

God, Grant me the
Serenity to accept the
things I Cannot change, the
Courage to change The
things I can, and the
Wisdom to know the
difference.

Pipeline



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Money and Its Place in Alcoholics Anonymous

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WHEN we speak of money and its place in AA we are not speaking of very much money by any standards usually associated with money needs. In fact we are speaking of a very small amount of money, but that small amount is very important.

This subject lends itself to rather specific statements, I hope not too positive or dogmatic. Dollars are a definite measurable sum. If you need dollars and don't have them it is necessary to do some thinking and planning.

The structure of AA, from the Group up to the General Service Board, made your sobriety and mine possible. It makes it possible for the new member to find us. It gives us the vehicle through which we can work and help each other, all with the basic idea of attracting the person who does not yet know there is a way of solving his or her alcoholic problem.

Whether a group is in a small town or large city, there are certain money requirements—the ad in the newspaper, the telephone, the rent for the group location, the literature. As more groups are formed in an area a Central Office becomes necessary, with a full-time secretary to receive calls for help and transmit them where they belong. Committees are formed to carry out public relations, handle institutional help, guide the Central Office policies and administer the funds needed for these services.

As we function along these simple lines in our respective areas, so General Service Headquarters serve throughout the world. They make it possible for us to have literature for the new member and to guide us in our public relations, so that our good name is protected the way we want it. Even more important, our General Service Headquarters makes it possible for you and me to find AA wherever we may go in the world.

In 1951 the General Service Conference was set up as a link between the Groups and the General Service Board. We have the responsibility as individual members, through our group, to pay the expenses of the delegate to an annual conference. Therefore we have money requirements for the group, the Central Office (if we have one), the General Service Conference, and General Service Headquarters. All of this is for the purpose of attracting the person who does not yet know AA. This is our financial need, the place of money in AA.

What is the specific amount we are talking about for each one of us? This is not an easy question to answer, but we can be specific so far as General Service Headquarters is concerned. They have calculated that to finance their responsibilities properly the specific amount per

member is \$2.00 per annum. Not a very large sum! How well have we carried out this request? A study of the 1955 Group Directory shows the following interesting statistics:

1. In 10 states more groups failed to contribute than did contribute.
2. Groups in 17 states contributed less than \$1.00 per member.
3. Of these, 5 states contributed less than 70¢ per member and 2 states 50¢ or less per member.
4. There were 5 states that contributed more than \$1.50 per member.
5. Of these, one state, Oklahoma, was the only one to contribute more than \$2.00 per member. They came up with the astonishing figure of \$3.47 per member.
6. The next highest was \$1.67 per member—then \$1.63, \$1.56 and \$1.53.
7. 23% of the groups in the United States contributed the suggested amount of \$2.00 per member.

In this specific request for \$2.00, we have certainly failed by a very large margin. Lack of information is certainly not a proper excuse because we have been informed at least twice a year of the need and the specific amount per member.

There was a period in AA when there were two things to "soft pedal"—God and money. You have paid your "initiation fee" when you walk into the group. There are no dues and no fees, but there are financial needs. When will we realize our responsibility for meeting them? Is it possible we have forgotten "first things first" and mixed up the cost of social affairs with our responsibilities? No one should object to a dance, a picnic, or any decent form of entertainment. The big question is—"Can we afford it?" "First things first" should mean, among other things:

1. Individual sobriety.
2. Helping the other fellow gain his sobriety by supporting the vehicle which makes it possible.

This means supporting the Group. Tradition Number Seven says, "Every AA Group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions." The Groups support the other three important links:
The Central Office;
The General Service Conference;
General Service Headquarters.

The financial support of these functions are inseparably woven together into the place of money in AA. As individual members we speak of gratitude to AA and what it has meant to us. Are we grateful enough to give the equivalent of a double shot when the basket is passed? Are we grateful enough to match it with the cost of a movie or the cost of cigarettes?

