

**Kansas Area Assembly
Committee & DCM Reports, Memorials
January 17, 2015**

Saturday, January 17

Committee Reports:

AlAnon Liaison Report by: Jerry Woodin

- The 2015 Al-Anon/Alateen State Conference will be June 12-14 in Wichita at the Wichita (north) Best Western at I-135 & 53rd Street North.
- Last year we had about 150 in attendance. Please come join us.
- We would like to have an AA workshop on cooperation with Al-Anon & Alateen at their conference; we've been invited to put it on.

Chronicler Report by: Justin Goodno, acting Chronicler

- 7 Districts in attendance
- The Chronicle has received a laptop computer & scanner for use of preserving Area 25 history (anonymous donation). This will stay with the position, so anyone can serve in the job.
- Districts 1-15 are due for history updates. We discussed the best method possible for obtaining this information.
- Dist. 19 is taping old timer's history stories.
- Nuts & Bolts in KC is in the process of tracking down information about their group history
- Group #1 in Dist. 5 has a link on their website available for updating group history.
- The Chronicler is looking GFP editions from 2001-2009.

Corrections Report by: Sharon Foster

- 36 in attendance, 15 districts represented
- Yellow Can 4th Quarter report is at the Corrections display in Room A
- Shared around room what facilities & any problems.
- Corrections Conference is March 14, 2015, Topeka – see flyer on table
- Inmate at a county jail wrote GSO saying there were no meetings. I followed up; there is one going in once every 3 weeks, and he missed it, so had to wait 6 weeks.
- Thanks for your support to the Yellow Can Fund for literature & books in hands of volunteers to get into hands of inmates.

Cooperation with Professional Community Report by: Josh Roe

- 31 in attendance representing 13 districts
- Overview of CPC materials & where to get them
- Sample CPC presentation – copies available at CPC display, or Josh can email, mail to you.
- Heard from districts
 - Working with clergy - some want nothing to do with AA, others think they know it all
 - Where to start
 - Use the materials available
 - Best person to contact in a hospital.
- Josh is willing and eager to help with workshops, starting up CPC in your district, however he can help.

Grape Free Press Report by: Sue Neill

- Everybody who registers at Assembly gets an emailed edition of the GFP.
- If you need a copy mailed (paper), please see Sue after the meeting.
- I'm going to work with Heather to see if we can get the Wrap sheet emailed.

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- Concern was raised that not everybody knows what the Grape Free Press is and what it is used for. One of our committee had been sober for many years and had never seen one.
- Wrap sheet – with the help of our secretary and the web chair, has been up on the website within 2 weeks of Assembly.
- Awesome tool to get information to groups & districts.

Grapevine Report by: Andi Schneider

- We had 20 in attendance with 10 districts represented. Thank you to the outgoing reps and welcome to the new.
- Since its inception in 2012, Grapevine Daily Quote has surpassed 30,000 sign-ups.
- 2015 – A state, province, and territory wide challenge to increase new Grapevine & LaVina subscriptions from January 26 – Dec 20, 2015. Qualifying including: Grapevine, LaVina print subscriptions, Grapevine digital, Grapevine complete or subscription gift certificates.
 - Prize – A special section in a 2016 issue of Grapevine or LaVina featuring members stories from the state, province, or territory with the greatest percentage of growth in new & paid subscriptions/gift certificates.
- Coming soon is the audio book Language of the Heart.
- Area 25 display photo was on the website. Also, District 10x Victor E display.
- Grupo Unidad Shawnee Mission was in Jan/Feb 2015 LaVina.
- If Walls Could Talk Nov/Dec 2015 had the Grupo Olathe Hispano hall.
- District reports –
 - Activities from working on getting Grapevine into facilities and using them for service pieces
 - District 10 is still coming up with new fun ideas to raise money for gift subscriptions, such as pictures with Victor E, gumball machines, etc. Also seeing homebound members are on the list.

Literature Report by: Eric Dale, filling in for Terry Hodgson

- Did an inventory of the pamphlets on hand
- Lots of groups handing out newcomer packages. Suggested pamphlets – spirituality, questions.
- Some districts have central depositories of literature so they can order in bulk and have literature on hand for groups.
- Suggestions to have all conference approved books for sale at groups, not just the Big Book
- Placed pamphlets in a wide range of facilities, visitor information centers in town.
- Libraries should have a copy of the Big Book.
- One suggestion is to use Living Sober in 12th Step Work
- Use Questions & Answers on Sponsorship and Members Eye View to introduce people to sponsorship.

