

THE BOTTOM LINE is a collection of recovery stories written by DA members. It also includes DA announcements, and quotes from DA and AA literature.

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<http://danyc.org/bottomline/bottomline.htm>.

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Please feel free to make copies and bring them to your meetings for those who may not have Internet access.  
Keep-it-close-to-your-heart tool for 12 Stepping.

You are encouraged to contribute your own story of recovery in 300-500 words so that it may benefit others  
DA announcements are greatly appreciated.

Deadline is 2 months before publication.

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS, 2018

The Debtors Anonymous Intergroup of Greater New York wishes to thank the following groups for their contributions in accordance with our 7th Tradition:

January		June	
Total	\$531.75	Tue 7 am Brooklyn Sunrise Visions	\$40.50
February		12:30 pm Steps and Tools	\$45.
Total	\$822.44	July	
March		Sat 9 am Visions	\$16.
Sat 11:15 am DA Writers	\$275.19	8:45 -9:45 pm BDA The Little Room	\$10.79
April		August	
DA Integrity 259	\$55.	Mon - Fri 7 am Malibu Diner	\$24.
Mon 12 noon Park Slope Tools	\$84.	Mon 12:30 pm	\$7.
May		September	
Thur night FOS (from 2014)	\$150.	No donations	
Mon-Fri 7 am Malibu Diner	\$39.94	October and November	
Sun Syosset	\$50.	The figures are not in yet.	

The Debtors Anonymous of Greater New York Intergroup Meets

The Last Thursday of Each Month

December 27, January 25, February 22 / 6:45 - 8:45 pm

At the Crossroads Episcopalian Church, 410 West 45th Street (bet 8th/9th Aves.), New York, NY

The Nearest Trains are the A,C,E, to 42<sup>nd</sup> Street (8<sup>th</sup> Ave.). Take the 44<sup>th</sup> Street Exit.

Or the 1,2,3 to 42<sup>nd</sup> Street (7<sup>th</sup> Avenue)



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35 Years in DA (with a break of 10)

While leaving an AA meeting--sober for a year--I passed by about 8 people pulling messy stacks of papers from their shopping bags and spreading them out on a conference table. I soon found out it was a Debtors Anonymous meeting, so I attended the next meeting. As with the others, I brought all my unopened, terrifying mail (and orange peelings and gum wrappers) to the meeting, and after the standard format, we spent a couple of hours working on our paperwork together. It was the only meeting in Boston, but I had heard that NYC had strong meetings and finally made it to the Friday night meeting in the Village, found a sponsor and back in Boston I got a job for twice the salary. Soon, I began attending three and four meetings a week and even started one in Harvard Square.

After meeting the woman (in DA) with whom I began living for a decade, we applied DA to our finances with the unsteady income of two free-lance as artists.. Overtime, I stopped pulling my share of the load, depressed clinically I think now, or I was out of love and too codependent to leave. She came into some money with which we fulfilled many visions: we toured the British Isles; studied Tibetan Buddhism in California; went to London to study shamanism; went to house-building school in Maine; bought sports parkas and wicking tops. But we did not save.

Finally, she met someone new. Devastated, I went to my mother's in Washington State and became her night nurse; she was very ill and died a year later. Meanwhile, my friend G moved to New York and I planned to move there, too.

But my brother didn't pay me the agreed upon \$5,000 for 5 months' work. With the help of my mother's housekeeper, I got the money with my mother's consent, out of the bank, and flew to New York. I got a job, a place, and when the money ran out, took a loan from an old friend who declined my check. I continued to attend the Friday night Business Owners' meeting (BDA) which comprises of two back-to-back meetings and, even when I got evicted and became homeless, my shelter was steps from a daily DA meeting.

Eventually, I went to live in assisted living where I was very unhappy, and after a stint in a psychiatric ward, I made my own world thanks to my electronic gadgets which included a computer, a printer, a cell phone, and a tv. I obtained a subsidized apartment and I am here now for a heavenly three years. For two years I spent less than my Social Security, but when I got hooked by online shopping, I bounced seven checks and my AA sponsor "bounced" me back to DA.

