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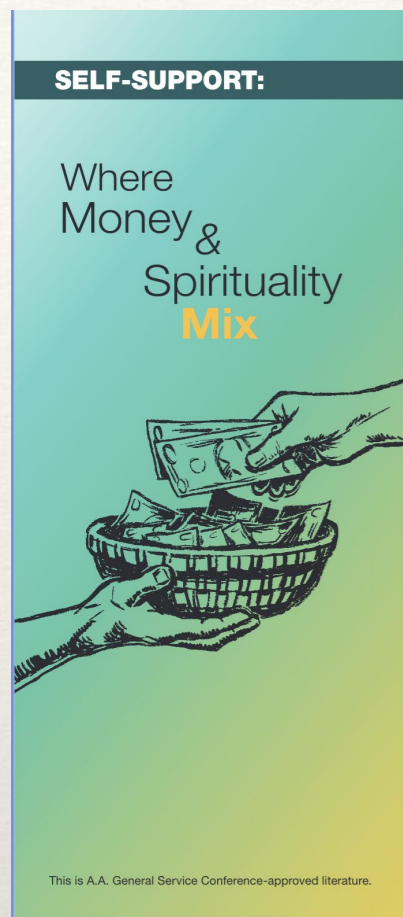
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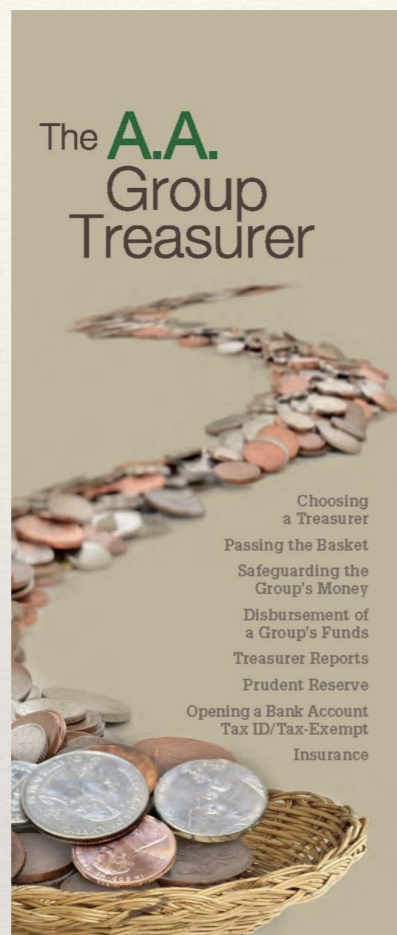
eContributions  
in the Digital Age

