

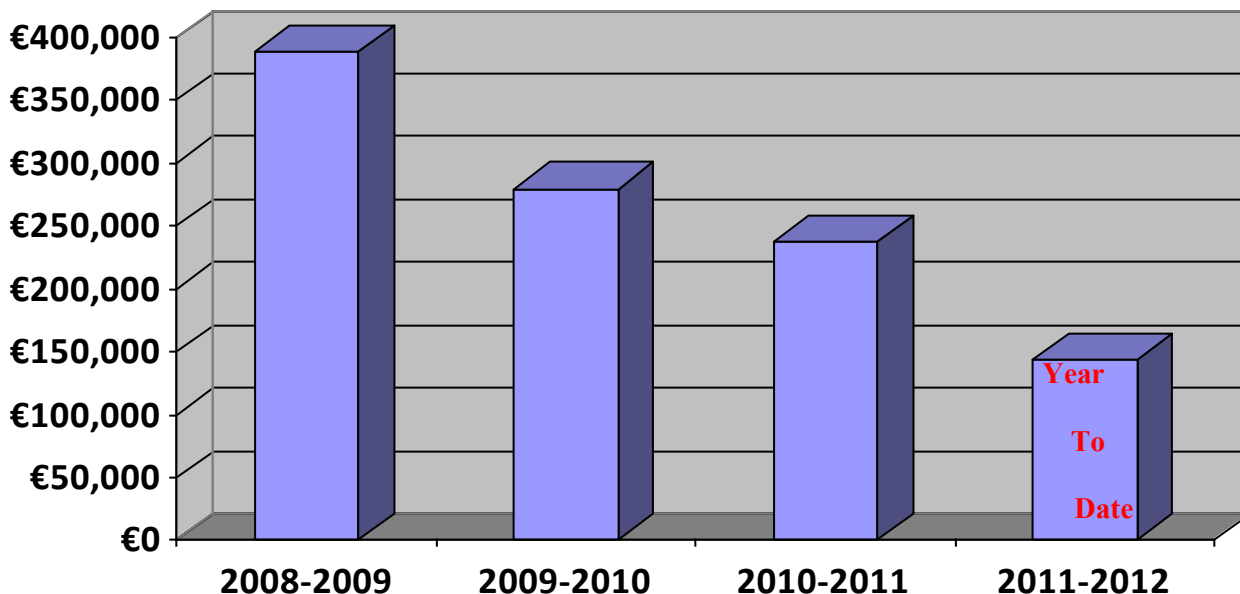


ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS NEWS SHEET

The News Sheet is intended as an aid to Service

AUGUST—SEPTEMBER 2012

CONTRIBUTIONS



APPEAL
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In 2012 unfortunately there is more money going out to cover overheads than there is money coming in from the fellowship.

The financial situation is serious in A.A. here. At its recent meeting the Board decided it needed to

APPEAL TO THE FELLOWSHIP TO INCREASE ITS TABLE TOP CONTRIBUTIONS .

Your Group needs your support and A.A. needs your help now to ensure the future of those to come.

Please, if you can, lend a hand.

**Contributions
decline by
39%**



Our General Service Office is located in Dublin. Its primary purpose is Communication, Service, Information and the Provision of Literature.

