

7th TRADITION GIVING IN THE ELECTRONIC MEETING ERA

1. My Zoom group doesn't have any significant expenses!

- Concept One states that the responsibility for Al-Anon world services belongs to the groups. It's up to all of us to support both our Area (MA) and the WSO (worldwide) in providing services that "carry the message" and support all groups.
- There's no basket for collecting contributions. *BEYOND THE BASKET*: Our Area website (alanonma.org) has a "Contribute" button. Group contributions can be made via the website, as well as personal contributions. You can donate with or without a PayPal account **and you can make this a recurring gift**. Perhaps you can count the number of meetings you attend and multiply that by the month and send in your Tradition 7 contribution.
- I can't give to my group because I don't know how to use electronic platforms (Venmo e.g.): Do it the old way and send a check to the Area or contribute directly to the Area via the website.
- If the money comes from the group (your extra) or from you, it all goes to the bottom line of having an Area Office.

2. The Quarterly Appeal: what's THAT??

- Each quarter WSO mails out a letter and envelope to your GR to encourage individual contributions. And the GR then reads the message in the letter from WSO, and the envelope is passed, suggested contribution of \$5.00 (more if you can, less if you can't).
- That's not happening in many Zoom meetings: you can go to the WSO website (www.alanon.org) and contribute there **and you can make this a recurring gift**. \$1.00 per month? \$2.00 per month? Imagine what would happen if every Al-Anon member did this!

3. Personal Contributions: Wait there's MORE?

- Our LDC (Literature Distribution Center) has been selling less literature than in years past (down from 2016, 2017 e.g.) and we cannot have an Area Office without the fellowship's help. And, a gentle reminder, it is our responsibility.
- But I'm giving to my group and some of that money is being sent to the Area Office. Yes, but it's being accounted for under Group Donations.
- We have **\$50,000** in our budget projection as a goal for individual contributions for this year. Your GR voted on this budget and approved it at the Area Assembly. Now, it is our responsibility to reach that goal.
- How?? EDUCATION! This sheet can be shared at meetings!! Take a section each week and read it to your group. Historically, when we reach out to our fellowship, their love of this wonderful program comes through!!!

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