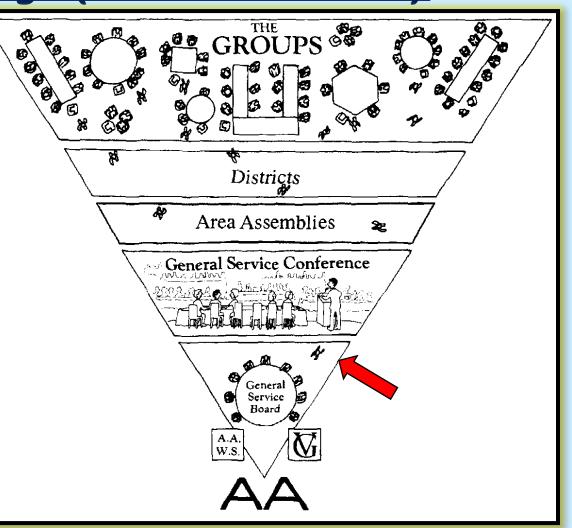
2022 Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly (NERAASA)

Presentation by the Northeast Regional Trustee





AA Throughout the World



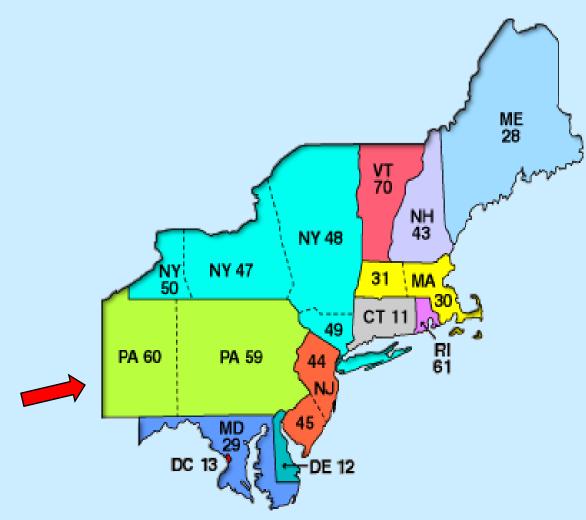
1,967,613 **AA Members** 120,455 **AA Groups** 66 General **Service Offices**

Throughout the US and Canada



1,474,958 **AA Members** <u>71,138</u> **AA Groups 1** General Service Office

The Northeast Region



340,696 Members

15,998 Groups

18 Delegates

<u>1</u> Trustee

Meeting Guide APP Has Been Expanded to Include Online Meetings

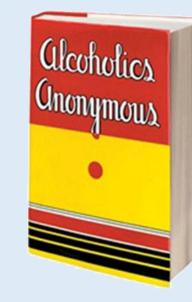


GSO's Two Basic Functions



• Services:





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• May 1996





2021 Update COVID-19 Impact

Carrying our Life-saving Message Continues:

- Our GSO Staff ensures that our vital services are available throughout the Fellowship.
- Throughout much of 2021, our General Service Board, and other Committee meetings, were conducted remotely.
- However, towards late 2021, we resumed in-Person (and Hybrid) Board Meetings.





