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To: New General Service Representative (G.S.R.)

From: General Service Office (G.S.O.) of Alcoholics Anonymous

Congratulations on your new position as General Service Representative (G.S.R.) for your group!

Through your service as a vital link with your home group, you allow the group's conscience to become part of "the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship," as expressed through the General Service Conference. The General Service Representatives (G.S.R.s) of the U.S. and Canada are the very foundation of our general service structure. As a G.S.R., you can make your group's voice heard at district meetings, at area assemblies, and eventually at the General Service Conference. You are linking your home group with the whole of A.A.

As part of your service commitment you will receive periodic mailings from G.S.O. to share with your home group on how your contributions are being used, A.A. items of interest, and a print version of our quarterly newsletter *Box 4-5-9*. We suggest that you share the contents of the G.S.O. newsletter with your group as it contains A.A. news and current A.A. experience on how members and groups handle various situations. Anyone can get our newsletter delivered electronically by signing up on the G.S.O. website: www.aa.org.

The pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" and the service pieces "The A.A. Group Treasurer" and "Self-Support Card" suggest ways your group can contribute to the support of A.A. These voluntary contributions make the work of A.A. possible. Please share this information with the group's treasurer. In addition, you will receive a quarterly contribution statement showing your group's contributions to G.S.O. with a letter containing information on some aspects of the services provided by this office.

Here is a list of some helpful pages on G.S.O.'s website that can serve as a resource of information for your group. Most of the literature and service material found in the G.S.R. Kit is available for download on www.aa.org.

- A.A. Archives and History
- A.A. Group Life
- A.A.W.S. Literature
- Contributions and Self-Support (Also, online A.A. member/group contributions)
- Information for A.A. Members

"The strength of our whole A.A. service structure starts with the group and with the general service representative (G.S.R.) the group elects. I cannot emphasize too strongly the G.S.R.'s importance." - Co-Founder Bill W.

Your friends at the General Service Office send our best wishes your way, along with our gratitude for your efforts in carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic.