



FALL 2015 GRAPE FREE PRESS

The Committee Meeting will be in Salina, Ks.

It will be held at the Quality Inn October 17 & 18, 2015
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

Good Day Area 25, I hope the approaching change of seasons finds you all well .I am really looking forward to the state conference and sharing the 2015 Conference Report at the State of the Area at 8:00 am on Saturday morning with Mike H. our Area Chair. I also have upcoming report in District 23 on October 3 in Lawrence; I am looking forward to seeing you there. Let me share some news from GSO. The final count from the International Convention

was 57,000 people were in attendance, that is a incredible show of our unity. The planning for the 66th General Service Conference is well under way. The theme is "Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts" It will be held April 17-23 at the Crown Plaza on Times Square. On the Corrections Desk the Video " It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell " is in production, they have 20 alcoholics that have been recorded from the United States, that are or

who were incarcerated. The Final Conference Reports are to be shipped by mid September; I am hoping to bring them to the State Conference. Also coming up is the Southwest Regional Forum October 9-11 2015 in St. Louis, Mo. This is great opportunity to attend a forum and meet the people from GSO in our neighborhood. Thank you for allowing this opportunity to serve

Don G. Panel 64

AREA CHAIR

Hello Kansas Area 25. Man, time flies when you are having fun. The last days of summer are near and the State Conference is right around the corner. Speaking of the State Conference, I am looking forward to seeing everyone and hopefully this conference will be well attended after all the hard work the committee and the Area as a whole has done. Oct. 9-11, 2015 the SWRF will be in St. Louis. If you have

never been to one, there is no registration fee and this is a chance to get to know YOUR GSO people (staff) and ask questions. Hopefully there will be flyers at State Conference. Also in Oct. on the 16th-18th we will be having our Area Committee meeting. We need everyone in the Area to come and "be part of", as we are looking at some possible changes in YOUR Area and we need all YOUR input. So,

please fill the car, van, pickup, or bus and get your room reservations early so we can get the best rate. Come and join in on these exciting times in Area 25. REMEMBER, we need you! In the words of my good friend Milton, "I love each and every one of you and there's nothing you can do about it". Thank You for all your service, Mike H.

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.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Greetings Area 25, First, thank you for entrusting me with the responsibilities of serving as your Alternate Delegate. Even though I carefully reviewed these duties before standing for the position, the job immediately looked bigger and more challenging once the realization of what had just happened set in! It's certainly a humbling experience. My first action was to contact Ian S, the Alt. Delegate for Eastern Mo (Area 38) concerning the SW Regional Forum, which will be held Oct. 9-11, 2015 at the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel in St. Louis, Mo. I asked Ian if there was anything he was needing from the Alt. Delegate in Area 25, and he said "YES! I need you to encourage everyone in Kansas to come be part of this fantastic weekend!" So

even though it's only a few weeks from the time this GFP issue is published until the Forum, there's plenty of time to register (it's FREE!) and to book a room, arrange a carpool, buy a bus ticket, (or even bicycle) to St. Louis. How do I register? A couple of ways: Online Go to <http://www.swrforum.org> Paper - Show up at the Forum any time after 2:00 p.m. on Friday, Oct 9, or anytime on Saturday, Oct 10. (Mail in registrations closed at GSO as of Sept 14) What about hotel reservations? Again, a couple of ways: Online - go to www.aa.org, click on "For AA Members". Then go to Regional & Local Forums, and look for the SW Regional Forum links. Use group code "Southwest Regional Forum" Call the

hotel at (888)-627-7066. What do I get from a Forum? There's a First Timer Orientation on Friday evening at 6:45. You get to meet AAs from 7 States (11 Areas) in the SW Region, plus staff members from GSO, plus Trustees (both Class A & Class B), see displays on all the areas of AA service work, see presentations & videos, and put your questions into the Ask-It-Baskets. And I'm sure Area 38 has some special St. Louis style surprises for us! Please let me know if I can be of service in your district or group in any way. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Kansas Area Conference in Wichita!

Yours in love & service
David R,
Alt. Delegate

AL-ANON LIASON

Greetings,
I want to thank you for your support as I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve the Area for the past two years. I feel we have made a good attempt at further developing a cooperative spirit with the Al-Anon family groups in the Kansas Area.

The interaction we experienced was very rewarding. Our AA speakers for the last two Al-Anon State Conferences represented A A and our Area well. Thanks David S from Ark City and Sue B. from Wichita. I also want to thank those who helped with our AA workshop at the 2015 Confer-

ence. There were a lot of good Ideas presented on how and why we should cooperate especially in smaller communities. I am looking forward to working with our incoming Al-Anon Liaison in January. Respectfully submitted,
Jerry W.