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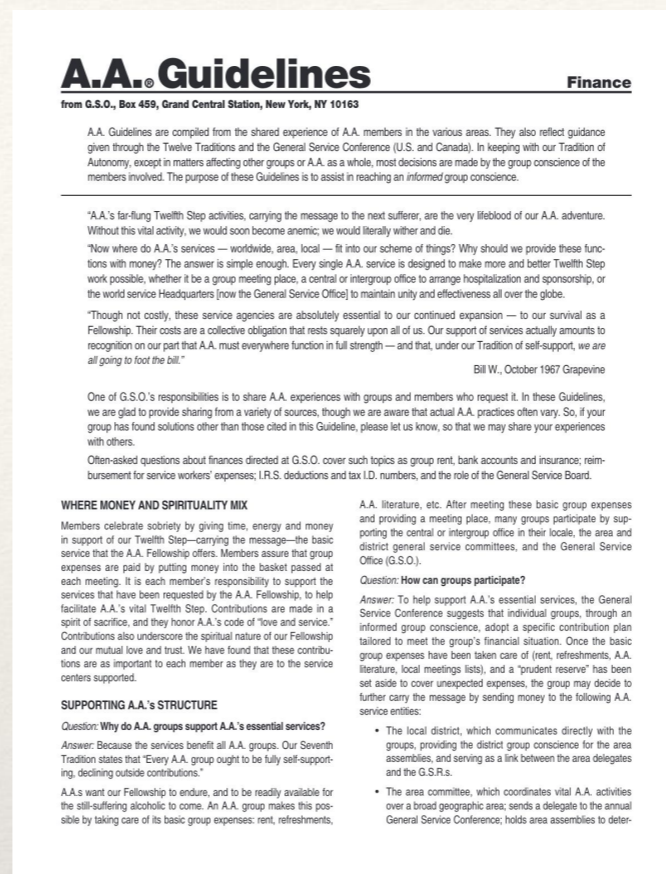
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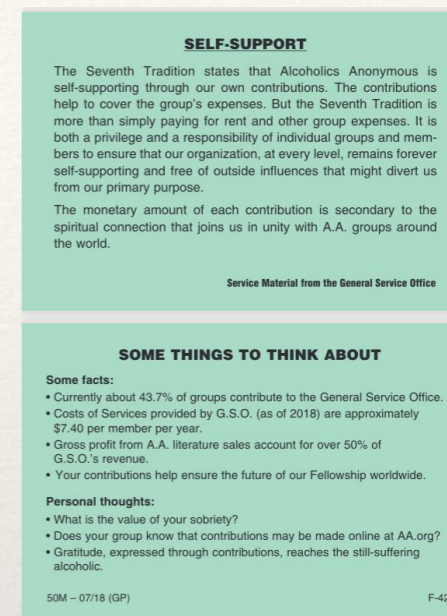
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- 12 Traditions
- 12 Concepts
- BM-31 The AA Service Manual
- MG-18 AA Guidelines: Internet
- SMF-101 Frequently Asked Questions About AA Websites
- SMF-197 Anonymity Online and Digital Media

WWW.AA.ORG

## **SELF-SUPPORT**

The Seventh Tradition states that Alcoholics Anonymous is self-supporting through our own contributions. The contributions help to cover the group's expenses. But the Seventh Tradition is more than simply paying for rent and other group expenses. It is both a privilege and a responsibility of individual groups and members to ensure that our organization, at every level, remains forever self-supporting and free of outside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose.

The monetary amount of each contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that joins us in unity with A.A. groups around the world.

**Service Material from the General Service Office**

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# How your home group can participate

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- **Incorporate the 7th tradition into your virtual meeting script.**
- **Describe how the group uses 7th tradition funds to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.**
  - **Familiarize you group with the services provided at the local district, intergroup, area and the general service office.**
- **Provide web addresses for contributions.**

**Carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic**

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## Safeguarding the Group's Money & Your anonymity

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- Business checking account in the group's name.
  - At least two endorsements for checks or electronic transactions.
  - Ease of disbursement.
  - Record of income and expenses.
- Use group name and Bank account to setup electronic payment platform

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# Opening a Bank Account/Tax ID

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- Tax ID number is required (Not necessarily true)  
If you do get a Tax ID, you will be required to file a 990-N ePostcard.  
- SS-4 Tax ID Form (Employer Identification Number EIN)
- **Social/Recreational Clubs, Unincorporated Associations and Civic Groups**
  - You will need **one** of the following business documents:
    - Business License
    - Fictitious Name Certificate or Statement
    - Certificate of Assumed Name
    - **Organization/Association Articles or Bylaws**
    - Certificate of Good Standing
    - Certificate of Formation
    - Certificate of Organization
    - Statement of Organization
- If you do not have one of the business documents listed, please provide another document such as **board meeting minutes**.

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# Prudent Reserve

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- Each group decides how much to hold in their prudent reserve.
- Good idea to be able to cover several months of operating expenses.

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# Digital Payment Platforms

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- Fees vary
  - Business or Individual
  - Payment method (Credit card / Debit / Bank Account)
  - Sale point devices
  - Non-Profit fees
- Security & Privacy
  - Personal vs. Group account
  - Platform may want to connect to your contacts
  - Platform may collect your location when making purchases
  - Platform may share your personal data with third parties

