YOUR SEVENTH TRADITION CONTRIBUTIONS
Carrying Our Message Beyond Your Home Group

When you or your home group contributes to the General Service Office (G.S.O.)
your contribution helps an alcoholic around the corner — or around the world.

Here are some of the ways that happens:

1. The G.S.O. Publishing Department has coordinated translations of the
   Big Book in 70 languages and translations of other A.A. literature in more
   than 91 languages. Further translations are constantly in process.

2. Each year G.S.O. staff responds to over 90,000 emails, letters, and
   phone calls from A.A. members, suffering alcoholics, professionals,
   students, the press and others interested in A.A. Thus accurate and
   consistent information about A.A. is provided.

3. Staff communications often help someone find local A.A. meetings,
   link members in service, and support the start of A.A. in countries
   where there are no A.A. meetings.

4. G.S.O. maintains and updates the aa.org website that averages over 40,000 visits per day.
   The website provides information about A.A., including how to find A.A. in their community,
   and provides help to members and those seeking help with their drinking problem, as well as
   to families and friends of problem drinkers, and professionals.

5. G.S.O.’s Publishing Department publishes and distributes
   all A.A. Conference-approved literature. Approximately
   8 million books, pamphlets, video and audio products are
   distributed annually. Some of this literature is specifically
   designed for sight- or hearing-impaired members. Box 4-5-9,
   news and notes from G.S.O., is published four times a year
   in English, French and Spanish.

6. G.S.O. coordinates the Loners-Internationalists Meeting
   Correspondence Service (LIM), which is often the only link
   to A.A. for many A.A. members in remote areas, homebound,
   or deployed in active military service.
A DECLARATION OF UNITY

This we owe to A.A.’s future: To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come.

I am responsible…

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.

And for that:

I am responsible.

This is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature.

…where it all begins…where it all begins

How a group functions.

How to get started.

The Corrections coordinator at G.S.O. responds to over 6,500 letters a year, primarily from incarcerated alcoholics. Letters often request literature and many express gratitude for a Big Book supplied or a link to an outside member who can take a soon-to-be released alcoholic to his or her first meeting on the outside.

G.S.O.’s Corrections staff member also coordinates a Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS), which each year connects over 1,500 alcoholics behind the walls with outside members in order to share A.A. recovery by mail. Sharing From Behind the Walls, containing excerpts from inmate letters to G.S.O., is printed four times a year.

The G.S.O. Treatment and Accessibilities desk responds to letters and communications from residents or patients in treatment centers and connects them with local committees. The staff member on this assignment supports groups and members in making the A.A. message accessible to all alcoholics.

Professionals are frequently the first contact for an alcoholic seeking help. The Cooperation with the Professional Community (C.P.C.) staff member at G.S.O. provides information about A.A. to hundreds of professionals each year, often sending them basic literature. This assignment also coordinates A.A. exhibits at over 25 national conferences of professionals in various fields each year and publishes the newsletter About A.A. for professionals.

The Public Information desk coordinates the production and broadcast of audio and video Public Service Announcements (PSAs) to help reach the still-suffering alcoholics. Each year PSAs produced by Public Information are broadcast on television and radio. The most recent PSA, Doors, was aired approximately 75,000 times the first year of its release. The Public Information staff member also responds to approximately 500 emails per month from the press and other media, A.A. members and the general public.

G.S.O.’s Archives documents the activities of Alcoholics Anonymous for the future and makes the history of the Fellowship accessible to A.A. members and other researchers. Each year the Archives staff responds to over 1,500 requests for information and research.