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Delegate

Area Chair

Greetings Area 25

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who continue to carry the lifesaving message of AA to those who are suffering from the disease of alcoholism. Throughout my rotation as Delegate I have been reminded of how much AA needs all of us. We are each a very important part of a great whole, from the coffee maker and meeting greeter, to the GSR's, DCM's, Area committee chairs, Area elected officers all the way down the service structure to GSO and the General Service Board. We all need each other to continue to carry the message to insure our future and the future of those still to come. I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve Area 25 as Delegate. It has been a wonderful opportunity to truly show my gratitude in action.

Sue C.

Area 25 Delegate, Panel 66
delegate@kansas-aa.org



Greetings Area 25 Members,

Thank you so much for allowing me to be of service. It has been an incredible journey serving as your Kansas Area 25 Chair. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work closely with the Officers, Committee Members, and Area Members willing to be of service at the Area level. This group worked together at the October Committee Meetings to insure we continue to meet the needs of our members.

I would also like to thank all of our Past Delegates that continue to be of service to the Area and its Members. These individuals attend Area Assemblies, Committee Meetings, Regional Forums, SWARSA, SWARDA, and much more. They continue to share their experience, strength and hope with us and have been invaluable to me personally.

In October we drew new district committee assignments for the next two years and then had a general sharing session on what the Area should focus on moving forward. You will find some of the ideas brought forward in the October minutes.

Kansas Area 25 had 19 members attend the Southwest



Area Assembly Meeting January 19-21, 2018

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.

Regional Forum in San Antonio. WOW!! These are the members that attended on behalf of Area 25: Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Area Chair, Area Alt. Chair, (4) Past Delegates, Alt. Treasurer, (4) Area Chairs, (1) Incoming Chair, (1) DCM, and (4) Members. The purpose of a Regional Forum is to provide better communication among all levels of service for the region concerned.

Thank you again for allowing me to be of service. I am looking forward to my new assignment as your Alt. Delegate for the next two years.

Sheri P.

Area 25 Chairperson
chairperson@kansas-aa.org

Alternate Chair

Greetings! As we transition into a new year and a new service rotation, I am honored and humbled to be allowed to serve Area 25 as Chairperson. I am excited about where we are at as an Area and am looking forward to what the future holds.

Area 25 is in a much better position to support our committees than it has been in the past, and this increased support will enable the committees to dramatically increase their activities throughout the Area. The incoming committee chairs are excited about service, and I encourage DCMs and GSRs to start thinking about involving Area Committees in your local workshops, group anniversaries, and other functions.

But they need help—a committee chair can't do everything by themselves. I encourage the DCMs and GSRs to talk to their groups and encourage participation. I know there are plenty of people in Area 25 who would be willing to help, but maybe just need a little encouragement. I know my own service journey started because my sponsor “suggested” that I get involved.

In October I was able to attend the Southwest Regional Forum in San Antonio, where I got a lot of good information from GSO staff and my fellow trusted servants in our neighboring areas. In particular, I heard valuable experience from other areas about carrying the message to non-English speaking members. I'm excited to

see Area 25 improve in this arena, including increased support for our volunteer interpreters and translation of our service material into other languages.

I was pleased to see (by my count) 18 people from Area 25 in attendance, including 9 members of the Area Committee who were able to attend—myself included—because of increased budget allowances. I encourage everyone to attend SWRAASA in Branson next October, it is a really valuable experience.

I'll see you in January

Jon R.

Area 25 Alternate chairperson
altchairperson@kansas-aa.org

Alterate Delegate

Happy Holidays to all in Area 25! The end of a 2 year rotation of service always catches me by surprise. There's a bit of nostalgia – I just learned this job, and now I have to give it up? Can I just keep it for another 2 years? But there's also the anticipation of the next adventure coming up; what does H.P. have in store for me this time?

Thank you for the chance to serve as your Alternate Delegate. I only hope that I have met your expectations. I've had great guidance from Sue and the past Delegates, and the officers and chairs have been a wonderful team to work with.

In October I attended the SW Regional Forum in San Antonio. There were great presentations by some of our SW Region Delegates on topics like Anonymity & the Internet, Safety in AA, Technology in AA, Working With Non-English Speaking Groups & Members. Staff & Trustees gave informative presentations on G.S.O., the Grapevine/La Viña, and AAWS - did you know that on-line contributions now account for 10% of all, and the rate is growing? Or that we have received permission to publish a translation of the Big Book into Punjabi - a language spoken by many immigrants from India? It was a great Forum, and several folk from Kansas were there. During the Forum, the Alternate Delegates from Panels 66, 67 & 68 met to work on plans for upcoming SWRAASAs & Forums. Sheri & I both attended this

meeting.

