

Kansas Area 25 Wrap Sheet

Winter 2024

The Wrap Sheet is a brief synopsis of Area 25 Assembly/Committee Meetings. Please share this information in your District/Group Business Meetings. The Wrap Sheet is a source for the membership to see the Area service structure working to carry the message.

AREA ASSEMBLY

Salina, KS | January 19-21,2024

KAAAAI Report:

There was discussion around the fact that the minutes from last October meeting were not sent out. It was motioned and approved to include all board meeting minutes in future Grape Free Press.

Scott O. gave the Treasure report. Scott reported that the Area 25 State Conference has historically started with \$0 and needed to ask for a loan from Area 25 for start-up expenses. Scott reported that because the Area State Conference made a profit there would be no need to request a loan from Area 25 for start-up expenses.

Scott also reported there were some line items he would need to add to the budget report for the Area. He stated he would have this done before Sundays meeting.

There was motion made to approve in the amended form it will be by Rick S. and a 2nd by David P.

2024 Conference Report by: Dee Y.

Friday night started off with rehearsal and taco dinner. Melissa B. welcomed all Area Officers and Committee Chairs.

Saturday morning the assembly was opened, Will and Jimmy Jack led the GSR session. Brett G. and Sheri P. led the DCM session. Then we split out into Committee Meetings.

Jessica B. explained the instructions for the Roberts Rules of Orders Skit.

Traditions 1-3 were led by Bridget B.

Committee Reports:

Accessibilities Chelle F. : 6 Districts represented/ 9 in attendance. Talked about Raising awareness and collaboration with several other Committees. A concern that Webster Conference Center is inaccessible, and no vote was put to the Assembly for meeting location. Everything AA app is helpful for those with reading struggles.

District 8: Emotional support animals. Also identified inventory of meetings to determine which ones are truly accessible as a goal for this year.

District 12: Single parents with little kids. This group made busy boxes to entertain our “blossoming Al-Anon’s.”

Al-anon Liaison Martin B:

The 51st Annual Kansas Al-Anon and Alateen Conference will be June 7-9, 2024, at the Four Points by

Sheraton in Manhattan, KS. The theme will be “Opening Doors for 2025: Bring a Friend.”

Among the speakers are Shanna and Scott G., formerly from Manhattan, as well as Owen, Judy, Trisha and Sharon M. from Topeka.

Registration can be done through the Alanon website at Kansas-al-anon.org.

Chronicler Eric D.: 4 Districts and 7 in attendance

The Chronicler committee discussed how to submit group histories and looked at Google Drive with the documents that have been submitted. We then discussed visiting the Topeka storage locker. I would like to ask groups to submit group histories if they are new groups or haven't submitted a group history in a while. The group history can be submitted through an online form found on the Area 25 website, under the documents tab. If any group or district would like to see what histories they have submitted, let me know. You can email me at chronicler@ks-aa.org.

Corrections Jeramie S.: 10 Districts and 25 in Attendance

Bridget discussed going through the workbook to find items that may no longer be relevant or need updating. Please notify DCMs of Corrections Conference hosted by District 13, March 23, 2024, in Hutchinson, KS.

The committee discussed wanting to work on creating a corrections corner on the Area 25 website to list where meetings are being held, requirements to join and a contact list. All information can be sent to: corrections@ks-aa.org. The committee also discussed creating an ad hoc for setting up Zoom meetings in jails. Lisa R and Darin S. will lead the ad hoc.

CPC Sallie T.: 15 attended

Sallie shared about herself over the last 24yrs of service. Had some professionals in attendance. We have come up with some good ideas for reaching professionals

Grape Free Press Kim H.: 9 in attendance with 5 Districts represented.