CHRONICLER

It was great to see everyone in July at the Assembly. We had a good meeting with representation from Groups and Districts throughout the Area. This year we have focused on updating or obtaining Group Histories for Districts 1-15. Some of the information is starting to trickle back in. Thank you to everyone that has taken the time to do that. As of now, our electronic files

are current with our hard copies. We had a generous gift/contribution this summer from one of our members; a Next Book was given to the Chronicler. It has touch screen and keyboard capabilities, as well as Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, and PDF. It currently has all of our files stored on it (in addition to our external hard drive). This will be passed on to the next Chroni-

cler. I look forward to seeing and visiting with you at the Kansas State Conference in September as well as the Area Committee meetings in October. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. My information is in the Area's confidential roster. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Justin G. Chronicler

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC)

Greetings! We had a great CPC Committee meeting at Area Assembly in July with 25 people in attendance. We discussed CPC related business from the General Service Conference and of course talked about all of the great things going on in the CPC world across Area 25. The message of AA is getting carried to professionals via health fairs, one on one visits, and ministerial alliances, to name a few. Another great exercise we completed,

which I encourage all of you to do, is to read through pages 7-10 in the CPC workbook. Why these pages? These pages discuss how the traditions apply to CPC work. There are some great reminders in there about our singleness of purpose, cooperation not affiliation, and probably one of the most talked about topics these days in the digital age: anonymity. Don't have a CPC workbook? No problem, it is available for free at:

http://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/m-41i_CPCWorkbook.pdf Thank you very much for allowing me to serve you, have had the opportunity to conduct one CPC workshop in Wichita since my last report with CPC related talks scheduled in Newton on November 14 and Manhattan on November 8. In Love and Service,

Josh R, Area CPC

LITERATURE

Hello fellow AA's. The Literature Committee in Area 25 is comprised of 3 DCM's from the Area, Literature Chairs Districts across the Area and anyone else with an interest in what is going on with the massive amount of Literature that we have in AA. It was reported in the last AAWS Highlights that AAWS Literature is currently translated into 89 languages worldwide. The Big Book has been translated into 69 languages and translation into 15 additional languages is pending. The project to translate Alcoholics Anonymous into Navajo has picked up momentum with a strong Navajo-speaking committee effort. In that same AAWS Highlights it was stated that for the first six months of the year

which ended on June 30, 2015 the Gross Profit for Literature was \$4,235,549.00. As for some of the items that the Area Literature Committee discussed at the recent Area 25 Area Assembly I provide the following: Reviewed April-May GSC results as to what agenda items were passed and what ones weren't and why. Took note of the 30-40 some Service Manuals that have been distributed thus far in this committee's term. Had a wonderful committee discussion as to what was working at the local group and District levels and what wasn't as observed by those in attendance, ie, "Welcome Packets" are being utilized by many groups and Districts in the Area. Last but not least we discussed

and organized how we were going to present and fulfill the Area Assembly agenda item that we had agreed to do which was to offer those in attendance the opportunity to watch the newly revised DVD of "Marking on the Journey". This presentation was presented on Saturday night of the Assembly to a crowd of some 55 attendees in which popcorn and soda pop were made available. Many positive comments were received. Thanks again to all those people who have taken an interest in how AA Literature impacts those around us and just how important it is as a tool in carrying the message of Hope to the still suffering alcoholic. In Loving Service, Terry H.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Greeting Area 25, Sorry I was unable to join you in July. I missed being with you. A HUGE thank you to District 17's DCM Terry L. for stepping up and filling in for me. It looks like there was a nice crowd for the committee meetings, with 17 in attendance from

9 districts. It was agreed that special needs can cover many things. Many subjects were touched upon, discussion regarding taking meeting into jails and nursing homes. The remaining time was spent regarding how to handle meetings with children. Hope eve-

ryone has enjoyed their summer. I look forward to seeing many of you at the State Conference. I can't wait to see what is in store for us at Committee Meetings in October. Take Care! Thanks again Terry L.

In Service- Raechelle R.

TREATMENT

Greetings from your Area 25 Treatment chair. We had a great meeting at the Area Assembly. We had 15 in attendance from ten districts. The Meeting was opened with the serenity prayer. I told everyone I had the opportunity to attend the 80th International Conference in Atlanta. I was contacted by the Treatment Chair at GSO and asked if I would help in the Treatment Booth there. It was a great opportunity and a lot of fun; I met a lot of people. Now here in District 8 meetings are being taken in to several different treatment centers. Also there is a Treatment workshop being

planned for March of 2016. I then opened it up and we went around the room to see what everyone was doing. District 26 they are ready when someone needs to get to a meeting they get them. In Pratt they have a Big Book Study in the counseling center. They are also working with the schools. Wichita is taking a meeting a month into a new detox center. District 11 is taking meetings to Larned and Ellsworth jails. They also take info to churches and motels. District 9 takes a meeting to Shawnee Mission. Their home group picks up people from Mirrors twice a week. A Lot

of young people. Grapevines are being donated to treatment centers. District ten takes meetings to Johnson County detox twice a month on Saturday. Olathe group takes one to Shawnee Mission detox on Thursday. District 13 takes a meeting to Hutch State Prison. Meade group takes a meeting to Lighthouse in Oklahoma. District 5 takes meetings to "Sober Living House and to a treatment center. They need more help. A sponsorship meeting is taken into the facility once a month. Lots of Bridging the Gap being done throughout Area 25. Thanks for the opportunity to serve. Tom L

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Hello Area 25, well here we are again summer is just about done and fall is around the corner hope everyone had a great and safe summer. We had 20 people from 10 different districts at our PI meeting. We started the meeting reading a memo from Jim M. at GSO regarding anonymity in the digital age and how they can find a lot of information on AA's web site. We also went over what was going on in the area with what groups and districts were doing. I'm grateful for all the work that is going on in the area

you are all really getting out there and letting the public know about Alcoholics Anonymous. A lot of the things people are doing are putting up information at bus stops, hotels, movie theaters, traveling bill board, establishing phone hot lines and psa's on radio. People are also getting out and making face to face contact and talking with the professionals. They are finding out making face to face contact works better then writing letters. People are also doing PI work at treatment center's leaving schedules and

literature. There are some districts getting out psa's on TV. I just would like to take a moment to thank area 25 for allowing me to serve you great people what a heartfelt joy it has been. I've gotten to meet a lot of fine people in service. So from the bottom of my humble and grateful heart Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your lives, and a grateful thank you for all that you do. Keep up the great work.

