

# SUMMER 2015 GRAPE FREE PRESS

The Assembly Meeting will be in Salina, Ks.

It will be held at the Quality Inn

2110 W. Crawford St, Salina , Kansas (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.

## DELEGATE

### Greetings Area 25

I would first of all like to thank you for allowing me to serve Kansas, at the 65th General Service Conference in New York City. I am really looking forward to sharing this experience with all of you across the state. Heather and I arrived early in order to take in some of the sites of this great city. On Friday the 17th we rode the subway to the General Service Office and took a tour, we followed that with a AA meeting in the Riverside Church across the street, then lunch in the cafete-

ria, I was in AA geek heaven. The next day we had the privilege of taking a bus tour to all the historic AA sites in the city, it was excellent. On April 19th the work began for the 65th General Service Conference: Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity and Service- the Foundation of Our Future. I went into this conference thinking we would be done early, I was wrong we used every hour available and a few more. I am looking forward to sharing it with you: here are some upcoming

dates of scheduled reports.

**Kansas Area Assembly**  
Salina, Ks -7/18/15

**District 's 16 & 17**  
Meade, Ks -8/1/15

**KC Central Office**  
Location TBA – 8/9/15

**District 19 – Wichita**  
Location TBA-8/16/15

**District 13 Newton Ks**  
Fall Fellowship Fiesta  
11/14/15

See you soon  
Don G. Panel 64 /Area 25

## AREA CHAIR

Hello Kansas Area 25,

Memorial Day has come and gone and Summer is right around the corner. Hope to see a lot of you at the Spanish Conference and or the Al-Anon Conference in June. The International in Atlanta is just over a month away! Please remember not to schedule any AA event at the same time. Please! Our Area Assembly is fast approaching July 17-19th in Salina. We as

an Area voted to have our Assemblies and Committee meetings at the Quality Inn and we need you to make your room reservations in advance so we can fill our room quota to get the best rate on our meeting rooms. The Agenda for the Assembly has been on the web and will be in this issue of the GFP. Please look it over and discuss in your groups the items we are going to vote

on. Also, this will be our voting Assembly to fill all our elected officers for the 2016-2017 rotation. Look over the positions, read about them in our Area manual, or the AA Service manual, ask yourself the "5" questions and come prepared to stand for those positions and vote on the business at hand. We will also be able to meet and get to know our newly elected SWRT (South West Regional

### 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 too 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.

**AREA CHAIR****CONT.**

Trustee) from Area 68 Southwest Texas Yolanda F. I have asked and she has accepted our invitation to come and visit our Area and be a part of Area 25's Assembly. Again let me remind you

that we need each and every one of you to book your rooms early, fill the car, van, or pickup with friends, sponsees, sponsors and anyone else interested in service work and come be

a "part of." WE NEED YOU! 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." Mike H.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Hello Area 25,

First off I want too thank our area chair for taking care of my committee meeting in April. There were 17 people from 14 different districts at the meeting. There was a lot talked about

and a lot of things going on in our area. Dist. 9 & 10 are getting psa's on bill boards. Dist.19 is getting tv psa's out. Dist. 16 is getting psa's out on .m. radio. Augusta and El Dorado are getting psa's out on local t.v. with meeting schedules. Eureka is getting

out psa's on the radio. Dist. 12 is getting psa's out at the movie theater. There is sure a lot of p.i. work going on in our area it sure great to see so many people getting involved thank you for the work you do. Rich S.

**CORRECTIONS FACILITIES**

Greetings from your Area 25 Corrections Facilities Chairperson, Thank you for your contributions to the Yellow Can Fund. Without your support we wouldn't be able to get the books and literature into the hands of those incarcerated. To date ten orders have been filled and shipped in Area 25. Your contributions make it all possible. Yellow Can Fund Address is P.O. Box 67711,

Topeka, KS 66667. When sending checks, please put your District Number and your Group Service Number on the check. We are still looking for volunteers 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, sharing you experience in AA. Volunteers are needing your old Grapevines

to take into the Prisons and County Jails for the inmates. Working on getting the Spanish Pamphlets, in inventory, moving into the hands of inmates at this time. Have sent out several and still have a large number in inventory. Thank you again for your continued support of Corrections, Sharon F

**WEB**

Hello Cyber Friend of Area 25:

I am glad I have taken on the Web-chair position. I have learned many things about how it works as a communications tool. One thing for sure it is only as good as we put into it. Sometimes when we get in a hurry things are missed like a little dot known as a period. Thanks to JC he contacted me and let me know that the calendar was down on the

website. After thorough and extensive reviewing I found where I had missed that period and it put the calendar in a blank status. The website is a great way to find a meeting or contact someone to get to a meeting. This is an ongoing process. DCM's need to check their districts, with all the meetings listed, make sure that all meetings are being held. How about a phone number for contact? Remember

this is out for the public to access. Check to see if your contact number is good. GSR's keep your information current so other people can find us. In the near future we will be rotating our positions, would you consider being the Webchair and continue to help carry the message? See you all in Salina for the Area Assembly! Thanks for letting me be of service. Virgil H

## GRAPEVINE

Hello Area 25.

