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Kansas Area Assembly Committee & DCM Reports, Memorials July 18, 2015

Saturday, January 18

Committee Reports:

AlAnon Liaison Report by: Jerry W

- The 2015 Al-Anon/Alateen State Conference was June 12-14 in Wichita. Great AA participation. Had an AA workshop on Cooperation Without Affiliation between AA & Al-Anon.
- KARU (Kansas Alateen RoundUp) will be July 24-26 at Timber Lakes Camp & Retreat Center in Williamsburg, Ks. The Alateens have been busy raising money for this so they can attend.

Chronicler Report by: Justin G

Justin G. opened with the Serenity Prayer. (Roughly 24 in attendance)

- Generous donation of Nextbook/Netbook has improved our ability to chronicle and access the information being archived moving forward.
- Working on collecting the cd's distributed to the districts 1-15, hopefully now full of new, archived information.
- Hats off to Dist. 8 for compiling and submitting lots of group histories. WHOOP!!! WHOOP!!!
- Suggestion for willing volunteer to cross reference group histories and archival information on your district's cd against the active groups to find out who we need to contact.
- Who can be a chronicler? Anybody willing to serve...
- Pictures of home group (facility or building not the members) for archive or documentation on the area website.

Corrections Report by: Sharon F

- Delegate Don Green shared small report on Corrections at the General Service Conference.
- 24 in attendance with 11 districts represented.
- Read minutes & thanked Christian for filling in for Sallie as secretary today. Approved with changes.
- Nancy E, Treasurer, went over quarterly report. Approved.
- Darin S – prerelease contact & correspondence chair shared what he had been doing.
- Spanish literature on display – fill out order form for lit to deplete inventory.
- New volunteer cards to get AA members involved with inmates (orange cards).
- Conference – only one bid received for the 2016 Corrections Conference. Wichita approved by acclamation. March, 2016. Went around room letting each share about what facilities going into, and any problems.

Cooperation with Professional Community Report by: Josh R

- 31 in attendance representing 14 districts
- Great CPC work going on across the state! Health fairs. Parole officer. District Attorney. Ministerial alliances.
- Have been distributing “blue cards” to health professionals, signing up professionals.
- Discovered that meeting in person is better than sending emails/snail mail.
- Went over traditions & anonymity as is applied to AA.

Grape Free Press Report by: Sue N

- Cut off dates for information to get in the GFP are:
 - Sept 5, Dec. 5, March 5, June 5
- Publication dates are:
 - Sept 19, Dec 19, March 19, June 19
- The WRAP Sheet should be on the web within 10-15 days of the Assembly. It highlights the business conducted at the Assembly & Committee meetings. It is available on the Area website.
- I want to thank the Web Chair and the Area Secretary for assisting me on getting the WRAP Sheet out in a timely manner.

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- If you did not get a copy of the GFP, I put some extra copies on the table.

Literature Report by: Terry H

- Discussed how the Mock Service Conference of April committee meeting helped get the job one at GSC.
- Discussed restocking of inventory of AA literature as the result of the literature inventory taken by the Lit. committee.
- Handed out 2015 literature catalogue
- Markings on the Journey will be shown tonight at 7:30-8:00 – popcorn & free soft drinks. Come early to get a good seat.
- Service manuals!

Grapevine Report by: Jerry W reporting for Andi S

- Exciting news about GV subscriptions – now \$15 off until July 31st.
- We discussed ideas from 10 different districts – everything from Grapathons, to fund raiser at conferences, taking old GVs to doctors' offices, taking them for delays in flights, how to have a writing workshop, submitting photos of AA halls, and 7 minute stories on the phone.
- We are excited about the incentives going on at the Grapevine.

Public Information Report by: Rich S

- Had 23 people from 15 districts.
- Read memo from the PI desk at GSO on social media anonymity.
- Dist. 5 - will be advertising at bus stops.
- Dist. 14 - literature in hospitals, treatment centers, and courts.
- Dist. 23 – making contact face-to-face having better luck that way instead of letters.
- Dist. 10 – roving billboard
- Dist. 30 – P.S.A.s on T.V.

Special Needs Report by: Terry L reporting for Raechelle R

- 16 in attendance
- Special Needs committee agreed that special needs can cover many things & we touched a number of subjects.
- Among those were providing handicapped accessibility, providing access for the blind & deaf, mentally ill, and homebound. Also we discussed the need to take meetings into jails and nursing homes. Also having meetings online as via conference call.
- Remainder of time focused on child care. It was determined that many groups have an issue with childcare – the need for it, and avoiding distractions. Several suggestions offered:
 - Members taking turns being the designated babysitter
 - Making certain meetings closed & therefore child free
 - Handling any disruptions through a group conscience.
 - Using a glass partition to separate kids from meeting, but parents can see them.
 - Chairperson should officiate and keep distractions at a minimum.

