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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.

Share the Grapefree Press with members of your group. The GFP can be more than a place for reports. Grapefree Press is a newsletter and here to serve AA in Kansas.

We appreciate all suggestions and consider articles to be printed.

Words from Bill

From *Grapevine, Language of the Heart* p. 238

"This seems to be the primary healing circuit: an outgoing love of God's creation and his people, by means of which we avail ourselves of his love for us. It is most clear that the real current can't flow until our paralyzing dependencies are broken, and broken at depth. Only then can we possibly have a glimmer of what adult love really is.

Spiritual calculus, you say? Not a bit of it. Watch any AA of six months working with a new Twelve Step case. If the case says 'To the devil with you,' the twelve-stepper only smiles and turns to another case. He doesn't feel frustrated or rejected. If his next case responds, and in turn starts to give his love and attention to other alcoholics yet gives none to him, the sponsor is happy about it anyway. He still doesn't feel rejected; instead he rejoices that his one-time prospect is sober and happy. And if his next following case turns in later time to be his best friend (or romance), then the sponsor is most joyful. But he well knows that his happiness is a by-product — the extra dividend of giving without any demand for return."

DELEGATE

Greetings Area 25, thank you for the honor of serving Area 25 as Delegate.

I would like to invite all interested members of Area 25 to come and participate at our Area Committee Meeting in April. In addition, to our regular business we will be holding a Mock General Service Conference on Saturday afternoon. I have forwarded to the Area Committee Chairs the General Service Conference Agenda and all the background information for their Committee that will be addressed at the General Service Conference. Due to time limitations, the Area Chairs will pick 2-3 agenda items to discuss with the District Committee Members and other members who wish to participate. For those members who have not had an opportunity to participate in a Mock General Service Conference, it will afford them the opportunity to at the least, discuss as a committee, a few of the agenda items that will be addressed at the General Service Conference in New York. I hope you find this exercise to be an awesome experience, as well as allowing the opportunity to continue to learn how to be an effective leader in the committee process, and it enables me, as Delegate, to get a sense of the Area with regards to agenda items. It's a win win!

In closing, I am looking forward to representing Kansas AA at the General Service Conference the week of April 17-23, 2016. *I do however have a special request; will you please include me in your prayers during that week. Sue C. N., Panel 66 Area 25 Delegate*

WHERE IS IT?

A promise from the Big Book, "Follow the dictates of a Higher Power and you will presently live in a new and wonderful world, no matter what your present circumstances!"

ALT DELEGATE

Greetings, Area 25! Following up on my report at Area Assembly in January, I've started having conversations with the DCMs throughout the Area on two topics: 1) G.S.O. and how districts, groups, committees and individuals have used GSO services in carrying the message; 2) anything and everything concerning the districts. This has already been a lot of fun, but then, I've always enjoyed talking to people! By July, I hope to have completed the first round of phone calls and conversations, and I will compile the results in some sort of a report. Hopefully, this will help raise awareness of some of the ways GSO can help any AA in the Area "down in the trenches" when working with a new person.

Now's the time to start getting ready for DENVER! **Where:** Doubletree Hilton Denver-Stapelton North, 4040 Quebec St Denver, CO. **When:** June 3-5, 2016 **Registration** – see flyer on Area 25 website, or go to www.aa.org. If you've never attended a Forum before, you owe it to yourself to go to one. The next one will not be until Oct. 2017 and it will be in San Antonio, Texas.

Our State Conference Committee has been meeting regularly and working hard. As of today (Feb. 21) we have 109 people pre-registered for the Conference. We've been working on the schedule of events and feel we have a relaxed, yet very full weekend planned. I'm especially looking forward to a special talk on AA history that Mike F (our Friday night speaker) will be giving on Saturday afternoon.

