



## **CLA<sup>SM</sup> 7th Tradition: Where Does the Money Go?**

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Have you ever wondered where your money goes when you drop it into the basket at your Clutterers Anonymous<sup>SM</sup> meeting?

Your contribution helps make sure there is a place for compulsive clutterers to meet and share their recovery. The sites often used, such as churches and other establishments, are generous in providing meeting room space. However, they usually do charge a nominal rent to cover their operating costs.

Your donation also goes toward covering the purchase of supplies, literature, any regional events, group workshops, or special events. CLA World Service Organization (WSO) reprints and sends out the literature. They also pay for the website and its maintenance, offer a comprehensive listing of every meeting, as well as for incorporation and for maintaining its nonprofit status.

According to the 7th Tradition, each group ought to be self-supporting, declining outside contributions. A voluntary 7th Tradition contribution of \$2 by each person is suggested, but this is never required. After each group's expenses and its prudent reserve (usually two months' expenses) are met, it is suggested that the remaining funds go to support the work of CLA service bodies.

It is suggested that groups that belong to an intergroup might consider contributing 60% of these remaining funds to their intergroup and the remainder to WSO.

For contributions to WSO, either send a check or money order to CLA WSO, PO Box 91413, Los Angeles, CA 90009, or online through [ClutterersAnonymous.org](http://ClutterersAnonymous.org) (using the "Order Literature" link).

At this time, there is only one intergroup, CLA-East. To contribute to it, send a check or money order to 184 South Livingston Avenue, Suite 9-203, Livingston, NJ 07039.



## **CLArity Newsletter**

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CLArity is a newsletter produced quarterly by members of Clutterers Anonymous<sup>SM</sup> as a means of bringing together clutterers scattered around the world. It is a way to let other people know about recovery, to impart 12-Step information and essential knowledge, and to share our members' "experience, strength, and hope."

Also, it could be a way for anyone outside our organization wishing to obtain a bird's eye view of the problems that clutterers face.

### **Obtaining Copies of the CLArity Newsletter**

There are two ways to subscribe to or order single issues of CLArity.

1. Visit [ClutterersAnonymous.org](http://ClutterersAnonymous.org), click on the "CLArity Newsletter" link on the left, and fill out the shopping cart information to order online.
2. Obtain a CLArity order form and send in your payment via postal mail. An order form may be downloaded from the above website. It may also be requested by calling (866) 402-6685 or by sending a letter to CLArity at 184 South Livingston Avenue, Suite 9-203, Livingston, New Jersey 07039.

### **Writing Articles for CLArity**

All CLArity articles are written by members of the Clutterers Anonymous Fellowship. The CLArity team, comprised entirely of CLA<sup>SM</sup> volunteers, strives to publish articles that adhere to the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions.

Some of us who have written articles have found that writing has helped to clarify what we have accomplished, what we need to do, and where we stand now with respect to our clutter. It helps us to verbalize what is in our minds so that we can declutter our thoughts, and this can be very integral to moving forward.

Many CLA members do writing as part of their recovery process; sometimes these writings can be adapted to become wonderful CLArity articles.

The CLArity team has provided several documents to help prospective writers, including: "Guidelines for Submission of Articles," "FAQs for Authors," and individual suggested outlines for certain types of articles. To request any of these, use one of the methods above.



## How Can I Maintain My Connection with CLA<sup>SM</sup>?

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- Be willing to participate with us.
- Ask to stay informed of future CLA events.
- Subscribe to the *CLArity* newsletter and share it with your group.
- Contribute articles to the *CLArity* newsletter.
- Attend meetings, in person or on the phones.
- Make clutter buddies, get and give support, and show up.
- Make phone calls to your group members or reach out to others.
- Contribute to CLA email discussions.
- Share your CLA experiences and yourself with others, and with us.
- Register your meeting with the World Service Organization (WSO).
- Volunteer to provide service locally or at the intergroup or WSO level.

We can use your ideas, suggestions, and stories of recovery. All voices are important, whether you have a little or a lot of time in the program. Sharing experience, strength, and hope may help in your own recovery.

Do you have any suggestions? Please send them our way!

Do you have more possessions than you can comfortably handle?

Is clutter causing problems at home, at work, or in your relationships?

Do you hesitate sharing about this problem because you feel embarrassment, guilt, or shame about it?

Do cleaning, organizing, follow through, upkeep, and maintenance all become daunting tasks, making the simplest of chores insurmountable?



You are welcome to attend a  
Clutterers Anonymous<sup>SM</sup> Meeting

Easy Does It Meeting  
1234 First Avenue  
(Corner of A Street)  
Maintown, USA

Every Monday at 7 p.m.

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[ClutterersAnonymous.org](http://ClutterersAnonymous.org)

For information, call Norma D. at (123) 456-7890

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