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WEB EDITION

The Committee Meeting Location for October has been changed.
It will be held at the Salina Bicentennial Center at 800 The Midway,

PREAMBLE:

Kansas Area Assembly

Service shall be Area 25's primary purpose.

All Area 25 activities will be aimed at assisting Kansas A.A. groups to function more effectively. Area 25 will also try to insure that the Area's group conscience is conveyed through the general service structure to the General Service Conference, to help the Conference fulfill its primary purpose of acting as the "true voice" of A.A.

Area 25 shall encourage all Kansas A.A. groups to support the Area in its efforts to carry out this goal.

DELEGATE

Greetings from your Delegate,

First things first. I would like to thank Districts 30, 19, 5, 16 and 17 for inviting me to share the Conference report with you. Your hospitality and your food was the best! I got to spend time with old friends and make some new ones. I am excited to report that all five groups picked for the 2014 Public Information Survey returned their data and it has been sent to GSO .

It is a busy time of the year for all of us. The Kansas State Conference is in Wichita It is sure to be a good time. I have received some Trustee Reports

and I hope to share that with you at the conference. Also, I am looking forward to S.W.R.A.A.S.A. I hope many of us can make the trip to Corpus Christi. The weekend following is our Area Committee Meetings in Salina, where we will share the information we picked up at S.W.R.A.A.S.A.

The best part of this job is getting out and meeting the members of AA in Area 25 Kansas.

My next scheduled reports are:
The Fall Service Party
Districts 9-10-23
September 13 2014,
Bonner Springs, Kansas

Southeast Serenity Conference
October 4 2014
Eureka, Kansas

District 6 Round Robin
November 2
Manhattan, Kansas

District 13 Fall Fellowship Fiesta
November 8 2014
Newton, Kansas

Kansas City Central Office
Delegate Meeting
Location TBA

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Don G
Panel 64 /Area 25 Kansas

AREA CHAIR

Hello Area 25 Kansas

Here it is almost the end of summer. Labor Day weekend has come and gone and best of all "Today is the first day of the rest of our lives." Hope everyone had a good summer, with all the Round Robins, campouts, picnics and AA functions that Area 25 has this time of year. Myself, I have been to a campout in Dist. 1 and a Tradition workshop and Delegates report in Dist. 16. Great job you guys and gals! Speaking of AA functions, The State Conference is just around the corner the 19th-21st of this month in

Wichita. It will be great to see everyone and just have a good time in the fellowship. On Oct. 10th-12th Corpus Christi, Tx. and Area 68 is hosting SWRAASA. I know it's a long way down there, but I hope to see Area 25 well represented. The next weekend Oct. 17th& 18th will be our A/25 Committee meetings in Salina. **NOTE: Please be aware the location is the Salina Bicentennial Center at 800 The Midway, Salina.** All the info. you will need is in this edition of the GFP, so please all you DCM's and GSR's share this info. at your District and Group

meetings. Please fill the car, van, pickup, or whatever you drive and come be a "part of." This Committee meeting is where we will set the agenda for Jan. Assembly. All this info. needs to get out to our Districts and Groups so we can be fully informed and prepared to take action in Jan.

As in the words of my good friend Milton "I Love each and every one of you and there is nothing you can do about it." Thanks for everything you ALL do.

Mike H. A/25 Chair

Reaching out to the Dark Districts

Some of our neighbors do not actively participate at Area 25, nor are their voices heard with in AA as a whole. We encourage you to reach out to those districts without active DCM's, and Groups without GSR's and share your experience of service beyond the home group and carry the message one on one. Area 25 welcomes your ideas on how we can best do this and offer our support.