Sue has been going full blast preparing for New York, and sending me copies of everything she's getting, so I've been reading a LOT of material. Looking forward to the Mock Conference at our Area Committee meeting in April – a lot of interesting things being considered this year. Yours in love & service David R, Alt Delegate

AREA CHAIR

Greetings Members of Area 25. I am honored to have an opportunity to serve Area 25 and the members across the state. I look forward to working with all of you over the next couple of years. Our next committee meeting is April 9th. The Agenda has been published. You can find it on our website. I have Friday as a travel day so everyone has time to travel, get settled, and enjoy fellowship before we begin our Meetings on Saturday. We will be conducting a "mock" General Service Conference Saturday afternoon. This will assist Sue N., Area 25 Delegate Panel 66 prepare for New York the following weekend, and gain Area 25 input regarding agenda items they will be working on for AA as a whole. I did not include any additional workshops Saturday because I wanted to allow us the time we need in committee, mock conference, and working on area business as well as promote fellowship and collaboration across the state. I was so proud of the Assembly in January and your ability to listen, work together and vote accordingly to meet the needs of Area 25 and its members. It literally gave me goose bumps watching the committee process work to achieve what they felt was best for Area 25 and its members. Let us remember "Circles of Love and Service" from our Groups, District Meetings, Area Assembly to the General Service Conference that we are all connected and that we do our best to communicate to our members on what is happening at all levels throughout our service structure. Sheri P., Area 25 Chair

LITERATURE CHAIR

Greetings Area 25. I would like to thank all those who attended the Area Assembly. I haven't served outside the group level in some time and felt very welcomed. With God's help and sponsorship I look forward to serving the Area the best I can.

At the Area Assembly Committee meeting there were seventeen in attendance from various parts of the state. Literature is taken to jails, school libraries, and used for newcomer packets. Some groups use pamphlets for discussion topics, there are many to choose from. Literature continues to be a vital part of AA and will be for years to come.

GSO encourages ordering from local intergroup or central office whenever possible. Otherwise go to AA.org or directly to AAWS online store. It is easy to order and my experience is it arrives within a week.

I would like to encourage groups to order box 459. It has news and notes from GSO, sharing, and fellowship from around the world, and a bulletin board of AA events. One year subscription is \$3.50, or bulk 10 for \$6.00 very affordable. Also the 75th Anniversary edition is still available.

Looks like a busy summer and I am looking forward to having fun and meeting fellows from around the Area. Let me know if I can help in any way. Love and Service from your Area Literature Chair Pat W.

GRAPEFREE PRESS EDITOR

Howdy All. I am honored to be the Grapefree Press Editor. The GFP is much like any publication. Area 25 is the Publisher accountable to the Area Assembly. The Area Chair, Sheri P., represents Area 25. The Editor oversees the GFP and Wrap Sheet publication. Grapefree Press Committee is a newsroom providing items and proofing. We are all responsible to the Groups and Meetings of Kansas Area 25; thereby, the members of AA. The brainstorming at the April 2016 Committee Meeting will be: 1) Two editions one black and white containing fewer items, fewer pages, in order to save Area mailing cost, and the other edition an electronic version in color and more items at kansas-aa.org and emailed; and 2) The Web Chair, Chris H., has brought to my attention Branding (Trademark) for the Area. We will discuss branding ideas and work with the Web Committee to create a uniform brand. All of these thoughts will follow our Assembly process. Something AA Members, GSRs, and DCMs can help us with: Milestone Birthdays (1, 5, 10, 15, etc.), Milestone Group Celebrations; Articles; Announcements; and Memorials. Yours in Service, JC R. Grapefree Press

WEB CHAIR

There has been some progress this quarter in the Web Committee. The Web Committee was attended by about 12 members at the January Assembly. We are fortunate to have 2 previous web chairs on the committee. We are fortunate to have several with website building experience. They have websites in their districts or businesses that are much friendlier when it comes to making updates. This would allow for less technical maintenance for future servants.

The first topic of discussion was the meeting list on the web site. There is an urgent need for accurate updates to meeting times and locations. The update process combines the GSR updates on the same screen with the meeting updates, which can be confusing when the meeting portion is filled in and the change is only for the GSR information or vice-versa. One suggestion was made replace the paper forms as fillable online PDF files. This would be a quick, low cost update that should make a significant impact. I met with the outgoing web chair. He gave me some training on navigating and updating the website. While the look and feel of the present website is a bit dated, it does perform almost all the functions we would ask of our website.

I am working with our Registrar maintaining updates on the online meeting listing and using a workaround suggested by one of the past Web Chairs. It seems to be a bit quicker, but does take a bit more technical knowledge. This situation has made the need for an updated website apparent.

I have updated the Area 25 Conference page of the website and added a graphic of this year's banner containing the conference theme. Below that is a link to the current version of the flyer in PDF format. The next section is a link to the hotel pre-registration on the Hilton website that automatically applies our group discount. The final section is the online registration form for the conference.