Public Information Report by: Rich Schmidtberger

- Had 26 people from 13 districts.
- Talked about the importance of P.I. work
- Reviewed some of the guide lines
- Talked about when P.I. was formed & why.
- Talked about what was going on in some of the districts
 - Dist 26 – getting meeting schedules up in hotels, hospitals, and institutions
 - Dist 15 – getting information into state hospitals. Will be getting info into jails.
 - Dist. 12 – Put P.S.A.s in movie theaters, getting schedules out, and other info. Meetings have started.
 - Dist 6 – Doing outreach with military base.
- Overall there is a lot of P.I. service going on in the area and getting information out to help the still suffering alcoholic.

Special Needs Report by: Raechelle Romero

- 29 in attendance from 11 districts. Many were from linguistic districts.
- Discussed ways to serve hearing impaired at State Conference – one option is to have Real Time (closed captioning). Costs about \$200. Recognizes voice & catches about 85%.

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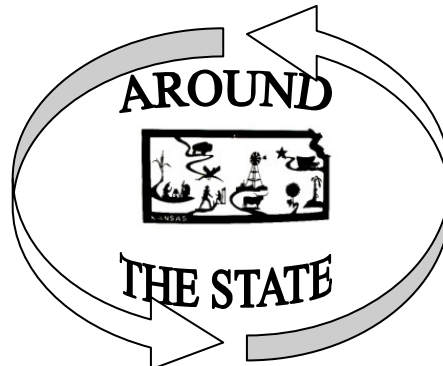
- Issues with meetings being taken into locked mental health wards. This is really a treatment facilities committee job, but if it comes to a special needs committee, we'll have the hand of AA there.
- Wheel chair accessibility - in some places, Star Track can help. Runs about \$5,000. But it's portable, so it goes where you need it. There are alternatives to moving your meeting.
- Discussed whether to try to provide child care at State Conf. Conclusion was no, that's the responsibility of the individual. Groups can, of course, do whatever they decide under 4th Tradition.
- Also discussed service dogs and therapy dogs in meetings.
- Consensus of committee is to recommend to State Conference Committee that Real Time be available for deaf & hearing impaired.

Treatment Report by: Tom Long

- Great meeting with 30 in attendance. Opened the meeting, told everyone what's happening in Topeka area. I read out of the white book the responsibilities of the treatment chair. Then opened the meeting and went around the room. Several districts take meetings to treatment centers. Keep a _____ (illegible) list. Many advised the importance of getting the client to an AA meeting when they get out of treatment. One treatment chair advised – read the treatment workbooks – lots of good info. Thanks for letting me serve!

Web Report by: Virgil Hemel

- 15 members present, 11 districts present.
- First question ask to group – “How many use Kansas-aa.org?” 50% said they use the site.
- Discussion continued on how they used it and what problems were found.
 - Some didn't know how to get to different areas and where to find certain information on our site.
- Questions group asked about:
 - Why their group information was not current?
 - Where do you find group change form?
 - Is there a connection to central offices?
 - Why doesn't the Area meeting information match that of central offices?
 - Why is our site so hard to navigate?
- If you don't practice using our website how are you going to help others?
- One solution: Use it; find out how to navigate it, and what's on it. Teach others, show others.
- Attend tonight's workshop at 7:30 right here. Let's learn how to navigate it.



DCM Reports

District 3 Kay Bonert, GSR for Beloit Open Door: We will be celebrating the 44th Anniversary of AA in Beloit, Sat. Mar. 7, at Club 86, 1811 N. Walnut in Beloit. 12:00 pot luck, 1:00 speaker Mike H from Scott City, 2:00 Rhonda H, Al-Anon from Scott City, 3:00 Joe C from Salina. Beloit group also is discussing what they want to do in the future, and will be talking about this at the next meeting.

District 5 Curt Norris, DCM: Dist. Quarterly Speaker Meeting will be 2/21/15; dinner at 6:00 at Olive Garden, doors open at 7:00 at 321 n. Santa Fe, New Beginnings. Speaker at 8:00, Rich S from Hays, Area 25 PI Chair. New Beginnings Valentines dance; speaker at 8:00, dance follows, 2/14/15. Group #1 spaghetti feed on 2/14/15 at knights of Columbus 115 N. 10th St. Doors open at 4:00, ends at 5:00. Spaghetti, garlic bread 7 table

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service provided. Solomon group meets Sundays at 8:00 p.m. Still need 3 chairs filled at district – chronicler, special needs, and central office/PI chair.