Treatment Report by: Tom L

- Great meeting with 25 in attendance from 12 districts.
- Discussed Bridging the Gap and how it is working in District 8.
- Tom had the opportunity to be of service at Atlanta in the Treatment booth – met a lot of people.
- One group provides rides to meetings.
- Pratt takes a big book study to a counseling center.
- Wichita committee gave a presentation to staff at a new detox center with Q&A time.
- Dist. 11 takes meetings to Larned & Ellsworth facilities.
- One district is going to have a treatment seminar in March.
- Meetings going into Shawnee Mission detox.
- Grapevines donated to treatment centers. Phone lists with newcomer packet.
- Getting people to volunteer is a group task.

Web Report by: Virgil H

- 14 members present.
- Discussions we had were about what information is available on our website. WRAP sheet, meeting locations, area conference documents, agendas, group events, & more.
- Flyers for events are on the calendar.

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- Asked committee to keep in mind the changes that are coming and what our responsibilities will be. Think how we can help the Assembly to advance our communications. Perceive a need to educate GSRs & DCMs on our website.
- DCMs – please check whether info about meetings in your district is correct.

AROUND THE STATE

DCM Reports

District 1 Jim O, DCM: DCM personally visited all 6 groups in the last 2 weeks. He made sure every group had addresses for GSO, Area, & District. DCM started a dialogue with the new Colby Superintendent of Schools relative to prevention education. Goodland will have their annual campout August 14-16. The PI committee is now taking weekly meetings to the Thomas County Jail. An author, using a pseudonym of Ned L., is getting articles published in Goodland & Colby on alcoholism. Most groups are struggling with attendance & basket collections.

Memorials: Kyllie M, Downtown Group – one month.

District 5 Laura H, Alt. DCM: Dist. Quarterly Speaker meeting – Aug 15th, 8 PM, at New Beginnings, 321 No. Santa Fe, Salina, Ks, and 6 PM optional dinner at Coyote Canyon. Speaker – Justin G from Kiowa. Open positions: Chronicler, Special Needs, & Alt. Secretary. Monthly district meetings going well. Group 1 68th Anniversary Celebration Aug. 8th at Knights of Columbus Hall. Doors open 11:30, meal 12:00. Speaker – Mike G of Moundridge at 2 PM Martin Street – Labor Day Event, Mon, Sept 7th. (Food, Fun, Fellowship) at 6:30 PM, Speaker at 8 PM – Jesse P of Topeka. A week ago – New Beginnings Group celebrated 33 years & had a big anniversary celebration.

District 6 J C R, DCM: District 6 continues to have active groups within our counties. Not all the groups send GSRs to the district meetings; however, they are active as they assist alcoholics with a desire to stop drinking. There is joy watching members talking with someone new after the meetings in all the district's meetings I have attended. Our district will have an inventory within the next 3 months. Thank you to Sharon F, CFC Chair, for her assisting our CFC & those taking meetings into the Riley County Jail. She helped resolve a matter concerning an inmate receiving Grapevines. The jail will receive a bundle of Grapevines for its library. This will allow all inmates to enjoy the Grapevine. Also, a thank you to Virgil H., Web Chair, for his continued assistance with the district meetings & calendar at kansas-aa.org. Lastly, thanks to Heather G., our KASO manager, for her enduring efforts as a conduit of AA information.

District 8 Sheri P, DCM: Activities: Sat., Aug 1st, District 8 is hosting a Traditions Speaker – Jim H (Past Delegate/Panel 50) will be speaking. 7:00-9:00 PM at Christ Lutheran Church, 3509 SW Burlingame Rd, Topeka, Ks. Topeka Area Banquet is Sunday, Aug. 11 at Kansas Expocentre Heritage Hall, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Fried chicken, rolls, drinks & dessert will be provided. Bring a side dish. They will have an ice cream social Friday night before the event at Memorial Saturday Night Group, 3509 SW Burlingame Rd, starting at 7:00 PM. Ebony Group is having their 28th Anniversary on Aug. 22, Garfield Park, 6:30-9:30 PM. Bring a side dish. District 8 is hosting "Bridging the Gap Seminar" March 12, 2016. Time TBD, Crestview United Methodist Church, 2245 SW Eveningside Dr., Topeka. Flyer available at Jan. Assembly. We had 26 in attendance at our district meeting 7/14/15. We currently have 30 groups registered.

Memorials: Sam T, 31 years.

District 9 Bob H, DCM: Dist. 9 is Wyandotte & Leavenworth counties in eastern Kansas. Continue to carry the message behind the walls of county jails, State & Federal facilities. Also treatment centers. Newcomer packets & sobriety cards with open meeting schedule on back. District 9 Round Robin is 9/27/15.