As of today June 4th, 2015 there is 198 days left in the subscription challenge. Lets get subscribing to the Grapevine and the LaVina magazines. I would like the thank Juaquina for filling in for me at committee meeting in April. Looking forward to July assembly. Grapevine's

beloved book The Language of the Heart is now available as an audio-book, featuring over 18 hours of listening time in two formats: Downloadable MP3 files or CD's. Happy, Joyous and Free. The commemorative convention book from Grapevine will be available starting July 1. You can buy online or at

the convention. Did You Know? In 1980 the GSC recommended: "that groups make every effort to introduce newcomers to the Grapevine as one of our best tools in sobriety." So what are you waiting for Area 25, let's get subscribing. Thank you for the privilege of service Andi S.

## AL-ANON LIASON

Greetings from Al-Anon Area 25 State Conference. We are having a great time in Wichita, if you are attending then you know how important it is for us to cooperate with and support the traditions

that have guided our two fellowships for the past 60+ years. If for some reason you are missing the party this year plan on being with us next year. I will report the activities in detail in the next GFP.

We can be grateful for the hope our two fellowships provide.

Jerry W.

Area 25 Al-Anon Liaison

## SPECIAL NEEDS

Greetings Area 25,

As always, it was great to see everyone at the April Committee Meetings. There were 9 districts represented with 14 in attendance. Discussion regarding the need for closed captioning being made available for future state conferences started off the meeting. It was agreed

that Real Time was too costly- there are speech recognition software programs available; Dennis will research for us. District 23 is busy with their work in special needs. District 19 talked about making conference calls for those who were homebound and asked for suggestions. We also discussed the LIM (Loner-

Internationalist Meeting Correspondence) Service. I will not be with you in July as I am unable to get out of a work responsibility. District 17 DCM Terry L. will be there in my place. Thanks in advance Terry. Hope each of you enjoys your summer.

In Service- Raechelle R.

## GRAPE FREE PRESS

Greetings Area 25,

As GFP representative the most important thing we can do is inform our Groups and District of what the GFP is all about. It is Area 25's newsletter, and it contains reports from the Delegate as well as all the Elected and Appointed Committee Chairs. The GFP helps educate as well as keep our groups informed about all the ways that the Ar-

ea Committee's can help support groups and districts in carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the still suffering Alcoholic. The Wrap sheet was developed to help the GSR's and DCM's communicate in a concise manner the business that was conducted at the previous Assembly/Committee meetings. As a GFP representative at the District level the most

important thing you will do is share at each meeting what the GFP is. Please take a copy of the most current GFP and the Wrap sheet with you and just share it with the GSR's at your District meeting and encourage them to share it with their groups.

Yours in Service,

Sue N

## CHRONICLER

Hello Area 25,  
Hope this finds you well. We had a great meeting in April at Salina and look forward to seeing you in July. We

are currently updating Group Histories for Districts 1-15. Thank you to all the DCM's and GSR's that have been submitting Group History forms and updates. Safe travels to those of you

going to the International and be sure to register for the Kansas State Conference in September! In Service,  
Justin G.,

## LITERATURE

From the Literature Desk,

Hello Area 25, I hope all is going well. We had a great Committee meeting in April and the Mock General Service Conference (GSC) exercise was a great experience for all in attendance. The Literature committee at the GSC had several items to consider and we hope that the conscience of the Area that came out of our efforts helped our delegate to make his decisions while at the Conference. I am actively getting our literature inventory up to

date and will have a few more of the current Service Manuals available at the July Assembly before the new ones come out later this year. Several of the Service Material pieces (Newsletters and Bulletins) are available on line for your printing off and sharing in your groups and Districts. As for the upcoming July Assembly, the Literature Committee will be presenting the newly edited version of the CD "Marking on the Journey" as a Saturday night entertainment opportunity for all those interested. Popcorn

and Hot Tamales will be available, check the Grapefree Press Assembly agenda for the exact time and place for this event. If anyone has any questions or comments for me please get in touch with me by email or phone. All Area committee chair contact information can be found in the confidential roster or by using the online contact feature at [www.kansas-aa.org](http://www.kansas-aa.org). Have a wonderful June and we will hopefully see you in July. In Love and Service,  
Terry H.

## COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC)

Greetings!