- Get the GFP to more groups
- Become more aware of Area 25
- Talked about information going into the GFP
- Get DCM mailing list updated- need more
- Talk about putting Area 25 email address as footer of each page
- Get updated info/Chronicler- group history

Grapevine Davd M: 12 in attendance

District 10: They buy a subscription for each meeting; this year they are working the Grapevine. Discussed using the Grapevine stories every week as a meeting topic. Also get a package for the old Grapevine (30 magazines) for \$56 and send them to correctional facilities. (Just need to be sure they don't have any staples in them) to donate. Also looking into other places to donate, such as detox centers. We also discussed getting magazines to young people to read and ask them to make a laminated QR code so they can reach all students from middle school and high school. This may also help their parents. Another idea was to work with Al-Anon and Alateen to get the Grapevine subscription to them. It was also suggested to work with the CFC, Treatment, CPC, PI, Accessibilities, and the Al-Anon Committee Chairs.

Literature Ann S:

Met with Ken and took the traveling display. Read the letter from GSO to Trusted servants and the 7 questions regarding how the fellowship feels in regard to the founder's texts and our proclivity to change the original texts. We believe that sponsorship is vital to the newcomer understanding the Big Book and it is important to understand the history and times that the book was written. The committee feels that * and Footnotes would go a long way in keeping the original text together, while providing context to the era that it was written in.

Public Information Bob H.: 13 attended with 11 Districts represented.

We talked about PI work within each district as everyone introduced themselves. There is good work going on in the Public Information area around the state. Excited about learning how to better make the public aware of AA.

Treatment Rich S.: 23 attended with 10 Districts represented

We had 23 people from 10 different Districts. We went over the guidelines for the treatment committee. We discussed how important carrying the message into treatment centers and bridging the gap is. We also discussed what the temporary contact person is and how important that is. We also discussed, when being a temporary contact person, you are not a sponsor, employment agency or a banker. As a temporary contact person our job is to get them to 5 or 6 meetings and help to get them find a home group and a sponsor. We also talked about how we stay within the Traditions. Also discussed is how we cooperate with the treatment center.

Web Brett G.: 10 attended with 7 Districts represented

Districts 5,12,13,16,19,25,26 were present.

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

Website improvements were listed:

Delegates Corner for Bridgette to use as a conduit for communication and transparency.

ADA Compliance – the website needs review

Contact forms- Discussed issue with multi select on mobile

Discussed sub sites for districts without websites.

Take a poll

Discuss technical challenges/risks of adding multiple people to admin

Web Committee guidelines updates to be discussed Sunday. Adding

Alternate Web Chair position

DCM Reports

District 1: No report

District 2: I have at least made one trip to every group if not more. We had one district meeting with only 3 groups in attendance. We have added one new group into the district at WaKeeney, and they are struggling, but keeping the doors open. Our Corrections Chair is having their group now taking in three meetings a week. The Treatment Chair is working at keeping the two meetings a month going into our treatment center. We are currently working at two summer events to be promoted for local events.

District 3 – No report

District 4 – 7 Groups. District 4 covers Ellis, Ellsworth, Lincoln, and Russell Counties. We have our Round Robin on Feb. 10th in Russell. The Al-Anon speaker is Sherr P from Seneca, and the AA speaker is Jerry Dawn J. from Oklahoma City. All are invited and flyers are available in the hallway.

District 5 – There are 12 groups in District 5. We are working on starting a quarterly district speaker meeting again.

District 6 – District 6 is alive and well. We have monthly meetings that rotate between all groups. We currently have five counties and twenty groups in the district. We have incoming trusted servants for all our positions.

District 7 – No Report

District 8 – 33 Groups. District 8 is active with about 15 groups attending monthly meetings. Elections produced chairpersons for all committees. We actively take meetings into local jails, treatment centers and the rescue mission.