I have uploaded several new files to the Documents page including the Agenda for the Committee Meeting in April, a number of updates to the Calendar page, and creation of events in the calendar as people send in information. This is an area where I would like to draft some sort of procedure guidelines. Currently, I am only posting events that are specifically requested to be posted. Additionally, if specifically requested I will send out the flyer via MailChimp to the Area 25 emailing list.

Which brings me to the Emailing List, this is an area where I see a great potential to communicate with those we serve. We have 370 email addresses in our mailing list. Our "open" rate is 30% - 44% which is above the industry average of 22.8%. I have revamped our subscription form to allow recipients the opportunity to better indicate what type of announcements they would like to get and the type they would rather not receive. This will allow our users to avoid the frustration of getting email messages they are not interested in

getting. There is a vast potential for various other forms of communication with those we are here to serve using this emailing list.

I have registered a new domain name, "ks-aa.org." The total cost for 2 years is \$23.34. This will serve a couple of purposes. First, it will give us a place to put the new website as it's being tested and evaluated. Secondly, we have used it to login to the Google Apps domain since it's shorter than "kansas-aa.org" and Google requires the entire email address as a user name.

Area 25 Kansas is now up and running Google Apps for Nonprofits. I have configured accounts matching all those existing with our previous provider. We now have the tools available to better communicate and collaborate with each other. This will hopefully allow us to provide the services we have been providing even without employed office help. I will begin some end user orientation and self-paced tutorials on the Google Apps system. The change for email alone would be enough. We are going from 100 mb. of paid inbox storage to 30 gb. of FREE inbox storage. Officers will be able to store documents and spreadsheets in this space and share them with each other and even collaborate on the same file at the same time. We will eliminate sending out copies of files as attachments which become quickly outdated and instead we will begin working from the same file which will be as current as the latest update. All this will be done in a secure environment which will NOT be accessible without a login and password therefore protecting our Eleventh Tradition of anonymity at the level of press, radio, film, and the internet.

TREASURER

Greetings, it was great to see everyone in Salina at the Assembly. I was excited to see GSR's and DCM's asking questions and getting involved in the financial aspect of Area #25. There were good questions pertaining to the Budget and the Prudent Reserve. I tried to answer them as clearly as possible. but I think there were still some misunderstandings. I will be available, if needed, by phone/ email or at the Committee meetings in April. A topic for discussion at your Home Group and at District Meetings should center around Group and District Contributions to the Area and GSO. Over the last twelve month, contributions have decreased steadily. We need your help to change the path we are on. There are many good pamphlets available from GSO that talk about how money and spirituality mix. In January the Area Assembly voted to pass the Budget for 2016. Now it is everyone's responsibility to insure that contributions meet or exceed that obligation. Respectfully, Galen E., Treasurer

REGISTRAR

Greetings from your Registrar. I am excited to be your new Registrar. I received 9 updates made through the GSO web site, 7 from the Kansas Area web site, a few emails and 25 from the Area Assembly. A were input into the GSO web site, Area Roster, and Grapefree Press distribution list updated. Changes continue to be received and changes made.

The Area Web Chair and I communicated frequently as changes were submitted to meeting schedules. I updated the GSO web site for these changes and passed them to Chris. The GSO web site has also been updated to include our Alternate DCMs. Thanks to Diana S. and Nancy E. for the whirlwind of emails bringing groups up to date.

One of the duties GSO asks Registrars to resolve Groups with an Unknown status. We currently have 30 Groups with that status. This means there is no contact person to receive mail. The person doesn't have to be a GSR, just willing to receive communication from GSO. I am including a list of Groups by District with that Status. Please let me know if those Groups should be set to Inactive or provide contact information of someone willing to receive communication from GSO.

