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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

34th Nuts & Bolts Anniversary	January 21st 2023	Lawrence, KS
Twin Lakes Anniversary	January 22nd, 2023	Council Grove, KS
Area 25 Area Assembly *	January 27-29th, 2022	Salina, KS
District 4 Round Robin	February 11, 2023	Russell, KS
Service Workshop	February 11, 2023	Leawood, KS
The 41st Annual Sunflower Roundup	February 24-26, 2023	Kansas City, KS

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



announcements

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the most up-to-date information
and much more, please visit

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area committee reports

delegate

Greetings Area 25! Hope everyone has had an amazing holiday season. There is a lot going on at General Service and we are eagerly awaiting the final agenda for the 73rd General Service Conference. From what I have seen, some of the submissions were passed forward for the conference to discuss and some were not. This does not mean items will not be addressed, but just not through the committee process. As those things become apparent, I will be happy to share them with the Area.

This year, I will be posting the conference agenda background material via a link on the website which will be password protected due to Anonymity reasons. Those of us that are voting members of the conference will be given the password to download any or all of the information for your dissemination. This will make for a less confusing distribution of material and give everybody a chance to see the challenges and opportunities that the whole conference has this next session.

I am sorry I am not able to attend the Assembly in January due to my obligation as the International Convention and Regional Forums Chair of the panel 73 General Service Conference. That commitment will require me to be in NY for AAWS Board Weekend.

The hard copies of the 72nd GSC will be delivered to the January assembly and our Alternate Delegate, Bridgette B will make them available to you. Please take only what you need as we only received 200 copies.

Wishing all of you a blessed New Years and look forward to serving Area 25 for the coming year as your Delegate.

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

alternate delegate

As we wind down 2022 Area 25 is also ending the year strong. Several of our trusted servants attended SWRAASA in Tulsa. It was an awesome weekend and Area 57 did an amazing job pulling it all together. At the October committee meeting I brought up possibility of us pushing our 2028 slot to host SWRAASA out 2 years to allow Area 66 to host since the 2020 SWRAASA was cancelled.

It is hard to believe that the first year as a Panel 72 Alternate Delegate is almost over. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve.

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

alternate area chair

Greetings Area 25. The January 2023 Assembly meetings will be held at the Webster Conference Center. The dates are January 27-29. They are a week later due to scheduling issues 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 \$99, not including tax. The block consists of 40 rooms. The cutoff date for reservations at this rate is December 31st. You can make reservations by calling the hotel directly at 785.502.8007 and telling them you are with Area 25, Group Number EQ40N2. You can also make reservations by clicking directly on this link:

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/eq40n2>

There are other hotels in the area. You are always free to stay at another location but 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**

area committee reports

cfc

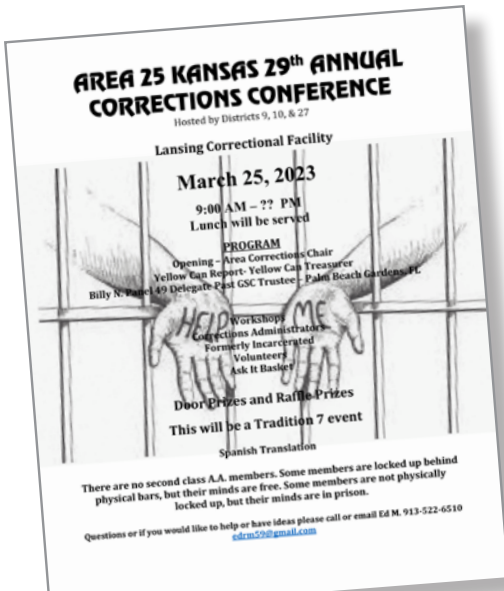
Greetings, I hope all had a great Holiday. We have had some activity since we last met.

7 districts have reported on going or new facilities opening. Districts have also reported new District Chairs. It's been so exciting to see some new faces. A lot of reaching out to get information on literature for incarcerated AA members.

