

Area 83 Self Support Challenge

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Area 83 Districts and Groups have made a commendable effort over the past 18 months to increase the amount of contributions and the number of Groups contributing to Area 83. The result has been an improvement in the Area's financial situation.

Similar attention and effort are needed to increase the contributions from Area 83 Districts and Groups to the General Service Office.

AA continues to count on profits from literature sales to offset a 2.8 million dollar a year imbalance between contributions and services provided by the General Service Office.

With the changing dynamics in the publishing industry, how long is this situation sustainable?

With a small amount of effort on all our parts, we can improve some vital statistics:

1) Percentage of groups within Area 83 that contribute to the GSO:

We are currently the 4th lowest (39.0%) in contributing Areas in Canada to the GSO, as well as 4th lowest in Dollars Contributed Per Capita (\$4.35). That is out of 14 Areas in Canada.

2) Increase the per capita amount Area 83 contributes to the General Service Office:

Currently the GSO cost of services provided per member per year is \$7.08. Area 83's current per capita contribution is \$4.35. That's a difference of \$2.73, so we have a large gap to close.

I would like to **challenge** the Area to step up and lead the way in better communication on this important subject. It has been my experience in AA, that when the membership is aware of the facts and needs within the fellowship, they respond!

DCMs, GSRs, and Self Support Chairs can help by sharing more information on **Self-Support. Our goal is to be fully self-supporting by providing services paid for by our own contributions.**

We can all talk about self-support everywhere we go! If we share some of the facts about self-support with our fellow members, we can improve our results.