✓ 2021 Two Virtual North/South Special Forums







General Service Conference

✓ 2022 One
 Virtual
 North/South
 Special Forum

✓ 2022 Four
 In-Person
 Regional
 Forums

✓ 2022 8-Day
 In-Person
 General Service
 Conference

 ✓ 2021 8-Day Virtual
 General Service
 Conference

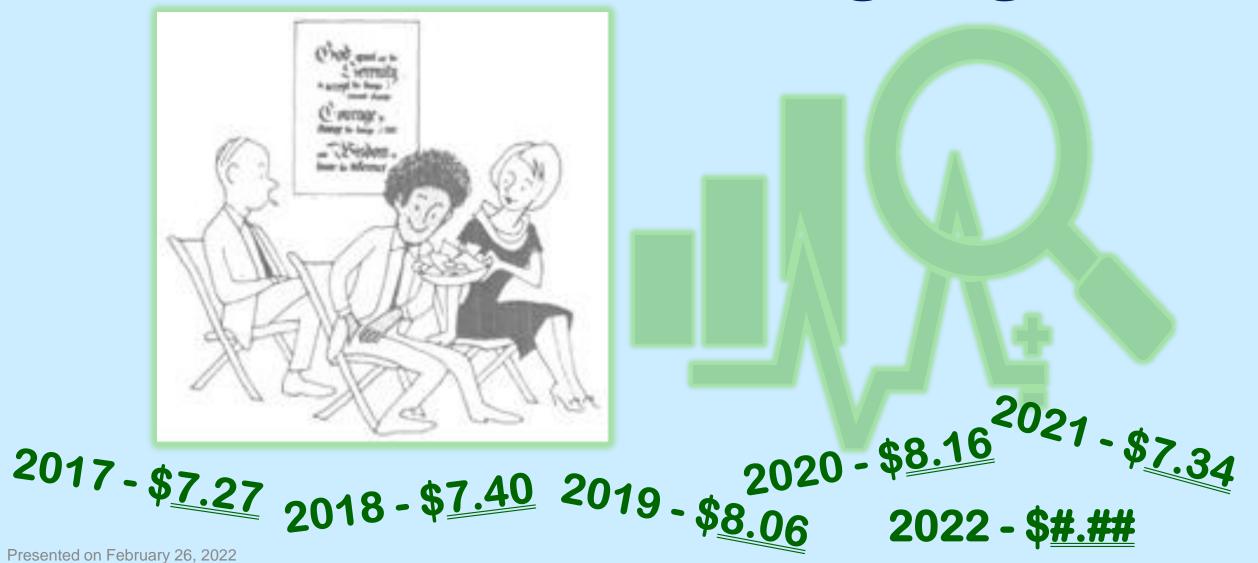
What about the 2025 International Convention?





Planning is well underway!

2021 Financial Highlights

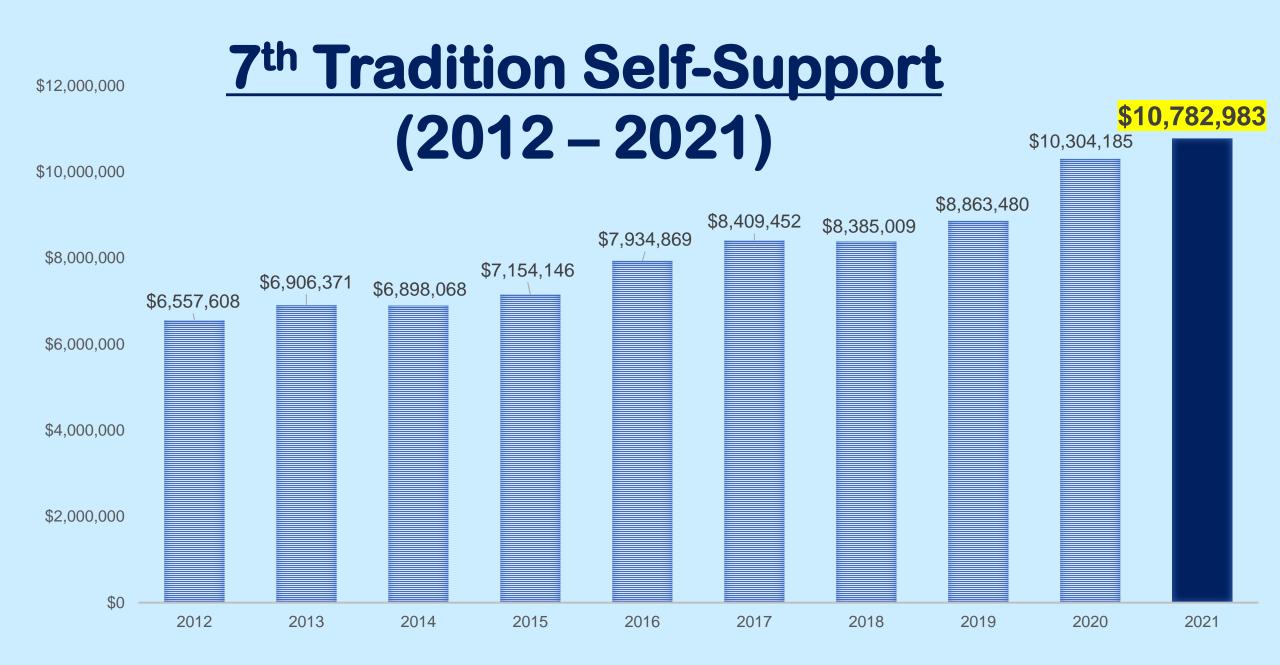


2021 Financial Highlights

- 7th Tradition of Self-Support: \$<u>10.8</u> million our highest ever!
 - In 2020, Contributions approximated \$<u>10.3</u> million.
- Literature Sales in 2021 amounted to: \$<u>11.7</u> million!
 In 2020, Literature Sales approximated \$<u>9.2</u> million.
- Reserve Fund of \$<u>12.8</u> million approximates <u>8.5</u> months.
 In 2020, our Reserve Fund approximated <u>7.7</u> months.