Districts 4,8,9,13,16 and 19 have reported either new or ongoing meetings being brought to the facilities. Debra C from Garden City District 16 contacted me and was excited to report being allowed to go back into the jail in Finney Co.

GSO has sent us several request for contacts on the outside, all of which have been fulfilled. We have also received a request from GSO that EDCF, Oswego was wanting AA meetings to resume. We were able to reach an AA contact and connect them with the Deputy Warden in the facility.

The Yellow Can is able to keep literature going to the facilities. For that We are sincerely grateful to Ks Area 25 members and groups.



I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve.

In Gratitude and Service,
**Sallie T., Corrections
Facilities Committee Chair
[CFC]**

Greetings from Area CPC. Can you believe it is the end of 2022. The first year of my two year term is almost over. I can't believe it.

What is C.P.C.? Cooperation with the Professional Community

Our purpose: Members of C.P.C. committees inform professionals and future professionals about A.A.-what we are, where we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do. They attempt to establish better communication between A.A.s and professionals and to find simple, effective ways of cooperating without affiliating. (This was taken from the CPC flyer from GSO)

I think some good things have occurred during the past year. I know many of you picked up the blue cards last January and I hope you provided them to health care professionals. I also know some did and reported to me that the professional had not received the quarterly information about Alcoholics anonymous. I will follow up the CPC chair in New York before the January Assembly.

For the January assembly I am preparing some packets for use with different types of professionals. I hope these might help districts, and groups to carry the message to the professional community.

Please, if I can help any group, district or individual with carrying the message to the professional please let me know. I am here as your trusted servant!!!

In Love & Service, **Cheryl H., Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair [CPC]**

online resources

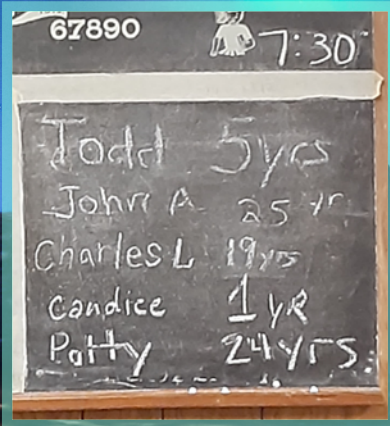
<https://www.aa.org/Cooperation-with-the-Professional-Community>

birthdays & bulletins

district 23

Karen L. 9/5 3 years
Lisa R. 9/16 5 years
Tom B. 10/3 50 years
Cricket O. 4/10 18 months

Constance W. 10/19 38 years
Ron D. 10/25 1 year
Jackie B. 11/3 29 years
Scott McD. 11/7 15 years
Ross S. 11/17 4 years



district 13 december bulletins





memorials

Tom L. 55 years

Kyle B. 40 years

Shane H. 5 years

area committee reports

grape free press

Greetings Area 25!

So great to connect with everyone at the Committee Meetings, always excited to serve and be a part of Area 25. Due to illness, and a smattering of procrastination, this issue was mailed out later than usual. Will do my best to hit our future deadlines earlier so DCMs can get the paper copy out to their GSRs.

And always please send GFP Spring Edition submissions, such as events, birthdays, memoriams, etc., to gfp@ks-aa.org by March 1st.

See you in January!

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

chronicler

Blessing to Area 25. Hope everyone had a fantastic time with family and friends during this Holiday season. As for myself, I had a great time with my family.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Area Assembly. Not much going on with the Chronicler. Getting group histories from several groups and getting them uploaded in our files. Going to look into getting some audio recordings from our "long-timers" for those as well.

I Want to remind everyone that there is a fillable PDF Group History Link on our website, www.ks-aa.org, under the document tab. If you need a printed copy of the group history, I will have those as well.