The next Forum will be in Houston, TX, Oct. 11-13, 2019. Information about this will be coming out late next year – visit the AA website (www.aa.org), and watch the SE TX Area 67 website at www.aa-seta.org.

More immediate is the SW Region AA Service Assembly (SWRAASA) in Branson, Mo, Oct. 5-7, 2018. Area 39, Western Missouri, is the host, and you can register now at <http://www.swraasa2018.org>. As of October, they already had 52 registrations.

I'm looking forward to the SW Kansas Conference January 12-14. Let me encourage you all to go – it's one of the best little conferences I've ever been to, so come out to Dodge City! Check out the flyer on our website. And it's not too early to think about the 16th Spanish State Convention (XVI Encuentro Hispano), which will be June 8-10 in Garden City.

Felices Fiestas a todos de el Área 25! El final de una rotación de servicio de 2 años siempre me sorprende. Hay un poco de nostalgia. Pero de aprender este trabajo, ¿y ahora tengo que dejarlo? ¿Puedo guardarlo por otros 2 años? Pero también existe la expectativa de que se avecina la próxima aventura; que hace H.P. tener en la tienda para mí esta vez?

Gracias por la oportunidad de servir como su Delegado Alterno. Solo espero haber cumplido con tus expectativas. He tenido una gran guía de Sue y de los últimos delegados, y los oficiales y presidentes han sido un equipo maravilloso para trabajar.

En Octubre asistí al Foro Regional SW en San Antonio. Hubo excelentes presentaciones de algunos de nuestros delegados de la Región SW en temas como Anonimato e Internet, Seguridad en AA, Tecnología en AA, Trabajo con grupos y Miembros que no hablan inglés. El personal y los fideicomisarios hicieron presentaciones informativas sobre G.S.O., Grapevine / La Viña y AAWS: ¿Saben ellos que las contribuciones en línea ahora representan el 10% de todas, y la tasa va en aumento? ¿O que hemos recibido permiso para publicar una traducción del Libro Grande al Punjabi, un idioma que hablan muchos inmigrantes de la India? Fue un gran foro, y varias personas de Kansas

estuvieron allí.

Durante el Foro, los Delegados Alternos de los Paneles 66, 67 y 68 se reunieron para trabajar en los planes para los próximos SWRAASA y Foros. Sheri y yo asistimos a esta reunión.

El próximo Foro tendrá lugar en Houston, TX, del 11 al 13 de octubre de 2019. La información al respecto saldrá a fines del próximo año; visite el sitio web de AA (www.aa.org) y vea el sitio web de SE TX Area 67 en www.aa-seta.org.

Más inmediata es la Asamblea de Servicios AA de la Región SW (SWRAASA) en Branson, Mo, del 5 al 7 de octubre de 2018. Área 39, Western Missouri, es el anfitrión, y usted puede registrarse ahora en <http://www.swraasa2018.org>. A partir de octubre, ya tenían 52 registros.

Estoy esperando la Conferencia SW Kansas del 12 al 14 de enero. Permítanme alentarlos a todos a que se vayan: es una de las mejores pequeñas conferencias en las que he estado, así que vengan a Dodge City. Consulte el folleto en nuestro sitio web. Y no es demasiado pronto para pensar en la XVI Convención Española (XVI Encuentro Hispano), que se celebrará del 8 al 10 de junio en Garden City.

Discúlpeme por la pobre traducción!

Dave R.

Area 25 Alternate Delegate, Panel 66
altdelegate@kansas-aa.org



Registrar

Greetings,

I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve as your Area Registrar. It has been an exciting two years. Your incoming Registrar will continue making improvements and providing excellent service to our Area.

Sandy and I spent some time discussing the duties at the October Committee meeting. We worked over the phone to establish her Google Drive. Once the last updates are made for the year, the Registrar's google account will be transferred to her.

I created an instruction document and some test data so she could practice formatting the Distribution List file and we can make any changes necessary to the instructions. I sure there's something I forgot. I'm currently working in an instruction document for the Roster.

I look forward to the January Assembly where Sandy and I will make the final transfer.

Love and Service

Nancy B.

