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Dear Fellow Member,

In 1935, when Bill W. put a nickel into a pay phone to find another alcoholic with a desire to stop drinking, he did not envision a grand outcome. He wanted to stay sober himself by helping another alcoholic instead of sipping soda on a bar stool.

Bill's 5-cent investment has sparked a lot of good over the past 80 years – for millions of suffering alcoholics and their friends and families around the world. Today our primary purpose continues with the introduction of the American Sign Language “ and the Navajo version of the “Big Book.” These are real general service actions from your 7th Tradition investments. More is needed because our member and group contributions to G.S.O. meet only 72% of our world service expenses. Literature profits make up the difference. The implication is that, as members, we are not fully “self-supporting through our own contributions.”

Additionally, only about 42% of all registered groups in Eastern PA contribute any amount to the General Service Office. Put another way: less than half of our groups support world services. We have the opportunity to improve that situation. Please help!

Please honor our 7th Tradition of responsible self-support by contributing to your home group, district, intergroup, area and our General Service Office as generously as you possibly can. Area 59 (www.area59aa.org) and our general Service Office (www.aa.org) have made direct contributions easy with an online payment method. Please take a look and try it out. After all, making contributions is an important connection between finances and our spiritual responsibility. We benefit by carrying the message with contributions way beyond the home group – helping heal lives across the world.

Thanks for your continued support to our marvelous Fellowship!

With Gratitude,

Ken D.
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