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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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## **The Area 25 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.

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# events

<b>Kansas Area Corrections Conference</b>	March 26	Valley Center, KS
<b>Four Reasons Group 1st Anniversary</b>	April 2	Overland Park, KS
<b>The Hand of AA United in Love &amp; Service</b>	April 3	Ark City, KS
<b>Area 25 Committee Meetings &amp; Mock Conference *</b>	April 9, 2022	Salina, KS
<b>General Service Conference</b>	April 24–30th	NY, NY
<b>Hays Back-to-Basics Big Book Study</b>	April 24	Hays, KS
<b>District 16 Fun Day</b>	April 24	Satanta, KS
<b>TWTW 45th Anniversary</b>	April 29–30th	Manhattan, KS
<b>Scott City AA Picnic</b>	June 4	Scott City, KS
<b>El Dorado Recovery Walk/Run</b>	June 4	El Dorado, KS

please go to [ks-aa.org](https://ks-aa.org) for specific event details and flyers!

\* Webster Conference Center, 2601 N Ohio St, Salina, KS 67401



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the most up-to-date information  
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# area committee reports

## delegate

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Hello Area 25,

What a winter and spring it has been. Lots of background material was sent out and I am sure everybody has read it audnausium!!! Just kidding!! I am super excited for the General Service Conference coming just around the corner and ready to listen to all of the input you all will share at the Mock General Service Conference during the Committee Meetings April 9th. I am truly looking forward to seeing our participation in action.

After attending SWARDA, I have gained a better understanding of how to read the background material and decipher it to a level that I never thought I would want to. We had a very large group of past Delegates from Area 25 and I wanted to thank them for being there to represent our Area and to share your experiences that way you do. It was very humbling to see you all there and know how blessed we are that you all are still engaged in service.

See you all April 9th!!!

**In Love and Service,  
Darin H., P72/A25 Delegate**

## alt delegate

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Hello Area 25,

Sorry to have missed you all in January but I was happy to hear that you all had a good Assembly and Area Inventory.

As Alternate Delegate one of my responsibilities is to report about SWRAASA—the SW Regional AA Service Assembly. This Assembly happens every 2 years and rotates to different Areas in the Region. This year it will be held in Tulsa Oklahoma on October 7–9 at the Renaissance Hotel. Registration for the event

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is only \$15. You can register for the event at [www.swraasa2022.org](http://www.swraasa2022.org). The information for the hotel is also located on the website.

Some of you may remember that the location for SWRAASA alternates every 2 years. Each host area is asked to provide seed money when it is their turn to host—currently set at \$2500. Believe it or not we are set to host in just 6 short years. As discussed in January Josh has determined that an Ad Hoc committee should be formed to determine the best way to fund this seed money going forward. Many other areas have this as a line item in their budget.

Lastly, my first virtual meeting with the other Alternate Delegate consisted of going over revisions to the guidelines for SWRAASA that were started in 2018. It is anticipated these will finally be approved at the SWRDA in March.