Rich S.

GRAPE FREE PRESS

Greetings Area 25,

The GFP is a wonderful communication tool. The GFP helps educate as well as keep our groups informed about all the ways that the Area Committees help support groups and districts in carrying the message of Alco-

holics 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 conducted at the previous Assembly/Committee meetings.

I encourage you to share a copy with your group at your next meeting and place it on your Groups Bulletin Board and encourage other members to read it and get excited and involved in service. Yours in Service,

Sue N

WEB

Hello Area 25! What a great summer! Have you checked out our website calendar? There is something happening in about every corner of our state. So if you're looking for fun things to do why not work an AA event into your plans. Start with www.kansas-aa.org, hit the calendar

button, got to the month your looking for and click on a shaded area on a date and get all the information. I have been busy trying to keep up with all meeting changes and area event posting all summer. I love it when things get busy, and we have a choice for places and things to do. One thing

for sure we are progressing in meetings, more and more are being added and that's great! Don't forget our State Conference in Wichita, KS. Hope to see a lot of you there. Thanks for supporting our website by visiting it.

Virgil H. Area 25 Web chair.

CORRECTIONS FACILITIES

Greetings from your Area 25 Corrections Facilities Chairperson. You have made it possible for Corrections to Carry the A.A. Message Behind-the-Walls to those that are incarcerated through your support of the Yellow Can Fund. It takes the support of the finances and the many A.A. Members that volunteer to take the meetings into the facilities for Corrections to work smoothly. The Yellow Can Fund Address is P. O. Box 67711, Topeka, KS 66667. Nancy E., treasurer, suggests that you have your group's name, group's number, and district on the check. This helps to give you credit for your donation. An A.A. member asked me "How many books and literature

have we ordered since the first of the year?" and she got me to thinking and doing some figuring. Because of your support we ordered in the following:

1st Quarter -- 984 books -- 632 pieces of literature -- 2 Grapevine Subscriptions,

2nd Quarter -- 895 books -- 446 pieces of literature -- 55 Old Grapevines.

3rd Quarter -- 1,020 books -- 610 pieces of literature.

July and August, still have September left in Quarter.

Orders are from 13 Districts in Area

25. Darin S., Corrections Pre-Release and Correspondence Chairperson, is looking for individuals and groups willing to write to an inmate while he or she is incarcerated; and/or meet him or her when first released and take to a meeting. Forms to fill out are on the display table.

We are still needing volunteers to take meetings into Prisons and County throughout Area 25.

We would like any old Grapevines to take into the Prisons and County Jails that you may have laying around. Thank you for your continued support of Corrections. Sharon F

TREASURER

Greetings Friends in Service: As this rotation come to a close, we have many new challenges to navigate through with the retirement of our KASO manager. Fortunately, they will not include the financial responsibilities currently being handled by KASO. Many decisions will have to be made about the best ways to manage our treasury to carry the message to the

still suffering alcoholic. Your input is needed and welcomed. Discussions will begin at the October Committee meetings, and hopefully, a plan shall be agreed upon to present to the Assembly for approval in January, including a proposed budget. Our current financial status is good. Contributions are slightly ahead of last year and we are on budget with our ex-

penses. Our State Conference income is significantly higher than last year at this time, and with your efforts and support this Conference appears on track to be self-supporting. I look forward to seeing ALL of you at the Conference!

Ken D. Area 25 Treasure

GRAPEVINE

Hello Area 25, It is so amazing how time flies, lots of things to report. There is a new Grapevine book "Forming True Partnerships" How AA members use the program to improve relationships. Is out in print and ebooks as of September 4th. There is still special pricing on online subscrip-

tions and the challenge is still going so subscribe today. The LaVina is also part of the subscription challenge so, subscribe to it for a friend or a service piece. I would like to thank Jerry Woodin for filling in for me in July. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the state conference in September!

Stop by the Grapevine display and we will help you with getting started with our meeting in print! If I don't see you there then I'll see you in October at committee meeting in Salina. Subscribe to the Grapevine today! Thank you for the opportunity to serve Andi S, Area 25 Grapevine/LaVina Chair

Upcoming Events Around the Area and Southwest Region

Alcoholics Anonymous
Kansas Area
District 12



FALL PIG FEED

Saturday, October 10th, 2015
1620 Hubbard Street
Great Bend, KS 67530

Doors open at 12:00 Noon



4:00 PM – Open Microphone Speakers
5:00 PM – Eat 'Til You Bust

Meat Provided By District 12

Please Bring A Covered Dish, Salad, Or Dessert.

Raffle – Big Book & Grapevine Subscription

3 Legacy Workshop
Steps Traditions
Concepts

With Conley B of Redfield, AR
Saturday November 7, 2015
Martin St AA
901 Beatrice, Salina KS

6PM Doors open
7PM Workshop begins
9PM Workshop ends

7th Tradition honored
Questions: Rachel V 785-404-7667

From I-135: Exit on West Crawford, travel East to Ohio St, turn South, go 5 blocks to Martin Ave, turn West on block.

