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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

Primary Purpose Group's 42nd Anniversary Picnic	June 26	Wyandotte County Lake, KS
The 101 Club – 4th of July Celebration	July 1–3	Valley Center, KS
Area 25 Area Assembly *	July 15–17 2022	Salina, KS
North/South Virtual Special Forum on Remote Communities	July 16	https://tinyurl.com/2cypam9t
District 4 Campout	September 9–11	Lake Wilson, KS
65th Annual Kansas Area 25 Conference	September 16–18	Wichita, KS
SWRAASA 2022	October 7–9	Tulsa, OK
Area Committee Meetings	October 22	Salina, KS
6th Annual National Corrections Conference	November 11–13	Schaumburg, IL

please go to ks-aa.org for specific event details and flyers!

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



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

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area committee reports

delegate

Greetings Area 25!

Well the conference has passed and I have spent countless hours talking with other Delegates and members of Area 25 about all of the events that took place. It was a bitter sweet experience and yes, we had a covid outbreak. Seems to be the world we live in these days. All ended well and we maintained a quorum so the conference was a success. I have several report backs scheduled but have dates that are open for anybody wanting a report. Please reach out to me any time and we will see when will work for whatever event you have. I am ready and willing.

Thank you for allowing me to serve and we'll see you all at the July assembly!

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

area chair

Greetings Area 25, attached and posted online is the agenda for Area Assembly July 15–17 in Salina at the Webster Conference Center. I'm excited to get together with everyone in fellowship and reflect on the inventory the Area conducted last January and reflect on how we can continue to serve the still struggling alcoholics in the state of Kansas. Please email or call with any questions!

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



register today!

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

alt delegate

Hello Area 25

It has been fairly quiet since April. Primarily I have been working on SWRAASA. I have secured our Areas speakers for our slots and provided them with their topics. Don't forget to get your registration in if you plan to attend. SWRAASA is Oct 7-9 in Tulsa and information can be found at www.swraasa2022.org.

See you in July.

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

alternate area chair

July Assembly and the October committee meetings will be held at the Webster Conference Center. We have a group rate block at the Comfort Inn & Suites North, 1949 N. 9th Street, Salina, KS. The room rate is \$75, not including tax. The cutoff date for reservations at this rate is July 1st. You can make reservations by calling the motel directly at 785-502-8007 and telling them you are with Area 25. You can also make reservations by clicking directly on this link:


<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/JT32Z1>

For 2023 both Assemblies will be at Webster. April and October committee meetings will be held at the Quality Inn off of I135 and W. Crawford.

All meetings in 2024 will be held at the Webster Conference Center.

Those dates are: Jan. 19-21, 2024, April 5-6, 2024, July 19-21, 2024, October 18-19, 2024.

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



district 23
may birthdays

Brian G. 18 months 5/4

Becky 5 years 5/4

Tim D. 50 years 5/10

Gena W. 26 years 5/10

Amanda R. 3 years 5/18

Jenny D. 5 years 5/25

Mark M. 24 years

& birthdays

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literature

We had a good turnout for the committee meeting in April, thanks to all who attended. The Literature committee received twenty-two agenda items to consider for the mock conference. Item K; Review progress report regarding the translation of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language was discussed at length, but the committee took no action on it. Item M; Review progress report regarding development of a Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous. Good discussion was received here also, noting that in 1995 there is a GSC Advisory Action that "The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Preface, the Forewards, 'The Doctor's Opinion', 'Dr. Bob's Nightmare', and the Appendices remain as is." The Literature committee unanimously recommended that the personal story "Acceptance is the Answer" also remain in the fifth edition. The Trustees' Literature Committee is calling for stories to be included in the fifth edition. I will also have a few service manuals for sale at the July conference at five dollars apiece. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

In Love and Service, **Ken S., Literature Chair**

cfc

Greetings,

I am happy to report that CFC is getting busy Carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. I've received several orders for literature to be taken into facilities.

I am still waiting to hear from some facilities as to their status.

I want to express my gratitude for this opportunity to be of service.

In Love and Service, **Sallie T., Corrections Chair**

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grape free press

Greetings Area 25!

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 2. Download or view the current online issue via the 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 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**

public information

Greetings area 25

Hope all is well with everyone I am really looking forward to seeing everybody at our assembly

in July. I would like to congratulate district 1 for having elections and electing a DCM, Treasurer, and secretary. Looking forward to seeing them at our assembly. I really don't have a lot to report.

If your group or district would like to have a workshop on public information please don't hesitate to ask me I am ready willing and able to do it. Hope everyone has a safe and happy summer. See you in July.

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

area committee reports

web

All District DCMs throughout Area 25 now have their own **@ks-aa.org** GSuite account configured with email. The email address format is as follows: District 1's email is district1dcm@ks-aa.org and District 2's email is district2dcm@ks-aa.org and so on. If you would like to send out an email to ALL district DCMs throughout Area 25 you do not have to enter all of them manually, but rather you can use the group email districtcommitteemembers@ks-aa.org and any email sent to that address will go out to all of the aforementioned DCM accounts.