District 6 J C Rivers, DCM: I wish to thank Virgil, Web Chair, once again for his assistance and patience with me as District 6 updated its schedule on the web page. Our District dropped the PI Chair and folded responsibilities into the CPC chair, who will have assistance from GSRs and others in the District. In February, one of our groups will be adding 2 additional morning meetings. More will be revealed. We have a slate of upcoming events. Feb. 21 Poyntz Ave Group, Manhattan, Chili Feed, Don G speaker. March 14 Turning Point Group, Manhattan, 20th Anniversary Celebration, Garry P, speaker. April 18 District 5 Traditions Workshop in Manhattan, Joe C, Nathan N, Mike S, & Josh R panel. April 24-25, TWTW Manhattan 38th Anniversary, Doug & Ashley O, AA speakers, Mary S Al-Anon speaker. May 9, Ogden Potluck, speaker will be announced.

District 8 Sheri Poore, DCM: Activities: The 2015 Ks. Correctional Facility Conference will be held in Topeka at Grace United Meth. Church, Fellowship Hall, 2627 SW Western Ave, Sat. March 14, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. District: We had 23 members in attendance at our January district meeting. We currently have 31 groups registered in District 8. We had one group (We're No Saints Recovery Group) close the doors at the end of 2014 due to attendance. We have one chair position open, but hope to have it filled in February. The Dist. 8 Committee is doing an excellent job working together to meet the needs of our members, groups, and district, as well as the community. We are currently discussing different ideas for 2015 workshops. A couple ideas so far are: How to do Group Inventory. GSR Workshop in the fall.

District 9 Bob Harrison, DCM: Dist. 9 is Wyandotte & Leavenworth counties, made up of 13 groups. Have officers & working on completing committee chairs. We have one new group recently formed & if things go well, will get registered. Carrying the message as best we can. Have recently lost too many members to cancer & other things. Looking forward to Sunflower Round Up Feb. 20-22, 2015.

District 10 Janet Buie, DCM: WE have had good attendance at our district meetings. Our literature chair has been presenting a new pamphlet each month at our district meetings. The CPC committee has been contacting counseling offices and will be making a presentation to the staff of one counseling office. Grapevine committee has been donating gift subscriptions. Our district accepted the invitation from the local Central Office in KC to send a liaison to the Central Office Delegate meeting monthly. The position is a non-voting role and the purpose is just for sharing information about what's happening at our district with the groups around the metro KC area. We will be hosting a Spring workshop coming soon and we will have more info later to be put on the Ks Area calendar.

District 12 Vernon Roble, DCM: Dist. 12 has 10 active groups in 6 counties. We meet monthly & rotate the meetings to several groups. We take meetings to the Larned Prison weekly. We have several group 7 district sponsored events. We have at least 25 AA meetings per week in district & look forward to carrying the message of sobriety the best we can during the period to the Area Assembly.

District 13 Don Lefort, DCM: 12 groups. Most all service committee spots filled. Have new group. Still working on getting all groups involved in Dist. Meetings. Our 22nd Annual Family Round robin is May 9 at Harvey County East Lake, Newton, Ks. 2:00 registration, 3:00 AFG Speaker, Jeff K, Wichita, 4:15 & 5:15 speakers TBA, 6:00 Sloppy Joes, 7:30 Sobriety Countdown, 8:00 AA speaker, Wally A, Hutchinson.

District 14 Jon Curtis, Alt. DCM: Round Robin Jan 25, Council Grove, Twin Lakes. Round Robin Feb 15, Emporia group. Memorials: Bill V, 16 years, Emporia group.

District 15 Dennis Bien, DCM: 8 active known groups, 5 active at district meetings. Next dist meeting is 2/15/15. Round Robin Apr. 26 Sun at 10:30, Garnett Comm. Bldg. Flyer out on front desk. 2 groups closed due to low attendance.

District 16 Mike Shelton, DCM: 9 SW counties. Election in Nov. – new DCM & Alt DCM, couple of chairs open. Events – 9th Annual Taco Feed at Hugoton, Feb. 28. 2nd Annual Fun Day at Ulysses on Apr. 26.

District 17 Terry Lee, DCM: 3 active groups, 4 not represented. We have 5 counties. Dodge City was the location of the SW Ks Conference last weekend. Front St group attendance is regular & steady, including

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transported members from New Chance. Held recent elections. Big Book study on Sat. nights has been resumed. 29th Annual round Robin was in Nov. with 66 in attendance. Meade Helping Hands has steady attendance. Annual Thanksgiving Dinner in Nov. was a huge success again. Still taking meetings to the Lighthouse Treatment Center. Minneola Strength in Unity group buried their GSR 2 days ago. Barry G had 11 yrs of sobriety. New GSR will be Eddy P. Currently the district is making preliminary plans for our 2nd annual Family Fun Day on May 30th at Meade State Lake. Also beginning to think about plans for the Fall Fellowship.