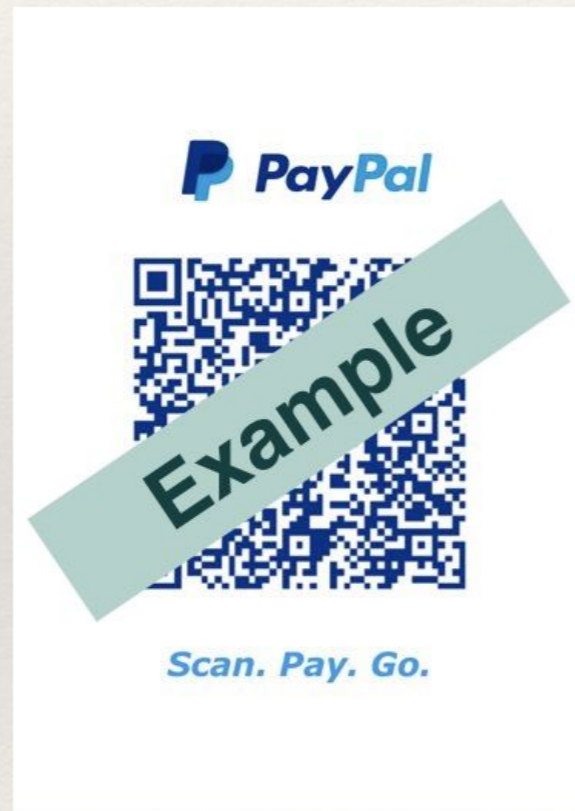


# Collecting Online Contributions

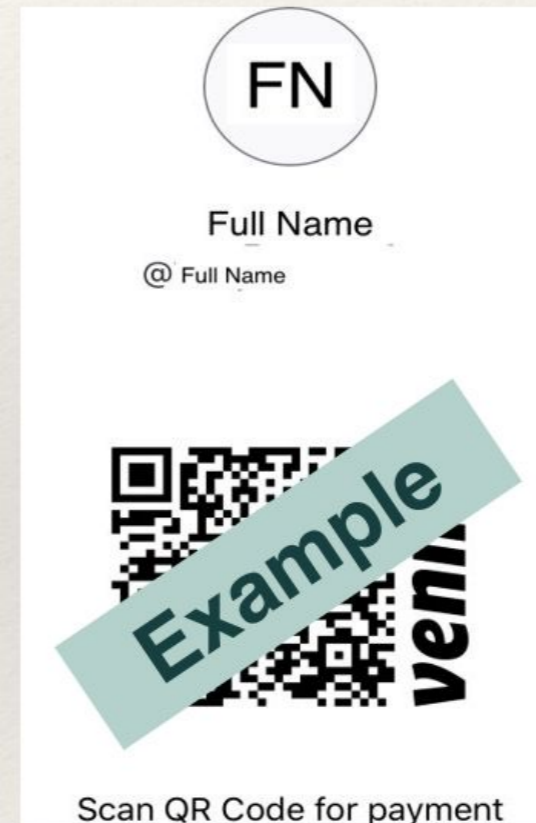
The image shows a Zoom meeting interface. In the top-left corner, a red circle highlights the meeting controls, including a lock icon. The bottom toolbar contains several icons: Mute, Start Video, Invite, Manage Participants, Share Screen, Chat (highlighted with a red arrow and a red circle containing the number 1), Closed Caption, Reactions, and End Meeting. On the right side, the Zoom Group Chat window is open, displaying a message from 'Me to Everyone' with a yellow background: 'Hi Everyone, Venmo address for 7th Tradition is @mygroupnamedaytimecounty'. A red arrow with a red circle containing the number 3 points to the chat message. At the bottom of the chat window, there is a yellow input field with a dropdown menu set to 'Everyone' (with a red circle containing the number 2) and a 'Type message here...' placeholder.

# Collecting Online Contributions

Personal Accounts  
use full name



<https://paypal.me/Example>



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# Resources

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- <https://www.aa.org/>
- <https://www.marylandaa.org/> Maryland General Service
- <https://baltimoreaa.org/> Baltimore Intergroup
- <https://aasfmarin.org/> San Francisco / Marin Co. Intergroup
- <https://www.nyintergroup.org/> NYC Intergroup
- <https://www.techsoup.org/> Technology Support for Non-profits
- <https://tiaa-forum.org/> Technology in AA Online Community
- [https://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/aa-service-committees](https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/aa-service-committees)