Area 25 Registrar
registrar@kansas-aa.org



Accessibilities

I can hardly believe how quickly these past two years have gone by! I want to thank our translators, who work tirelessly at Assemblies and other events across the state. Without their volunteer efforts and commitment, there would be many people who would not have the opportunity to participate as they do now.

I want to thank everyone who served on the Accessibilities Committee or participated in our committee meetings over the last two years. There was a lot of work to be done, and everyone worked well together to accomplish these goals. It was exciting to see the name change from Special Needs to Accessibilities to align with GSO and more accurately represent what this committee really aims to do, which is to make Alcoholics Anonymous accessible to all people who would like to participate, regardless of communication barriers or physical limitations. I am grateful for the opportunity I have had to serve as your Accessibilities Chair. It has been such a fun and rewarding experience.

Blessings,

Anissa P.

Area 25 Special Needs Chairperson
specialneeds@kansas-aa.org

Public Information

In the wonderful world of Public Information, we continue to explore new ways of spreading the message. I have learned so much in this past year it is unbelievable.

The State Conference was awesome, as usually, but I think this one particularly so.

I also had the privilege of participating in District 13's Fall Fiesta in Newton on November 11, along with Alternate Delegate/Delegate-Elect Dave R and CPC Chair Galen E. I had a great time and learned a lot. The food was great and the fellowship even better. For those of you that have never attended this event, I would suggest giving it a try next year.

I would like to thank the Area for giving me the

opportunity of filling in for Jeff D in this position for the past year and look forward to a full term as Literature Chair in 2018-19. If I can be of any assistance to anyone, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours in Service,

Terry L.

Area 25 Public Information Chair
publicinformation@kansas-aa.org

CPC

Greetings,

It is hard to believe this is my last report as your C.P.C. Area Chair. The C.P.C. meeting during the October Committee Meeting was well attended. As always we covered what projects were on going in the local Groups and Districts. Then we continued with discussion with topics directly out of the C.P.C. Work Book. The week following the Committee Meetings I traveled to San Antonio to attend the Southwest Regional Forum. As always it is very rewarding to hear what is happening at the General Service Office as well as meet the people that do the work in New York. The Forum was well attended by Area 25. It was also great to see the enthusiasm of the first time attendees that came from all areas of the Southwest Region. The three days flew by and then it was time to return back to Kansas. I attended the District 13 Fellowship Day that centered around C.P.C. and Public Information and had a large offering of food and Fellowship. As the last weeks of this rotation are winding down the C.P.C. Committee will be in good hands with Ed M as the incoming Chair. It has been a privilege to be trusted with the responsibility of Chairing a service committee for Area 25. I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday Season and will be looking forward to seeing everyone at the Area Assembly in January.

In Love and Service,

Galen E.

Area 25 CPC Chair
cpc@kansas-aa.org

Grapefree Press

Dear Area 25 members,

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your GFP editor. This opportunity wouldn't happen if it wasn't for Sheri P. and J.C. R., to whom I owe a great deal of thanks and appreciation. My condolences to J.C.'s family for their loss. Area 25 has a huge void to fill with his passing into the Great Meeting.

As the editor, I relied upon the committee members for their suggestions and efforts. They deserve a big hand of applause for their involvement. Through these members, the GFP articles and Wrap Sheets were printed and posted in the Area meeting halls, they helped promote the awareness of our newsletter and Wrap Sheet at the districts and home groups. I'd also like to thank the members for submitting their articles in the GFP. Finally, the committee is grateful for the spanish translators willing to participate in our experiment to have a bilingual Wrap Sheet. I'm hopeful that our experiment will eventually result in a bilingual GFP for our spanish speaking members. Thank you again for all your sacrifices in service.

Sincerely yours,

Remi K.