From I-20: Take North Ohio St Exit, travel South to East Crawford, continue South 5 blocks to Martin Ave, turn West one block.

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Area 25 Assembly

January 16, 17, 2016

Quality Inn

2110 W. Crawford, Salina

Please make your Reservations :
(785-825-2111)

MILESTONES

One year ago the Caldwell Group reorganized after a number of years of inactivity. Our first meeting was the day before the 2014 Kansas State Conference. We are pleased to announce that we have two meetings established at the present time. A noon meeting on Thursday and a very successful speaker meeting on Sunday Night. In celebrating our first year we will have a cookout and fellowship on September 27th 2015 at our meeting hall at 322 West Central, Caldwell, Ks. starting at 4PM. We will have a AA and an AI-Anon speaker as well as a special recognition of the one who travels the farthest and a sobriety count down. We will be announcing more meetings soon. Jerry W.

Front Street Group of Alcoholics Anonymous

July
Terry L 25 yrs
John R. 8yrs
Leon B 4yrs
Grady 1 yr

August
Ken P 5yrs
Dan K 32yrs

Strength Through Unity (Minneola)
Doug 2 yrs

Carbondale Group

June
Dave T 20 yrs
Kurt B. 5 yrs

July
Jim A 4 yrs
Mike H 28 yrs
Doris C. 9 yrs

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2016 State Conference Report	Joe C.
Delegate	Don G.
Alt. Delegate	Dave R.
Alt. Chair	Galen E.

Reports (All reports two minute limit)	Main Room
Al-Anon Liason	Jerry W.
Chronicler	Justin G.
Corrections	Sharon F.
CPC	Josh R.
Grapefree Press	Sue N.
Literature	Terry H.
Grapevine	Andi S.
Public Information	Rich S.
Special Needs	Raechelle R.
Treatment	Tom L.
Web	Virgil H.
District Committee Members	DCM's

Old Business- Ad Hoc Committee State Conf., location (3years)

New Business- to be brought before the Assembly Jan. 2016

Closing of Committee Meeting

State Conference- Sept. 18,19&20, 2015
Doubletree Airport Hilton Hotel
2098 S. Airport Rd. Wichita, Ks. 67209
Register on-line @ www.kansas-aa.org or call (316) 945-5272
Oct. 9-11, 2015 SWRF Eastern Missouri Area 38
Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel
St. Louis, MO 63146 (314)878-1500
Jan. 15-17, 2016 Kansas Area Assembly
Quality Inn 2110 W. Crawford Salina, Ks. (785)825-2111

**Kansas Area Committee
Minutes
April 11, 2015**

Attendees	Present
DCMs: 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 30, 31	X
Chairs - Chronicer, Corrections, CPC, GFP, Lit., GV, PI, SN, Tx, Web	X
Officers (Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Chair, Alt Chair, Treasurer, Alt. Treasurer, Sec't., Alt. Sec't., Al-Anon, Chronicer, Corrections, CPC, GFP, GV, Lit., PI, Treatment, Web)	X

Opening: Area Chair, opened the meeting with the Area 25 Preamble; Alt. Chair, read the Traditions. Chair asked for a moment of silence to remember the Past Delegate of Panel 42, who passed away recently.

Minutes: Area Secretary read the minutes for the Oct. 2014 Committee Meeting
Corrections: none.

REPORTS

KASO Report by: KASO Office Manager

- Put \$17,000 into a CD, per directions.
- the 990 tax form is ready to take to the CPA by May 15.
- GFP - paper copies are taking longer to arrive because of changes in the USPO system. They are now taking 8-15 days longer to get to people's mailboxes.
- Will print new roster in June; please get updates to KASO promptly
- There are 96 members registered at this Committee meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

See Financial Report as published and distributed for details.

Treasurer reported on the 1st quarter, 2015 figures:

Income	= \$ 11,911.21
Expenses	= <u>\$ 13,056.84</u>
Net deficit	= (\$ 1,145.63)

Balance sheet	
Current Assets	= \$ 28,730.89
<u>Total liabilities & equity</u>	= <u>\$ 28,730.89</u>

State Conference report (YTD):

Revenues	\$ 2,439.00
Total expenses	\$ 359.91
<u>Net income</u>	<u>\$ 2,079.09</u>

State Conference balance sheet

Assets - Sunflower Bank	\$5,079.09
<u>Liabilities & Equity</u>	<u>\$5,079.09</u>

Treasurer went over a sheet titled Area 25 Financial Statistics, 2014 (see Appendix A).

KAAAAI Report by: Past Delegate Panel 38, Board Chair

- The Board of Directors looked at the contracts for 2015, 2016, & 2017.
- Hard copy on Yellow Can financials reviewed.

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- Domain names are paid for - .org, .net, .com
- Reviewed finances. will spend \$700 more than budgeted for Committee & Assembly meeting rooms, if there aren't at least 60 sleeping rooms booked by us.
- Forwarded the discussion of Mail Chimp to the July Assembly.
- New phone for KASO - will be \$4.50 per month.
- Looking at options to translate minutes for Spanish speaking members.
- Board recommends that all electronic and web info be anonymity protected.

2015 Conference Report by: Conference Chair

- Gained 13 registrations this weekend, now up to 137 total pre-registered.
- Conference Committee will have a walkthrough of the facility on May 16.

