

John Henderson Scholarship Fund Prosperity Invitation October 2007

Dear GSR, ISR, or Treasurer:

Please read this letter aloud at your meeting each week during October and November.

*With gratitude,
2007 WSC Resource Development Committee*

*“We will recognize there is enough; our resources will be generous
and we will share them with others and with D.A.”*

- Seventh Promise of Debtors Anonymous

Dear Members of Debtors Anonymous,

D.A. was founded by John Henderson in April, 1976, and in 2003 the D.A World Service Conference established the John Henderson Scholarship Fund in his honor. By providing financial assistance to General Service Representatives (GSRs) and Intergroup Service Representatives (ISRs), John Henderson scholarships enable increased group representation at the annual DA World Service Conference, our Fellowship's annual business meeting.

During the months of October and November, meetings and Intergroups are invited to have special collections and events in honor of John Henderson and make a special contribution to the scholarship fund.

Our vision for this year is that scholarship contributions total \$10,000. Please consider serving the fellowship by making a personal contribution and/or helping to plan a special John Henderson Scholarship Fund Event in your area. For the two-month period of October and November, we suggest each D.A. member contribute \$20.00 to help us achieve our goal. Prosperous members and meetings are encouraged to give more; however, **no donation is too small or too late to mail!** Meetings that collect for a GSR but don't send one are encouraged to contribute. Remember that individuals may contribute up to \$5,000 each year to the DA-GSB.

You may make your check payable to DA-GSB. Kindly write "John Henderson Scholarship Fund" in the memo field and mail your contribution to the General Service Office.

In Prosperity and Service,

The 2007 WSC Resource Development Committee,
The General Service Office, and
The Trustees of the General Service Board of Debtors Anonymous

The History of DA

John Henderson was part of a core group of recovering members from Alcoholics Anonymous who, in 1968, held their first meeting to discuss the problems they were experiencing with money. They first called themselves the "Penny Pinchers" and later "Capital Builders".

By 1971, the essence of the D.A. Program unfolded in the discovery and understanding by John H. and others that the act of debting itself was the threshold of this disease, and the only solution was to use the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Meetings came and went. D.A. re-emerged in 1976 when John Henderson and one or two other people began meeting on Wednesday evenings at St. Stephen's Rectory in New York. Within the year, a second meeting was organized, and Debtors Anonymous was reborn.

Today, there are over 500 meetings throughout the United States and in 13 other countries throughout the world.

The purpose of the John Henderson Scholarship Fund is to provide financial assistance to General Service Representatives (GSRs) and Intergroup Service Representatives (ISRs) who are willing to be of service and to attend the Debtors Anonymous Annual World Service Conference, but lack all the necessary funds to do so.

In 2007, a total of \$4,364.22 was distributed among nine representatives, enabling them to attend the World Service Conference in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. Out of approximately 530 registered DA groups and Intergroups, there were 97 representatives at the 2007 World Service Conference. Greater attendance at the World Service Conference strengthens D.A. as a whole to help the still-suffering debtor.

Please make checks payable to **DA-GSB**

Mail contributions to:

General Service Office
John H. Memorial Scholarship Fund
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