What is our financial status now as compared with

38th Anniversary of The Winchester Win Group and the 39th Anniversary of Indian Joe
Monday April 16, 2007

6:30 - 7:00 pm ~ Coffee & Fellowship 7:00 - 8:00 pm ~ Pot Luck Supper 8:00 - 9:00 pm ~ 2 Mystery Speakers

Food donations of your favorite dishes greatly appreciated United Church of Winchester, Main Street, Winchester, NH

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Statement of Purpose

The New Hampshire Area Pipeline will be the voice of Alcoholics Anonymous within Area 43. Its editors and staff will be primarily accountable to New Hampshire A. A. Area 43 as a whole. Within the bounds of friendliness and good taste, the Pipeline will enjoy perfect freedom of speech on all matters directly pertaining to Alcoholics Anonymous within Area 43. Like the A.A. movement it mirrors, the primary purpose of the New Hampshire Pipeline will be to try to carry the A.A. message to alcoholics and practice the A.A. principles in all its affairs.

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Group Information

New Groups

Dist # 13 Milford Friday 8:00PM 9:30PM CD
Candlelight Circle Meeting Unitarian Universalist Church 20 Elm St.

Meeting Changes

8 Suncook Monday 7:00PM 8:15PM DS
Suncook Common Ground Suncook Utd Methodist Church 160 Main St, Pembroke
End time changed from 8pm to 8:15pm

11 Laconia Friday 7:30PM 8:30PM
Ladies Night Out Unitarian Church 172 Pleasant St
Location changed from Sacred Heart, 291 Union Ave. Type change: S added.

13 Nashua Sunday 6:00PM 7:00PM HDS
Sunday Night Beginners Harbor Homes 45 High Street
Location changed from Keystone Hall. End time changed from 7:30

14 Portsmouth M-F 7:00am 8:00am DS
Good Morning Portsmouth Karnan House 206 Court Street
changed name, and now meets 5 days

18 Acworth Friday 7:00pm 8:15pm HBD
Church on the Hill BB United Church of Acworth

Heard at Meetings

Sitting on the pity pot will only leave a ring around your butt.

*Going to meetings and not doing the steps is like sitting in a rocking chair .
It gives you something to do but you're going nowhere*

Do You Want to become a member of the best A.A. group in New Hampshire?

Do You want to get active?

Do you want to go out on commitments?

Check out the Friday Night Good Shepherd Group at the Good Shepherd Church ,214 Main St. Nashua,NH. Speaker meeting are held from 8:00p-9:30p every Friday.

HURRY SPACE IS LIMITED!

Exter Monday Night Group

Celebrates 40th Anniversary

May 21st 2007

Harris House Christ Church , Pine St.

Pizza & Pot Luck @ 6:30pm

Speakers 8 - 9 pm

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We need at least one hundred group subscriptions to make our minimum for bulk mailing, and we've been short. If just one more group in each district ordered, we'd be all set! Already subscribe? How about donating a subscription to a treatment center, halfway house, or correctional facility in your community? Your support is greatly appreciated!

Group Number: _____

Group Name: _____

Send to: _____
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Address: _____

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Send \$6 for each group subscription (10 copies/mo annually) or \$3.50 for each individual subscription (2 copies) to NHA, 1330 Hooksett Rd., Hooksett, NH 03106. Thank you for your support!

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THANK YOU!

Feb 07 Donations

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DOVER	A WAY OF LIFE 12&12 GP.	\$ 30.00
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Greetings From Your Service Office

With so many events coming up – the Area 43 Convention, the Northeast Regional Forum, and many local events – it is a good time for us to remind the groups that the Service Office is a great source of information about upcoming AA activities. Not only do we keep flyers for local events on our display board, but we also have a binder for out of state events, including conventions, workshops, and young people's conferences. There is no reason to be bored in sobriety – there is likely a sober event near you! If you cannot visit our office, you can call us for more information at 622-6967.

Also, if your group is planning an event (or if you pick up flyers for out of state activities), make sure to provide a flyer to the Service Office. We can even make a flyer for you, if you provide us the key details.

We wish to welcome our newest employee, Amy S. from Hampstead. She's a single mom of two and her friendly personality will prove a nice addition to office operations.

Thank you to Geri F. of Candia, Don H. and Nancy of Manchester for her help in the office during February.

In grateful service,
Karen , Mary Anne, and Amy

BACK TO BASICS

Based on the number of attendees at Back to Basics A.A. meetings and seminars, more than 300,000 people have now had their lives changed as a direct result of taking the 12 steps in four one hour sessions. The success of Back to Basics speaks for itself. "It works- it really does."