Delegate Report by: Panel 64 Delegate

- Shared highlights from pre-conference reports.
- 36,000 pre-registered for the 2015 International Conference in Atlanta.
- GSO is planning a remodel and co-location of offices later in 2015. No significant remodeling done there since 1991; things need to be brought up to code, and it's going to cost quite a bit.
- Corrections desk is preparing a new service piece. Is working jointly with GV/LaViña to address unmet need for subscriptions. Swamped with 10-15 requests *per week* from male inmates requesting correspondence.
- Technology & Communications Services Committee producing 3 titles in audio format in English, French & Spanish: Alcoholics Anonymous, Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, and the pamphlet "AA For The Alcoholic With Special Needs." This will soon be available via audio streaming from the GSO website.
- Publishing - sales are below forecasted levels. Navajo translation will be completed no sooner than the end of 2015. The ASL translation is projected to be completed about the same time.
- AAWS considered 2 requests: 1) consider holding the General Service Conference on the west coast every other year. 2) select a site outside of NY City to hold GSC. After discussion, AAWS took no action, noting this falls outside the scope of their authority, and they forwarded the requests to the appropriate Trustees committee.

Alt. Delegate: No report as Alt. Delegate was out of state today.

Alt. Chair: Alt. Chair explained that the hotel holds a block of 50 rooms for us, but only until 30 days before our event. Some people waited too long, and the rooms had been released to the general public, and some of our people wound up in different motels. We need a total of 60 to get the price break on the large meeting room.

Al-Anon Liaison Report by: Area 25 Al-Anon Liaison

- The 2015 Al-Anon/Alateen Conference is June 12-14 at the Best Western North in Wichita - 53rd & I-135.
- AA speaker will be Sue E from Wichita
- AA workshop will be on "Cooperation Without Affiliation"

Chronicler Report by: Area Chronicler

- Updating histories for Districts 1-15.
- Discussed how to approach districts not involved in archives and came up with contacts.
- Had the display at a couple of round robins this spring, and have plans to take it to some more.

Corrections Report by: Corrections Chair

- 1,618 pieces of literature went out in the 1st quarter.
- \$858.71 current balance.

Cooperation with Professional Community Report by: CPC Chair

- Ordered 200 more "Blue Cards" to subscribe to the "For Professionals" newsletter. Will be sending to those that request them. Let me know.
- KC area districts have been meeting with the ministerial alliance.

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- Dist. 19 has been successful at placing PSAs.
- 2 upcoming CPC/PI workshops in District 19 - May 2, & June 13.

Grape Free Press Report by: GFP Editor

- Emphasis on GFP carrying message of what we do at Area - DCMs & GSRs, take it to district & groups.
- Looking at changing guidelines on submission deadline because of the mailing issue that Heather discussed.
- RAP sheet is going up within 10 days of meetings.

Grapevine Report by: GV Chair

- Please send in stories to the GV.
- Dist 6 trying to recycle old GVs
- Dist 10 fund raiser at Sunflower Roundup - \$186, enough for 7 gift subscriptions.
- Dist. 27 is going to ask people to purchase subscription on a one-on-one basis. Have collected 3 subscriptions. 18-20 people say they are renewing.

Literature Report by: Lit. Chair

- Mentioned the Area guidelines - their use by the committee.
- Handed out 2015 literature catalogues
- mentioned the vast amount of literature available and the many different forms of lit. available, i.e., CD, DVD, Cassette, hearing impaired, videos, books, pamphlets,
- Discussed use of "Welcome Packets"
- Went around the group & had each person share their ideas, concerns, thoughts as to what is being done in their groups or district in regards to AA literature.
- Discussed "Central Office" as a means to purchase literature.
- Discussed what is being used as topics for Dist. Lit. Chair at Dist. meetings. One idea was to pick a particular piece of literature & discuss its content.
- Encouraged everyone to participate in Mock Service Conference this pm.
- January lit. inventory shortfall will be made by July Assembly.

Public Information Report by: Area Chair reporting for PI Chair

- PSAs - several districts and cities are having PSAs on radio & TV.

Special Needs Report by: Special Needs Chair

- Discussed closed-captioning at the State Conference; it's too expensive. But there is speech recognition software that may work; Dennis is getting more info.
- Dist. 23 - getting a Special Needs Committee going, and changing the word to Accessibility
- Loners Internationalist - can use for people not able to get out - can have a sponsor this way. Also conference calls.

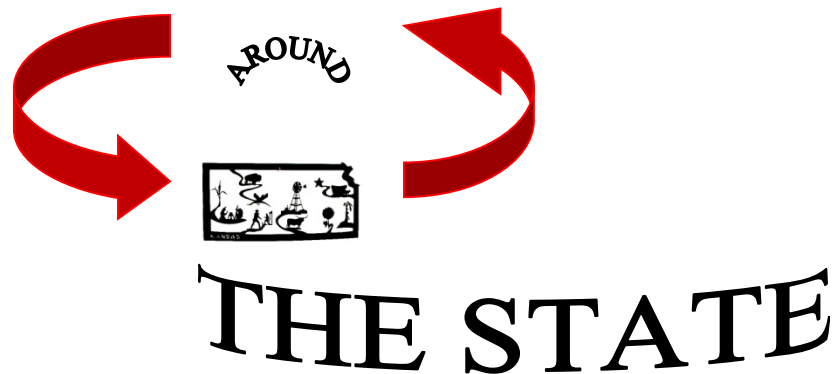
Treatment Report by: Tx. Chair

- Dist 8 has 4.5 treatment centers.
- Cloud County lets jail meetings happen 1 time a month
- Republic County jail won't let us in.
- Some meetings in treatment facilities focus on the 1st 3 steps.
- Good to be an equal when you go in, not putting yourself above the patient or inmate.