TREATMENT

Hello everyone from the Area 25 Treatment Committee. We had some great stuff shared in July. There were twenty-two in attendance, from eleven Districts. I talked about the former treatment chair's focus of Bridging the Gap and what it is. I also referenced the white book and how it can be used to see the responsibilities of everyone in Area 25. There is a lot of information in the book, which can be used, if it is read. I then opened the meeting and we went around the room with everyone sharing what and how they are dealing with the treatment facilities and Bridging the Gap. Lenny advised that the National Bridging the Gap conference is going to be in Kansas City on Sept 5, 6 and 7. This is open to anyone. He also discussed the importance of BTG with people coming out of correctional facilities. One thought was that the client has to want to get sober and that we should take as many meetings into facilities as possible. There is a difference in what Admin vs. Staff want in the facility. We need to get people out to meetings vs. in-house. It is hard to get groups to commit to regular meetings. Some thought it was good to have speaker meetings in the treatment facility. Our job is to get the information to the client. It is their job to use it. One of the groups provide a call list for the facility. We should discuss what the primary purpose is in both NA and AA. Just keep plugging along, some will get it. If you have the responsibility of a meeting make sure you take it in. When taking a meeting to the treatment facility, take the BTG pamphlet with you and give it to the client yourself. This seems to be working. One on one conversation with the clients and then give them a pamphlet. One district said it is the GSR's responsibility to keep the BTG list current and the list is kept at central office. See you in Wichita at State Conference or Kansas City at BTG Conference. In Love and Service Tom L.

LITERATURE

From the Literature Desk,

The literature committee had a big time at the Assembly in July helping prepare for the self-support discussion that took place on Saturday. We packed and prepared all 200 of the literature packets handed out for this activity, thanks again committee. As I'm sure most of you know by now, there is a price increase for literature coming effective October 1, 2014. I will be making this a priority at the committee meeting in October as far as getting the information across the area about the changes. I hope that the new literature catalog will be out by then. I plan to have the literature display out at the State Conference in September so please keep an eye out for that. Not much else going on with literature, just really enjoying being of service to the area. See all of you at the State Conference, I hope! Grateful to be of Service,
Terry H.

CORRECTIONS FACILITIES

Greetings from your Area 25 Corrections Facilities Chairperson,

Thanks to your continued contributions to the Yellow Can Fund we have been busy ordering books and literature for the volunteers to take to the Inmates in prisons and county jails throughout Area 25.

As you may have heard A.A.W.S. is raising prices for books and literature on October 1, 2014. Most books are going up \$1.50 to \$2.00 each. However, shipping prices are going down 4%. Overall, it's going to cost us more for books and literature, when keeping orders over \$500 for the free shipping.

Just a reminder Yellow Can Fund address is P. O. Box 67711, Topeka, KS 66667. Nancy E., Treasurer, asks that you always check the "thank you contributions card's" information so the amount is credited to the correct group and district. Also, thanks to those who are putting the group and district numbers on the checks, it helps a lot.

Pre-Release & Correspondence – Darin S. has been busy connecting Inmates from Facility with AA Members when they are getting out. He is looking for volunteers from Area 25 to write to an Inmate or meet an Inmate within 24 to 48 hours being released.

There is plenty of room for service work within Corrections in Area 25.

- ◆ *Volunteering to take meetings into a Facility or County Jails.*
- ◆ *Writing to an Inmate.*
- ◆ *Meeting an Inmate when released and taking him or her to a meeting within the first 24 to 48 hours.*
- ◆ *Contribute to the Yellow Can Fund. -- This helps make it possible for Inmates behind the walls to get our AA books and literature.*

The Corrections Conference is coming up in March at Topeka. Watch for flyers.

We thank you for your continued support of the Yellow Can Fund. Your contributions allow AA's message of recovery to reach the still suffering alcoholics behind the walls.

Sharon F.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Greetings Area 25, What a great time at the area assembly meeting in July. We have some active participation in PI. There are some districts really getting out there and carrying the message. They are handing out literature getting psa's on the radio, TV, and, movie theaters. Please remember when you're handing out literature you have the area website on the literature and literature rack also please remember to have contact phone numbers on the pamphlets. From what I have been hearing at our committee meeting participation is on the increase and that is good news. It is such a pleasure to work with all you great people getting out there doing the work and carrying the message. Keep up the great work and thank you for all that you do.

