

Seventh Tradition of OA

Give as if your life depends on it

(Translatable Version)

HOW MUCH IS YOUR RECOVERY WORTH TO YOU?

OA depends on the generosity of its members. Contributions are a way to show gratitude for the OA program. OA Traditions advise us to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

How do members give?

Contributions (cash, checks and money orders) can be made at OA group and intergroup meetings or sent directly to a service body or the OA World Service Office (WSO). Credit card and electronic transactions are also possible at the WSO and with certain OA service bodies.

Are contributions tax deductible?

In the U.S., contributions to a properly registered non-profit (501c3) OA group or service body are tax deductible. Outside the U.S., consult with a local tax advisor.

Outside the U.S. (Cost-effective ways to make contributions to OA)

- (1) Use a credit card through the OA Web site (www.oa.org).
- (2) Make a wire transfer from your bank.
- (3) Make fewer, larger contributions or combine contributions from several groups.
- (4) Include a contribution when making a literature purchase through the OA Web site.

How do OA groups and service bodies allocate their contributions?

Expenses are paid first and a prudent amount is kept in reserve. Surplus funds are usually divided among your service bodies and the WSO.

What does OA do with your contributions?

Groups: Room rent, supplies, literature and support of other parts of the service structure.

Intergroups/Service Boards: Community/professional outreach, recovery events, Web site development, group support, meeting lists, telephone services, newsletters, translation of literature and travel costs to send representatives to region assemblies and delegates to World Service Business Conference (WSBC).

Region: Intergroup/service board activities, assemblies, support of region officers' expenses.

World Service Office: OA literature/media, OA Web site, global meeting lists and contact information, telephone referral, *Lifeline* magazine, publication of *A Step Ahead*, starter kits for new groups, group and intergroup registration, WSBC, WS Convention, contacts for media and public relations, outreach to professionals.

Special service and outreach programs

OA service bodies sometimes have special collections to fund such activities as sending delegates to the WSBC or publishing local literature. The WSO can also have special funds for such purposes as translation of literature and professional outreach.