Memorial: Mella Dee D, 27 yr., Parklane

District 10 Janet B, DCM: We have had good attendance at our District meetings and are working on a few projects. PI Committee is going to get some books & audio CDs of conference approved literature to give to public libraries in our district. We have seen an increase in participation in corrections training to take meetings into the

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Residential Center. We also handed out a survey to groups in our district to get their feedback on what they want from the District – how to spend the money collected & what services they would like to see. There have been many group anniversaries and picnics going on throughout the district – lots of opportunity for great fellowship.

Memorials: Everett G, Lenexa Group with 20+ years of sobriety
Richard ____, Shawnee Group with unknown sobriety.

District 12 **Mike M, Alt. DCM:** 6 members from District 12 attended the 2015 International Convention in Atlanta, Ga. Brought back enthusiasm for the happiness, freedom & joy we experienced. Annual Pig Feed is Oct. 10, 2015 at 17th & Hubbard, Great Bend, Ks. Doors open at noon for fellowship. Open mic speakers & 4:00 PM. 5:00 PM until everyone is pigged out.

Memorials: Herb F, Great Bend Grapevine – 34 years.

District 13 **Don L, DCM:** We have 13 groups; about ½ take part in district meetings (2nd Sunday of each month at 1:00 PM – rotate meeting to groups). Fall Fellowship Fiesta is Nov. 14, 2015, at Newton Group, 221 sE 14th, Newton, Ks. Registration opens at 2:00 p.m., speakers – Delegate Don G, (Salina), CPC Chairperson Josh R (Manhattan). 8:00 PM speaker Gary P, (Newton). Hillsboro Grand Ave. Group celebrated 1 year anniversary. Start by a member with about 4 months of sobriety at the time – group is going strong & growing.

District 14 **Mike C, DCM:** 12 groups in District 14, all seem to be doing well. Aug. 3rd is our district picnic at Hamond Park in Emporia. Aug. 8th is Council Group's picnic at the Council Grove Lake. Aug. 15th is the Carbondale group's Picnic in the Pasture. Will have BBQ for 250-300 people. Everyone is welcome. North of Carbondale, Ks. Taking jail meetings into Osage County & Lyon County jails.

District 15 **Dennis B, DCM:** Dist. 15 Round Robin was April 26; net profit \$144. Special thanks to Josh L Iola for smoked meat! Sherri P for State Conf. Reg. Dist. Meeting 7/12/15 – 6 groups active. 8 groups total in 6 counties. GSR reports: Pomona – Todd M. “No Fights Just 8-15 drunks”. Louisburg: Ed G “Afloat – 3/5”. Osa/Paola: Sean D – New treatment fac. 16+ on Sat, 4-5 rest of time. Garnett: Jim Y – 4-5 attending. Iola: Josh L, Thurs. Book Study, 10-12 attending. Ottawa: Dennis S – going good, send newcomers.

Memorials: Richard B, Garnett, 42 years. Bob F, Pomona, 39 years.

District 16 **Mike S, DCM:** Aug 1, Districts 16 & 17 Fall Fellowship & Delegate Report will be in Montezuma. Aug 22, District 16 Panel Workshop on Service & Sponsorship in Satanta. Planning a District 16 Round Robin for 2016. Garden City Group – Picnic in the Park, Sept 26, 2015. Hugoton Round Robin, Oct 4, 2015. Dec 5-6 – Garden City Round Robin.

Memorials: Marty K, Ulysses – 32 years. Tony E, Syracuse, unknown length of abstinence.

District 17 **Terry L, DCM:** 5 active groups in 5 counties. 2nd annual Family Fun Day in May was a big success and we plan to shoot for #3. One thing we have learned is to check & double check to make sure there are no other AA related activities going on that could conflict with our own event. Work in progress & learn as we go. Please attend the District 16 & 17 (joint) Fall Fellowship on Aug 1st at Stauth Museum in Montezuma, Ks. Speakers, Food, Delegate report from Don G.

District 18 **Anissa P, DCM:** District 18 consists of 6 counties in South Central Ks. August 9th is our district picnic in Pratt, Kansas. We are taking a meeting into the Bill Johnson Correctional Center. We have groups taking meetings into the local counseling center & mental health facility. We are working in the community to get info to the public including hospitals & the court system. We have several 24 hour hotlines. We are taking meetings into a treatment center & local jail., putting literature in hospitals, and have PSAs on 4 radio stations in southern Kansas & northern Oklahoma.

