FULLY SELF SUPPORTING BY THE NUMBERS

What does it take to be fully self supporting?

At General Service Office:

Contributions needed from groups and members (as of 2013):

- $6.43 per member, per year
- $138.69 per group, per year

Actual contributions from groups and members:

- $4.47 per member, per year
- $96.95 per group, per year

Reality is only 42.4% of groups contribute to GSO

So lets put these numbers in perspective:

If each member gave $6.43 per year directly to GSO, the Big Book would be sold at cost, $3!!!!
OR If each group would contribute $138.69 then the book would be sold at cost and services would be covered!

AT OREGON AREA:

Services at Oregon Area for 2012 cost $64,800. Oregon Area has 970 actively contributing groups which equals $66.81 per group to be fully self supporting!

What can we do to help?

1. Inform our groups of the problem, make them aware of the problem, and let them know what it takes for the group and each individual to be self supporting.
2. We can be conscious of our spending at our home group to assure that money can be available for contributions to our district, area, and general service office. Are we buying cakes or paying for picnics or parties from the 7th tradition? This takes away from contributions.
3. We can suggest to our groups to pass a separate envelope one meeting a month for direct contributions to GSO.
4. As individuals we can make personal donations to GSO at aa.org or by simply mailing a check. $1 per year sober, or $5 per year sober; Anything will help.
5. Make sure our group has a distribution plan for contributions.

Distribution Plan of (YOUR GROUP NAME)
Your Group Service # (Be sure to write group name and service # on all contributions.)
Below is an example of a distribution plan:

10% to district
10% to area committee
30% to G.S.O.
50% to intergroup or central office