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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

Annual End of Summer Picnic and September Birthday Night	September 24	Garden City, KS
Crossroads Group Quarterly Speaker Meeting	September 26	Riley, KS
SWRAASA 2022	October 7–9	Tulsa, OK
Simply AA KC 10th Anniversary	October 15	Prairie Village, KS
Kansas Area 25 Area Committee Meetings *	October 22	Salina, KS
District 13th's 26th Annual Fall Fellowship Fiesta	November 5	Newton, KS
6th Annual National Corrections Conference	November 11–13	Schaumburg, IL
52nd Southwest Kansas Conference	January 6	Garden City, KS

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



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area committee reports

delegate

Greetings Area 25!

There is a lot going on at General Service. Too much to actually put in this short article but a few touch points I would like to mention.

It looks like the final conference report release date has moved up to early September digitally and by the end of October for the hard copies. I hope to have them by the time the committee meetings happen but if not, I will be in touch with all of the DCM's to get them delivered. I will get those digital copies out to everybody once I receive it.

The preliminary agenda items are being put out and it looks like we will have some new items and old items but if you have a submission you want to get out there, please do so by the 15th of September. We have had a few go in but I highly recommend we as an Area participate in the process and get those submissions in to be considered. This list will not be finalized until after the deadline and January Board week. This is how your voice is heard!!!

I am starting to make plans for board week in January and am looking forward to discussing our Trustee nomination of Jimmy Jack B. with the board and give them an idea of how he would be a valuable addition. His knowledge and experience would be of paramount significance to the entire fellowship.

I look forward to continuing with my Delegate reports and look forward to seeing you all at the Area 25 Conference.

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

October 7-9
tulsa, oklahoma



area chair

Greetings Area 25!

I hope everyone's summer ended on a good note. I look forward to seeing everyone at the October 22nd Area Committee Meetings in Salina. While official business is not conducted at Committee Meetings in terms of voting or decision making. We do set the agenda for the January agenda and provide updates to projects. Looking forward to the discussion!

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

alt delegate

Happy Fall Area 25. I hope you all had a wonderful summer.

We had a great Area assembly last July and it was great to see everyone. As I said in July I have primarily been helping arrange our Area's presenters for their workshops and/or presentations for SWRAASA that will be held in Tulsa October 7-9. More information on the event can be found at <https://swraasa2022.org/>. Area 25 will be represented well and all are welcome to attend.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service

In Love and Service, **Bridget B., P72 Alternate Delegate**



Southwest Regional
AA Service Assembly

<https://swraasa2022.org/>

area committee reports

chronicler

Greetings. from the land of history. Histories to the told, shared and documented. I have had the honor to travel to some of our districts. I would like to thank Eric D from District 4, Mark W from District 1 and Idelfonso S from District 27. For inventing me, to participate in their business meetings.

I also like to thank our Webchair, Will H, for getting the Group history form installed in our website, ks-aa.org. The form is a fillable PDF, which once filled out, can then be submitted to me, to be put in our files.

I would like to offer an open invitation to all districts. With enough notice, it will be an honor to come to your district. I firmly believe that in order to know where we are going as a community of recovery, we need to know where we have been.

Looking forward to see you all at the Area Committee meeting.

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

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 Winter Edition submissions, such as events, birthdays, memoriams, etc., to gfp@ks-aa.org by Decemberr 1st.

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

Warm Greetings,

I sent out an inquiry to get an understanding of how Area 25 CFC were doing.

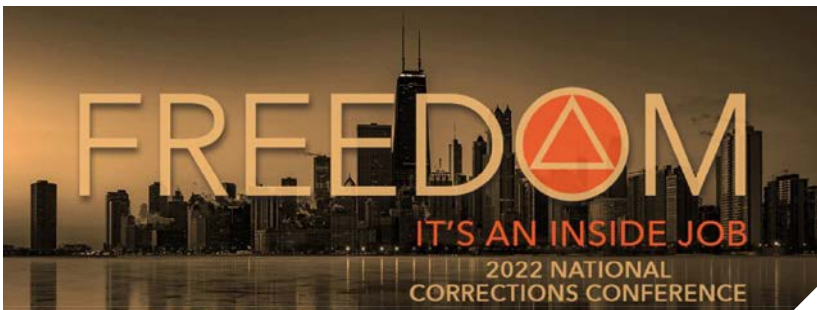
District 5 and 13 both reported County facilities Saline Co, Reno County still closed to meetings. Hutchinson State facility is allowing AA meetings. We need volunteers to Carry the Message.

District 7 Bern, Ks. has opened up for meetings. We have a volunteer available for them. We were able to send literature for the incarcerated members. District 6 Washington Co. is still taking in meetings. District 10 Johnson Co. Taking meetings into an adult work release facility in Johnson Co. District 19, Carrying the Message to 8 facilities.

The literature is catching up. Backorders are being fulfilled and we are getting literature requests.

Yellow Can Funds greatly appreciate donations from AA members outside to help supply literature for AA members Behind the Walls.