Area 25 Grapefree Press Editor
gfp@kansas-aa.org



	Jan-Sept. 2017	2017 Budget	2018 Proposed	Difference
1 Delegate Expense Area	\$1,153.19	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0.00
2 GS Conference Registration	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$7,500	\$4,500.00
3 Alt Delegate Expense	\$340.04	\$800	\$1,200	\$400.00
4 Area Chairperson	\$122.05	\$500	\$800	\$300.00
5 Alt Chairperson	\$126.58	\$500	\$800	\$300.00
6 Secretary	\$100	\$500	\$800	\$300.00
7 Alt Secretary	\$0	\$500	\$800	\$300.00
8 Treasurer	\$254.33	\$500	\$800	\$300.00
9 Alt Treasurer	\$0	\$500	\$800	\$300.00
10 Public Information Chair	\$0	\$500	\$800	\$300.00
11 Treatment Chair	\$0	\$500	\$800	\$300.00
12 Corrections Chair	\$14	\$500	\$800	\$300.00
13 CPC Chair	\$0	\$500	\$800	\$300.00
14 GFP Editor	\$89.99	\$500	\$800	\$300.00
15 Literature chair	\$0	\$500	\$800	\$300.00
16 Registrar	\$0	\$0	\$800	\$800.00
17 Chronicler	\$0	\$500	\$800	\$300.00
18 Chronicler supplies	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0.00
19 Grapevine Chair	\$166.91	\$500	\$800	\$300.00
20 Accessibilities	\$243.57	\$500	\$800	\$300.00
21 Al-Anon Liason	\$0	\$500	\$800	\$300.00
22 Web Chair	\$0	\$500	\$800	\$300.00
23 Website	\$70.68	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0.00
24 Grapefree Press postage	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0.00
25 Total Officer/Committee Expenses	\$5,681.58	\$16,850	\$27,650	\$10,800.00
26				
27 Building & Facilities	\$1,848.76	\$1,800	\$2,300	\$500.00
28 Area Manuals	\$239.85	\$300	\$400	\$100.00
29 Memorial Contribution to GSO	\$0	\$400	\$400	\$0.00
30 Contribution to GSO	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0.00
31 Speaker Travel Area	\$915.08	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0.00
32 Speaker Meals Area	\$63.95	\$300	\$300	\$0.00
33 Speaker Rooms Area	\$540.59	\$800	\$800	\$0.00
34 Other Expense Area	\$200	\$100	\$100	\$0.00
35 Total Other Expenses	\$5,008.23	\$6,900	\$7,500	\$600.00
36				
37 Bank Service Charge	\$49.50	\$75	\$75	\$0.00
38 Electronic Payment Fees	\$0	\$25	\$25	\$0.00
39 Accounting Fees	\$0	\$450	\$450	\$0.00
40 Printing	\$686.56	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0.00
41 Postage	\$14.40	\$250	\$250	\$0.00
42 PO Box Rent	\$76	\$70	\$120	\$50.00
43 Office Supplies	\$71.31	\$200	\$200	\$0.00
44 Insurance	\$533	\$525	\$600	\$75.00
45 Storage Rent	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0.00
46 Computer software/hardware	\$2.90	\$120	\$1,000	\$880.00
47 Total General Operating Expenses	\$1,433.67	\$4,015	\$5,020	\$1,005.00
48				
49 Totals	\$12,123.48	\$27,765	\$40,170.00	\$12,405.00

Kansas Area 25 Assembly
January 2018
Agenda

“A.A.— A Solution for All Generations”

January 19-21, 2018

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

Friday, January 19, 2018

(travel day, optional activity)

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Guest Speaker - Dave H., Area 10 Delegate Panel 47

Regency Room

Saturday, January 20, 2018

8:00 – 8:30 am

KAAAAI Board Meeting

Duke Room

8:40 am

Welcoming

Regency Room

9:00 – 9:50 am

DCM Workshop

Duke Room

GSR Workshop

Regency Room

10:00 – 11:20 am

Committee Meetings

Committee

District

Chair

Accessibilities

3, 10, 19

Carlos W.

Chronicler

26, 31

Bridget B.

Corrections

24, 27

Christian E.

Cooperation w/Professional Community

6, 11, 22

Ed M.

Grapefree Press

8, 13, 16

Molly M.

Grapevine

2, 17

Dawn M.

Literature

5, 18, 21

Terry L.

Public Information

20, 23

J.R. R.

Registrar

4, 9, 30

Sandy O.

Treatment

1, 7, 14

Cindy L.

Web

12, 15

Peter C.

11:30 - 12:00 pm

Southwest Regional Forum & other service forum report

Regency Room

12:00 – 1:30 pm

LUNCH BREAK

1:00 – 2:50 pm

Committee and DCM reports

Regency Room

Accessibilities

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Al-Anon Liason

Anissa P.

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DCM reports

Note: Please provide estimate of voting members from each district and written copies of the report

3:00 - 3:50 pm	Presentation and discussion of proposed 2018 budget	Regency Room
4:00 - 4:30 pm	General sharing session & ask-it-basket	Regency Room
4:30 - 6:30 pm	DINNER BREAK	
6:30 - 7:30 pm	Service Workshop - Dave H. Area 10 Delegate Panel 47	Regency Room

Sunday, January 21, 2018

8:30 - 11:30 am	Closed Business Meeting	Regency Room
	Opening of Assembly	Jon R.
	Roll Call	Darin H.
	Secretary Report	Andy K.
	Treasurers Report	Janet B.
	KAAAAI Board Report	Jim H.
	Delegate Report	Dave R.
	Alt. Delegate Report	Sheri P.
	Alt. Area Chair Report	Darin H.
	2018 State Conference Report	Josh R.