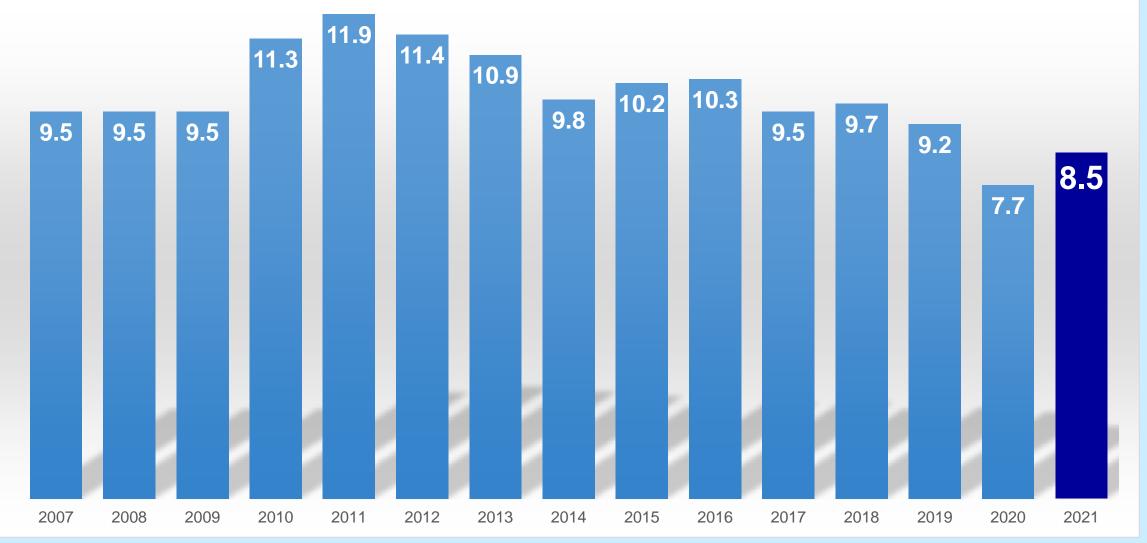


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Reserve Fund Ratio Number of Months Coverage