District 9 – District 9 has nine groups listed. Six groups are represented at GSR meetings while three groups have not participated as of late. District 9 rotates GSR meeting locations. Each group hosts for three consecutive months. We are currently meeting at Turner Group through March. Bonner Springs group will host next, then Leavenworth Group #1, Basehor Group, and finally Primary Purpose Group to start off 2025. We have a good turnout from our GSR's, but we continue to have very little support at committee levels. We have no Accessibility chair, no PI/CPC chair, one Literature/Grapevine chair, and no Treatment/Corrections chair. After 42 years at their location, Bonner Springs Group lost their lease and are moving. They were able to find a new location not too far down the road and are excited for new beginnings. Bethel group is also being forced to move after the new landlord doubled the rent. Bethel just moved a few years ago after more than 30 years at its original location and are currently looking for a new location. We (Bethel is my home group) have until the end of April to find a place. District 9 DCM.

District 10 – District 10 went through a service rotation with new district officers and committee chairs effective January 1. All positions with the exception of Chronicler are filled.

Generally, groups are reporting that things are going well within their groups with some groups indicating they are growing. One group is looking for a new home as their current landlord has other priorities for their building. The district continues to pay for 50% of the cost of providing ASL interpreters at the Olathe Group.

District 10 sponsored a speaker event on December 30 in the afternoon. Harold L. travelled to Overland Park, KS to speak, Stephanie H. brought and manned the language translation equipment, and we brought in an ASL interpreter for the hard-of-hearing and deaf community. We invited District 27 (Spanish speaking district) which was a first for us as well as District 9. We are happy to report we had AAs from both districts in attendance. And, after years of poor attendance at district events we are happy to report that we had 60 attendees there. The feedback was very positive and overall, we feel the event was a big success. Attendance at district meetings has been good.

District 13 – District 13's Fall Fellowship Fiesta was a success: the speakers were great; there were 56 in attendance with 518 years, 8 months and 7 days of sobriety.

There are 9 active groups in the district, of which have GSR's. Attendance at these group meetings is well attended.

The Lyons Trailmakers Group held its third annual year-end potluck dinner and the speaker meeting which was well attended with 20 in attendance. Some groups have had elections since October 2023: Keep It Simple Beginners group in Newton has a new GSR' Coffee Pot Recovery in Halstead has a new GSR and Alternate GSR' and St. E's Sobriety Society in South Hutchinson has a new Alternate GSR.

The district's committees are functioning well, except for Accessibilities and Grapevine. Corrections is taking meetings into the Harvey and Reno County jails and is preparing to take meetings into the Hutchinson Correctional Facility.

Treatment is taking meetings into Mirror and Valley Hope.

Upcoming events into the district are the Kansas Area Corrections Conference on March 23rd in Hutchinson and the Districts Family Round Robin in Newton on May 11th.

District 14 – There are 9 active groups. Attendance is steady for all groups. There are several vacancies on District 14 service committees. All but Corrections and treatment have vacant chair positions. The current District 14 treasury is healthy, and we make quarterly contributions to Area 25 and GSO. Twin Lakes Anniversary is January 28th at 12pm at the Methodist Church fellowship Hall in Council Grove.

District 15 – There are 4 groups in 3 counties in District 15, as far as I know. Meetings are being taken into Sunflower Treatment Center and we are working towards taking meetings into the State Hospital.

District 16 – District 16 is the 9 Southwest KS counties, with 7 groups. The groups included are the 12 Step Group, Garden City, Sublette Group, Satanta Group, New Beginnings Group, Hugoton, Elkhart Group, Club One Liberal and Ulysses Group. We just had our first meeting at Sublette Tuesday, 1/16/2024. We meet monthly, rotating with the active groups with dinner at 6:30pm and the meeting at 8pm. The Southwest Kansas Conference was January 4th-January 6th at the Clarion Inn in Garden City. The 3 speakers were past delegates from Area 10, Area 25, and Area 63 with 2 other Past Delegates from Area 25 in attendance. Other events coming up are the Big Book Study weekend at the Civic Center in Ulysses, hosted by the Ulysses Group on February 9th-11th. The Hugoton Taco Feed on March 2nd, District 16 Funday in Satanta on April 13th, and District 16 Roundup and Delegate report on August 18th.