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

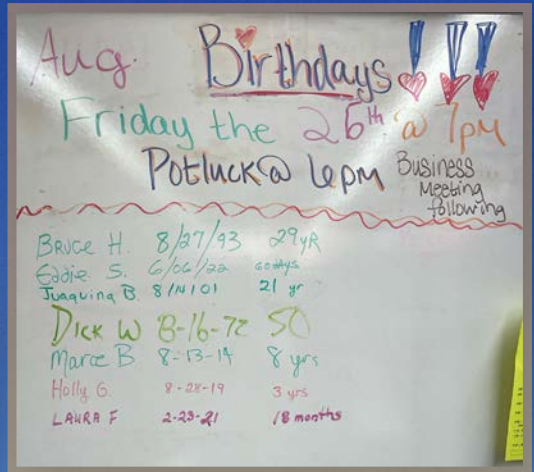
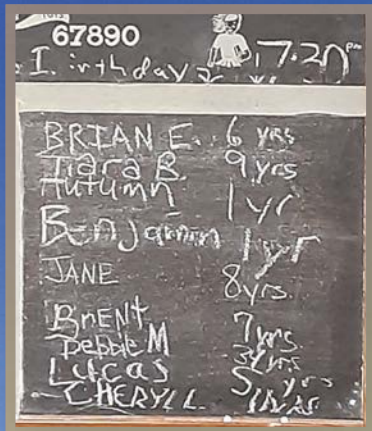


2022 National Corrections Conference / November 11–13

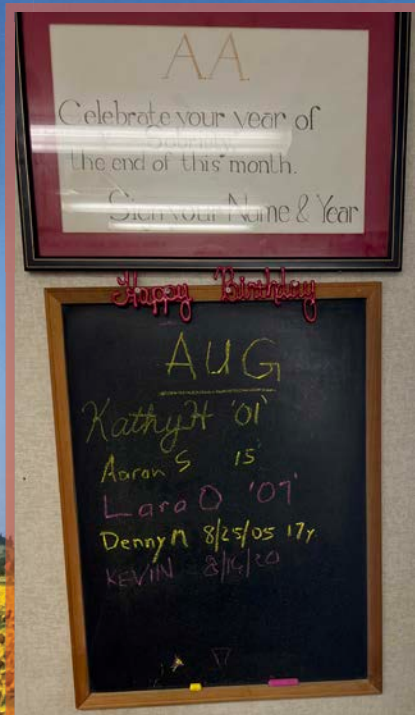
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bulletins & birthdays

district 13
august bulletins



district 22
pittsburg group



district 23

Tim L. 23 years 6/10

Kelly H. 7 years 6/11

Betty B. 11 years 6/16

Jim P. 12 years 6/23

Garry B. 40 years 6/26

Dave R. 40 years 7/4

Dan R. 27 years 7/4

Ashley K. 2 years 7/17

Risa H. 3 years 7/25

Tanner K. 4 years 8/2

Andrew H. 15 years 8/5

Donnie R. 33 years 8/31

District 23 Seeds of Service Workshop, September 10th, Lawrence KS. Topics included the importance of service work, how to get involved at all levels of the service structure, and the benefit to one's sobriety. Area 25/P72 Delegate Darin H., and Past Delegate A25/P71 Sheri P. shared their experience followed by the district committee chairs.

The workshop broke off for Q & A and for attendees to be able to find opportunities to get involved.



area committee reports

alternate area chair

Greetings Area 25. 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 \$85, not including tax. The cutoff date for reservations at this rate is September 30th. You can make reservations by calling the hotel directly at 785.502.8007 and telling them you are with Area 25, Group Number NM78M0. You can also make reservations by clicking directly on this link:

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/nm78m0>

The room rate at the Comfort Inn will be \$99, not including tax, for the Area Assembly in January and July. If you'd like to make your reservation for January the cutoff date is December 31st, 2022. The Group Name is Area 25, Group Number EQ40N2. The direct link is: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/eq40n2>

There are other hotels in the area. You are always free to stay at another location but in order to make sure you get this rate you have to reserve your room before the cutoff dates listed above..

Thank you all for allowing me to serve! **Heather G., Alt. Chair**



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literature

It's been a good Summer, many thanks to District 27 for the invitation to their August 14 district meeting. It was an opportunity to share about service work, current literature and enjoy some great hospitality from the district. AAWS has distributed communication about a printing error discovered in some editions of the English language "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions". Due to a typographical error, the text of the Long Form of Tradition Eight was inadvertently repeated in the Long Form of Tradition Nine (page 177). The accurate full text of Tradition Nine long form appears on page 178. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the 65th Area Conference in September and the Committee Meeting in October.

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

public information

Greetings Area 25;

Well here we are the summer about gone and fall around the corner. What a great assembly we had

in July. It was great to meet some new people and welcome them to the assembly. We had a well attended P.I. committee meeting. People are getting the message out through using business cards with meeting information they're also using cards with QR codes which have meeting information on them. It was great to see so many people working on getting the message of hope out to the still suffering alcoholic. I'm looking forward to committee meetings and swassa in October. Please remember if you would like to do a pi workshop in your district don't hesitate to contact me I would be happy to do it.

Please always remember we need you.

