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the twelve steps of alcoholics anonymous

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

the twelve traditions of alcoholics anonymous

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
6. An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

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64th Annual
KANSAS AREA 25 CONFERENCE
“AA IN A TIME OF CHANGE”

24-26 **SEPTEMBER** **2021**

at the
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events

Kansas Area 25 Assembly	July 16–18, 2021	Webster Conference Center, Salina, KS
Cover to Cover Big Book Study	July 23–25th, 2021	Garden City, KS
District 16 Round Up	August 8th, 2021	Valley Center, KS
64th Annual Area 25 Conference	September 24–26th, 2021	Hyatt Regency, Wichita, KS



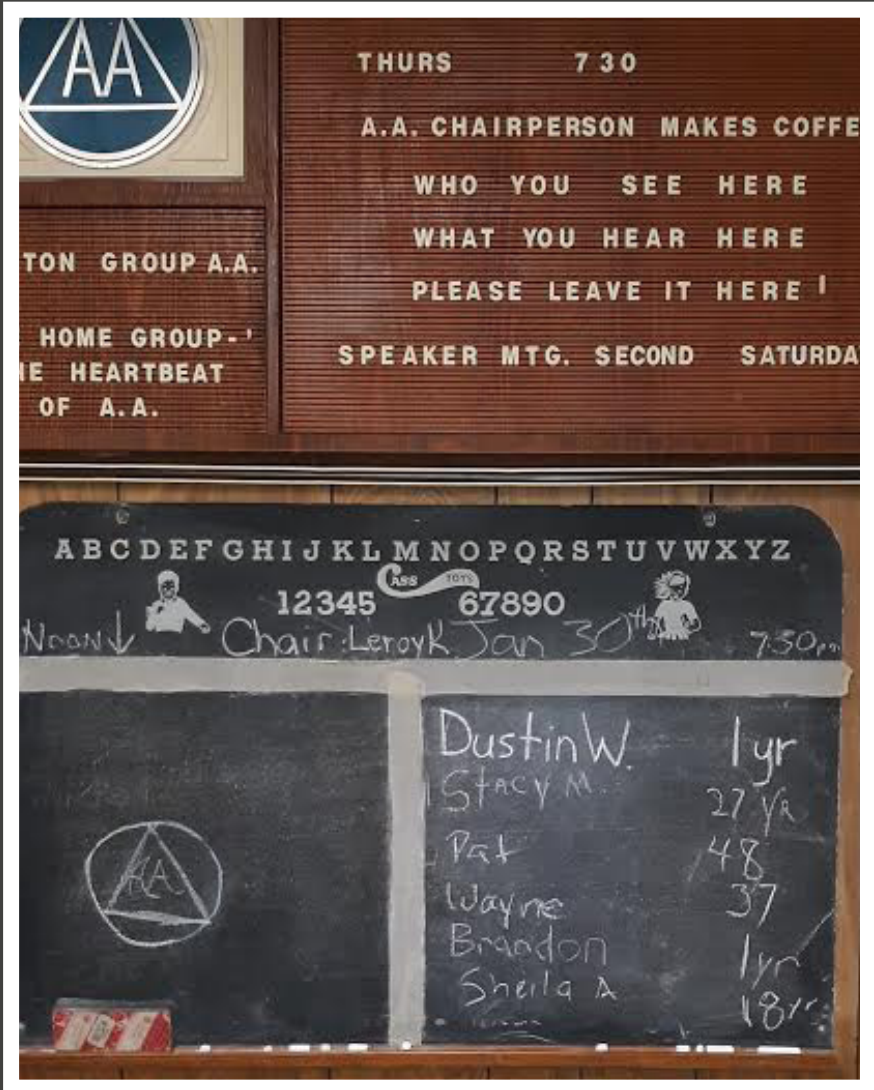
announcements

for online meeting schedules, conference info + the most up-to-date information and much more, please visit

ks-aa.org

birthdays

NEWTON GROUP AA



Birthdays celebrated in March of 2021.

~ Frank GSR of the Newton Group

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Please See Area 25 website for
Conference schedule and COVID-19 updates @ ks-aa.org

Register Online @ ks-aa.org/conference/conference-registration/

or Detach and Mail To: 2021 Conference Registration – PO Box 1543 • Garden City, KS 67846

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____

BADGE INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Group: _____

District Number: _____ AA Al-Anon Alateen Other

PRE-REGISTRATION: _____ Pre-Registration – \$20⁰⁰ (\$25⁰⁰ The Door)

All Pre-Registrations Must Be Received By September 1, 2021. After September 1, 2021 Registration Will Be \$25⁰⁰.