District 17 – We have 6 groups, only 2 are active in the district meetings. We are still taking weekly meetings into the treatment facility. Two of us are speaking at the treatment center weekly. Our Round Robin was a success, with a good turnout. We are planning a family fun day at Lake Meade on June 8th.

District 18 – On Nov. 5th, 2023, Mike H., past Delegate spoke about group meetings. On Aug. 5th, 2023, we held our district picnic with Kaylon J. as our speaker. March 3rd will be our Round Robin. We will have Juaquina B. speak. We meet every month on the 2nd Sunday and rotate locations. Cole S., DCM

District 19 – Number of groups – 33

We average 15-17 GSR's. Meetings are held on Zoom. We had an open house prior to the District meeting. There was a great turnout! Thank you for the support from the PI Chair. We saw many past officers and GSR's. Will have the City-Wide Monthly Speaker meeting. Tonight is the 1st meeting with a potluck and speaker. We created a lot of electricity in the city. This will be a monthly event. The Wichita Spring Round-up is April 19th and 20th, 2024

March 5th is the Health Fair in Wichita State. The CPC Chair will have a booth there. We are struggling to find volunteers. We need and Accessibilities and Archives Chair.

District 20 – 5 Groups. Hello everyone, my name is Samuel H. I am an Alcoholic and DCM of District 20.

We continue to have 5 active groups. We have sessions 7 days a week from 8-9:30pm. La Ultima Milla also sessions Saturday and Sunday at 10am. Emperadors on Saturday at 12pm and Sunday at 10am.

La Ultima Milla will be celebrating their 21st anniversary with a Public Information meeting, January 20, 2024. La 3rd Tradition will be celebrating their 17th anniversary on Saturday, February 3rd. Our district rotated service positions for a 2-year rotation to be on scale with Area 25. Public Information Committee continues every 3rd Thursday of the month at 8am on the radio. Continuing as well in institutions like Higher Ground. We also continue our Spanish session weekly in Ark City at Maple Park Group at 8pm. We will soon be doing these on Sundays as well. Emperadors Group began a women's session weekly on Mondays at 6:30pm On Saturday, November 11th we had our inter district meeting and November 12th Area 25 Delegate Darin H. visited our district. We are extremely grateful to him.

District 23 – 19 Groups. District 23 has formed committees who will be putting together a Concepts workshop.

Our meeting attendance has been good, although contributions seem to be down. This doesn't seem to be a trend.

The quarterly district meeting is January 13, with Tagan E.

Nuts & Bolts 35th anniversary is January 27th in Lawrence.

2pm Workshop hosted by Missoon W., Florida

6pm Speaker Byron L, Oklahoma

7pm Raffle

8pm Missoon W.

District 24 – District 24 has 4 groups: Paxico, St. Mary's, Silver Lake and Maple Hill.

All 4 meetings are doing well. Attendance has been slow with the snow and cold weather.

Fred had to go to Mexico, so I am acting DCM.

District 25 No Report

District 26 – 7 Groups. We are 2 counties in North Central Kansas. We meet quarterly at rotating locations. Our District Round Robin is Feb. 18th.

District 27 – 13 groups. District 27 report for our Area 25. The table of service of District 27. We are starting a new panel of 2 years to be on scale with our Area 25.

We continue to have study meetings every Wednesday from 7-8:30pm in our local District.

We currently have 13 groups and one inter-group office.

The Encuentros Hispano Committee is working on the event, which will be June 7,8 and 9, 2024.

Our 3 linguistic districts: 20, 27 and 31 approved inviting the current Delegate of our area to the future Encuentros Hispano events with a theme.

On January 25th and 26th we will have a 12 Concepts workshop and functions conference imparted by Sergio G.

District 27 is in the best provision to support our Area 25 and work jointly.

Adjunct a list of groups that no longer exist in District 27. That is all for the moment. Continue enjoying 24 hours of sobriety that the program offers.