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

area committee reports

web

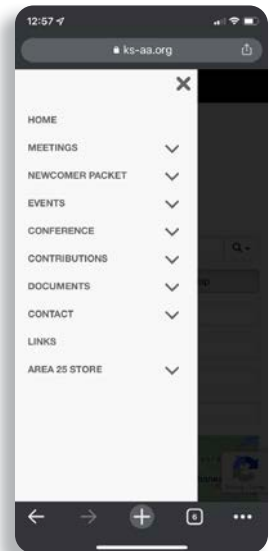
Greetings Area 25!

We had a great turnout for the Web Committee meeting at the July assembly. There were seven districts represented from throughout the area (5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 16 & 24) and a total of 18 people in attendance. Thank you to all who participated!

We began the meeting by reviewing the minutes and old business from the January assembly and April committee meetings. There was discussion about the newly created Area 25 DCM email accounts. Every district in the area now has a **@ks-aa.org** DCM email account so they can get updated with the latest information being circulated around the area as well as any MailChimp mailers that are sent out. If you are a DCM for your district and do not have access to this account, please contact webchair@ks-aa.org. The DCM email addresses per district are as follows: district[district#]dcm@ks-aa.org. So that District 1 DCM is district1@ksaa.org, District 2 DCM is district2dcm@ks-aa.org, etc.

Anyone can now contact a district's DCM directly by using the applicable email address. Additionally, if you want to send an email to ALL district DCMs, without having to type out every single email address, you can use the districtcommitteemembers@ks-aa.org group email address.

We then discussed the new mobile slider pane navigation menu when accessing the Area 25 website on your mobile device (see screenshot right). There had been previous complaints regarding the old mobile dropdown navigation menu and how you could not see all the links because they would extend beyond the screen. This new mobile navigation menu was implemented to remedy that. Any feedback on this feature would be greatly appreciated.



We also discussed the Area 25 mailer subscription pop-up window that always displays when accessing the Area 25 website. The consensus was that most users found this annoying and wanted it removed. As a result, the pop-up has been removed. You can still subscribe to the Area 25 MailChimp mailer on the website by clicking on the **Contact** navigation dropdown and selecting **Join Email List** or by simply going here <https://ks-aa.org/contact/join-list/>.

Some other items that were discussed...

- Include branding in all correspondence sent out from the area which includes the <https://ks-aa.org> website URL
- Continue to assess functionality of the website
- Suggestions for outside web issues (ex how to fix any Google Business listings that are inaccurate)
- Refine ways to help groups fix their listings within AA offices and meeting guide (area, district, central offices, group websites, etc.)
- Setup informational Web Committee booth, like other committees do, at future Area 25 assemblies and committee meetings to raise awareness about the Area 25 website and provide instructional demos and information on new functionality on the website and how to use it?
- Document Library follow-up questions after meeting
 - When sending out MailChimp mailer to include reference directly to the pdf document rather than the document library.
 - Add Area 25 Assembly and Committee meetings to website event calendar
- Hold committee meeting in better location than in the Webster Conference Center auditorium with 4 other committee meetings going on because it was hard to hear what was being discussed.

A friendly reminder, please visit the Area 25 meeting listings page here <https://ks-aa.org/meetings/> and ensure that the meeting information for your home group and/or group(s) that you frequent is up-to-date. If it is not, please let me know.

For any questions, comments or concerns please contact webchair@ks-aa.org.

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

Kansas Area 25 Committee Meeting October 21–22, 2022 Agenda

friday, october 21st

5:00–7:00 pm **Budget Committee**

7:00 pm **Committee and Officer Meeting** Committee Chairs and Officers [optional]

saturday, october 22nd

8:00 am **KAAAAI Board Meeting**

9:00 am **Committee Meetings**

Committee	District	Chair
Accessibilities	14, 23, 16	Ignacio H.
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.

10:00 am **Break**

10:15 am **Discussion on future structure of KAAAAI Board**

11:30 am **Lunch Break**

1:00 pm **Discusion on website** Will H. and Josh R.

2:00 pm **Break**

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

2:15 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.

Committee Reports

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

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DCM Reports

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

Discussion Items

- KAAAAI Board Report Discussion
- Area Website
- Ad Hoc Committee on SWRAASA hosting



The A.A. Service Manual

The A.A. Service Manual is a critical resource for A.A. members involved in service. Chapters cover the roles of GSRs, DCMs, delegates, directors and trustees, as well as what happens at G.S.O. and Grapevine. In Twelve Concepts for World Service, A.A. co-founder Bill W. articulates the principles by which A.A.'s world service operates. Revised and fully reformatted in 2021.

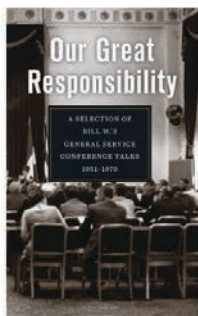
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area 25 upcoming events

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

April 15th, 2023: Area Committee Meetings, Salina

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

September 15–17, 2023, Area Conference, Great Bend

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
- sharing from groups and service committees
- sharing from individual A.A. members in the U.S./Canada

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