In Love and Service, Rich S, Area 25 PI chair

GRAPEVINE

Hello Area 25! I am looking forward to seeing everyone at committee meeting in October. We had a very informative and fun time in Great Bend at the Area Assembly in July. We had fourteen in attendance from seven districts. The District Reps reported the things that they are doing in their districts to promote sales of the grapevine. District 10 rep reported that they have a writing workshop coming up in October, and still are having big success with their gum ball machine to raise funds for gift subscriptions. Other districts reported giving subscriptions away as first anniversary gifts; also pointing out that it makes a great service piece for corrections, and for treatment work. The newest Grapevine book "Grapevine Daily Quote Book" is out at the price of \$10.99. I will be attending our Area 25 conference in Wichita in September, and the SE KS Serenity Conference in Eureka in October, in December heading to Garden City, so if you would like to have the display at your function let me know if I can be of any assistance in representing the Grapevine at your Group or District. I am here to serve, it is an honor to do.. Looking forward to seeing everyone in October, In AA Love and Service, Andi S., Grapevine Chair

ALANON LIAISON

I would like to thank the area for the opportunity to serve as the Alanon Liaison. In June we had the privilege to attend the Alanon/Alateen State Conference in Topeka. It was a great conference and A A was represented by our speaker Dave S. from Ark City. The highlight of the Conference was the a wonderful Sunday morning speaker who had to endure the power failure that took place as he was being introduced. It was evident that a Power Greater than ourselves (or even Westar) was in charge. The Conference for next year is planned to be held in Wichita, We hope to have speakers selected shortly. Please plan to come and join us and see how Alanon and Alateen can bless you and your loved ones. Jerry W.

TREASURER

Greetings Friends in Service: What an awesome July Assembly, and I look forward to seeing all of you at the State Conference in September! Fortunately, Area 25 Groups have responded well to your efforts to communicate our financial situation. I would like to thank all DCM's and GSR's. Second quarter contributions were up 30% over the same period last year. I received about 60 Self Support Inventories from the Assembly body, and will report results at the October Committee Meetings. Excitement for the State Conference is running through my veins. Please come for the fellowship, the Great Speakers, and to support Area 25. Ken D.

WEB CHAIR

Dear Kansas Area, It's been a busy summer and we are just about to the State Conference. Has anyone looked at the calendar of events lately to see if you have your event in? All you have to do is scan your flyer in pdf form and email it to the Web chair. Then I can get it on for you, even if it is out into 2015. Meeting changes are happening all the time so get yours in to have the corrected. Many people look at our sight looking for meetings in the different cities. Having our information current and correct will keep them coming back and they share with their friends. Remember coming in January we will be having a work shop on the website as to how to navigate around in it and get the most from its features. Hope to see many of you in the upcoming months, with lots of things to do and places to go. Check out the website and see what's missing or find something new. Thanks for letting me be of service. Virgil H.

CO-OPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

Once again the CPC committee meeting at Area Assembly was well attended in July. Many districts are carrying the message to the professional community already and others are excited to start the process.

Some FYI items regarding pamphlets relating to CPC at the General Service Conference:

-Referrals From Court and Treatment Facilities pamphlet altered to simplify language regarding the signing of court cards.

-If You Are a Professional pamphlet altered to include the G.S.O. website as a means of contacting A.A.

-A.A. as a Resource for the Health Care Professional pamphlet eliminated "I can't stand the smoking" text.

Full descriptions of these changes are available in the Conference Advisory Actions of the 64th General Service Conference, May 2014. Keep in mind that the entire CPC kit is available from A.A.W.S. for \$18. The workbook can be purchased for \$2.50 or downloaded for free at: http://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/m-41i_CPCWorkbook.pdf. Also, remember that most pamphlets are available for download for free. As you may have heard me say, I have many pamphlets downloaded to my tablet that I carry with me most places so the information is readily accessible, even if I'm in a location that doesn't have internet connectivity. The pamphlets are available at: http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/aa-literature. As always, don't hesitate to email or call if you have any questions regarding CPC. I look forward to seeing everyone at committee meetings next month!