Check out the newly added digital "Newcomer Packet" on the Area 25 website. It is available in both English and Spanish and can be viewed here:

- (English) <https://ks-aa.org/newcomer-packet>
- (Español) <https://ks-aa.org/newcomer-packet-espanol>

GSO updated the following registrar change forms and digital copies of those are now available on the Area 25 website here <https://ks-aa.org/documents/registrar-forms>. (For additional information please reach out to the Area 25 Registrar here registrar@ks-aa.org)

- **G.S.O. Group Information Change Form** (ver. F-28)
- **G.S.O. New Group Listing Guidelines / Form** (ver. F-30)
- **G.S.O. DCM & DCMC Information Change Form** (ver. F-43)

Check out the updated **LINKS** page on the Area 25 website here <https://ks-aa.org/links> for additional resources throughout Area 25.

Please verify that your home group's meeting listing(s) are accurate on our **MEETINGS** page schedule here <https://ks-aa.org/meetings>. If there are any new meetings that need to be added, existing meetings that need to be updated, and/or meetings that no longer exist which need to be removed, use our updated meetings **CHANGE REQUEST** form on the Area 25 website here <https://ks-aa.org/meeting/change-request>.

If you have not already filled out the Area 25 **WEBSITE SURVEY** please do so before the July assembly next month. You can fill out and submit the survey online on the Area 25 website here <https://ks-aa.org/website-survey>.

Keep a look out on the Area 25 website for a new digital **GROUP HISTORY** form that can be submitted online to the Area 25 Chronicler. It is currently being built...so stay tuned for more details!

Be sure to pre-register online, on the Area 25 website, for the **65th Annual Kansas Area 25 Conference "AA Comes of Age 2.0"** here <https://ks-aa.org/conference/conference-registration>. Here is some additional information:

- A downloadable/printable PDF version of the conference flyer can be found on the Area 25 website here <https://ks-aa.org/cms/wp-content/uploads/conference-event-flyer/area-conference-flyer.pdf>.
- The event can be viewed on the Area 25 website's event calendar here <https://ks-aa.org/event/65th-annual-kansas-area-25-conference>.
- The hotel room block is at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita, KS and the room block code is A25 or you can make reservations directly by visiting here: https://www.hyatt.com/shop/wicrw?location=Hyatt%20Regency%20Wichita&checkinDate=2022-09-16&checkoutDate=2022-09-18&rooms=1&adults=1&kids=0&corp_id=A25.

Be sure to join us at the upcoming Area 25 assembly on July 15–17, 2022 at the Webster Conference Center in Salina for a presentation by the Website Redesign Ad-Hoc committee and open floor Q&A.

And once more a reminder...please, please, please go to the Area 25 website's meeting listings page here <https://ks-aa.org/meetings> and ensure that your home group's information is all up-to-date. If it is not, please submit a meeting change request form here <https://ks-aa.org/meeting/change-request> or contact me directly at webchair@ks-aa.org and let me know what changes need to be made. If you have any additional questions and/or comments please reach out to me via email at webchair@ks-aa.org.

In Love @Service, Will H., **Area 25 Web Committee Chair**

Kansas Area 25 Assembly July 15 – 17, 2022 Agenda

friday, july 15th

7:30 pm **Committee and Officer Meeting** All Committee Chairs and Officers

saturday, july 16th

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

9:00 – 10:30 am **GSR and DCM Sharing Sessions**

GSR Session Leader: Don G.

DCM Session Leader: Jimmy Jack B.

10:45 am – 12:00 pm **Committee Meetings**

Committee	District	Chair
Accessibilities	14, 23, 16	Tomas E.
Chronicler	31, 3, 17	Marty T.
Corrections	2, 15, 22	Sallie T.
Cooperation w/Professional Community	7, 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, 1	Rich S.
Treatment	27, 5, 18	Jerry W.
Web	6, 9, 24	Will H.

12:00 – 1:30 pm **LUNCH BREAK**

1:30 – 2:30 pm **Delegate Report** Darin H.

2:30 – 2:45 pm **BREAK**

2:45 – 3:30 pm **Delegate Q&A and Sharing Session** Darin H.

3:30 – 4:30 pm **Committee & DCM Reports**

Chairs followed by DCMs

Note: Please provide written copies of your report to the Area Secretary.

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

4:30 – 7:00 pm **DINNER BREAK**

7:00 – 9:00 pm **Area Inventory Review
KAAAAI Board Sharing Session.**

sunday, july 17th

8:30 – 12:00 pm **Closed Business Meeting**

Opening of Assembly	Josh R.
Roll Call-Voting Count	Heather G.
Secretary Report	Cindy D.
Treasurers Report	Carlos W.
KAAAAI Board Report	Galen E.
Delegate Report	Darin H.
Alt. Delegate Report	Bridget B.
+ SWRAASA Ad Hoc Report	
Alt. Area Chair Report	Heather G.
2022 State Conference Report	Galen E.
Website Committee Report	Don G.

Old Business:

1. Prudent reserve review.

New Business:

1. Elect Alternate Treasurer
2. Select SW Regional Trustee Candidate
3. 2023 Area Conference Location
 - a. Great Bend, 2023–2025, total annual cost \$500, including free coffee.
 - b. Other bids as brought forth by the assembly.



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