District 18 Anissa Potter, DCM: We have 9 groups over 8 counties in South Central Ks. March 1st we are having our Round Robin & pig roast. It is at the Pratt Community Center at 11:00 a.m.

District 19 Juaquina Bowers, DCM: We are the city site for the Kansas State Conference, so please register today and come see us. The Wichita Spring Round Up is coming up March 6-7, 2015. The District has designed a new monthly newsletter, "The District 19 Scoop" We are voting next month on whether or not we will be continuing to do it. Majority of the chairs are filled & actively participating in projects. We are always needing people to be of service on those committees. Majority of our chairs are here today, as are some GSRs.

District 21: David Seaton, DCM: Will host the SE Serenity Conference in Oct. Sedan Group member is scouting location. Held elections in Nov., need to find chairs. 3 people from Dist. 21 year today. New group in Caldwell – Jerry Woodin is the contact. Weekly men's meeting taken into Cowley Co. jail. Weekly meetings into treatment center in Winfield.

District 22 Sam Weinberg, DCM: 2 groups represented here today, Independence & Pittsburg. Taking meetings into Oswego & Montgomery County jails.

District 23 Bob Williams, DCM: We have a new rotation of officers, GSR's and have approved committees & budget. Traditions Workshop up coming, see aa-ksdist23.org. Nuts & Bolts group anniversary Jan 24; speakers are Don P, Florida, and Peg M, Nebraska. Work shop at 1, speakers at 6 & 8.

District 24 Lisa Langness: Dist. 24 is alive & well. We had a workshop on Relapse Prevention and Sponsorship. Maple Hill continues to have weekly eating meetings. Activities include annual campouts, movie night, and the workshops were held at their facility. Remember, we are not a glum lot.

District 26 Jim Isaacson: Dist. 26 covers Republic & Cloud counties; we have 7 active groups right now. Round Robin Feb 15. Open at 10:55, noon meal. Al-Anon speaker & AA speaker. 317 W 5th in Concordia.

District 27 Narciso E, DCM: Compeneros que tengan un feliz ano y que en este servicio sea de veneficio para todos nosotros, en el mes de Noviembre se lleva-ron acavo las elecciones de cambio de servidores de nuestro dto. 27 y quedando de esta manera.

Miembro d ecomite de DTO.

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Asi e scomo quedo nuestra meza de servidores en nuestro DTO. @ para un future de las proximas generaciones.

District 30 Kenny Stener: Dist 30 is currently planning a bowling party at El Dorado, March 28th. At this time the district is struggling but we are still carrying the messagy. Carry meetings into Butler Co. Jail, men & women.

District 31 Jose R, MCD: My name is Jose R & I'm an alcoholic. I'm also MCD from District #31. We have 8 groups and I'm happy to say that they are all doing fine. We are working together because we have our Encuentro Hispano event coming up. Preparations are almost complete. We still have a few things left to complete but we are working hard to finish as soon as possible. Thank you for everything.

Memorials

- District 5:** Ed Hobby 6 years (Group #1)
- District 6:** Mike Martinez 23 years (Junction City)
 Tim 17 years (Junction City)
- District 8:** Wayne Hundley 42 years
 Joe Monteeth 26 years
 Rudy N 36 years
- District 9:** Ron Hanson 32 years (Primary Purpose0
 Jodi Shelton 19 years (Bonner Springs)
 Martha Weekly 13 years (Basehor)
 Frankie McMillian 30+ years (New Vision)
- District 10:** Tom A (Shawnee)
 Tom H (Shawnee)
 Shane S (Shawnee)
 Craig H. 28 years (Shawnee)
 Bill Chinnery South Leawood
 Eileen R Lenexa
- District 11** Rod D 26 years (Dighton)
- District 12** Rosemary Janssen 35 years (Tri County)
 Richard Haines 30 years (Great Bend)
 Charlene Strobel 34 years (Great Bend)
- District 13:** Chuck C 27 years (Newton)
- District 14:** Bill V 16 yrs (Emporia gp)
- District 15:** John D 30 years
District 16: Fred D 16 yrs
 John B 30 yrs (Garden City)
- District 17:** Barry G 11 years (Minneola)
- District 21:** Blaine Newell 25+ yrs (Ark. City)
 Natalea Archer <1 yr (Ark City)

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Wendy Villers (Winfield 12 & 12)

District 22: Ken I 43 years
Larry V 38 years
Lori H 18 months
Don T 36 years

District 23: Ken I 43 yrs (Eudora)
Larry V 38 yr (Eudora)