



# The Ins & Outs of the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition

Quiz Answers

SOS 2017

1. Your Group's Reserve Funds: How many month's expenses is it suggested to cover?

C. 1-4 months

Reserve Fund Guideline G-41

"The average reserve is one to four month's expenses."

2 *Excess 7<sup>th</sup>* Tradition funds can be used for... (True or False)

- a. A member's Al-Anon birthday celebration? **F**
- b. Flowers for a member's loss of a loved one? **F**
- c. Special projects such as a Public Outreach project? **T**
- d. Adding to the Quarterly Appeal.? **T**

**Service Manual (SM)97-99** "Group funds are used for group purposes only, not for personal gifts to members."

**SM p. 57** "Some groups take additional collections for special local projects within the district or Area."

**SM p. 58** "The Quarterly Appeal Letter from the WSO provides individual members the opportunity to participate in Twelfth Step work beyond the group level."

"Some groups choose to add an additional contribution to the collection."

3. If a group cannot cover its rent & other monthly expenses it can... (True or False)

- a. Sell program related merchandise? **F**
- b. Accept a donation of free rent from the church? **F**
- c. Withdraw funds from its reserve? **T**
- d. Consider moving to another location? **T**

**SM p. 97** You could have a “raffle”. “Raffling various articles at meetings or other gatherings is a matter of autonomy, but to avoid commercialism in the fellowship, it is suggested that these items relate in some way to our spiritual principles.” **SM p.97** “Al-Anon and Alateen groups do not accept contributions of money, goods, or services from outside the Al-Anon membership in order to adhere to the Seventh Tradition of full self-support.”

**Reserve Fund Guideline G-41** A group can withdraw funds, and discuss “the approval process to withdraw funds from the reserve”.

**SM p. 57** “If a group is not able to support the service levels due to excessive meeting expenses, it may wish to reconsider its choice of meeting locations.”

#### 4. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition funds can be used for ...

- a. Buying the A.A. Big Book as a resource for the meeting? **F**
- b. Buying coffee, tea supplies? ? **T**
- c. Fund the Group Representative (GR) to attend service meetings, including meals and lodging? **T**
- d. Pay for a speaker to speak at their meeting? **F**

**SM p. 57** "Group expenses may include: Conference Approved Literature, including Al-Anon and Alateen books and pamphlets for sale to members." The A.A. Big Book is not part of CAL.

**SM p.57** "Group expenses may include: Miscellaneous expenses agreed to by the group conscience such as babysitting, public outreach activities, refreshments, etc."\*

- **NOTE:** The "etc" doesn't mean it's OK for the group to decide to violate the Traditions, Concepts.

**SM p.53** " The group conscience is the will of the group. The guiding principles for the group conscience are always the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts of Service."

**SM p. 147** "Each group provides its GR with sufficient funds to fulfill the GR duties including participation in the Assembly. Expenses may include meals, transportation, accommodations, and registration fees.

**SM p. 98** " In keeping with the Eighth Tradition, Al-Anon speakers are reimbursed for expenses only."

5. Who said “If you have received help, and you no doubt have, why not give to further the cause for the peace and serenity of future members.”

Anne B., Cofounder of Al-Anon, 1958  
Seventh Tradition Pamphlet S-21

6. The Group Treasurer is responsible for:
- a. The group's financial records. **T**
  - b. Independently counting the money collected. **F**
  - c. Reading the Quarterly Appeal letter and passing around the accompanying collection envelope. **T**
  - d. Deciding the appropriate amounts to be giving to the service arms. **F**

**SM p.47** The Treasurer: "Maintains the group's financial records in a manner that reflects the group conscience."

"Asks another member to help count and record the collection."

"Reads the Quarterly Appeal Letter, and passes around the accompanying collection envelope..."

**SM p.57** "Members work out a financial budget for the group. They plan how funds will be budgeted for the purchase of literature, refreshments, and contributions to the service arms." (Group conscience, not one person.)

7. Match the quote with the CAL book:

- a. 6
- b. 3 (or 7)
- c. 5
- d. 1
- e. 7 (or 3)
- f. 2
- g. 4
- h. 9
- i. 8