Yours in Service. Nancy B., Registrar

GROUP NAME	CITY	DISTRICT	GROUP NAME	CITY	DISTRICT
Monday Night Group	Norton	2	Tri County Group	Claflin	12
Osborne Group	Osborne	3	Campus Group	Emporia	14
Smith Center Group	Smith Center	3	One Day At A Time Group	Overbrook	14
5:30 Supper Group	Hays	4	Hillsdale Group	Hillsdale	15
Seeking of Serenity Group	Beverly	4	Elkhart Serenity Group	Elkhart	16
Salina Group #3	Salina	5	Harper Group	Harper	18
Hiawatha Group	Hiawatha	7	Oasis Group	Wichita	19
Mayetta Group	Mayetta	7	Strange As It May Seem Group	Wichita	19
Original Seneca Group	Seneca	7	Wheat Field Group	Garden Plain	19
5th Tradition Group	Topeka	8	Live & Let Live Group	Lawrence	23
Ebony Group	Topeka	8	Grupo Nueva Vida	Topeka	27 SP
A A Straight Up Group	Bonner Springs	9	Grupo El Milagro de Shawnee	Shawnee	27 SP
Group # 449	Kansas City	9	Andover Group	Andover	30
Gardner Group	Gardner	10	Virgil A.A. Group	Virgil	30
DBN Group (Doctor Bob's Nightmare)	Zenith	12	Dynamic Group (p)	Lansing (Cor Fac)	9

CORRECTIONS FACILITY COMITTEE CHAIR

I am honored to be asked to serve as your Correctional Facility Chair (CFC) for the next two years. Carrying the message to alcoholics who are incarcerated is my continuing passion and this service position allows me to serve in a broader capacity. I am really looking forward to exciting things happening in the CFC corner of Area 25 during 2016 and 2017.

At the January Assembly in Salina, our committee established the following goals:

- ◆ Improve Bridging the Gap for inmates leaving facilities
- ◆ Discuss Singleness of Purpose for "inside" AA meetings
- ◆ Incorporate AA as a part of the KDOC Pre-Release and Mentoring Program

It is our hope to increase the number of group members who are willing to temporarily sponsor alcoholics upon their release from jails and prisons and to arrange for rides to AA meetings when necessary. Many ex-inmates do not have valid driver's licenses. Coordination of these efforts should be done at the district and group levels, in my opinion.

Most AA meetings established on the "inside" are open meetings, meaning anybody can attend. These days inmates addicted to drugs other than alcohol far outnumber those addicted to alcohol only. Therefore, if no other 12 step program is available to them, many addicts attend open AA meetings inside the walls and fences. Through careful review of our guidelines and discussion among ourselves, I hope we can clarify the issue of singleness of purpose in correctional facility AA meetings.

By the time you read this our Pre-Release and Correspondence Chair, Sally W., and myself will have had our first meeting with Kansas Department of Corrections officials to attempt to combine our efforts with theirs in preparing inmates for release from state prisons. It is our hope that the AA Bridging the Gap program can become a regular part of KDOC's existing Pre-Release and Mentoring Program.

Please note the following information regarding the CFC:

Send Yellow Can contributions to: Yellow Can Fund, P.O. Box 28, Valley Center, KS 67147

Order books: lennyewell@att.net, or send to Lenny Ewell, 4130 SE 42nd Ct, Topeka KS 66609

Contact for Prerelease and Correspondence: P.O. Box 193, Leavenworth, KS 66048

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Lenny E., CFC Chair

STATE CONFERENCE CHAIR

Hello Kansas AA We invite you to your Kansas State AA conference. We need volunteers. We are having fun, come join us in Love and Service. Yours in Service, 2016 State Conference Chair Joe C.

GRAPEVINE CHAIR

Greetings from your Area 25 Grapevine chair. We had a great meeting at the Area Assembly. We had attendance from ten districts. The Meeting was opened with the serenity prayer. We kicked off the meeting by talking about what we know about Grapevine and what we can do to keep it and La Vina solvent. There is a contest between the areas in the Southwest Region, but I don't have the rules yet. I received my Grapevine packet the end of February, as the Grapevine area at GSO has been undergoing remodeling. I then opened it up and we went around the room to see what kind of ideas everyone had concerning Grapevine.

Grapevine is a great source of information for the newcomer. District 18 advised having a meeting once a month with a Grapevine article as the topic. Also to try to get your group to subscribe to the Grapevine. District 13, Newton, uses Grapevine as meditation. District 27 is going to have a workshop for La Vina in Wichita in April. District 19 uses the electronic subscription to get archive copies. District 5 has Grapevine meetings and wants to get more involved. District 10 has a raffle every business meeting for a Grapevine subscription.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the committee meeting in April, and the Mock General Service Conference. We will have some Grapevine topics to work on. Thanks for the opportunity to serve. Tom L., Grapevine Chair