Idelfonso S., DCM

District 27 – (Spanish) INFORME DEL DISTRITO 27 PARA NUESTRA AREA 25

1, LA MESA DE SERVICIO DEL DISTRITO 27 ESTAMOS INICIANDO UN NUEVO PERIDO DE 2 ANOS PARA IR PARALELAMENTE CON LOS SERVIDORES DE NUESTRA AREA 25.

2, SEGUIMOS TENIENDO JUNTAS DE ESTUDIO TODOS LOS MIERCOLES DE 7:00 A 8:30 PM. EN EL LOCAL DEL DISTRITO.

3, ACTUALMENTE ESTAMOS TRABAJANDO CON 13 GRUPOS Y UNA OFICINA DE INTERGRUPO.

4, EL COMITE DEL ENCUENTRO HISPANO, ESTA TRABAJANDO PARA EL EVETO DEL MES DE JUNIO 7,8 Y 9 DEL 2024.

5, SE APROBO POR LOS 3 DISTRITO LINGUISTICOS 20, 27 Y 31 INVITAR AL DELEGADO EN TURNO DE NUESTRA AREA AL EVENTO DEL LOS FUTUROS ENCUENTROS HISPANOS A PARTICIPAR CON UN TEMA.

6, EL DIA 25 Y 26 DE ENERO 2024 TENDREMOS UN TALLER DE LOS 12 CONCEPTOS Y FUNCIONES DE LA CONFERENCIA IMPARTIDO POR EL COMPANERO SERGIO G.

7, LOS TALLERES SE LLEVARÁN A CABO CADA 3 MESES

8, EL DISTRITIO 27 ESTA EN LA MEJOR DISPOSICION DE APOYAR A NUESTRA AREA 25 Y TRABAJAR CINJUNTAMENTE

9, ADJUNTO UNA LISTA DE GRUPOS QUE YA NO EXISTEN EN NUESTRO DISTRITO 27

SIN MAS POR EL MOMENTO QUESAMOS ANTE USTEDES Y QUE SIGAN GOZANDO DE FELICES 24 HRS. QUE OFRECE EL PROGRAMA

ATENTAMENTE DISTRITO 27

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District 31 – 6 groups. Committee of District 31 Area 25 of Alcoholics Anonymous of the state of Kansas

District 31 sessions every 3rd Sunday and has 6 groups.

We have unity groups every 2 weeks.

We continue to have workshops as well.

We also continue to motivate one group to take the Public Information Service, and this has been getting great results. January 7th Mensaje de Vida had their anniversary. On February 2,3 and 4 Legado De Amor group will be celebrating their anniversary and the 17th Volver A Nacer group will celebrate theirs. Everyone is invited. Our district has selected the speaker for Area and his Efren N. He is who was selected.

That is all for the moment. I hope you are all enjoying 24 hours.

Sun. Jan. 21, 2024, Closed Business Meeting 8:30am-12pm

Melissa B., Chair, opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Melissa called the DCMs for roll call to present the number of votes, led by Will H.

Total Votes: 90 voting members, updated to 93

Secretary Report Dee Y.:

Dee Y. read the notes from the last Area Assembly in July. Motion: Cheryl H. District 6 Seconded: Lisa R. Conference Chair. Motion passes

Treasurer Report Scott O.:

Handouts of financial reports available, the balance sheet is balanced. The January 2023 to December 2023 Profit and Loss sheet still needs additions to 2023 before wrapping last year. (See Handout)

Asked if there were any questions. Cheryl H. asked what do we do with the report that isn't complete? Do we vote on that? Scott O. stated it is complete but not final to close out the year due to adjustments. Melissa B. asked what the Assembly would like to do. David S., District 14 Motion to approve the report as read, to be amended having the final 2023 report in July/ Second: Matt H. District 8.