_____ Alateen Pre-Registration – \$10⁰⁰

I Want To Fund A Scholarship (For Those Unable To Afford The Cost Of Admission) Scholarship Amount \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed (Make Checks Payable To Kansas Area Assembly) \$ _____

I Have Special Needs

**There will be \$1.00 registration fee for paying with a debit/credit card*

area committee reports

delegate

Greetings Area 25 Members,

First, I would like to thank everyone that attended the April Committee Meetings and your assistance with the Mock General Service Conference. Your participation and feedback helped me prepare for the 71st GSC and I really appreciate your hard work.

The 71st GSC was held virtually April 18th – 24th 2021. There were 1,487 pages of background information, 110 Agenda items, 47 Committee Recommendations, 49 Advisory Actions, 89 Committee Considerations, and 6 recommendations and Floor Actions not resulting in Advisory Actions. It was an absolute privilege to be able to serve this fellowship during such a historical time in AA's History. The 135 voting members stretched across 6 time-zones. We had one approved guest from India which would bring attendees from 7 time-zones.

The Theme: "AA in a Time of Change" could not be more appropriate. There were just so many things that touched me deeply during this conference I can only hope to share as many with you as possible during my Delegates report in July. The most important impact was the Unity we shared while working together to meet our primary purpose. This conference worked very hard to ensure the health, safety and future of this program and I was grateful for the opportunity to be of service.

The Theme for the 2022 General Service conference is: "A.A. Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love and Service."

There were a lot of opportunities for us to participate in fellowship. Saturday the 17th there was a two-hour Hospitality Session. Sunday through Friday there was fellowship before the Serenity Meetings. Additional fellowship could be found during Delegates only meetings, Ice-Cream Social Thursday night and during breaks.

As a rule, our days started at Noon Eastern Standard Time and Closed around 9:00 pm. We started earlier and ended later on some days. There were quite a few days we ended much later because we were in the middle of discussion. We closed when the agenda item had been concluded.

I look forward to seeing everyone in person and sharing my Delegates report with you in July.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Area 25 Delegate.

**In Love and Service,
Sheri P., P70/A25 Delegate**

alternate delegate

Greetings fellow trusted servants

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in person in July. I want to thank everyone for pitching in and keeping the wheels of Area 25's service structure rolling throughout an unprecedented situation that none of us have the playbook for; it is a testament to the durability of our program and the resilience of our members.

I'd also like to thank everyone for their participation and input in the mock general service conference in April, that exercise is not only useful because it helps our delegate prepare, but it helps our members stay informed about AA as a whole.

My home group has begun slowly resuming in-person meetings. For the time being we are doing those in a hybrid online and



area committee reports

◀ alternate delegate cont.

in-person format so people who may not be able to attend in person can still participate, and it has been going well. Seeing my home group members in person, sitting in a meeting room, has really reinforced how important this fellowship is to me and how much I have missed it, and how grateful I am to be a part of this thing and to be allowed to serve as a trusted servant in any capacity. Thank you for letting me serve.

Jon R., Alternate Delegate.

area chair

Good Day Area 25!!

It's upon us again and we get to be live and in person!!! Woo Hoo!! I can't wait to see everyone and be able to conduct the business of the Area. I know our Delegate has some awesome things to share and our committees are ready to get back to doing their prospective commitments. We have a full agenda for the Assembly with some fun and very informational sessions. If there are any events coming up to finish the year off, please let your Area Committee Chairs know if you would like them to attend, and I am sure they would be happy to accommodate your event if possible.

Hoping for safe travels for everyone and I look forward to participating live and in person once again. See you all July 16th-18th in Salina!!!

Best Regards,

Darin H., Chair Area 25 Kansas

alternate area chair

Hello Area 25!

We are looking forward to finally meeting in person again this July at our new facility the Webster Conference Center located at 2601 N. Ohio St. Salina. We are very excited to meet in this new facility and know you will like it.

Thank you all for your patience over the last several months as we have had to conduct the area business over zoom. It just proved to me that when alcoholics put their minds to it we can get things done no matter what life throws us.

In service,

Bridget B., Alt. Chair

chronicler

I want to thank those who participated in the Zoom Chronicler Committee meeting. There were four districts represented. Following introductions, the committee members discussed what had been happening with chronicler activities in their districts. District 4, 8, and 10 DCM's have sent out group history forms to their groups. As districts are still meeting virtually, it is more difficult to get these materials distributed. District 8 lost an old-timer, who had knowledge of the history of several groups. Unfortunately, the histories went with him. This emphasizes the importance of getting these histories before we lose them. I am really looking forward to the July Assembly and being able to meet in person.

Thank you for letting me serve,

Heather G, Chronicler

area committee reports

grape free press

Greetings Area 25!

So excited that we will be able to join together again in Salina at the Area Assembly and Conference! Still working on how to best to supply a print version, but hopefully when we gather I can better serve the Area by collecting content in person!