Web Report by: Web Chair

- Discussed whether the front page of the web site is attractive.
- It was suggested that there be a help page for the group change form.
- Adding a DCM change form.
- New web master - kept anonymous per guidelines.

For more information from our standing Committee Chairs, see your Grape Free Press.



DCM Reports

District 1 - Boundaries are 6 counties, have 6 groups in 4 counties. 4 counties have no AA meeting. Downtown Group of Colby was started 4/10/1952 - yesterday was its 63rd anniversary. Having a cookout on 4/19/15 at Fike Park. Wed. Noon Meeting in Colby formed a P.I. committee. Taking a meeting to the jail. Colby 6th St - largest attendance. Goodland AA had a Round Robin 3/15/15. Author using a pseudonym of Ned H is getting columns published in Colby & Goodland papers.

District 5 Dist. 5 quarterly speakers May 16th, meeting at 8:00 p.m. at New Beginnings, 321 N. Santa Fe. Jim H from Lawrence will be our speaker. Dinner at 6:00 at Martinelli's with the speaker before the meeting. Martin St. Group's 18th anniversary on April 27th. Finger foods & fellowship at 7:00. Speakers to follow at 8:00 p.m. Group #1 will have a taco bar on May 2nd at 140 S. 3rd. Doors open at 4:00 and the speakers meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. Solomon group is alive & well. Meetings on Sunday nights at 8:00 pm.

District 6 All of the groups and meetings in District 6 now have contact numbers/addresses and are receiving district, Area, and GSO information. Many thanks go to those who have helped make this possible as our District covers 6 counties. We have jail meetings in Riley & Marshall counties. We hope to have blue cards for all groups/meetings in the near future. There are CPC/PI efforts in 5 of the 6 counties. Upcoming events with flyers are on the kansas-aa.org web site, which include: District 6 Traditions Pot Luck April 18th, TWTW's 38th Celebration April 24th & 25th, Serenity Group spaghetti Feed May 15th, and Crossroads Campout June 6th.

District 8 Memorials - Arnie K 17 years (Feb. 27th) Activities - Hunter's Ridge Group 10th Anniversary Celebration Fri. May 8th at 6 p.m. Solutions 17th Anniversary Celebration is June 13th from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, Crestview United Methodist Church at 23rd 7 Eveningside. District - We had 19 in attendance at our district meeting on 3/10/15. We currently have 31 groups registered in Dist. 8. We have filled our PI Chair position so all chairs are filled at this time. We are currently looking at having a speaker event - the topic being Traditions.

District 9 Continue to carry the message behind the walls & treatment facilities in the district. Enjoyed Sunflower Roundup with overwhelming volunteers. Able to send KASO \$1500 contribution. Continually tweeking areas & volunteers for literature at various locations. Working to get all groups involved in district and area.

District 10 We will be hosting an event on Sunday, May 3, a "Nacho" Typical workshop focusing on Bridging the Gap in a variety of ways, not only through the Bridge the Gap program for Treatment committee, but also how to "Bridge the Gap" between the groups & their district & between individuals and a home group. There will be plenty of food & fellowship, please join us from 2-5 pm at Cedar Ridge Christian Church in Lenexa, Ks. Our committees have been busy carrying the message to counseling facilities, to corrections facilities through literature from the Yellow Can Fund as well as to the public with ads placed in a local newspaper.

District 12 District 12 consists of 10 groups in 6 counties of central Kansas. We have 27 meetings per week among the 10 groups. We have monthly district meetings rotated among at least 4 groups. We are active and doing well. We had our annual Chili Feed in March & we are planning our Pig Feed for October. Had Grapevine Magazine subscription raffle at the Chili Feed

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District 13 District 13s 22nd Annual Family Round Robin is May 9th at Harvey County East Lake, Newton, Ks. Al-Anon speaker is Jeff K from Wichita. AA speakers are Jill S from Wichita and Wally A from Hutchinson.

District 15 Round Robin Apr 26th. 8 active groups, 2 closed groups.

District 16 2nd Ann. District Funday will be April 26 at Ulysses, 4H building at fairgrounds. Panel workshop is August 22 at Community building in Santanta. Participating with District 17 on Delegate report.

District 17: Currently have 6 active groups in a 5 county area. We are presently planning our 2nd Annual Family Fun day, scheduled for May 30 @ Meade State Park. We are planning to make this an annual event & this year's speaker is Bucky M of Protection. All are welcome & encouraged to attend. We are also in the preliminary planning stages with Dist. 16 for the Annual Fall Fellowship, which has been set for Aug 1. A representative from the State Conference will also be there.