SPECIAL NEEDS CHAIR

Greetings Area 25, it was great to see everyone at the Area Assembly in January. Thank you to those who participated in the Special Needs Committee. We had twelve in attendance representing seven districts. We discussed what should be considered a special need; anything that prevents someone from fully participating in Alcoholics Anonymous can be considered a special need. Special Needs addressed in the meeting include deafness, blindness, physical handicaps, learning disabilities, homebound, long-term illnesses, bed-ridden, living in a nursing home or long-term care facility, and mental illnesses. We would like to make meetings and literature accessible to anyone with a drinking problem. We discussed how we can effectively meet the needs of all members of Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as the still suffering alcoholics who have yet to hear the message. We discussed how we can make ourselves available to nursing homes and other care facilities that may house people who need a meeting and unable to get there. We would like to encourage each of you to start conversations at your group and district to determine how to make AA more accessible in your town or county. Thank you for this opportunity to serve. Yours in Service, Anissa P., Special Needs Chair

PUBLIC INFORMATION CHAIR

Greetings Area 25, I'm privileged to be your new Area Public Information chair. I saw Rich S (the outgoing chair) at the Southwest KS Conference the week before assembly and he had the PI display and the transition started there. He shared his experience and ideas and that was a big help. I received the PI kit the day I left for assembly and read up on some of the information provided by GSO on the way.

I had our breakout meeting on Saturday and there were 14 attending from 9 districts. I read excerpts from the AA guidelines for Public Information (PI kit bought for \$18.00 online or the AA literature order form), a good resource for ideas local committees can carry the message to the public. The PI workbook is another tool for information. I talked about the history of PI and that the Big Book was the first AA information available to the public. We also discussed how PI and CPC can work together. The smaller groups and districts usually combine these positions. We talked about anonymity in the media. It is our job to inform media outlets of our anonymity. We discussed forming a committee in your group or district. Combined ideas and experience will always be better than "Hey, I wonder if this'll work?" My sponsor tells me my best ideas got me to AA. Now ask for help!

Other topics were literature in libraries, health fairs, taking pamphlets and meeting cards to hospitals, churches, schools (the poster "Can You Spot the Alcoholic"), courts, motels, homeless shelters, and crisis centers. Also, one of the bilingual districts has been asked to participate in a 2 hour meeting at one of the largest employers in western Kansas on substance abuse in the workplace. In closing, I am available for workshops and to bring the display to your AA events. I would like to thank Sheri for asking me to serve. It is my privilege. Thanks, Jeff D., PI Chair

TREATMENT CHAIR

Greetings Area 25, we had a great committee meeting at Area Assembly in January. There were 20 people in attendance, representing 9 districts across the state. We discussed taking meetings into treatment facilities and how important it is to remember we are their guests and not in charge! We need to follow the policies of the facility and to be sure to keep our commitments. If nobody shows up to bring in the AA meeting, it can have a lasting negative affect on AA, which takes time to regain their trust. For these reasons, District 19 has developed a training workshop for AA members to attend before they take meetings into facilities. They have been very active and are seeing clients show up at meetings when they get out. We also discussed the importance of the Bridge The Gap program where AA volunteer contacts are matched up to clients released from treatment to help get them to their first meeting. A few districts have Bridge The Gap contact lists and hopefully more will get this started. District 8 is having a Bridge The Gap Seminar on March 12 and I'm very excited to attend and learn more! Looking forward to seeing you at the Committee Meetings in April and participating in our Mock General Service Conference. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Janet B., Treatment Chair

AA MILESTONES ACROSS KANSAS

Carbondale-Bob M. , 10 yrs.

District 5: Pete H 1 year, Rick K 5 years , John R 10 years, Marcia 10 years

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

**GROUPS AND DISTRICTS PLEASE SEE THE SPACE HERE FOR
YOUR MEMBERS' MILESTONES**

AREA 25 CELEBRATIONS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND EVENTS

CORRECTIONS CONFERENCE
2016

WHEN: MARCH 26, 2016
TIME: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
WHERE: MINISA PARK (MAP ON BACK)

9:00AM - REGISTRATION & FELLOWSHIP
10:00 - 10:30 SPEAKER TO BE ANNOUNCED.
10:30 - DCM
10:45 - INMATE
12:00 - LUNCH
1:15 AREACHAR
2:00 - OVER

YOU WILL NEVER BE FREE UNTIL YOU FREE YOURSELF FROM THE PRISON OF YOUR OWN FALSE THOUGHTS

TO THINK OWN
SOBRIETY
SELF DE TRS
SERVILE
RECOVERY



**Manhattan Noon Group
35th Anniversary**

What: Help us celebrate 35 years of sharing the message. Enjoy some ice cream and fellowship.