Hope to see ya all as we trudge the road of Happy Destiny.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, **Marty T., Area 25 Chronicler**

public information

Hello Area 25,

Well here we are at the start of another year. I am looking forward to it in the hopes of being able to more service work in public information. I would like to be able to do more P.I. workshops. I got to attend SWRAASA in Tulsa, OK. I thought area 25 was well represented.

I am looking forward to seeing the new GSR's & DCM's and hoping for a great year.

Please remember if your district would be interested in Public Information I would be happy to come to your district and give a presentation. In the mean time I look forward to seeing everybody at area assembly. Please always remember these 3 words.

WE NEED YOU

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

literature

Hello all, we currently don't have a lot going on in the Literature Committee. Sincere apologies to the Southwest Kansas Area Conference, I fully intended to be there, but life happens. Looking forward to meeting new GSR's and DCM's at the Area Assembly at the end of the month. I will have the new service manuals available there.

In love and service, **Ken S., Literature Chair**

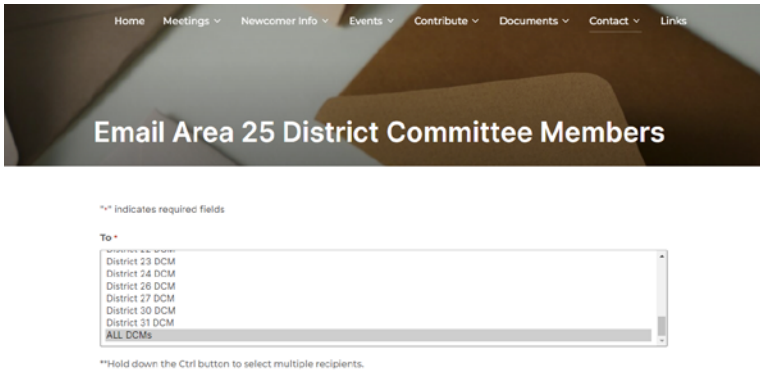
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web committee

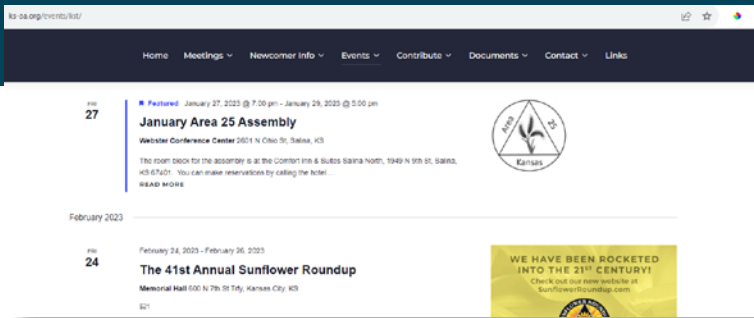
Greetings Area 25!

At the October web committee meeting we had three districts represented from throughout the area (8, 10 & 19) with a total of 5 people in attendance. Thank you to all who participated!

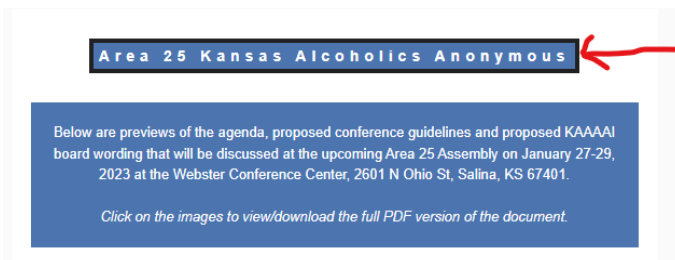
We began the meeting by reviewing the minutes and old business from the July assembly committee meeting. There was discussion about adding an additional contact form to the Area 25 website specifically for the Area 25 DCMs like we currently have for trusted servants. That has been done and you can find the form here <https://ks-aa.org/contact-dcms>. You can select an individual DCM, select multiple DCMs or you can select the "ALL DCMs" option at the very bottom of the multi-select field (see screenshot below) to send your email to all districts throughout the area without having to select each individual one.



