



OA REGION 5 TREASURER  
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Dear Region 5 Fellowship,

I am looking forward to our Summer Assembly and “seeing” everyone. In this time of separation, I can use all the “face time” I can get. I pray you are all doing well.

Thankfully our bank account has not suffered due to this Pandemic. As of June 30, we had \$46,201.11 in our operating account and \$13,711.43 in our savings account. We have not incurred as much in expenses as we thought due to the cancellation of many activities. We are working on getting refunds back into the accounts. Also, the second quarter payments to the World Service Office are not reflected since they went out in July.

Our Region has added the ability to make region contributions online. When you make a contribution, please let us know if you are making it on behalf of your meeting or as an individual donation. If you wish to use this new option, here is the link. <https://Region5oa.regfox.com/region-5-7th-tradition-campaign> It can be found on the OARegion5.org website under Region 5 Forms and Resources in the Financial Forms section

For January through June 30 this year, we received \$16,311.70 from Meeting Contributions compared to \$8,879.25 for the same period in 2019. I continue to receive contributions both by mail and through our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition online capability. Please let your Groups know how important and appreciated their contributions are. I am so proud of how we have all pulled together to keep OA alive and well. For 2020, our budget amount for contributions is \$26,000 meaning we are on track to meet our budget.

As you can see in the Contributions Report, I get checks and do not know what Groups they are for. When I am unable to match a meeting, it goes under the Unknown section for each state. **If you do not know your group's number, please look it up on the OA.org website in the Find a Meeting section.**

Make sure to download the Contribution Form on the Region 5 website's FORMS tab. Your cancelled check serves as your receipt, however, if necessary, you can request an email receipt. For a mailed receipt, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Also, we are Region 5 not Region V. The Post Office Box will change in December after our new Treasurer takes over in the position. Please watch for that information and let your groups know as well.

The 2020 budget approved at the Fall Assembly attempts to tie expenses more closely to their cost area. For example, Hotel Liaison expenses are now associated under Assemblies or Conventions. Parliamentarian expenses are now associated with Assemblies. The cost of processing online registration and receipts are associated with Assemblies and Conventions. This will give us a better idea of how much these things actually cost us.

I encourage the Finance Committee to review our accounts throughout the year. I will reissue links after the Summer Assembly. I look forward to getting to know you better. To be on the committee, you don't need to know a thing about accounting. As a matter of fact, it is beneficial for us to not have a bunch of accountants on the committee so that we are sure the statements we provide make sense to our Reps.

Please let me know if you have questions. We want you to understand how we use the money you entrust to us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerri M  
Region 5 Treasurer