District 19 District 19 is working hard and accomplishing a lot. Message of the Cards were created this month & passed out to GSRs, the phone # is 316-266-7726. Dick R- Archives is working Oral Histories in our district. Bruce B - Treatment is working with a new detox that has been formed through SAC trying to find out how we can be helpful. Sally & Steve - Corrections Conference was in March. Scott & Ruth - PI & CPC put an article in USD 259 on AA (20 Questions Pamphlet). Running PSA from GSO on Channel 3 until 2016 mostly at night & early morning, Channel 3 made DVDs for Channel 12, also they had a booth at the Wichita State Health Fair, and planning a workshop. Susan - Literature is making newcomer packets for District 19. We had good participation at the Wichita Spring Round Up. Round Robin is Aug. 16, Founders Day June 6th at Westside starting at 6 pm. Trudgers Group had a movie night, showed the story of Bill W, had great attendance, and Newcomers their 28th Anniversary. Everyone had a great time and Newcomers is planning on having a CPC & PI workshop.

District 20 Informe de el Distrito #20 nuestro distrito cuerita con cinco grupos activos. Emperadores tercera tradicion La ultima milla. Y el Grupo nuevo Que se acaba de abrir un dia alavez vida y esperanza. El nuevo grupo se abrio el 9-9-14, 1931 S Seneca, Wichita, Ks 67213. Estamos teniendo Juntas una vez por mez. Tubimos cambios de servidores: MSD - Fermin R; secretario - Polo O; tesoroero - Hector P. El Grupo Emperadores ba a tener su aniversario 17 Y planea una Junta de informacion al publico El 23 de mello.

District 21 Both of the Arkansas City groups held a potluck fellowship April 11. Southeast Serenity Conference will be in Sedan, 10 a.m. oct 3 at the grade school cafeteria. Tom H, past delegate, will be the AA speaker. There will also be an Al-Anon speaker. Committee will meet this evening. Caldwell group has maintained 6 months of continuous meetings, Sunday @ 7 pm, Thursday noon. AA meeting weekly still being taken into Cowley County Jail. Sumner County jail also (weekly). Weekly meeting into treatment center in Winfield. Wellington group elected new GSR, Elden T, and recently voted for all non-smoking meetings. Next District meeting May 3 in Winfield.

District 22 There is going to be a district Speak, Eat & Meet on May 2nd in Chanute. Attendance is down but sobriety is alive & well in 22. We got three new members badged to help take meetings into the Oswego Correctional Facility.

District 23 Special Needs meeting getting off the ground. Quarterly speaker meeting this very evening. PI/CPC committee has been busy getting literature to hospitals & public spaces such as hotels. Talking with local schools. GSSC getting started - incl. awareness of importance of groups supporting service entities.

District 26 Republic & Cloud counties. 7 active groups. Gateway Group, Concordia, annual picnic June 14, city park. Potluck dinner, Al-Anon & AA speakers - Don G. Raffle will include registration & hotel at State Conference.

District 27 Domingo 5 de Abril del 2015 Distrito informe del 27. Reunion del 15 de marzo del 2015 El Secretario llege torde. Llego cuando estaba dando el informe el comite de IP. I.P. informe que dio su roll de visitas a lost grupos para Motivan a companevos a que pertenescan o apoyen al comite y se motivaron los sigcientos

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compañeros. Carlos - solo xfray; Hector - Almoas alignes; Ruben - fuente de vida; Sergio - solo por hoy; Jose - Olathe hispano. CPC trajo notificación para que los grupos traigan a saquen sus ordores para Manderlos a la convencion nacional de New Orleans, Luisians, lo mas pronto posible. La radio, informo que contribuye economicamente cada 15 dias a la radio. _____ \$75 en adelante o loque se junbez y en esta reunion se hizo una septima y se junlanon \$31 y se les pidio que trargay un informe detallado para que el distrito, tenga conocimiento. Visitas de los companenos de Sn Lois, Mo. Nos invitan a la comunidad hispana de AA a la 64 convencion estabal de Missouri que se Nevava a calob del 31 de Jolio al 2 de agosto 2015. Taller realizado en el distrito, se inicio, a los 10:30 hrs. La persona que estaba destinado para nuvar el taller. No se presentio, por lo tanlo se Neva a cabo el taller con el apoyo de los compaoneros presentes ewn el primer ponto, se heblo de la importancia del R.S.G. lo expuso el companero Miguel V de almas alegres, En seguida prosiqueio el comparero Miguil M. Ebel grupo ona Vision Para Ti, para conbenear con las tunciones del Area; El Tema de la importancia del R.S.G. y sus funciones, Termino a las 11:20. Posteriormente se toco el tema de informacion publica; conduje el tera Narciso E. A la 1:30 p.m. se dio paso al tema de la Vina por el cordinador, David, del grupo Olathe Hispano. Tambien habra junto de Area el dia 11 y 12 de Abril, para que los R.S.G. ested Motivado ara asistic.

District 30 We did have a bowling party which was well attended. Everyone seemed to have a good time. We are thinking about doing this again in the very near future. We are planning a picnic sometime in July. We are having a hard time getting people involved in the District. We trying care the AA message. We have five active groups. A Better Life group will have 2 year anniversary on May 10th.

District 31 Reporte del Distrito #31, para el Area #25. el distrito 331 cuento con 8 grupo y todo activaos. Tambien hestamos apoyando al XIII Encuentro Hispano. Emos andado visitando a los Estodo Vesinos poro este Encuentro Hispano los dirs son 12-13-y14 de Junio 2015 los esperamos a todos son Bien Benidos Felisez 24 horas.