Now, I am mostly clear about my money. I go to DA every Friday waving to The Lady of Liberty on the BQE, love having reunions with old friends, and as a writer feel today called to use my words. We DA is where you go to grow up! When you "polish it" here, a miracle occurs "there!" Pay your own way comfortably. Live abundantly. Da's beyond your wildest dreams. Try it! Or just come back. We'll save you a seat. The end--or should I say, the beginning

Jane B



## DA LITERATURE

is now available on Kindle  
[debtorsanonymous.org/ebooks](http://debtorsanonymous.org/ebooks)

The Currency of Hope (2nd Edition) for \$9.99  
The Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions

Twelve Concepts of Debtors Anonymous  
(36 Principles of Recovery) for \$9.99

Free Kindle app through your app store

## WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE

Get ready for the World Service Conference 2019  
in Los Angeles

Save the Date! Save your Serenity!

August 7 - 11, 2019 LAX Hilton Hotel

We may volunteer to get there early, unlock the  
venue, set up the chairs, and welcome others,  
especially the newcomers.

## THE DA MANUAL OF SERVICE

2018 Edition (DAMS)

is available as a free download at

<https://www.debtorsanonymous.org/dams>

## MORE DA ANNOUNCEMENTS

[www.debtorsanonymous.org/announcements](http://www.debtorsanonymous.org/announcements)

# DA ANNOUNCEMENTS

## eNEWS

DA members may sign up to receive eNews about  
DA by email at

[www.debtorsanonymous.org/enews](http://www.debtorsanonymous.org/enews) or

U.S. members may text  
“DARECOVERY” to 22828

## SHARE YOUR STORY

“Share your story in Ways & Means

the recovery magazine of DA

or share an article about service in

The DA focus quarterly. Go to:

[www.debtorsanonymous.org/share](http://www.debtorsanonymous.org/share)

The Bottom Line, the newsletter of Debtors  
Anonymous Intergroup of Greater New York is  
seeking your experience, strength, and hope. See  
the back page of this publication.

## NEW DA SERVICE OP

Project Contributor

Have experience in a particular field  
such as computer technology  
literature development  
public relations?

Time-limited tasks, assignments, or projects  
of a General Service Board committee  
Nominations of self or others consist of  
three items:

Signed Letter of Intent

Service/Professional Resume

Signed Letter of Recommendation

Service requirement: 1 year of not debting

Sent electronically (Word or pdf) to:

GSB Nominations Committee at

[office@debtorsanonymous.org](mailto:office@debtorsanonymous.org)

[https://debtorsanonymous.org/download/project-  
contributor/?wpdmdl=2333](https://debtorsanonymous.org/download/project-contributor/?wpdmdl=2333)

## BDA CONFERENCE CALL

The World Service Conference Committee of  
Business Debtors Anonymous(BDA) presents the  
following fellowship-wide conference call:

A Spiritual Approach  
to Growing Your Business

BDA Tools 7, 8, and 9

Sunday, December 2

2 - 3:30 pm est

USA & Canada Call-in Number  
+1.605.472.5530 access code: 617093#

Some charges may apply,  
depending on your phone service.

Web-based phone alternatives are available.

For international numbers and online access:

[www.debtorsanonymous.org/call-in-access](http://www.debtorsanonymous.org/call-in-access)

For recordings of Fellowship-wide calls (when  
made available),

visit [www.debtorsanonymous.org/podcasts](http://www.debtorsanonymous.org/podcasts)

## DA FOCUS

The Quarterly World Service Newsletter for the  
Fellowship of Debtors Anonymous

4th Quarter 2018 issue is now available at

[https://www.debtorsanonymous.org/download/nov-  
ember-2018-2/?wpdmdl=2317](https://www.debtorsanonymous.org/download/november-2018-2/?wpdmdl=2317)



## A WORD FROM OUR WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE

“If it fits in your spending plan,  
please increase  
your 7th Tradition contributions!”