



The Seventh Tradition

“Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contribution.”

“There was a place in A.A. where money and spirituality would mix and that was in the hat!” 12&12 p163

“We have no dues or fees”, the chairperson will say, but we have a Seventh Tradition.” and with that a basket is passed around the meeting. Sometimes the chair will briefly explain how the group uses the donations or contributions it receives. Since it’s beginnings, A.A. has been a self supporting society. While they did go looking for funds at one point, the pioneers got a valuable lesson from a very wealthy businessman; namely that money might ruin the work that they had begun. Early AA got \$5000 and the bulk of that paid Dr Bob’s mortgage, so he would not lose his home and the yet unnamed fellowship would have a base of operations.

EVERY CENT of that \$5000.00 was paid back. The cancelled checks are in AA archives.

There is an interesting article in the July Grapevine where one A.A. shares his opinion on individual contributions. Read it and let the Newsletter know if you agree or disagree.

The Seventh Step

“Humbly asked Him to remove all our shortcoming.”

Humility is the avenue to true freedom of the human spirit. This step is change in attitude which permits us to move out of ourselves toward a Higher Power.

Editor’s Note: Welcome to the summer! We are still keeping it simple, going one step at a time. This month we pause to reflect on the seventh step and seventh tradition. Humility and money— seem to make strange companions on the face of it, but in actuality they are two aspects of life an alcoholic has trouble adapting to.

We have a co chair for the newsletter, Joe, who has experience and talent to offer us. We both would welcome anyone else who wants to get involved.

We have news this month from Joe T on the 75th convention, a notable article from one of our younger members, Brody, and a look back in the Your Turn section from Mike. Thank you all for your sharing. It is what binds us and keeps us together.

There will be an absence of cartoons, as the attempt last month turned up a picture of a polar bear eating a vanilla ice cream cone in a snow storm at the North Pole!! We do have an AA quiz as well as some information for you from the latest membership survey.

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“When anyone anywhere, reaches our t for help, I want the hand of AA to be there. For that I am responsible.”