**In Love and Service,  
Bridget B., Alternate Delegate**

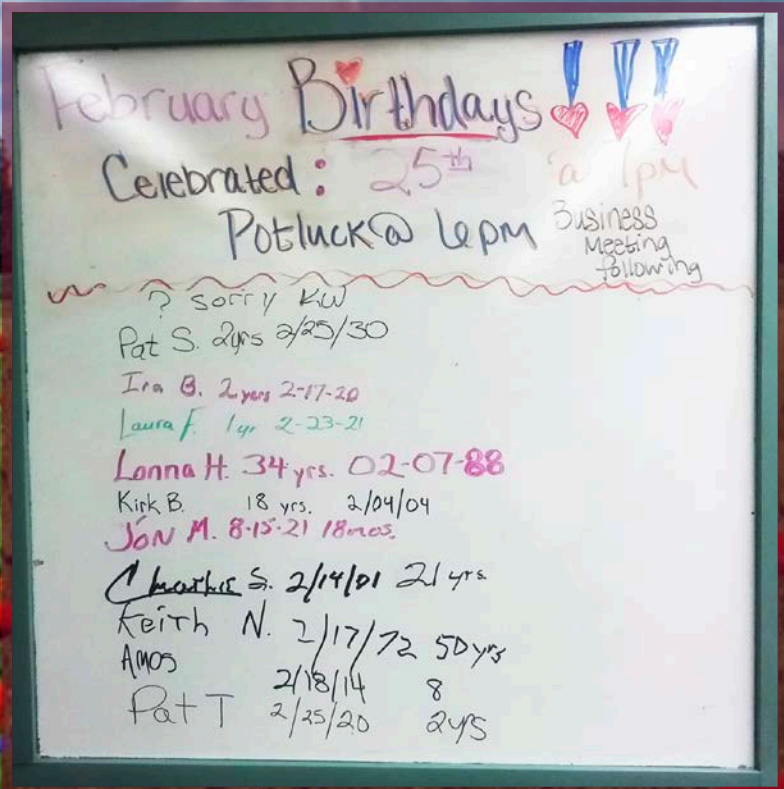
## chronicler

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Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 25 as your Chronicler. We had 4 districts representing, with a great interest in preserving our history. We talked about tapping into the memories of our long time members, in stories of old 12-step calls, meetings that have been disbanded, but not forgotten. Wanting to know what is our role as a Chronicler/Archivist. The purpose is to maintain group histories, promote unity, keep records of events and activities throughout the districts and area. For example: maintaining groups and districts during the Covid-19 lockdown, we all had to deal with. Also discuss ways of recording oral histories. With these smartphones, it has become a lot easier. Finding ways to switch cassette tapes to a digital format.

Traditions are the results of past mistakes. Need to know where we've been, if we are to help those coming in.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, **Marty T., Chronicler**



# area committee reports

## area chair

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Greetings Area 25! I invite all of you to the Area Committee Meetings on April 9th at the Webster Conference Center in Salina. Covid numbers have drastically dropped so I hope those that felt uncomfortable coming in person in January are able to attend. While we are sticking to the normal one day format, it will be a FULL day, because we will be devoting roughly double the time to the Mock General Service Conference than has been done in recent years. There has been much discussion on items such as the preamble and other policies from the 2021 General Service Conference so your delegate, Darrin H., and I decided to provide ample discussion time. We'll also hold our regular reports and set the agenda for the July 2022 Area Assembly.

Hope to see you there!

In Love & Service, **Josh R., Chair Area 25 Kansas**

## alternate area chair

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Hello Area 25,

It was nice to see everyone at the January Assembly! The 2023 dates for Assemblies and Committee meetings have been finalized. Webster Conference Center will open reservations for 2024 later this month. We have a room block for the April Committee Meetings at the Comfort Inn. You can make reservations by calling the motel directly at 785.502.8007 and telling them you are with Area 25. The room rate is \$75 per night plus tax. Our group number is ZL3909. All rooms must be booked by Friday, March 25th.

Thank you all for allowing me to be of service, **Heather G., Alt. Chair**

# area committee reports

## cfc

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Greetings Area 25. Most of Kansas Dept. of Corrections is opening for visitation March 5–6 2022. Most of them are only open to visits not any programs at this time. I've contacted a person District 4, he reports that Larned, and Norton are possibly allowing some meetings.

Another contact I've received a report from is from District 9, Lansing and Leavenworth. He reports that they are taking meetings in.

District 19, Sedwick, Butler, Cowely which encompasses Winfield Correctional Facility, State Work Release, Eldorado Correctional facility and several Sedgwick County facilities. Some are open to volunteers When security allows. The Women's Sedgwick County meetings are occasional at best do to lack of security.

Hutchinson is not open to volunteers as they don't have the security as yet.

I've not heard back from several facilities, however I will be trying to contact Districts to get more information.

Thank you for your service, and keeping us informed. **Sally B., Corrections Chair**

## cpc

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Greetings Area 25 from CPC. It has been a quiet couple of months from CPC. I have reviewed the GSC material to be discussed and sent to others also to review. I am grateful that CPC only has a few agenda items. I know it could be numerous items. I am looking forward to the mock conference to discuss these items with others as it is for the good of Alcoholics Anonymous. I am also excited to see if people who took the blue cards were able to get those to professionals to find out more about AA.

Looking forward to seeing you in April. In Love and Service, **Cheryl H., Cooperation with the Professional Community**

## grape free press

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Greetings Area 25!

So great to connect with everyone at Area! Always excited to serve and be a part of Area 25. Our committee meeting was great—we talked about the committee and purpose from our Area Guidelines.

