals in various fields each year and publishes the newsletter *About A.A.* for professionals.



11 The Public Information desk coordinates the production and broadcast of audio and video Public Service Announcements (PSAs) to help reach the still-suffering alcoholics. Each year PSAs produced by Public Information are broadcast on television and radio. The most recent PSA, *Tengo Esperanza (I Have Hope)*, was viewed approximately 30,000 times the first year of its release. The Public Information staff member also responds to approximately 600 emails per month from the press and other media, A.A. members and the general public.



12 G.S.O.'s Archives documents the activities of Alcoholics Anonymous for the future and makes the history of the Fellowship accessible to A.A. members and other researchers. Each year the Archives staff responds to over 1,500 requests for information and research. *Markings: Your Archives eNewsletter*, an electronic newsletter, is published three times a year.

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