I recently mailed out "blue cards", which will subscribe professionals to the About AA newsletter to GSRs and District CPC chairs that requested them. When ordering additional cards from GSO I learned that we can sign up for the newsletter electronically and save GSO some postage costs. Professionals

can now sign up for the digital delivery of About AA through the website with only an email address. You can also sign them up (if they ask to subscribe) by simply putting in their email address. Here is the link: [http://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/about-aa-newsletter-for-professionals](http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/about-aa-newsletter-for-professionals)

As always, I have an abundance of

these cards, don't hesitate to contact me and I'd be happy to send some. I have had the great opportunity of participating in two CPC/PI workshops this quarter, please keep myself and Rich S, Area PI Chair, in mind for your events. We're happy to travel and help carry the message. See everyone in Salina next month! In Love and Service, Josh R, Area CPC Chair

**TREATMENT**

Hello everybody from your Area 25 Treatment Chair. We had an exceptional meeting in April. There were 12 in attendance from six different districts. We opened the meeting with the serenity prayer. I discussed what was going on in Topeka or District 8. The Treatment Chair for District 8 is trying to put together a workshop. There are many meetings being taken into three different treatment facilities. The Valeo Treatment Center brings clients to two or three different meetings in the To-

peka area. The BTG Program is an ongoing project in Topeka. I then opened the meeting and asked "What was going on in their respective groups". District 26 takes meetings to the jail in Cloud County, Republic County jail still says no, but they keep asking if they can bring a meeting in. Most of the districts represented take meetings to treatment centers. One district advised they keep their meetings focused on the first three steps. District 19 has a Treatment committee which is

doing very well. One idea that was shared and we all thought we should keep in mind is when you are in a meeting with the clients to not act like you are better than they are. Another advised not to turn on the addict, you never know. Another District takes a workshop on sponsorship once a month. I'll be in Atlanta for the International. Hope to see you there. But I will see you all at the Assembly. Thanks for allowing me to serve. Tom L

**TREASURER**

Greetings Friends in Service: Things are always interesting when it comes to Contributions! I want to thank all the DCM's and GSR's for your consistent support and communication of the Area financial status. Year to date, it has resulted in a 39% increase compared to last year at this

time. Conference registrations are tripled over last year, and the momentum of the Committee continues to expand. However, as we all know, expenses are also up, so we do have work to do, but for the shape we are in, we are in pretty good shape! I have included some suggestions for ways to

restore our Prudent Reserve. There is no formal program in place to accomplish this, and this is not an attempt to put one into effect. These are just suggestions, and you can use them or not as you see fit. Have a great spring! Ken D Treasurer

**Upcoming Events**

**Kansas Area Assembly**

*July 17, 18, 19th, 2015*

*Quality Inn*

*2110 W. Crawford, Salina*

*Please make your*

*Reservations :*

*(785-825-2111)*

**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.KANSAS-AA.ORG

**Regional Forum**

**October 9-11, 2015**

**St. Louis Mo.**

**Register online at:**

**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.

**Attention**

The Kansas Area Service Office  
has a new Phone Number.

If you need to call  
(KASO)  
the new number is

**(785) 370-0745**

**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

**Sobriety Birthdays  
and Celebrations around the Area**

District 8 Birthdays

Alan 7yrs	Chris 2 yrs	Dee 2yrs
Tom L. 9 yrs	Mary 35 yrs	Bev 2 yrs
Dan N 10 yrs	Kevin 26 yrs	Terry 19 yrs
Don T 38 yrs	Alex 39 yrs	Juanita C 38 yrs
Julie 28 yrs	Susie 8 yrs	Lewis S 5 yrs
Rosemary 33 yrs	Marcia 19 yrs	Tuan 1 yr
Kevin 4 yrs	Judy 22 yrs	Jason 2 yrs
Patty 25 yrs	Jean M 25 yrs	Larry 29 yrs
Betty P. 42 yrs	Shaun 1 yr	
Shauna 1 yr	Daniel 1 yr	

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

## July 2015 Agenda Items

### Old Business

#### SUGGESTIONS TO RESTORE THE PRUDENT RESERVE

1. ASK GROUPS TO PASS AN EXTRA BASKET FOR AREA 25 ON FOUNDERS DAY, TO CELEBRATE A DAY OF GRATITUDE.
2. DECLARE AUGUST "SELF SUPPORT MONTH" AND SELECT A DATE AS "SUPPORT OUR SERVICE STRUCTURE DAY" ASK MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO SUPPORT THE SERVICE STRUCTURE OF AREA 25.
3. HOLD WORKSHOPS ON THE SERVICES OFFERED BY AREA 25; THAT ALLOW FOR CARRYING THE MESSAGE AT THE GROUP LEVEL.
4. EMPHASIZE THE BIRTHDAY PLAN, ASKING EVERY CELEBRANT TO CONTRIBUTE USING AREA 25 BIRTHDAY DONATION ENVELOPES.

### New Business

*Approve disapprove Chimp Mail (Flyers Only)*

*Approve disapprove anonymity protected Grape Free Press and other correspondence to be placed on the Web or emails from Area 25.*

*Elect Delegate*

*Elect Alternate Delegate*

*Elect Chair*

*Elect Alternate Chair*

*Elect Treasurer*

*Elect Alternate Treasurer*

*Elect Secretary*

*Elect Alternate Secretary*

*Any other New Business*