July 2011—June 2012

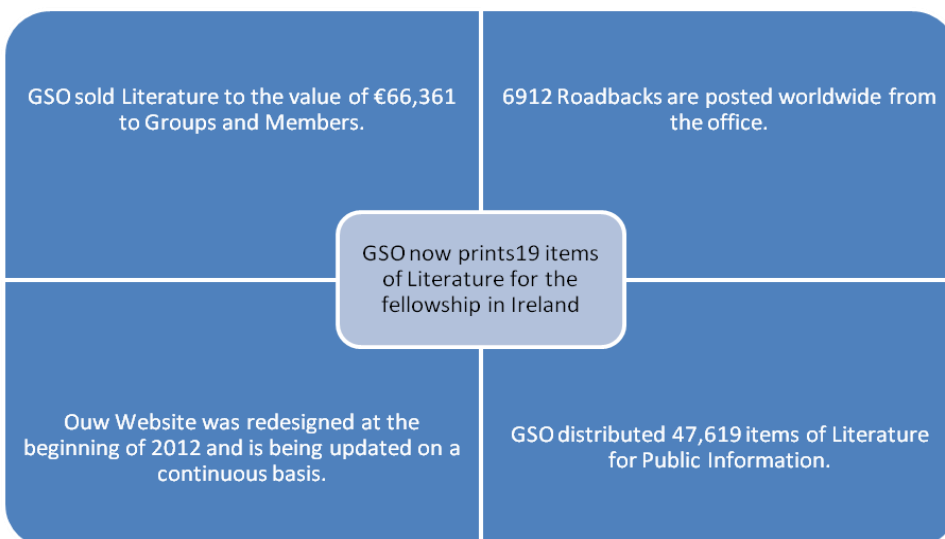
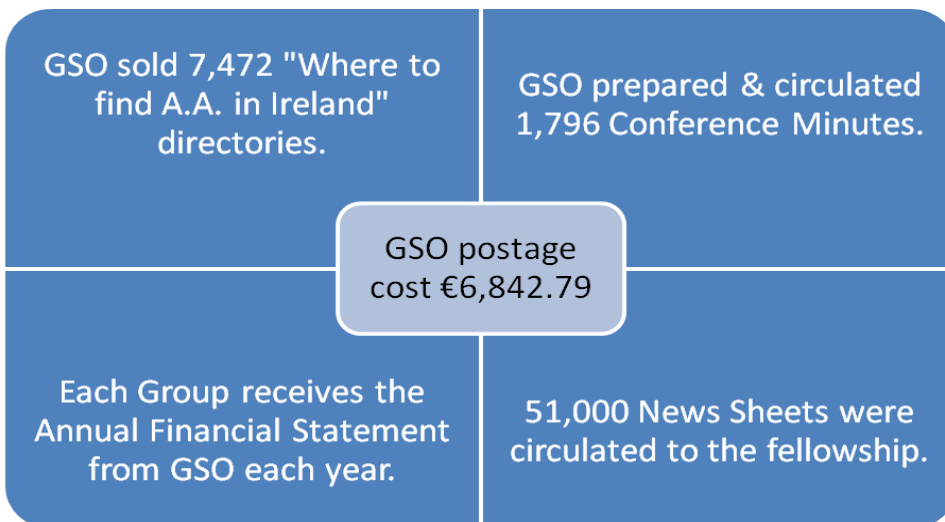
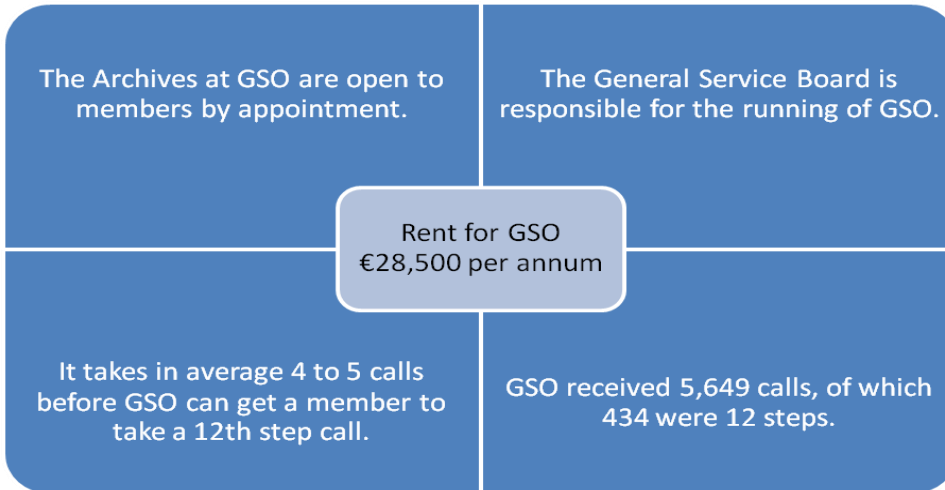
Money In The Basket

THANKS to the Fellowship's support, financial and other wise, we are able to run the General Service Office. The service the Office provides helps A.A. to reach Alcoholics in ever increasing numbers.

A.A. in Ireland holds a Prudent Reserve which is simply an amount of money set aside, primarily in time of emergency or hard times, to ensure that GSO would be able to carry on for a reasonable time.

