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Delegate

Greetings Area 25,

As you know the Southwest Region has taken a direct hit from Hurricane Harvey.

I would encourage us at the present time to please consider increasing our Area, District, Group and even our personal contributions to GSO as the needs of our fellow members who were directly affected by the hurricane are evaluated.

During this stressful time I ask that you please include in your daily prayers our members who have been adversely effected by this catastrophic event.

I have received the final conference report for the 67th General Service Conference and will have a limited number of copies with me at the State Conference. I will distribute the majority of them your DCM at the Committee meeting in October.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our Annual State Conference in Wichita Ks. It is such a wonderful

time for me to have the opportunity to fellowship with so many of you that carry the message of AA throughout the state serving the still suffering Alcoholic.

In closing I want to thank the 2017 Conference Committee for all their hard work. The two years of preparations that the Conference Committee has done behind the scenes to ensure that the conference is a success are not unnoticed. In addition, I am reminded that the ultimate success of the Conference rests on all of us to participate in this annual service event.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be of service.

Sue C.

Area 25 Delegate, Panel 66
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Area Committee Meeting October 13-14, 2017

Quality Inn 2110 W. Crawford Street

Salina, KS 67401 (785) 825-2111



Preamble

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.

Area Chair

Greetings Area 25 Members,

The Kansas Area 25 Assembly in July went very well. The members worked through numerous recommended guideline changes, which were passed. A new Corrections Pamphlet was presented and the recommendation to disconnect the KASO Office Phone Line was also presented, and both passed.

On Sunday the members elected the new incoming Area Officers and they are as follows: Delegate, Dave R., District 23, Alt. Delegate, Sheri P., District 8, Area Chair, Jon R., District 23, Alt. Chair, Darin H., District 10, Treasurer, Janet B., District 10, Alt. Treasurer, Dennis G., District 8, Secretary, Andy K., District 10 and Alt. Secretary, Bruce S., District 15.

The October Committee Meeting Agenda has been published on the Area Website and is also attached to this GFP Letter. On Friday, October 13th from 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm we will have a Traditions Workshop, facilitated by Past Delegate, Mike R. All other Area business and Committee Meetings will be conducted on Saturday, October 14th, followed by drawing of new committee assignments, and general sharing session: What should the Area focus on moving forward.

Remember if you are a voting member and are unable to attend please ask your Alternate to come in your place. Of course we would love to have both of you if all possible. Let's get as many members together that weekend to collaborate on the needs of Area 25 and its members, to insure when anyone anywhere reaches out for help we are there for them.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Sheri P.

Area 25 Chair
chairperson@kansas-aa.org

Alterate Delegate

As I write this, we are in the last stages of planning for the 60th Kansas State Conference. 60 years – wow! From the minutes of the Kansas Area Assembly meeting at Great Bend on July 21, 1957, comes this statement:

“The (chair) called an informal business meeting ... for the purpose of making plans for the A.A. State Conference to be held in Emporia, Oct. 4-6, 1957. It seemed advisable and was unanimously agreed that the committee should meet in Emporia with the Emporia Group and the hotel manager to complete the arrangements. The meeting was set for July 27th, 1957.”

I wonder if those early members envisioned this still going on 60 years later? Will there still be a state conference in 2077 for the 120th? I suppose as long as there are drunks sobering up in A.A. in the Sunflower State, there will be!

Obviously, the 1957 Conference was a great success. I'm looking forward to the 2017 Conference, and I'm sure it will also be a great success. Come join us!!

Don't forget about the SW Region Forum, Oct. 20-22, 2017, in San Antonio, Texas. Here's a link to the registration. http://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/en_SW_registrationform_2017.pdf Additional information is available on the AA website Forums page. The preliminary schedule for this year's event includes a number of presentations on topics we all deal with in our home groups and districts, such as -

Our Common Welfare: Safety in A.A.
Anonymity: Our Spiritual Foundation
C.P.C. – Cooperation Without Affiliation
Twelve Step Efforts to the Underserved
Working with non-English Speaking Groups & Members
Technology in A.A.

I hope to join a goodly number of you for this event.

Yours in the Fellowship —

Dave R.

Area 25 Alternate Delegate, Panel 66
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Correctional Facility

The Correctional Facility Committee is alive and well! We continue to promote donations to the Yellow Can Fund, provide thousands of AA books to inmates, and carry the AA message to alcoholics who are behind bars. I estimate that by the end of this year we will have given over \$20,000 worth of AA approved literature to inmates of jails and prisons in Kansas in 2017.

