

Proposal to Establish a Dedicated Account for the Area 92 Corrections Pink Can Program

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The Proposal:

The Area 92 Correction Committee proposes establishing a dedicated bank account for the Area 92 Corrections Pink Can Program:

- The Area 92 Treasurer will manage this account's finances, which will be used to receive Pink Can contributions from individual A.A. Members, Area 92 Groups, and Area 92 Districts, dispersing receipts accordingly.
- Costs associated with the Pink Can account will be covered by the Pink Can account.
- The Area 92 Treasurer's Area Assembly and Quarterly reports will include Pink Can Program fund transparency.
- The Pink Can account's purpose is to serve as a centralized clearing house for contributions from Pink Cans around Area 92 submitted electronically through the Area 92 website, or via standard mail.
- Based on requests and needs, funds will be utilized to purchase literature for Area 92 Correctional Facilities.
- The Area 92 Corrections Chair will utilize the Pink Can account's debit card for literature purchases.
- The Area 92 Corrections Chair and Committee will be responsible for allocating literature.

Support Documentation:

Included: "Area 92 Pink Can Program Outline" "Historic 1980's WSP Pink Can Flyer." "2006 Box 459 Excerpt"

Included: Area 36 documents and notes that highlight key points of their Pink Can Plan's success.

"Deep Pink Can Plan Thoughts" "Dec Corrections Chair Report" "Donations Page" snapshot.

What will happen if we adopt this proposal?

1. The creation of this account will allow for Pink Can funds that currently have no designated allocation to be centrally managed and distributed at the Area level. Through our experience, we have observed that several Districts are either unwilling or lack the infrastructure to manage Pink Can funds effectively. Consequently, these intended funds often remain stagnant.

Establishing an account linked to a digital payment platform, such as Paypal, or standard mail, will facilitate the transfer of Pink Can funds, ensuring they are distributed (by means of purchased literature and Grapevines) to Correctional Facilities within Area 92.

This account will provide a painless means for individual Members, Area 92 Groups, and Area 92 Districts to support their correctional facilities reliably and consistently, while also allowing Area 92 to provide a greater means of effectiveness in responsible service and support to its members efforts.

2. The WSEA 92 Handbook will require updating in the following sections:
 - a. **6.5 WSEA 92 Treasurer & 6.6 WSEA 92 Alternate Treasurer** - to reflect and outline the specific bookkeeping practices the Finance Committee deems best.
 - b. **8.5 WSEA 92 Correctional Facilities** - the inclusion of the attached support document; "Area 92 Pink Can Program Outline."

What will happen if this proposal is not adopted?

If this proposal is not adopted, already collected funds may remain unused. Given that many Districts lack the capacity to manage these funds, they will continue to accumulate. As a result, prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities can remain underserved and those with literature needs will lack the appropriate assistance.

The *Area 92 Pink Can Program* effort is an integral part of serving our correctional institutions. Without the proper infrastructure to channel these funds, facilities can remain without literature, an essential resource. The plight of our Area 92 will continue to reflect those conditions of more than 65 years ago which initiated the Pink Can drive in the first place, a dedicated effort to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic behind the walls.

Will There be a Financial impact?

There will be no financial impact as Pink Can Funds operate independently from the 7th tradition. Contributions to the Pink Can are voluntary and managed autonomously by individual groups. Therefore, the establishment of a dedicated account for Pink Can funds within Area 92 Corrections will not affect the financial practices outlined by the 7th Tradition.