

SPRING 2015
ANONYMITY PROTECTED

The Committee Meeting will be in Salina, Ks.

It will be held at the Quality Inn

2110 W. Crawford, Salina (ph. 785-825-2111)

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.

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.

DELEGATE

Greetings Members of Area 25 Kansas, I hope this note finds you well. I have been looking forward to the upcoming Committee meetings on 4/10 through 4/12 in Salina. I have been distributing Agenda's and background material to Area 25 DCM's, Committee Chairs, and Area

Officers. DCM's please review your Agenda committee assignment, share it with your GSR's and be ready to let your views be known at the Mock General Service Conference. Area Chairs please pick out several Agenda Items that you think that would be good

discussion topics, our time will be limited. I am looking forward to seeing you in Salina and working through this Agenda together. Remember your input is important.
Yours in Service
Don G
Panel 64/ Area 25 Kansas

AREA CHAIR

Hello Area 25, Here it is March already and hopefully winter is on its way OUT. I hope everyone stayed warm over the winter months. April Area Committee meeting is fast approaching and I am looking forward to seeing everyone. At the Committee meeting we will get the consensus of the Area by having a "mock" General Service Conference on the agenda items for the 65th G.S.C. Each standing Committee Chair will have agenda items with background information to help our Delegate (Don G.) to get pre-

pared for his trip to New York, to help do the business of AA as a whole. What I would really like to see is all the great enthusiasm we have as an Area. Come and join us as we help prepare our Delegate. It also gives you a chance to see and go through a little bit of what the Delegate does at the G.S.C. Remember, we need you!! The Committee meeting will again be in Salina at the Quality Inn. Friday evening we will have a meeting of the Area officers and Committee chairs, everyone is welcome at this meeting.

Please come and meet your members in service. Saturday we will start early and please plan to stay late, this will be a busy day. Sunday morning for those who would care to, we will have a topic meeting. Again, we need you, please plan on filling the van, SUV, pickup, or car with all your friends in service and come be a "part of". Thank you all for what you do for Area 25 and AA as a whole. I love each and every one of you and there's nothing you can do about it.

Mike H. Area 25 Chair

PUBLIC INFORMATION

What a great assembly we had it was so great to see so many old friends there and make new ones. At our committee meeting we had 21 people representing 13 different districts. It seems people are really getting interested in P.I. service and really getting involved in getting the message out. Districts are starting to get PSA,s out at the movie theaters which is a

great avenue for getting the message out. Some groups have reported in seeing their groups double in the last 6 months through the PSA,s being put up in the movie theaters. Some districts are using a roving sign which can be seen from the intercity highways in and around K.C. We have a few groups and districts in the processes of forming P.I. committees and

getting people to commit to helping do the work. Some districts are doing P.I. outreach with our military bases and schools. Remember our mock General Service conference in at our April committee meetings we will have a lot of information to go over. Hope to see you all there. In Love and Service Rich S
Area 25 P.I. Chair God Bless

CORRECTIONS FACILITIES

Greetings from your Area 25 Corrections Facilities Chairperson, I have been busy with orders coming in steadily for Books and Literature going into the Prisons Facility and County Jails in Area 25 and getting them out in a timely manner. Thank you for your Contributions to the Yellow Can Fund that makes this all possible. Yellow Can Address – P.O. Box 67711, Topeka, KS 66667. When sending checks, please put your District Number and your Group Service Number on the check. Pre-Release Contact and Correspondence Chairperson,

Darin S., is looking for AA Members to either make contact with an Inmate when released and get him or her to an AA meeting or Sign up to write to an Inmate, while incarcerated, about their experience, strength and hope in AA. Needing Men Volunteers for Men and Women Volunteers for Women. There are many ways to do Service Work in Area 25 Corrections. Volunteering to take meetings into a Prison Facility or County Jails. Writing to an Inmate. Meeting an Inmate when released and taking him or her to a meeting with 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. I am looking forward to the upcoming Corrections Conference in Topeka on March 14 and the Committee Meeting on April 11 in Salina. I 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
Area 25 Corrections Facilities Chairperson

