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WITH MORE AND MORE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS of AA making personal contributions for the support of General Service Headquarters "Third Legacy" services, special interest has been focused on the recent action of the 1957 Conference in re-stating AA policy on such personal gifts.

In two separate actions, Conference Delegates voted to limit to \$100 the amount acceptable from an individual member of the Fellowship. This new policy was first presented to the Conference in the report of the Headquarters Finance and Budgetary Committee, which was approved unanimously. Because of its importance, it was reviewed at the meeting limited to Area Delegates and again endorsed.

Previously, personal contributions had been limited to "one-tenth of one per cent of the annual budget for Headquarters services." As AA has grown, the scope of these services has increased, as have annual budgets. The new policy, limiting personal contributions to a specific dollar amount, is intended to reflect the Traditional AA viewpoint that no individual, by virtue of the relative size of a personal gift, should ever be in a position of influence on matters involving AA's worldwide services to alcoholics. In the past, a number of sizable personal gifts have been rejected, in line with this Tradition.

During the past few years, hundreds of personal contributions have been received from members, in connection with the increasingly popular "Birthday Plan" and as memorial gifts.

Gifts for the support of AA services are not accepted from non-members. (*Ed. note*—Contributions from AA groups form the bulk of financial support of GSH.) *Reprinted from "AA Exchange Bulletin"*