Noticing. The birds are having fun in the sky. I'm grateful their antics caught my eye. Seconds. Moments. Briefest Brevity Builds. Patience flows. Love soars. LIFE IS! --Shirley

## A Group Funds – Seventh Tradition

The group treasurer should make a monthly report to the group and calculate the amount of the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donations being sent to their Intergroup and to the ACA WSO. This is sent monthly or quarterly.

The fund flow model of ACA is based on a 60/40 disbursement. After the group meets its monthly expenses and sets aside money for a prudent reserve, 60% of what is left over is usually sent to the local Intergroup and 40% is sent to WSO. A prudent reserve usually is the amount that equals two months' worth of meeting expenses. The meeting expenses would include rent, utilities, and other group expenses. BRB pg. 609

40% to ACA WSO Headquarters Payable to: ACA WSO 1458 E. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street Signal Hill, CA 90755

60% to ACA Northern California Intergroup Payable to: ACA Intergroup 3300 13<sup>th</sup> Street Sacramento, CA 95816 Thank You! Inner Child Voices

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## ACA Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity to accept the people I can not change, the courage to change the one I can and the wisdom to know that one is me.

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## The Truth

No one wants to hear the Truth. And the Truth to an Alcoholic is like Sunlight

to a Vampire. Painfully Bright.

And if exposed too long, deadly.

In fact, Alcoholics are a lot like Vampires.

We love dark places, and we suck the life out of people including our own.

In the beginning, we were thrilled with our new super powers and exciting life.

We drink to drown our fears, pains and regrets, our securities and our successes.

To numb the urges to be responsible, mature and contributing adults.

Then one day, we realize we are alone in the dark.

Still, we continue because it's all we know, and Somehow, we are comfortable even satisfied with the familiar.

It seems we would rather die than try something different.

Then one day I woke up. Cold, alone and nearly dead; wondering how did I get here!? When I looked in the mirror, I didn't recognize the pale, thin and under dweller in the mirror. This isn't what God had planned. I've been cheated!

I desperately try to Blame Someone, Something. But the cold hard Truth is-I am to blame. I chose this life as an Under Dweller. By some miracle, I got into the Rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous, and I saw The Truth, The Way and The Light. –*Courbet* 

## **My Promise**

I am soaring with broad, strong wings.

An eagle gaze.

Higher in a beautiful blue sky than ever I've been.

The weight of my chains of critical father and mother Falling off below me as I climb.

I ascend farther than I have ever been

Life's troubles fade to tiny, non-perspective specks,

Only pastels of solid color.

Weaving, diving, gliding with lightness, my skin tingles to prickly bumps.

My lungs fill with air to a new undiscovered depth. This feeling of letting go - of one with my higher spirit. "Please let this be my release from the shackles forever".

The Promise - Freedom my reward. --KayLynn

Creator loves us this we know for all creation speaks it so... Revealer loves us this we know for all it reveals shines through so... Redeemer loves us this we know for all the gifts given us so... --Jimmy