Please join us for weekly A.A. Beginners meeting using the Back to Basics format- the original A.A. beginners meeting format used with newcomers in the 1940's and 50's, which resulted in a 50-70% recovery rate from alcoholism!

Taking the twelve Steps in the "program of recovery" described in A.A.'s Big Book. Participant take all Twelve Steps, in one month, in four consecutive Tuesday sessions. Newcomers and Long Timers alike are welcomed and encouraged to attend. We always need volunteers as sharing partners and sponsors.

Please bring your Big Book, pens, and highlighter; Your Sponsor, Sponsees, and Friends

First Tuesday

Session#1 surrender Overview and Step 1

Second Tuesday

Session#2 Sharing Steps 2,3, and 4

Third Tuesday

Session#3 Amends Steps 5,6,7,8, and 9

Fourth Tuesday

Session#4 Guidance Steps 10,11, and 12

In months with five Tuesdays we will have and Eleventh Step Guidance meeting on the 5th Tuesday

7:00- 8:00pm Tuesdays

Habor Homes, 45 High Street , Nashua

High Street is off Main Street between Temple and Pearl in downtown Nashua

Contact Kevin S (603) 785-7165

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the time we found AA? What are our prospects in our work and what is our general manner of living? Our financial support is an integral part of Twelfth Step work. It makes the Twelfth Step possible by furnishing a means and a place through which we can complete the attraction of the new member.

It has been my observation that when the membership of a group are informed, they will respond. You can't expect a member to put in a dollar when the leader passes the basket with no explanation at all, or at the most a statement that we have coffee and doughnuts to pay for. Coffee and doughnuts used to be about ten cents. The logical AA member puts a quarter in the basket and thinks he has been generous.

Therefore, it is my belief that the financial needs of AA can be comfortably taken care of without any strain on anyone, through a process of continuous explanation at the group level. This can be accomplished very simply with a brief financial report monthly, and if the leader at each meeting will explain in passing the basket that our financial needs are simple but important, because this group believes it is essential to support General Service Headquarters and the Central Office in addition to our rent, literature, doughnuts and coffee.

These simple and essential money needs will help carry the message, which is one of the primary purposes of our organization. Proper financial support is a specific, tangible way of expressing gratitude.

C. R.
Los Angeles, California
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	DISTRICT 18	\$ 349.19
	DISTRICT 21	\$ 130.00
	DISTRICT 8	\$ 540.00
	DISTRICT 8	\$ 150.00

Calendar for April 2007

- Date:
- 01: District 20 8:10p Congregational Church, Conway
 - 02: District 9 7:00p West Side Community Ctr., Derry
 - District 18 6:15p Assumption Hall, Newport
 - District 21 6:00p Lebanon Public Library, Lebanon
 - 04: District 19 6:30p St. James Church, Keene
FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE 7:00p
 - 05: District 7 7:00p Monadnock Comm. Hosp, Peterborough
 - District 15 7:00p Congregational Church, Barrington
 - 08: **CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE 1:00p**
Last Day for Pipeline Submissions
 - 09: District 14 7:00p Kittery Youth Connection, Kittery, ME.
 - 11: District 8 6:30p Wesley Methodist Church, Concord
 - District 17 7:00p Baptist Church, Whitefield
 - 12: District 16 7:00p Baptist Church, Wolfboro
PIPELINE COMMITTEE 7:00p
 - 15: District 12 6:00p St. Raphael's Church, Manchester
 - 17: **SERVICE OFFICE COMMITTEE 6:30p**
FINANCE COMMITTEE 7:30p
 - 18: District 13 7:00p YMCA, Merrimack
 - 19: District 10 7:00p St. David's Church, Salem
 - 21: District 12 Spring Fling (see ad)
 - 22: **Area Committee Meeting 1:00p**
 - 24: District 11 7:00p Community Church, New Hampton
 - 25: **PIPELINE DISTRIBUTION 10:30 a**

RED LIGHT HEADS UP

Rooms for the convention are becoming in short supply for Area Convention in North Conway

If you are planing on staying at convention hotel get those reservations in to the North Conway **Grand NOW!**

There are rooms at local hotels, info at Area Service Office

**District 12's Spring Fling Spaghetti Dinner and Dance
Saturday April 21 st 5- 11:30p**

Guest Speakers, A.A. Countdown, Door Prizes and Ice Cream Bar for Dessert

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