

Dear OA friends,

For those of you who don't know me, my name is David S, from OA in Israel, and I was elected to the Region 9 Board in October 2016 as General Officer. In April 2017, I was appointed by the board to the position of Treasurer.

As Tradition 7 states, we are self-supporting through our own contributions. In Region 9, we rely on contributions from Groups, Intergroups, National Service Boards and Language Service Boards.

For me personally, my ability to contribute to the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition is a sign that I'm recovering from my disease. When my group contributes to the Intergroup and National Service Board, I know that we are carrying out the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition in our group. In the same way, our Service Boards pass on our excess funds to the Region and World Service Office (WSO), so that they can do what we cannot do on the group or intergroup level.

Sometimes, when I think twice about how much money to put in the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket as it comes to me, all I have to do is remember my last binge days, and realise that my contribution is a very small price to pay for the recovery and sanity that OA has provided me.

At the Region 9 Assembly in Hoeven, The Netherlands, in October, the Region 9 fellowship approved a budget to fund the following activities this year:

- Travel expenses for our Region 9 Chair to attend WSBC and an additional Region Chairs Committee meeting, both in the USA.
- Travel expenses for the Region 9 Board to attend R9 Assembly and Convention in Iceland.
- Accommodation expenses for a Parliamentarian to attend R9 Assembly.
- Travel expenses to assist R9 service bodies send representatives to R9 Assembly.
- Assistance to service bodies with translations and other projects.
- Sending an additional delegate to WSBC to represent R9 as a whole.
- Website maintenance and hosting ([www.oaregion9.org](http://www.oaregion9.org))
- Additional Assembly expenses.
- External accountant fees
- Contribution to WSO on behalf of the Region.

We are only able to meet these expenses and help spread the message of recovery in Region 9 without your continued support, for which we are grateful.

The **World Service Office** needs our help as well. Comparing the average yearly contribution per group to the WSO, we have seen that groups in Region 9 have not been contributing as much as other groups around the world. We have the **second highest** number of groups per region, but the total combined contribution from us is the **second lowest**.

Often the reason for this is the difficulty in sending money across the Atlantic to the USA. Please note, that we can forward the contribution to WSO on your behalf. Next

time you make a contribution to Region 9, feel free to add any amount as your contribution to WSO, and we will send it on to them on your behalf.

- To see a great summary about how you can benefit from the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition, [see this informative page](#).
- OA has a [fantastic one-page document](#) that can be used to translate into your own language. It has already helped many service bodies explain about the importance of the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition
- To view the current, full 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition pamphlet, [click on this link](#).

To find out **how to send your contribution**, please visit [this page on our website](#). With our new **PayPal** link – it's even easier than before to send your contribution to Region 9.

If you'd like more information about applying for funds for **Translations or other Projects**, please visit [this page on our website](#).

If you are not sure about something or have any questions please let me know, I'm always happy to help.

With Gratitude in service,

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“Always to extend the hand and heart of OA to all who share my compulsion: for this I'm responsible”