District 19 **Juaquina B, DCM:** Nurse Fair at the Hyatt Regency was July 14th. Participated in Health Fair. Round Robin Aug 16th Manisa Park, 9 am – 1 pm. Pot luck, meat provided, John R from Area 25 giving history of AA & Dong G giving Delegate report. June 6th 80 Years of AA Party, 120 in attendance. Everyone in the district continues to work hard. Pick up a Scoop to tell you what's going on in District 19; it is now our official newsletter. CPC & PI chairs working on PSA. Sent AA email to district 308. Treatment is working on getting meetings to treatment center. Traditions Group had the Classic Combo. Newcomers Group – Area CPC & PI chairs did a

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workshop. Trudgers – have a speaker mtg. 1st Friday of the month with dinner. Traditions Group – having a Traditions Workshop on July 19th on Traditions 10 & 12, 4 PM.

Districto 20 Fermin DCM: Conpaneros de AA. Les informa que el distrito #20 se movio de lugar. La Direxion es 1931 S Seneca, Wichita, Ks 6667213. Tamvien les inform que la Convencion Nacional Hispana en New Orleans, Louisiana, Sep 4-5-6. Tel. 504-584-3959 si quieven aser reserbaciones. Ya tenemos el Cemite para nuestro cacuento Hispano que se yebarer a cobo en Wichita, Ks en 2016. Les daremos los detalles mas aoclante sera en junio. Tamvien les inform que estamos Formande un Cemile de informacion al public. Cerdonador armondo e alterno enriquec.

District 21: David S, DCM: Hosting Southeast Serenity Conference Oct 3 in Sedan, at Sedan Elementary School. Theme is Serenity Through Sponsorship. AA Speaker – Tom H. Al-Anon speaker Terry M. Sponsorship workshop. Raffle. District meeting in May included good discussion on expanding Public Information efforts, including radio PSAs, newspaper notices and local access TV. Blue card for professionals newsletter effort underway. Mr. Kay M of New Hope Group in Wellington celebrated 53 years. Caldwell Group instituted speaker meeting on Sunday nights at 7 PM. Sedan Group will hold Eatin' Meetin' on Monday, July 20, from 6-8 PM. AA members from Bartlesville, OKla, coming to share about sponsorship.

Memorials: Roy P, 12 & 12 group in Winfield. Cecil S, Winfield/Cedarvale/Sedan – 30 plus yrs. Travelin' Tom, Winfield 12 & 12, approx.. 32 years.

District 22 Sam W, DCM: Independence Round Robin & Dist. 22 “Eat, Meet & Speak” Aug 9, 2015. SE Serenity Conference 10/3/15 at Sedan, Ks. Have 2 groups represented this weekend from Dist. 22. Still taking meetings into the Oswego Correctional Facility bi-weekly.

Memorials: Earl R, Iola Group, 7 yrs. Sobriety. “Pete”.

District 23 Nicole B, Alt. DCM: We will be hosting the Delegate for a district event in October. District 23 includes Lawrence, Lecompton, Oskaloosa, Eudora & Baldwin City. There are 21 active groups in District 23 and the majority of the Committee chairs are filled. Nuts & Bolts & Simply AA will be hosting an AA history workshop in April. Various groups having upcoming anniversary gatherings.

District 26 Jim I, DCM: Dist. 26 consists of Cloud & Republic counties. 4 groups in Concordia, 1 in Clyde, 1 in Belleville, 1 in Scandia. No planned activities for this quarter. Gateway Group had their picnic in June – raffled off 25 cent tickets for Registration & Hotel room for Area 25 Conference.

District 27 Narcisco E, DCM Companeios en alcoholicos animinos del Area 25 del Edoders, Reciban un Salodo de los compancelos servidores del Distrito 27 del Edorde Ks., y esten go sacudode Felices 24 hrs. disobredac, emcompania deso a preciable familia. Nuestro Dto, Senlona los dias. 1st y 3d Domingo decoda ures delas 10:00 AM a los 12:00 PM con los dofesentos coumiteos I.P. vique audiovioa y se soquen danso talleres enbel Dto, y dofe & entos grupos, a cabanco se vivio neosibo 13vo en cuentio Hispano dey el cuesde junio a qui en Doge City, gracias posso a poyo 12-13 y 14 – Se sigue pasando el messaju en la ostacios de radio la 1160 los Domingos y muchos de nosotios vivimos la experiencia – En Atlanta Georgia – de su per vivene la delos 80 anos de Happy – Joyous nad Free at entamento.

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District 30 Tama C, GSR: Had a bowling part the last of June with very poor attendance. Had a cookout July 11th with fairly good attendance. We will be having another bowling party July 25th & we are hoping for better attendance. Our district is really struggling, people just don't want to get involved. We do carry the message into Butler County Jail for the men & women. Poor attendance at district meetings. We have 6 groups in District 30 with only 3 groups that support the district.

District 31 Jose R, MCD: We have 7 active groups. Our district meeting is every 3rd Sunday of the month from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. There are unity meetings held in each group every 2 weeks. (we) go to visit other groups.

Respectfully submitted - Dave R, Area 25 Secretary