Old Business:

1. Revised KAAAAI Board Bylaws

New Business:

1. 2018 - 2019 Area Committee Chairs
2. 2020 Conference Chair
3. 2018 Budget
4. Discussion of 2019 Assembly/Committee Venue
5. Recommendations from Accessibilities Committee regarding Translation and Interpretation efforts (tentative)

Upcoming Events

April 13-14, 2018: Area Committee meetings, Quality Inn, 2110 W. Crawford, Salina, KS

April 22-28, 2018: 68th General Service Conference, New York

July 20-22, 2018: Area Assembly, Quality Inn, 2110 W. Crawford, Salina, KS

Cut-off date to reserve rooms at group rate: July 13, 2018

September 14-16, 2018: Kansas State Conference, Hyatt Regency, 400 W. Waterman, Wichita, KS

October 5-7, 2018: Southwest Regional A.A. Service Assembly (SWRAASA), Branson, MO

Information at <http://swraasa2018.org/>

October 19-20, 2018: Area Committee meetings, Quality Inn, 2110 W. Crawford, Salina, KS

April 28-May 4, 2019: General Service Conference, New York

July 2-5, 2020: A.A. International Convention, Detroit, MI



Happy New Year!

*Join us for food, fellowship and a great time!
Participate in raffles, a sobriety countdown and more throughout the evening!*

5:30pm

Dinner

Main Dish Provided

6:30pm

Key Speakers

Andy K, Kansas City

Darcey E, Topeka

9:00pm

Gratitude Meeting

The Week That Was

Invites you!

**First United Methodist Church
Fellowship Room in Sanctuary Hall**

612 Poyntz Ave
Manhattan, KS 66502

December 31, 2017 @ 5:00pm

**Bring a side dish and a
newcomer to our New
Year's celebration!**

Questions?

Jeff S.

785.456.9900

**48TH ANNUAL
SOUTHWEST KANSAS CONFERENCE
JANUARY 12-14, 2018**

“AA. A SOLUTION FOR ALL GENERATIONS.”

Speakers

<i>Friday 8 PM</i>	<i>Jamie R. Tulsa, OK AA</i>
<i>Saturday 10 AM</i>	<i>Lisa C. Nicoma, OK AFG</i>
<i>Saturday 8 PM</i>	<i>Stacy C. Del City, OK AA</i>
<i>Sunday 9:30 AM</i>	<i>Harold C. Nicoma, OK AA</i>

Registration opens at 5 pm on Friday and 9 am Saturday.
Saturday Afternoon Work Shops AA & Al-Anon 2 – 3:30 pm

**Boothill Conference Center @
Dodge City's United Wireless Conference Center
4100 W. Comanche Dodge City, KS 67801**

For Reservations Call Hampton Inn at (620)-225-0000
Room Rate \$91.00 Includes Continental Breakfast
Room Rate is guaranteed until 30 days prior to Conference,
mention you are with the Southwest Kansas Conference.

Conference Pre-Registration

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

How would you like your name badge to read?

AA AL-ANON ALATEEN OTHER

For Questions Call

Harold H. (620) 353-8861

Jeanette R. (620) 649-7296

E-mail: swksconf@yahoo.com

Is this your first SW KS Conference? Yes No

Pre-Registration \$20.00 (\$25.00 at the door)

Alateen \$10.00

If you would like to fund a scholarship include the
amount with this form \$ _____

Total Amount enclosed \$ _____

Make Checks payable to:

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Satanta, KS 67870

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SPEAKER



M E E T I N G

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

West Side Presbyterian Church
1024 Kasold Drive

doors open @ 7:30
speaker @ 8:00

coffee +
snacks

wheelchair accessible

Speaker:
Remi K.
from
Overland
Park

<http://aa-ksdist23.org/>

SERVICE BEGINS WITH US!

SWRAASA 2018 • BRANSON, MO

Best Area To Welcome Area Member

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL AA SERVICE ASSEMBLY

**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 20 WAARD

Please send registration form and Check to:

SWRAASA 2018 Treasurer
1511 SW Twin Creek Pl.
Blue Springs, MO. 64015