WEB

Area 25 Members,

Hello from the cyberspace! Cyberspace is "the notional environment in which communication over computer networks occurs." Having troubles finding things to do when you're snowed in at home? Check out the Area 25 website at www.kansas-aa.org. Things have been wildly changing in there, new group functions happening all around the state. It's really nice to see some of the flyers coming in to be posted onto the calendar. Keep them coming DCM's

remember to put them in a pdf format. Changes don't happen very fast in AA but in this day and age it looks as if it is getting faster. Several contacts have been made in what we can do with our website. New ideas will be looked at during the committee meetings in April. So if your idea looks like a good one, please bring it to the committee meetings in Salina on the 17, 18 and 19th of April. The web committee is open for ideas and is always looking for a better way to dress up our website to our members and all the others. Check

your meeting times and address, contact numbers. If they are not correct be sure to use the change form on the website to let us know what needs corrected. Website is only 7 years old and always needs updates. See you in April, if you bring me a flyer in person at the committee meetings I will put it on the calendar and you won't have to email me. How about that deal! Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

Virgil H. Area 25, Web Chair

GRAPEVINE

I had a great time at the January Assembly, I hope that all that attended the Grapevine Committee Meeting and workshop had a great time also. The thirty minute writing workshop was well attended with several positive comments. I would like thank all that helped or participated. Looking forward to the Committee meeting in April hope to see you there. News for the Grapevine this quar-

ter is a challenge for subscriptions. So if you or your group are not currently subscribed to the Grapevine, starting February 1st there is a Challenge that who gets the most new subscriptions in their area will get a spotlight in an upcoming Grapevine. An new subscription being considered if you haven't had one in the last 6 months. So let's get subscribing. Online at www.aagrapevine.org or you may sub-

scribe by sending in the form with your check or money order. The Grapevine and LaVina is our meeting in print, lets show our support be showing our enthusiasm and appreciation for all the messages that it contains. Thank You, Proud to be of service,

Andi S
Area 25 Grapevine Chair

AL-ANON LIASON

We continue to meet for the 2015 Alanon/Alateen State Conference Committee. It will be June 12-14, 2015 at the Best Western Wichita North (53rd and I-135). Please come and enjoy fellowship and our AA workshop which will have the

theme of Cooperating without Affiliation. We hope to share ideas that will help encourage Alanon and Alateen involvement for newcomers and in more rural groups. Our AA speaker will be Sue B. from Wichita. Please come and encour-

age others to attend this fun time. If you have never been to a conference for Alanon it will be a great experience. Don't forget that teenagers will be there and it is a great place for them to meet others who are active in Alateen. Jerry W

SPECIAL NEEDS

Greetings Fellow AA's,

It was so great to see many familiar faces and some new one as well at the January Assembly. We had a great committee meeting with 29 in attendance from 11 districts. There was a lot of discussion regarding different types of special needs

and how each district was addressing those needs. We had further discussion about childcare at state conference and it was agreed upon that AA should not be involved in. There was much discussion on looking into how to have closed captioning available at state conference. It is agreed

that this would be beneficial. Closed captioning would allow those who are hard of hearing to better understand the speaker. Looking forward to spring and seeing you all are the Committee Meetings in April. In Service- Raechelle R.

GRAPE FREE PRESS

Greetings Area 25,

Once again I would like to thank our Area Secretary and our Web chair for their timely assistance in helping me get our Wrap sheet out to our DCM's and GSR's in a timely manner. For those of you who do

not utilize this tool please go to our Area website and check it out. It has in a readers digest version pertinent information to take back to your groups and districts and includes highlights of what we did at Assembly and Committee meetings. It is the

GFP committees hope that you use this tool to help us keep the fellowship better informed of all the services the Area provides Yours in Service
Sue N.

CHRONICLER

Hello Area 25,
Hope this finds you doing well. We had a great turn out for our meeting at the Area Assembly and I look forward to seeing you in April. At the Assembly we

discussed the need for updating the group histories and that is currently in process. Right now the focus is for Districts 1-15. Several of the DCM's have responded to our request and are

beating the bushes in their Districts for group histories and/or updates. Thank you for all the help!
God Bless,
Justin G., Chronicler

LITERATURE

From the Literature Desk:

I first want to express my appreciation to Eric D. for filling in for me at the January Area Assembly, I understand he did a great job, which was no surprise, he's a super guy. He sold all the Service Manuals that we had on hand and handed out all the Literature catalogs, that is spectacular, good job Eric! The Literature committee completed the planned Literature inventory, it is my job now to make certain that

any deficiencies are filled. There were some literature pieces that were missing and I am working to shore up those shortfalls. I want to encourage those attending the April Committee Meeting to come prepared to participate in and help with the customary "Mock General Service Conference" exercise that the committee does each year, it's an interesting activity. Remember, if you have any Literature issues in your home group, then bring those to your Dcm's attention and then hopefully

we can work together to get them cleared up so that we can continue to do what it is that we are here to do and that is to see that the AA message is getting to those in need. FYI: The new Box 459 has all the information that one needs to get registered for the 2015 AA International Convention this July. If you have been to an International you know the great experience, if you haven't, put it on your bucket list, it an experience that you will not want to miss! In Love and Service, Terry H.

