

FUNDRAISING:

New members not familiar with the Twelve Traditions may be confused by the concept of "fund-raising" in Narcotics Anonymous because it is so unlike the kind of fund-raising done in other organisations. We never, under any circumstances, accept any financial contribution from any outside source. We affiliate ourselves with no one, choosing to be entirely self-supporting through our own contributions. In Narcotics Anonymous, whenever we do need to "raise funds," we fund-raise from our own membership.

Purpose of fund-raising: We must remember that we have only one need for money in Narcotics Anonymous, and that is to further our primary purpose of carrying the message to the addict who still suffers.

The experience of many regions and areas is that fund-raising for conventions is extremely important as it generates interest and support from the local NA community, in addition to raising money.

Area and regional conventions will probably continue to have a need for a fund-raising and entertainment committee. This subcommittee plans and carries out activities such as dances and will need to interface with other subcommittees to successfully complete the projects.

Use of the convention "theme" for fund-raising and entertainment events is more likely to excite and increase the local members' involvement in the upcoming convention.

In conclusion, fund-raising events for conventions should be held first to generate interest and support for the convention, and second to raise money. All fund-raising events held in support of the conventions should include an explanation as to why money is needed.