District 31 report for the ARea 25. District #31 has 8 groups active. We are helping at the organization of our Encuentro Hispano June 12-14. We visited the groups for this event. Everyone is welcome.

BUSINESS PORTION

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1) Use of a commercial web-based email service called Mail Chimp to send email blasts of events in Area 25. Board Chair presented this, and said he'll have a policy statement from Mail Chimp at the July Assembly meeting. There were many questions about this service, concerning anonymity, security of addresses if not restricted to being housed on the KASO computer, cost of data entry, use of this service having been done already without knowledge of everyone, concerns that people who gave their email to KASO didn't sign up for this. There is no cost for the service itself as it's free for non-profits that don't exceed 44,000 email blasts per month. It would make it very easy for groups & districts to get the word out about their activities.
New Faith GSR, Dist 13, moved to put this on the agenda for July Assembly. 2nd by DCM 9.

2) Proposal that anything from Area 25 that goes out on the website or through email be fully anonymity protected.

DCM 22 moved to put this on the agenda for July Assembly. 2nd by DCM 8.

3) Proposed that there be an agenda item for the Area Treasurer to present options to replace the \$5,000 taken from the prudent reserve to cover the 2014 State Conference losses.

Area Treasurer moved to put this on the agenda for July Assembly. 2nd by Board Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Area 25 Secretary

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**Kansas Area Assembly Alcoholic Anonymous, Inc.
Minutes for Apr 11, 2015**

Attendees	Present	Attendees	Present
Tom H (Board chair)	X	Bob H (Odd # DCM)	X
Mike R (Alt. chair)	X	Kat M (Odd #GSR)	X
Mike H (Area chair)	X	Sam W (Even #DCM)	X
Ken D (Treas.)	X	Andy K (Even # GSR)	X
David R (Sec't)	X		

Opening: The Board Chair opened the meeting with reading the Unity Declaration in unison.

Roll Call: Secretary called the roll. All were present except the Even # GSR, who came several minutes later.

Minutes: The secretary read the minutes of the Jan. 2015 meeting.

Motion to approve minutes by: Even # DCM **Second:** Area Chair Motion passed.

Office Report: KASO Office Manager

- \$17,000 moved from checking account to CD to restart the prudent reserve
- Tax form 990 is due May 15; all documents ready to go as soon as CPA is ready to work on them.
- Bulk mail being shipped through Wichita now due to changes in USPO; this is causing an 8-15 day delay in mailings getting to people. Need to adjust due dates to allow for this.
- Researched phone systems. Ooma is the #1 choice. Thru Amazon, it's \$122.00 start up, including taxes, then \$4.50 per month, also including taxes. For 1st year, total cost is \$201.00, then \$54.00 per year following. Recommend this to the Board.

GSR report: None given.

DCM report: None given.

Treasurer's Report by: Area Treasurer

Treasurer reported on the 1st quarter, 2015 figures:

Income from groups	= \$ 7,132.37 (+8% over same period in 2014)
Income from other	= \$ 2,884.25 (+36% over same period in 2014)
<u>Income conferences</u>	<u>= \$ 1,894.59</u>
Income	= \$11,911.21 (+56% over same period in 2014)
Expenses	= \$13,056.84 (+65% over 2014, mostly due to 2014 State Conf. loss)
Net income	= (\$ 1,145.63) (37% less loss than last year)

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Balance sheet
Current Assets = \$ 28,730.89
Total liabilities & equity = \$ 28,730.90

State Conference report (YTD):

Revenues \$ 2,439.00
Total expenses \$ 359.91
Net income \$ 2,079.09

State Conference balance sheet

Assets - Sunflower Bank \$ 5,079.09
Total equity & liabilities \$ 5,079.09

Old Business:

1. KASO Office phone - Approve office manager's recommendation to purchase Ooma.

Moved: Area Treasurer Second: Even # DCM Approved

2. Mail Chimp

- Board chair reviewed the information about this email service, and noted that it had been used 3 times already. There was much discussion about confidentiality and concern about whether the database containing the email addresses and names could be accessed by anyone outside of Area 25.
- Area Chair recommended this be discussed in the full body at Area Assembly in July.
- Board reached consensus on putting this on agenda for July

New Business:

1. Proposal that all emails and anything on the Area Website be anonymity protected. This would include the GFP and the minutes that are emailed out.

- Area Chair brought forth this proposal and Board reached consensus to place this before the Assembly in July.

2. Discussion of cost of Assembly & Committee meetings:

- Board Chair noted that, because there were less than 60 rooms rented at the Quality Inn for the Jan. Assembly meeting, we incurred an additional cost of nearly \$700 for the rent on the meeting room.
- Even # DCM provided information that the hotel only holds our block of rooms until 30 days prior to the meeting. In Jan., many people didn't realize this, and didn't try to get a room until after that deadline. By then, the hotel had released unbooked rooms to the general public, and the hotel was booked up. Need to inform the Assembly to book prior to 30 days out.

3. Plan for rebuilding prudent reserve.

- Area Treasurer asked that he be put on the agenda for July to present some options for rebuilding the prudent reserve, which is now \$5,000 below the target.

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- He went over some figures he'd compiled concerning the cost per group and cost per member for Area and for GSO, based on # of groups and # of members in Kansas.
 - GSO - \$86.27 per year per group, \$3.51 per member per year
 - Area - \$95.85 per year per group
- Board reached consensus on this being before the Assembly in July.

Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully submitted

David R, Area Secretary