

7th Tradition in the Time of Corona

We pray and trust all of you are well and staying safe. Many of us have continued to stay in contact with one another through Zoom meetings and we encourage you to do the same. At such meetings the question of “passing the hat” for the seventh tradition comes up frequently, as we are aware that OA needs to continue to function. Below are some best practices that groups have developed:

- **Group Venmo Accounts:** several groups have established their own Venmo accounts. These allow members to make regular contributions to the group. *These are particularly important for those groups planning to continue to pay rent during this corona event.* These contributions enable the group to continue to meet expenses. The treasurer of the group then treats the Venmo account as a virtual passed basket, paying expenses, sending 60% of funds beyond prudent reserve to Miami-Dade and the Keys Intergroup, 30% to World Service, and 10% to Region Eight.
- **Individual Donations:** other groups, particularly those that will not be paying rent or other expenses during this stay at home order, recommend that individual members continue to make seventh tradition donations on their own. Miami-Dade and the Keys Intergroup has a Venmo account set up so you can make donations online. That account name is **treasurer@oamiami.org**. Both Region 8 (**OARegion8.org**) and World Service (**OA.org**) have “**Contribution**” web pages on their site so you can donate online.
- **Donation Savings:** some folk just don’t feel comfortable sending money online. Many of these have decided to put aside donations for each meeting they attend (the suggested donation is \$5.). They simply place the donation in an envelope and save it for when this event passes and will then donate whatever they’ve collected.

We hope the suggestions above will enable groups and individuals to continue with the very important 7th Tradition. Zoom meetings are wonderful, but they are not free, and the on-going expenses of OA are not halted as a result of this virus.

Thank you, as always, for your consideration, and we pray for safety for you and yours and for the spiritual and physical well-being of all of us at this difficult time.