It will soon be time to rotate Area committee chairs again. It seems that we just get to the point of understanding what we are supposed to be doing, and our two-year term is over. On a personal note, this has been a rewarding service position for me. I am even more convinced that staying involved in various types of service work has been the primary reason I have stayed sober these past few years. Finally, I have found a niche in carrying the AA message to those alcoholics who are behind bars. After I am through serving as your Area Correctional Facility Chair, I will continue to spend a good many hours each week going into prisons and jails around the Topeka vicinity. It probably helps me more than it helps them but in my opinion, that is a good form of selfishness. I invite you to join us!

Lenny E.

Area 25 Correctional Facilities Chairperson
corrections@kansas-aa.org

Treatment

All across the state, meetings are being taken into treatment and detox centers to help introduce AA to the suffering alcoholics staying at these facilities. Each group or district organizing these meetings need to be aware of the expectations and guidelines set by the facility and respect their wishes while keeping their commitment to show up so we can continue to be invited back. Many groups are seeing patients from these facilities show up at their meetings once they get out. At our committee meeting during the July Area Assembly, we discussed challenges being faced in different districts and shared experience on dealing with some of these challenges. It was encouraging to hear of meetings being arranged to start up in some treatment centers that didn't have them

going on currently.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service to Area 25 as your Treatment Chair!

Janet B.

Area 25 Treatment Chairperson
treatment@kansas-aa.org



Registrar

Greetings from your Area 25 Registrar,

I have enjoyed being your Area Registrar, although the clock is ticking down on my term.

The Registrar receives inputs from DCMs as new district officers are elected. These changes include DCMs, GSRs, Alternates and District Service Chair positions such as Literature, Public Information, Cooperation with the Professional Community, etc.

These changes are updated in GSO's records database system, Fellowship New Vision (FNV). Sometimes changes are submitted directly to GSO and a notification is sent to the Registrar when the input is complete. Either path is fine.

Once FNV has been updated, new officers are sent service packets by GSO. An email distribution list is maintained for the Area Secretary and a Confidential Area Roster is maintained for the Assembly.

Yours in Service,

Nancy B.

Area 25 Registrar
registrar@kansas-aa.org

HELP!!!

Your Area 25 newsletter, the Grapefree Press, needs you.

We welcome your service stories, comments, tasteful jokes, A.A. related trivia. Isn't it more interesting to hear from other Kansans about their journey? It begins with you!!

Please submit your creation to:

gfp@kansas-aa.org

Literature

Literature continues to put in High Schools, junior highs, public, and college libraries. It also is being put in treatment centers, halfway houses, hospitals, juvenile centers, and at book bazaars, take a book leave a book type events.

Posters are being put in schools, new comer packets continue to be used, and large print literature is being made available where there is a desire for it. We continue to talk about the agenda items from GSO, and the changes to the pamphlet.

One of our own Area members has created a pamphlet (Don't Worry—It's Not That Bad) and was approved at the last assembly to be forwarded to GSO.

Currently Big Book has been translated into 70 languages with 21 more in the works.
The latest one in Pamjabi.

Safety cards for groups are available at AA.org. Contains the long form of Tradition One and a suggested statement on Safety. May be read out loud at A.A. meetings as part of opening announcements or at the secretary's break.

All in all, literature is a vital part of carrying the message, and God willing will be for decades to come.

GSO continues to encourage Literature Chairs at all levels of service to order from their local intergroup or central office whenever possible. Otherwise you can go to AA.org or directly to AAWS online store. It is very easy to order literature this way and my experience is it arrives within a week.

I would like to encourage all 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.

Yours in trust, and in affection.

Pat W.

Area 26 Literature Chairperson
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Grapevine

Hello everyone from you Grapevine chair. We had a great meeting at the assembly. There were 8 and we had Yoli with us. Yoli is our SW Region Trustee and Grapevine director. Everyone send in your stories. District 8 is collecting old Grapevines and raking to jail/prisons. We got Yoli to tell us a little about Grapevine. We are challenged to increase subscriptions. Also send in stories. A good way to do this is with a writing workshop. You can do this by mail, email, online upload and by phone. I'll see you at the committee meeting. Thanks for letting me serve.

Tom L.

Area 25 Grapevine chair
grapevine@kansas-aa.org



Accessibilities

At the Committee Meetings in April, the Special Needs Committee consisted of 7 members representing 6 districts.

The Special Needs Committee decided unanimously to recommend changing the name of the committee from “Special Needs” to “Accessibilities.” Since this will require a guideline change, if approved by the Area Assembly, we reviewed and discussed the current guidelines and tentative changes to be made to the guidelines.

We are submitting the suggested revisions to the guidelines for approval by the Area Assembly. I look forward to seeing you all in July!

In Service,

Anissa P.

Area 25 Special Needs Chairperson
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Public Information

Greetings Area 25!