The Irish Fellowship has been the biggest contributor to the INTERNATIONAL LITERATURE FUND which has helped carry the message in poorer countries. Income presently is low but when contributions were greater and all our expenses met we have sent these excess funds to help alcoholics worldwide.

We can be very proud of our fellowship here. The road of happy destiny continues. God Bless you all.



PAYING OUR WAY; HOW ARE WE DOING

Our Groups are spiritual entities, not business organisations. As such, in the spirit of the Seventh Tradition, “we are fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions”.

At the same time, the cost of A.A. services—local, area & countrywide have to be met, and we have only ourselves to foot the bill. In the homegroups where self-support takes place, do most of us join in?

Or do too many of us understand the need—and then forget?

Contributions from Groups have declined over the last 3 years by 39%.



Total Yearly Overheads

2009	2010	2011
293,622	309,541	322,332
	+ 5%	+ 4%

Table Top Contributions

2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2008-2011
Connaught			
56,110.94	32,771.47	27,200.00	
	- 42%	- 17%	- 52%
Munster			
131,136.00	119,386.27	97,226.91	
	- 9%	- 19%	- 26%
Leinster			
147,745.31	99,119.58	77,078.23	
	- 33%	- 22%	- 48%
Ulster			
53,428.00	28,310.19	35,761.65	
	- 47%	+ 21%	- 33%
€389,022.88	€279,672.72	€237,418.01	Tot per Annum

(There are other small incomes added into these totals)

Sunday, September 23rd
GREEN ISLE HOTEL @11.00 A.M.

LEINSTER PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

IS HOSTING A MEETING ON HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE DEAF COMMUNITY; A MEMBER OF DEAFHEAR.IE WILL GIVE AN INTRODUCTORY TALK ON THE DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED BY THE DEAF .

In particular we are seeking those AA members with a knowledge of Irish sign language (ISL) who may be willing to assist those of us trying to learn simple greetings and share their experience strength and hope with us. Perhaps help form a nucleus for 12 stepping deaf newcomers.

The Board at it's past two meetings and presently are looking at overheads with a view to cutting costs.

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CONVENTIONS IRELAND	ONE DAY EVENTS IRELAND	CONVENTIONS ABROAD
<p>Tipperary Area Aug 31– Sep 2 The Clonmel Hotel, Clonmel, Co Tipperary. 052– 6188700</p> <p>Clare Area Oct 5-Oct 7 The Auburn Lodge Hotel, Old Galway Road, Ennis, Co Clare</p> <p>Donegal Area Oct 19– Oct 21 Clanree Hotel, Derry Road, Letterkenny, Co Donegal</p> <p>Kerry Area 47th Nov 9-Nov 11 Brandon Hotel, Tralee, Co Kerry COURAGE TO CHANGE</p> <p>Mayo Area Nov 23-Nov 25 The Breaffy House Hotel, Castlebar, Co Mayo. 094-9044105</p> <p>Waterford Area Jan 18-Jan 20, The Grand Hotel, Tramore, Co Waterford 051-381414. HOW IT WORKS</p> <p>Limerick Area Feb 1– Feb 3 Carlton Castletroy Hotel, Limerick. TRADITION 5</p>	<p>Down Area DOG Sep 23, Sunday Burrendale Hotel, 51 Castlewellan Road, Newcastle, Co Down.</p> <p>Derry Area Nov 3, Saturday An Culturlann Ui Chanain, 37 Great James Street, Derry BT 487DB. 028-71264132</p> <p>Belfast Area Nov 10, Saturday Farset International Centre, 466 Springfield Rd, Belfast, BT12 7DW</p> <p>Tyrone Area Feb 9, Saturday Silverbirch Hotel, 5 Gortin Rd, Omagh, Tyrone.</p>	<p>Brazil Sep 6-Sep 8 Centro de Eventos Pantanal www.alcoolicosanonimos.org.br</p> <p>Malta Nov 2-Nov 4 Qawra Palace Hotel, Qawra, St. Paul's Bay, Malta. www.europe.net/event</p> <p>4th Annual April, Jan 25– 27, 2013 Lanzarote Barcelo Lanzarote Resort Hotel, Avd. Del Mar, 5, E-35508, Costa Teguisse, Lanzarote. www.aalanzarote.com/4thaaconvention</p>

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STRUCTURE OF THE FELLOWSHIP IN IRELAND—A.A GROUP(G)