In Love and Service,

Josh R.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Greetings Area 25,

Wow! Where as the time gone? I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. At the July Area Assembly Polo from linguistic district 20 came forward willing to serve as Co-Chair, Kathy from District 8 has offered to assist Polo. Thank you both for your willingness to serve. They will be chairing the October Committee Meetings as I am unable to attend. I will miss everyone. Other needs discussed in our meeting were childcare needs; one group shared how they have a box of toys in the corner for the children and this works great for them. A Women's group in Topeka hires a babysitter who cares for the children in a different room. Transportation is another need we discussed; several suggestions were made on how to address this need. Through a contact from the website and the willingness of AA members, an AA member from out of state who recently moved to a Hutchinson Assisted Living residence was connected with members and able to continue attending AA.

In Service,

Raechelle R.

CHRONICLER

Greetings Area 25, First off, thank you to Mike H., Area Chairperson, for extending the opportunity to be of service to Area 25. I look forward to meeting everyone at the October Committee Meetings. For the immediate future, we will continue the scanning process to save our information electronically. I have obtained the displays as well as the History of Kansas AA (power point presentation), which Dave R. put together. If you have an interest in having these available at your Group, District, or Conference functions; feel free to let me know and they'll be there! Yours in Service, Justin G.

GRAPE FREE PRESS

Greetings Area 25,

What an exciting time to be in service at the Area level. As editor of the Grape Free Press I am honored to publish our first edition of the Grape Free Press to be posted on the Area website. It is a new opportunity to inform, educate, and share with the entire fellowship all the work done by our Area Committees to carry the message throughout the state of Kansas.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. Sue N.

Biking To Atlanta



By now, many of you have already registered for the International Convention in Atlanta, Ga, (July 2-5, 2015), where AA's 80th anniversary will be observed – "Happy, Joyous & Free". Motel reservations have been made, airline ticket prices researched, travel plans are being formulated, buses are being chartered, travel by rail, car, RV, & motorcycle are all being contemplated.

How about biking to Atlanta with me? Yes, you read it right. I'll be riding my bicycle from Lawrence to Atlanta to attend the convention. I love bicycle touring, and this will combine two things I love most – AA & bike touring.

The route will include parts of the Katy Trail, the Mississippi River Trails, the Great Rivers South routes, and the Silver Comet Trail. One of the roads I'll be pedaling on will be the Grapevine Trail Road in Illinois. Seems very appropriate for this trip! Of course, I'll be hitting some meetings on the way down – got to check out how they do AA in Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and of course, Georgia!

Well, if pedaling all the way to Atlanta is a bit much for you, I hope you are still considering going to the convention. However you arrive – hot air balloon, steam boat, covered wagon, limo, whatever, see you in Atlanta!

Dave R. Area 25 Secretary



2015 International AA Convention

When: July 2-5, 2015

Where: Atlanta, Georgia

Why:

To celebrate the **80th** anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous

Please be mindful of this date as you plan your events for 2015

Area 25

Kansas State

Conference

September 19 - 21, 2014

Communicating our

Legacies-Vital

in a Changing World

Wichita, Ks

Register online at

www.kansas-aa.org

Grapevine Turns 70
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OF ALCOHOLICS
ANONYMOUS
SERVICE ASSEMBLY

October 10-12

Corpus Christi, Tx

Register online at

swraasa2014.org

GSR's

We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A.

We realize that the ultimate authority in A.A. is a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that the group can reach an informed group conscience. Passing along this group conscience we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship.

Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our groups and A.A. as a whole.

Responsibility Declaration

"I am responsible..

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,

I want the hand of AA always to be there.

And for that,

I am responsible"

Fourth International A. A. Convention, Toronto , Canada, July 1965

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