When: Saturday April 2nd, 2016
2:00 Doors Open
2:30 Ice Cream Social
3:00 History Session
4:00 Bruce K., Lawrence, KS
5:00 Dinner
6:30 Darin H., Shawnee, KS
8:00 Steve B., St. Petersburg, FL (formerly of Manhattan, KS)

Where: Vineyard Community Church
2400 Casement, Manhattan, KS 65022

Who: All are welcome! For more information contact Mike at (308) 760-6020 or man449@hotmail.com

**THE WEEK THAT WAS GROUP
Manhattan Kansas
39th Anniversary Celebration of Sobriety
April 29 & 30**

Friday night at the Allen Lee Center
621 Humboldt

Friday night @ 7:30pm - Celebration starts with our Friday meeting and group history Given by Michael A.

Saturday the doors open back up @ Noon



Harris Activity Center, 6th and Poyntz

- 1:30pm - A.A. Joy H. (Olathe KS.)
- 3:30pm - ALANON Speaker. Debra C.
- 5:30pm - Pot Luck Dinner
- 7:30pm - A.A. Daren H. (Olathe KS.)

Raffle will follow last speaker Contacts:

Dave Y. (785)410-2396
Terry C. (785)565-8612 or Dave M. (785)317-6921

**MARTIN STREET 19TH
ANNIVERSARY**

901 Beatrice Salina KS

MEXI-POT-LUCK
Mexican theme meal

Monday April 25, 2016

Speaker

Josh R Manhattan KS

Doors open 6:00

Fiesta begins at 6:30

Speaker at 8:00

Questions: call Dawn D 785-643-3325
or K-Sue N 785-309-6453
District 5 website: aa-ksdist5.org

AREA 25 CELEBRATIONS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND EVENTS

- ⇒ 9 April 2016 Friday: Committee Chair Meeting. Salina, KS
- ⇒ 10 April 2016 Saturday: Area 25 Committee Meetings. Salina Quality Inn Starts 8:30 AM

District 13's 23rd Annual Family Round Robin

May 14, 2016

Harvey County East Lake -- Newton, KS

'Round Out Your Recovery Thru Your Actions'

2:00 -- Registration
 3:00 -- A.F.G. Speaker -- Kathy L. -- Newton, KS
 4:00 -- A.A. Speaker -- Bob L. -- Newton, KS
 5:00 -- A.A. Speaker -- Dave T. -- Wichita, KS
 6:15 -- Sloppy Joes -- Bring a Covered Dish
 (Dress, Condiments, Drinks, and Table Service Provided)
 7:15 -- Sobriety Countdown
 7:30 -- A.A. Speaker -- Joel G. -- Andale, KS

For More Information Contact -- **Dun L.** at 316-288-9389

MARTIN STREET

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

901 BEATRICE SALINA KS

MONDAY MAY 30 2016
 DOORS OPEN AT 6:00
 MEAL AT 6:30
SPEAKER 8:00

SHERRI P TOPEKA KS

BURGERS & BRATS PROVIDED, PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH

CONTACT: DAWN D 785-643-3325
 K SUE N 785-309-6453

DISTRICT 5 WEBSITE: AA-KSDIST5.ORG

2016 Southwest 'Additional' Regional Forum
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

Do you need a Spanish Language Interpreter?
 Have you ever attended a Regional Forum?

For ASL Interpretation please contact G.S.O.: regionalforums@aa.org
 Information provided is "Confidential" and will only be used for this Regional Forum.