We have 3 ways to receive the GFP! 1. Subscribe through the Area 25 Kansas email list by going to [ks-aa.org/contact/join-list](http://ks-aa.org/contact/join-list) 2. Download or view the current online issue via the [ks-aa.org](http://ks-aa.org) website, and 3. For those without access to digital print copies—DCMs may request print copies delivered to them so that they can distribute to groups. If you need them, please contact me!

And always please send GFP Summer Edition submissions, such as events, birthdays, memoriams, etc., to [gfp@ks-aa.org](mailto:gfp@ks-aa.org) by June 1st.

In Love and Service, **Gena W., GFP Editor**

## public information

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Greetings Area 25

First off I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as your Public Information chair for area 25. It is with great appreciation and honor that I do this. I hope that working together that we do great work in getting the message out through public information to help the still suffering alcholoic. I am looking forward to committee meetings and our mock G.S.C.

If your group or district would like information on P.I. or you would like to have a workshop done on P.I. please don't hesitate to email me or call me.

In Love and Service, **Rich S., PI Chair**

# Kansas Area 25 Committee Meetings April 9, 2022 Agenda

## saturday, april 9th

8:00 – 8:30 am **KAAAAI Board Meeting**

9:00 – 10:00 am **Committee Meetings**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Chair</b>
Accessibilities	14, 23, 16	Tomas E.
Chronicler	31, 3, 17	Marty T.
Corrections	2, 15, 22	Sallie T.
Cooperation w/Professional Community	37, 20, 19	Cheryl H.
Grape Free Press	4, 21, 8	Gena W.
Grapevine	10, 26	Tama C
Literature	30, 13, 24	Ken S.
Public Information	12, 11	Rich S.
Treatment	27, 5, 18	Jerry W.
Web	6, 9, 24	Will H.

10:00 – 11:30 am **Mock General Service Conference, Introduction and Committee Discussions.**

11:30 – 12:30 pm **LUNCH BREAK**

10:00 – 11:30 am **General Service Conference Continued, Committee Reports**

3:00 pm **Business Meeting**

Chair report	Josh R.
Secretary	Cindy D.
Treasurer	Carlos W.
Delegate	Darin H.
Alt. Delegate	Bridget B.
Alt. Chair	Heather G.
State Conference Chair	Galen E.

# A.A. Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love and Service

## Committee Reports

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## DCM Reports

*Note: Please provide written copies of the report*

## Discussion Items

- Area Inventory Review
- KAAAAI Board Report Discussion
- Area Website
- 2023 State Conference
- Ad Hoc Committee on SWRSAA hosting



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registration/](https://ks-aa.org/conference/conference-registration/)



## upcoming events

April 24th–30th, 2022: General Service Conference, New York.

July 15th–16th, 2022: Area Assembly, Salina.

September 16th–18th, 2022: Kansas Area 25 State Conference, Wichita.

October 7th–9th, 2022: Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly.

October 22nd, 2022: Area Committee Meetings, Salina.

January 28th–29th, 2023: Area Assembly, Salina

April 15th, 2023: Area Committee Meetings, Salina.

July 22nd–23rd, 2023: Area Assembly, Salina.

October 21st, 2023: Area Committee Meetings, Salina.

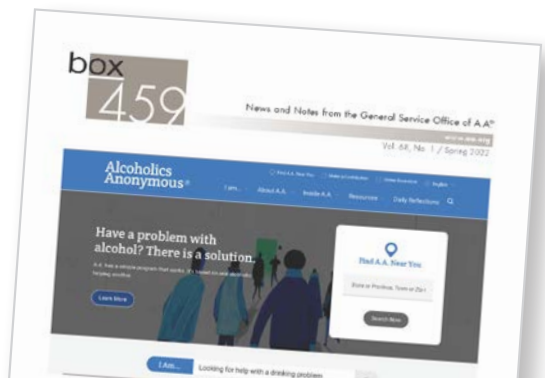


## box 4-5-9

A useful source for A.A. news, Box 4-5-9 is a quarterly newsletter from the U.S./Canada General Service Office. This newsletter includes:

- information about A.A. service
- news about literature
- a calendar of upcoming events (also see Board Calendar here)
- sharing from groups and service committees
- sharing from individual A.A. members in the U.S./Canada

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## SAVE THE DATE



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Everybody’s Reach.”*

# Alcoholics Anonymous® North/South Virtual Special Forum about Remote Communities

Interpretation available in English, French and Spanish.  
The event will be open to all members.

Registration and agenda information to follow.

**Saturday, July 16, 2022**

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