There was also discussion about how it would be nice to have all Area 25 upcoming events (e.g. Assemblies, Committee Meetings and Area 25 Conference) added to the events calendar on the website. That has been done as well and those can be found here <https://ks-aa.org/events/list> (see screenshot below of the upcoming January Area 25 Assembly event).



There was also discussion about adding Area 25 branding and links to any correspondence sent out via Mailchimp. That has also been done and in any mailer sent out the Area 25 header is clickable as well as the Area 25 logo and “Visit Area 25 Kansas” link in the footer. Clicking any three of these will take you directly to the Area 25 website homepage here <https://ks-aa.org> (see screenshot below).



Lastly, there were questions regarding the upcoming afternoon session “Area 25 Website” agenda item and what that was all going to entail. We discussed that it was going to be a demo of a proposed Area 25 website redesign that would be of no cost to the area. There was additional discussion about what the area currently pays for the existing website and IT support. Currently the area pays \$108.75/month to HighTouch Inc. for hosting of the website (\$30/month) and a general support agreement (\$78.75) costing the area \$1305/year.

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 and Service, **Will H., Web Committee Chair**

Kansas Area 25 Assembly January 2023 Agenda

january 27–29, 2023

friday, january 27th

7:00 pm Committee and Officer Meeting – All Area Committee
Chairs and Officers

saturday, january 28th

8:00 – 8:30 am KAAAAI Board Meeting
9:00 – 10:30 am GSR and DCM Orientation Sessions
 GSR Session Leader TBD
 DCM Session Leader TBD
10:45 – 12:00 pm 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	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 Concept Sharing Session
2:30 – 3:00 pm **BREAK**

3:00 – 4:30 pm	Committee & DCM Reports	
	Accessibilities	Tomas E
	Al-Anon Liaison	Baylee S.
	Chronicler	Marty T.
	Corrections	Sallie T.
	Cooperation w/Professional Community	Cheryl H.
	Grape Free Press	Gena W.
	Grapevine	Tama C
	Literature	Eric D.
	Public Information	Rich S.
	Treatment	Jerry W.
	Web	Will H.

DCM Reports:

Note: Please provide written copies of the report

4:30 – 7:00 pm	DINNER BREAK
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Area Inventory Review
	Area Guidelines Discussion
	KAAAAI Board Discussion

sunday, january 29th

8:30 – 12:00 pm	Closed Business Meeting	
	Opening of Assembly	Josh R.
	Roll Call-Voting Count	Heather G.
	Secretary Report	Cindy D.

sunday cont. >

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Treasurers Report	Scott O.
KAAAAI Board Report	Galen E.
Delegate Report	Darin H.
Alt. Delegate Report	Bridget B.
Alt. Area Chair Report	Heather G.
2022 State Conference Report	Galen E.
Website Committee Report	Don G.

New Business:

1. Elect Alternate Treasurer
2. SWRSAA Seed Funding
3. Approve 2023 Budget
4. Prudent Reserve Discussion
5. KAAAAI Board Bi-Law Update
6. Area Conference Guidelines
7. Elect two KAAAAI Board Members from the Assembly



upcoming events

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

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

September 15–17th: Area Conference, Great Bend Convention Center

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

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audioproject](https://www.aagrapevine.org/audioproject)



Be A Part Of The Grapevine Audio Project!

We are collecting stories from the Fellowship in the form of audio recordings.

AAGRAPEVINE

AA Grapevine is collecting up to 7-minute-long stories from the Fellowship in the form of audio recordings. Share as you would in a meeting — or pick a topic of your own choosing, from making amends to working a particular Step.

If your audio story is accepted by the AA Grapevine editorial staff, Grapevine will publish it as a YouTube playlist or on another media platform.

Grapevine does not collect recordings from speakers at AA meetings.

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