Mail to G.S.O to Arrive by: **May 30, 2016**
 General Service Office, P.O. Box 459,
 Grand Central Station, NY, NY 10163
 Att: Regional Forums

2016 SOUTHWEST 'Additional' REGIONAL FORUM

DoubleTree
 by Hilton Denver-Stapleton North
 4040 Quebec Street
 Denver, CO 80216
 (303) 321-6666

June 3 - 5, 2016
 Friday: 6:30pm - 10pm Saturday: 9am - 9:45pm Sunday: 9am - 12pm

HOTEL RESERVATIONS Can be made by: PHONE: (303) 321-6666
 Group Rate cutoff date: ONLINE: www.aa.org (Click on "For A.A. Members")
 May 4, 2016 FOR SPECIAL ROOM RATE: use GROUP CODE "C-SWA"

Tentative SCHEDULE of Events

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SATURDAY (Continued)
2:00 - close Registration	2:30-3:15 pm	Ask-It Basket
6:30-6:45 pm	First Timer Orientation	Break
7:00-8:30 pm	Opening Session	Presentation
8:30-8:45 pm	Break	4:00-5:00 pm Ask-It Basket
8:45-9:15 pm	Video	5:00-7:00 pm Diner
9:15-10:00 pm	General Sharing	7:00-8:15 pm Workshops
		8:15-8:30 pm Break
		8:30-9:45 pm Workshops

SATURDAY

9:00am - close Registration	
9:00-10:00 am	A.A Grapevine
10:00-10:15 am	Break
10:15-11:00 am	General Sharing
11:00-12:00 pm	Delegates' Presentations
12:00-1:30 pm	Lunch*
1:30-2:30 pm	Presentations

SUNDAY

9:00-10:00 am	General Sharing
10:00-10:30 am	First Timer Sharing
10:30-10:45 am	Break
10:45-11:30 am	Past Trustees' Sharing
11:30 Noon	Closing Remarks

* Meals are on your own

REGISTRATION Information
 There is no charge to attend Regional Forums. Please pre-register to support GSO with event preparation. You can always register onsite. To pre-register online, go to www.aa.org, click on "For A.A. Members." Or you can register on site. All who register will receive a Final Forum Report.

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION
 2016 Southwest 'Additional' Regional Forum
June 3 - 5, 2016

DOUBLETREE by Hilton Denver-Stapleton North

4040 Quebec Street
 Denver, CO 80216
 Phone: (303) 321-6666

Rate cutoff date: **May 4, 2016**

Group Code
C-SWA

Hotel Reservations can be made by one of the following methods:

- By phone: (303) 321-6666 no later than May 4, 2016
- ONLINE: www.aa.org (Click on "For A.A. Members")

Room rates:

Single: \$99.00 plus tax
 Double: \$109.00 plus tax
 Triple: \$114.00 plus tax
 Quad: \$119.00 plus tax

Room rates include a voucher for full hot breakfast buffet for each guest, each day.
 For special room rate use Group Code: C-SWA

AREA 25 CELEBRATIONS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND EVENTS



**59th Annual
Kansas Area 25 State
Conference**

**Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions, and Concepts
September 16 - 18, 2016**

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel 2098 S. Airport Rd Wichita, KS 67209
(800)247-4458 (316)945-5272

Group Code for Reservations - A25

Friday, September 16

3:00pm Registration opens
7:00pm Doors open
7:30pm Conference opens
8:00pm Mike F. (AA) Chandler, AZ
10:00pm Jason H. (AA) Little Rock, AR

Saturday, September 17

9:00am State of the Area
10:15am Clay R. GSO Speaker, New York, NY
2:00pm Sandy F. (AFG) Jenks, OK
4:30pm Narciso S. (AA) Oklahoma City
7:30pm Jane D. (AA) Tallahassee, FL

Sunday, September 18

10:00am Nancy K. (AA) Baltimore, MD
11:00am Closing Comments

**Activities
Include:**

State of the Area
Technology and AA

Workshops

Alateen Speaker
Old Timers Meeting
Sobriety Countdown
Ice Cream Social
Hospitality Room
Marathon Meetings

Questions

About the Conference?

Registration - Dave R. (785) 393-0807
Chair - Joe C. (785) 342-3306
Co-Chair - Justin G. (620) 200-5997

Register online: www.kansas-aa.org

Registration Form

Please detach & mail to:
Kansas Area Assembly
3062 W 8th Lawrence, KS 66049

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Phone _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Badge Information:

Name _____

Group _____

District Number _____

AA Al-Anon Alateen Other

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___ Pre-Registration \$20.00
(\$25 at the door)

___ Ice Cream Social
(please List # Attending)

I want to fund a scholarship
(for those unable to afford the cost of admission)

I want to volunteer
(We will contact you)

Scholarship amt \$ _____

Total Amt Enclosed \$ _____
(Checks made to Kansas Area Assembly)

I have Special Needs