15-year Average = <u>9.93</u> Months



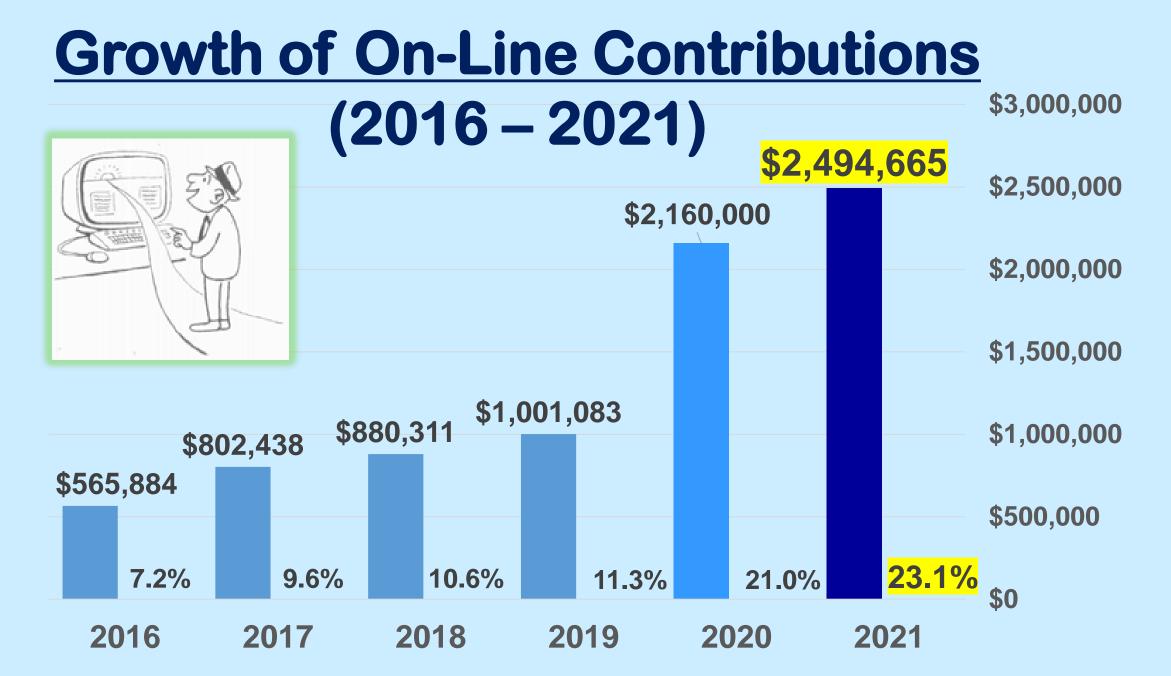
Our Prudent Reserve

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Reserved Fund – (\$ in Thousands)	\$12,822**	\$12,297	\$15,900	\$15,935	\$14,353
Recurring Operating Expenses	18,132**	19,076	20,700	19,736	18,059
(\$ in Thousands)					
Number of Months	<mark>8.49</mark>	7.74	9.2	9.7	9.5
Groups	71,138*	74,949	68,478	68,478	66,860
Reserve Fund per Group	\$180.25	\$164.07	\$232.00	\$232.71	\$214.67
Number of Members	1,474,958*	1,525,043	1,418,177	1,418,177	1,381,954
Reserve Fund per Member	\$ <u>8.69</u>	\$ <u>8.06</u>	\$ <u>11.21</u>	\$ <u>11.24</u>	\$ <u>10.39</u>

By Conference action, the "Prudent Operating Reserve" was defined as an amount equal to the preceding year's combined operating expenses of AA World Services, AA Grapevine and the General Fund of the General Service Board. As such, operating expenses include "office and operating expenses" but not the Cost of Products.

* = **SMF-53**, dated January 2022

** = 2021 Reforecast of July 2021



Other Good News Stories

Languages: To date, AAWS has copyrighted literature in 110 approved languages.

Our "12 Steps and 12 Traditions" are available in 52 languages with three languages pending.

Our "Big Book" is available in 72 languages, plus the original English with 27 languages pending, including Haitian Creole.

See also <u>https://onlineliterature.aa.org</u>.





2021 Grapevine Highlights

- Chris C., a former AAWS Publishing Director and collaborator on several Grapevine projects, is our AA Grapevine and La Viña (AAGV/LV) Publisher.
- ✓ AAGV launched a pilot of 12 podcast episodes, titled "*The Half-Hour Variety Hour*." Check us out at: <u>aagrapevine.org/podcast</u>.
- ✓ As a result of Conference action, we entered the world of Instagram:
- <u>@alcoholicsanonymous_gv</u>
- <u>@alcoholicosanonimos_lv</u>



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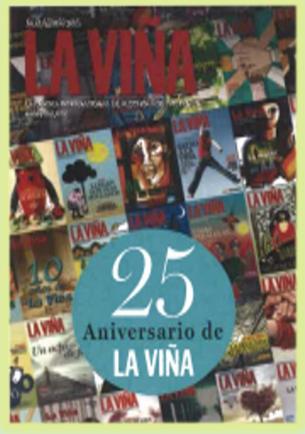


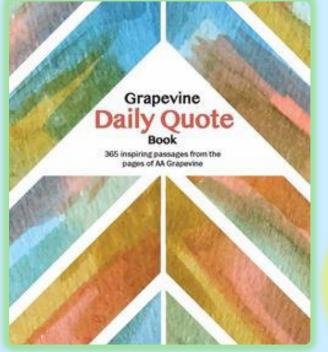
The podcast is available on your favorite podcast platforms or at aarapevine.org/podcast

2021 Grapevine Highlights

- ✓ AAGV/LV YouTube is seeing new subscribers each month. We have resumed collecting audio stories for YouTube and podcasts.
- ✓AAGV/LV "Carry the Message" Project (a monthly Twelve Step call to those seeking our help) sold thousands of subscriptions throughout 2020-21.
- ✓A new book titled "*Fun in Sobriety*" is on course to be ready by 72nd General Service Conference.

<u>Submit articles to: www.aagrapevine.org/contribute</u>





What Can I Do Right Now – with no Further Obligation?

CARRY THE MESSAGE PROJECT

Sign up to receive Grapevine Daily Quote!

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We Also Have ePubs



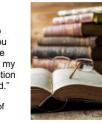


GRAPEVINE Daily Quote

April 20, 2020

"When I begin to worry about things I can do nothing about, I tell myself to accept what you can't change. Often I've used the ideas in the Serenity Prayer as a trigger for relinquishing my need to control and as a reminder to take action when some discontentment can be remedied."

