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THE MESSENGER

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When God solves
your problems
You have faith in his
abilities.

When God does not
solve your problems
He has faith in your
abilities.

Tradition 7

Short form

Every AA Group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Long form

The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

"Self-support begins with me, because I am part of us — the group. We pay our rent and utility bills, buy coffee, snacks and A.A. literature. We support our central office, our area committee, and our General Service Board. If it were not for those entities, many new people would never discover the miracles of A.A."

"Every single A.A. service is designed to make more and better Twelfth Step work possible... Though not costly, these service agencies are absolutely essential to our continued expansion — to our survival as a Fellowship... Their costs are a collective obligation that rests squarely upon all of us."

"Our support of services actually amounts to a recognition on our part that A.A. must everywhere function in full strength — and that, under our Tradition of self-support, we are all going to foot the bill."

*Excerpts from pamphlet: **Where Money and Spirituality Mix** F-3*

SMF-131 Traditions Checklist from A.A. Grapevine.org

1. Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in a barroom?
2. Should the Grapevine sell advertising space to book publishers and drug companies, so it could make a big profit and become a bigger magazine, in full color, at a cheaper price per copy?
3. If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be okay to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and prisons?
4. Is it more important to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?
5. Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it?
6. How important in my recovery is the feeling of self-respect, rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received?

**Ready for
some
pic-a-nics?**



- July 4th **Encounter Group** Hot Dogs Extravaganza beans & more. 6-9:30 pm 3 Speakers to share 15min each about their freedom from alcohol starting at 8pm.
- July 18-19 **Downtown Group** Picnic & Campout starts with food at noon, speaker with Big Don to follow. Somerset Campground. Campsites \$17.50 per tent. Campfire meetings at dusk. Call Cara to reserve a space @ 517-750-8390.
- July 26 **Clark Lake Group** 42nd Anniversary Eat at 6:00 (Hot Dogs & Fixins) Speaker at 7:00 Swain Memorial Park in Brooklyn, MI. 10409 Brooklyn Rd. (Behind WESCO)
- Aug 15 **Al Cameron** begins at noon at Grass Lake Pavillion.
- Aug 16 **Hillsdale All Group** picnic is Sunday after 10 am meeting at the hall.
- Aug 22 **Freedom Group** @ noon @ Vandercook Lake Park



A.A.'s RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.