Public Information has been busy lately working on ways to help spread the message. Recently I had the honor of spending the day in Garden City at the District 16 Summer Roundup with Galen E, CPC Chair. Joining Galen for a joint workshop for the good folks in District 16 was a great experience. Thanks to Galen for all the help he provided.

Next is the State Conference and I am looking forward to seeing all of you there, followed by committee meetings

and the Southwest Regional Forum in October .

I will have the honor to help present at the Fall Fiesta for District 13 in Newton on November 11, so please come out and help us make that a success. The other presenters will be Dave R, Alternate Delegate (Delegate-Elect) and Galen E, CPC Chair. Lots of exciting things are going in AA service and it is my privilege to be a part of that.

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Terry L

Area 25 Public Information Chairperson
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Kansas Area 25 Committee

October 2017

Agenda

“Supporting Our Future”

October 13th and 14th

Quality Inn 2110 W. Crawford, Salina, Ks. (785) 825-2111

Friday, October 13, 2017

8:00 – 9:00 pm Traditions Workshop, Mike R., Past Delegate Dukes Room

Saturday, October 14, 2017

8:30 – 9:30 am KAAAAI Board Meeting Dukes Room

9:45 – 10:00 am 2017 State Conference Report Darin H. Dukes Room

10:00 – 10:15 am 2018 State Conference Report Josh R. Dukes Room

10:30 – 11:30 am Committee Meetings

<u>Committee</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Chair</u>	
Chronicler	1, 4, 15	Rosa M.	To Be Assigned
Corrections	9, 12, 20	Lenny E.	
Cooperation w/Professional Community	14, 16, 31	Galen E.	
Grapefree Press	10, 23	Remi K.	
Grapevine	5, 18, 27	Tom L.	
Literature	3, 24, 26	Pat W.	
Public Information	11, 21, 30	Terry L.	
Registrar	2, 19	Nancy B.	
Special Needs	6, 7	Anissa P.	
Treatment	13, 22	Janet B.	
Web	8, 17	Chris H.	

11:30 – 1:00 pm LUNCH BREAK

1:00 – 5:00 pm Business Meeting Dukes Room

Opening Meeting	Sheri P.
Secretary Report	Ed M.
Treasurers Report	Ken S.
KAAAAI Board Report	Jim H.
2018 State Conference Report	Josh R.
Delegate Report	Sue C.
Alt. Delegate Report	Dave R.
Alt. Chair	Jon R.
Al-Anon Liason	Dawn D.
Chronicler	Rosa M.
Corrections	Lenny E.
Cooperation w/Professional Community	Galen E.
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Web	Chris H.
District Committee Members	DCM's

Old Business: Ad Hoc Report
Guidelines – Jon R.

New Business:

1. Draw Committee assignments for both even and odd districts
2. General Sharing Session: What should the Area focus on moving forward

Close Committee Meeting

Upcoming Events

Southwest Regional Forum October 20th, 21st and 22nd

Assembly: January 19th, 20th, and 21st



National Corrections Conference



November 10 – 12, 2017

Nationalcorrectionsconference.org

Doubletree Hotel
1973 Craigshire
St. Louis MO 63146
314-434-0100

Join us for the 1st National Corrections Conference for North America. The purpose of this weekend is for A.A. members involved in correction work behind the walls to come together, share experience, exchange information, and hear from corrections professionals, former inmates, and other trusted servants throughout the U.S. and Canada.

\$109 per night for a hotel room.
Please contact the hotel to reserve your room. It is separate from the event registration.

Areas, Districts and individuals please send donations to the below PO Box to ensure the 1st National Corrections Conference is a success!!!!Please make check payable to National Corrections Conference.

Conference Chair: John S. 314-413-5939
PI Chair: Jeff H. 978-902-2680

Donations \$30 Registration \$30 Banquet \$35 Registration At Door

Registration, Donation, Banquet and Hotel cut off date 10/15/17

Total Submitted: \$ _____

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Area#: _____ District #: _____

Return registration form and check to: National Corrections Conference PO Box 510355 St. Louis MO 63151

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October 5-6-7, 2018
Branson Hilton Hotel
And Convention Center



Location:

Branson Hilton Hotel, Branson Missouri - 200 Main St. Branson, Missouri 65536

Room Rates/Hotel Reservations/Group Code:

Room rate: \$139.00 + tax/per night

(417) 336-5400

The group code will be available on 10/15/2017 after which reservations can be made.

- www.swraasa2018.org • Questions? E-mail: registration@swraasa2018.org



Registration Form
Registration Fee \$10.00 Each



Name (s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

How would you like to receive your final report?

- E-mail U.S. Mail

Area 29 (WAMC)

Please send registration form and Check to:

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1511 SW Twin Creek Pl.
Blue Springs, MO. 64015