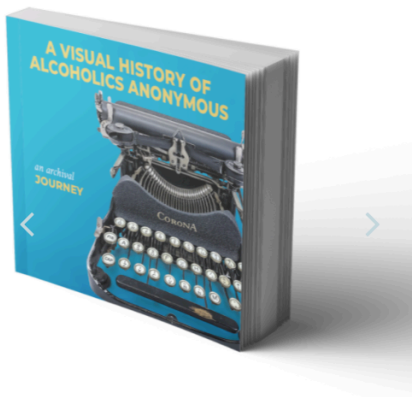
Please send GFP Fall Edition submissions, such as events, birthdays, memoriams, etc., to gfp@ks-aa.org by September 1st.

In Love and Service,

Gena W. GFP Editor.



what's new



A Visual History of Alcoholics Anonymous: An Archival Journey

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Originally developed as the souvenir book for the 2020 International Convention, this highly illustrated tour through A.A.'s history is told in hundreds of iconic images never before published in one volume. Illuminating descriptions walk us through powerful moments in A.A.'s history — from the people, places and things integral to A.A.'s early growth, and forward to today's vibrant, international Fellowship. Includes a special focus on Detroit in A.A.'s history and updated coverage of recent innovations in A.A. group life.

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Area 25 Assembly Agenda

July 16th – 18th, 2021

Webster Conference Center, 2601 N Ohio St, Salina, KS 67401
Special Guest: Southwest Regional Trustee, Jimmy D, Dallas, TX
(Panel 59, Area 65 Northeast Texas)

Friday, July 16th (travel day)

7:30 p.m. Committee Meeting / All Area Committee Chairs

Saturday, July 17th

8:00 – 8:30 am KAAAAI Board Meeting

9:00 – 10:15 am Committee Meetings

Committee	District	Chair
Accessibilities	20, 14, 16	Ben S.
Chronicler	10, 8, 4	Heather G.
Corrections	23, 17	Michele D.
Cooperation w/Professional Community	31, 26, 21	Cheryl H.
Grape Free Press	15, 22	Gena W.
Grapevine	2, 3, 27	Patty G.
Literature	6, 1, 12	Geno R.
Public Information	18, 11, 9	Sonia F.
Treatment	13, 7, 5	Mike D.
Web	24, 19, 30	Sarah D.

10:30am – Noon Committee and DCM reports

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DCM reports *Note: Please provide estimated number of voting members from each district and written copies of your report.*

Noon – 1:30pm **LUNCH BREAK**

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm Delegate General Service Conference report with Q&A Sheri P.

3:00 pm – 3:45 pm How Money & Spirituality Mix with Q&A Josh R.

3:45 pm – 4:30 pm Back To Normal Panel & Discussion-Don't Say Covid! Scott O. Dist. 10, Sandy M. Dist. 5, Susan G. Dist. 19, Mike C. Dist. 16

4:30 – 7:00pm **DINNER BREAK**

7:00 – 8:00pm Southwest Regional Trustee Report with Q&A Jimmy D.

Sunday, July 18th

8:30am – Noon Closed Business Meeting

Opening of Assembly	Darin H.
Roll Call-Voting Count	Bridget B.
Secretary Report	Cindy D.
Treasurers Report	Josh R.
KAAAAI Board Report	Galen E.
Delegate Report	Sheri P.
Alt. Delegate Report	John R.
Alt. Area Chair Report	Bridget B.
2021 State Conference Report	Michele R.

Old Business:

1. Ad-hoc Guideline changes.
2. Motions Book Recommendation (Alt Secretary)

New Business:

Elections for 2022-2023 Area positions:

Please consult Area Service Guidelines and AA Service Manual for descriptions, qualifications, and expectations. We will read the Area 25 Service Guidelines for each of these positions prior to the vote.

1. Delegate
2. Alternate Delegate
3. Area Chairperson
4. Alternate Area Chairperson
5. Treasurer
6. Alternate Treasurer
7. Secretary
8. Alternate Secretary
9. Memorials

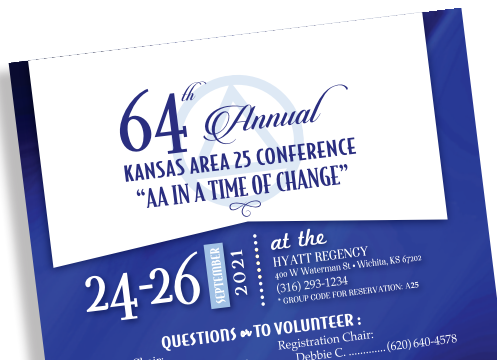
Upcoming Events

September 24th – 26th, 2021: Area 25 State Conference, Wichita, KS.

August 8th, 2021: District 16 Round Up. Garden City, KS.

October 16th & 17th, 2021: Area Committee Meetings, Salina, KS.

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