El Granada, California, March 1989, "A Program of Action,", The Best of the Grapevine, Volume 3



20 de abril

"Las formas en que nuestros alcohólicos 'dignos' a veces han tratado de juzgar a los 'menos respetables' son, en retrospectiva, algo absurdas. Imagínate, si puedes, un alcohólico que juzgue a otro".

Bill W., cofundador de A.A., agosto 1946 "¿Quién es miembro de Alcohólicos Anónimos?" El Lenguaje del Corazón



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Intergroups and Central Offices

A.A. Guidelines

Central or Intergroup Offices

from G.S.O., Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

The A.A. Guidelines below are compiled from the shared service experience of A.A. members throughout the U.S. and Canada. They also reflect guidance given through the Twelve Traditions and the General Service Conference. In keeping with our Tradition of autonomy except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole, most decisions are made by the group conscience of the members involved. The purpose of these Guidelines is to assist in reaching an *informed* group conscience.

Intergroup Representative



Trustees' Fiduciary Duties

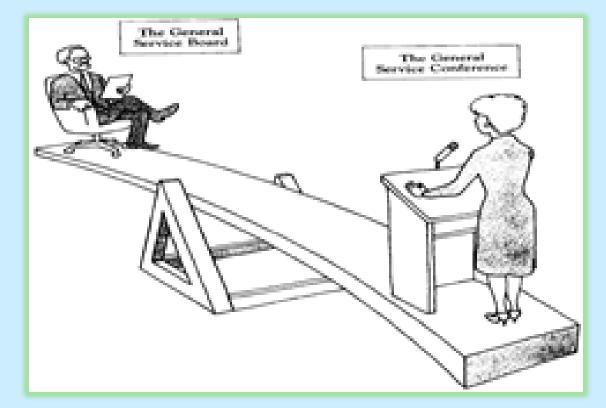
Duty of Care:

- Attend meetings,
- Come prepared, and
- Follow-up on action items.

Duty of Loyalty:

- Undivided allegiance, and
- In the best interests of AA.

Duty of Obedience:



Faithfulness to the organization's mission.

NYS Not-for-Profit Corporate Law and Federal Law 501(c)3

- **File an annual IRS Form 990,**
- **File an annual CHAR 500 (NYS),**
- Maintain books and records,
- Audited by an <u>independent</u> CPA,
- Have a Whistleblower Policy, and



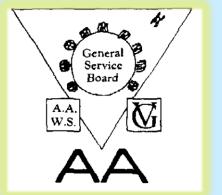
Have a "Conflict of Interest" Policy.



Prohibition influencing legislation, Prohibition of private benefit, and Prohibition political campaigns.

In Addition to all that, Here's what AA Does

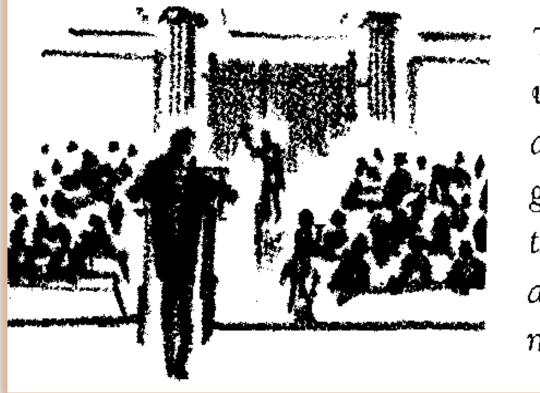
- Prints and distributes AAWS Highlights,
- Publishes and distributes GSO Quarterly,
- **Conduct Regional Forums, Special Forums,**
- Regional Trustees Board Reports (Quarterly),
- Hosts a week-long General Service Conference,
- **Prior to COVID, GSO was open to Fellowship year-round,**
- Regional Delegates and Alternates Meeting (Monthly), and
 One can always contact GSO on our Webpage (<u>www.aa.org</u>).



We have a "Careers" portal on the website, Prints and distributes countless literature items, pamphlets, service pieces, many of them at no charge, Prints and distributes Final Conference Report, and Trustees are willing to outreach, upon request.

Let's see how this works.

The Group Conscience



The group conscience will, in the end, prove a far more infallible guide for group affairs than the decision of any individual group member. . . .

P-16 The AA Group ... Where it All Begins (27 Times) BM-31 The AA Service Manual (57 Times)

Remember the Connection ...