Alternate Delegate

Greetings Fellows in Service,

The first and most important thing on my mind is the need for more people to volunteer to chair marathon meetings at our Area 25 Conference in September. There are only a few names so far and even though September is a way off, it

will be here before we know it. I would like for all of our DCM's and GSR's to announce at meetings this opportunity to serve. We will be having marathon meetings on the hour except when the main meetings are taking place so we need lots of help. I would like to have 2

people for each slot with one having at least a year. I appreciate your help and look forward to seeing many of you in April at our Committee meeting. With Love In Service,
Bruce L
Alt. Delegate Area 25, Panel 64

Treasurer

Greetings Friends in Service, I'd like to begin by thanking all of you for the momentum to increase Group contributions during 2014. However, we start 2015 at a disadvantage, due to the use of part of our Prudent Reserve to cover the loss of the 2014 State Conference. Together we will need to develop a plan

to replace those funds, and I have been researching ideas to present, but certainly, would welcome any ideas you may have as well. January Group contributions were down 16% this year compared to January 2014 and expenses for the Assembly were larger than expected due to not meeting our room quota for

discounts. Hopefully, like last year, the increase will appear in February and March. I look forward to seeing you in April, and helping prepare our Delegate for New York!
Ken Dubuc
Panel 64, Area 25
Treasurer

Treatment

Hello Everyone:
 Its that time again. We had a great meeting in January. We had 30 in attendance. I opened the meeting with the status of Bridging the Gap in Topeka. I suggested to the committee to read the white book, for a lot of good information that is called the Area Assembly Service Structure Infor-

mation Notebook. We went around the table talking about Bridging the gap and treatment. Several districts currently take meetings into treatment centers and we discussed the need to encourage others to volunteer and share their story. One District takes a one hour workshop on sponsorship in to a treatment center on a regular basis. We talked about the need to keep

literature racks filled and to keep our contact lists for the treatment centers up to date so they can call us for rides and or just talk. And lastly we discussed the importance of the clients attending regular AA meetings after treatment. If anyone needs help give me a holler in love and service , Tom L

Co-operation with the Professional Community

Greetings! If the attendance at the CPC committee meeting at the January Assembly is any indication of interest in CPC building across the Area then Area 25 is VERY INTERESTED in CPC work! 40+ people from 15 districts attended the CPC

committee meeting. We went over a sample CPC presentation from GSO on communicating with professionals. I've had many requests for this presentation, it is available at the following link, OR, get in touch with me and I can email you an elec-

tronic copy or put a hard copy in the mail. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Salina for Committee Meetings!

Josh R.

Upcoming Events

Kansas Correctional Facility Conference

Saturday March 14, 2015
 9am-3pm

2627 SW Western

Grace United Methodist Church
 Topeka, Ks

58th Annual Kansas

Area 25 State Conference
 "Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery Unity Service"

September 18-20, 2015
 Wichita, Ks

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel
 2098 S. Airport Rd
 WWW.AREA25AA.ORG

Regional Forum

October 9-11

St. Louis Mo.

Www.aa.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.

Sobriety Birthdays and Celebrations around the Area

Jan.

Mark G.1/1/98
 Lenny E.1/8/04
 Bob M. 1/18/06

Feb.

Carl H.2/17/88
 Penny M.2/9/99

March

Patty D.3/19/90
 Cyndi M.3/4/09
 Todd M3/4/03
 Debbie T.3/10/88

District 8 Birthdays

Matt J- 40 years
 Jack N.- 36 years
 Anne K.- 15 years
 John R.- 23 years
 Tom T.- 12 years
 Cherry M. - 20 years
 Bob M- 9 years
 Keith P.- 16 years
 Tom R. - 22 years
 Rick K - 4 years
 Paula A. - 28 years

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

District #17

Jan.

Sue V. 31 yrs

Feb.

Laura W. 20 yrs

March

Donnie B. 23 yrs
 Doug K. 4 yrs
 Kelly P. 10 yrs.
 Wade 8 yrs
 Damon 9 yrs

Newcomers Group celebrated 28 years in February

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2015 International AA Convention

When: July 2-5, 2015

Where: Atlanta, Georgia

Why: To celebrate the 80th anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous

Please direct your questions or suggestions to your Group Service Representative or your District Committee Member