Discussion: Eric D. District 4 asked about the -4,332.69 negative number under Equity. Scott O. says it's a holdover from when we had an office/manager, doesn't know why it is there. Shari P. Past Delegate shared she had looked at it with Scott O. Mike H., Past Delegate, asked what the question was also. Guess it never got taken out of Quick Books. Shari P. stated we need to look at that number more closely and get back to the Assembly. Motion Passed

Delegate Report Bridget B.

To prepare for attending the General Service Conference and inform the Area about the Agenda Items and the background material for things that will be discussed I have worked with the Area Chair as well as the Web Chair to come up with a few new strategies for you.

A dedicated area on our website is called "Delegates Corner". Here I will put links to the Agenda Items, background material that is available, news from the General Service Office, etc.

We will have at least 1 Townhall Meeting via zoom prior to the Committee meeting – most likely this will occur March 30th at 1:00pm. This will allow the membership to provide feedback on the agenda

items – especially those that cannot attend the Moch Conference in April.

After the General Service Conference and after I have developed my report, we will also post a recorded Delegates Report for viewing.

I plan to start delivering Delegates reports in June

Clint M., who chairs the Plain Language Big Book subcommittee of the Trustees Literature committee will be presenting on a virtual session that is being hosted by the SE Region

Alternate Delegate Report Ken S.

I attended the 53rd SW Kansas Conference in Garden City, Jan. 5-7. It was a great conference and if you've never been to one, I'd recommend you head out there next January.

Alternate Chair Report Will H.

There are 93 voting members.

Will stated he would have the tables set up at the next meeting better.

He also asked that everyone clean up after themselves, to please pick up their cigarette butts and throw out their trash.

The importance of having voting representation was stressed.

Area 25 State Conference Report Lisa R.

Good morning! Lisa asked how many were already registered for the 2024 Area 25 State Conference in Great Bend Sept. 20-22.

She challenged each GSR to get 4 people registered from their group.

There are scholarships available to purchase or use.

She stated that last year's conference was self-supporting, great job Dee Y and the committee.

There is an airshow the same weekend as the conference, so it would be a good idea to get your hotel room booked early. The Holiday Inn, Quality Inn and Super 8 are where the room blocks are.

As of this morning there are 37 registered.

There will be a raffle giving away a room at the Holiday Inn. For every 75 registrations a room will be given up to 3 rooms.

New Business:

Approve 2024-2025 Committee Chairs: Motion to approve Cheryl H.

District 6/Second Tom L. District 10.

Approve 2024 Budget:

There has been concern about operating in a deficit. The proposed budget over the last few years has brought about a deficit but we've never actually gone into the negative. Discussion took place. Motion: Cody R. Valley Falls GSR to approve (amended) to include \$159 in computer software/hardware. \$500 in seed money for SWRASSA / Second David S. District 14 Passed

3. Web Chair Guidelines: Motion to approve Kim District 13 / Second Chelle F. – Passed

4. Redistricting of Valley Falls: Motion to approve Lisa R. Conference Chair / Cheryl H. District 6 DCM Passed

5. Motion to pay \$1783.16 to cover Delegate over expenses. Motion Lisa R. Conference Chair / Second Matt H. District 8 GSR Passed

Motion to Close January 21, 2024, Business Meeting:
Matt H. District 8 GSR / Second Jessica L. District 6 GSR
Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Upcoming Events

April 6, 2024, Area Committee Meetings, Webster Conference Center, Salina

July 19-21, 2024, Area Assembly, Webster Conference Center, Salina

September 20-22, 2024, Area Conference, Great Bend

October 19, 2024, Area Committee Meetings, Webster Conference Center, Salina

January 24-26, 2025, Area Assembly, Webster Conference Center, Salina

April 5, 2025, Area Committee Meetings, Webster Conference Center, Salina

July 18-20, 2025, Area Assembly, Webster Conference Center, Salina

September 19-21, 2025, Area Conference, Great Bend

October 18, 2025, Area Committee Meetings, Webster Conference Center, Salina