

FALL 2025 Edition

Grape Free Press



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THE TWELVE STEPS OF ALCOHOLIC 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 the people 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.

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

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

Areas Assembly October 17 & 18th Salina, KS Quality Inn

Friday October 17

Budget Committee met and followship with ice cream followed.

Saturday July 20th

Committee Reports:

Accessibilities – Jessica

- **ChatGPT said:**
- **Jan 17: Regional Forum for Deaf members (online)**
- **Translators: English, Spanish, Quebec French**
- **Info: deaafa.org**
- **District 5:**
- **Exploring accessibility issues**
- **Considering group survey on accessibility challenges and solutions**
- **Working on display; materials from GSO**
- **Open to suggestions on learning topics**

Al-Anon Liaison: Brenda G.

- **Event:** 2016 Al-Anon Alateen Conference
- **Dates:** June 12–14, 2026
- **Location:** DoubleTree by Hilton Airport
- **Theme:** “Glow Party for Hope”
- **Registration Fees:**
- Conference: \$30
- Banquet: \$40
- **Registration Opens:** November (paper and online)
- **Confirmed Speakers:**
- Jason B. (AA Speaker) – Kansas City, MO
- BJ M. (Al-Anon Speaker) – Dallas, TX
- Joan K. (Al-Anon Delegate)

? Chronicler: Eric D.

- Meeting Attendees: Representatives from districts 19, 5, and 4
- Actions Taken:
- Sent requests for group histories to GSRs in districts 14, 15, and 16
- Included most recent group histories where available
- Reviewed Archives
- Google Drive Update:
- Archives storage now requires two-factor authorization
- Eric D. approved the change
- Question raised about transfer process for future Chroniclers

Corrections – Jeramie S.

- 7 districts represented; 12 people present
- Discussed corrections conference/call with Darin S.
- 3 new jails have started programs
- Yellow Can funds to pay for *Grapevine* subscriptions for smaller facilities
- Ongoing issue: difficulty getting literature into KDOC (fentanyl concerns)
- Seeking solution for literature access
- New Kansas Area 25 correspondence/pre-release process – handled by Lisa; separate PO Box established
- Top literature sales:
 - M-2's wallet cards – 450
 - Plain Language Big Book – 200
 - 12x12 – 100
- Total literature sales this quarter: \$1,285
- Current balance: \$8,460.25
- Suggestion: Corrections and *Grapevine* committees collaborate to use extra funds to send more *Grapevines* into jails
- Incoming Corrections Chair: Mike D.
- Appreciation extended to committee members: Lisa, Abby, Sharon, Salley T., and Melissa
- Closing thanks for opportunity to serve

Cooperation Professional Community – Sallie T.

- Committee actively shared message with the Professional Community over past 2 years
- Participated in multiple events and outreach opportunities
- Invited to:
 - American School Counselors Association conference
 - Kansas School Nurses Association event
 - New event at Hutchinson College (invited to participate and assist)
- Experiences described as humbling, educational, and rewarding
- Expressed deep gratitude for opportunity to serve and for community support
- Transitioning to a new life chapter but remaining active in service as guided by Higher Power
- Closing thanks for the opportunity to serve

Grape Free Press – Kim H.

- 5 districts represented; 14 people present
- Spanish version distributed with good translation
- Incoming Chair: Cliff S.
- District 20: Hosting a Christmas Celebration
- District 27: Hosting a Tradition Event

Grapevine & La Viña – Darin S.

- Discussed ways to make the *Grapevine* more visible
- Suggested *Grapevine* subscription giveaway
- District 14: Raffles subscriptions at speaker events; distributes copies to jails and libraries
- District 13: Raffles at speaker events; planning a workshop next year
- *Grapevine* app includes podcasts and daily quotes

Literature – Ann S.

- Discussed the Quarterly Newsletter
- GSO Update: 10% off new and revised conference-approved literature (Oct 15, 2025–Jan 15, 2026)
- 2025 Conference Advisory Actions:
- Revised pamphlet: *12 Steps Illustrated*
- *AA for the Native North American* – settled Indigenous people in AA
- Revision to *Questions & Answers on Sponsorship* pamphlet
- Current Projects:
- *5th Edition Big Book* – expanded content drafts under review:
- Appendix III: *The Medical View on AA*
- Appendix XU: *The Religious View on AA*
- Subcommittee reviewing recommendations for new personal stories
- Multiple pamphlet project updates in progress
- Offered to email additional information
- Discussed literature use in groups and districts

Public Information – Bob H.

- 3 districts represented: 10, 19, and 20
- 5 people in attendance
- Discussed topics: bus wraps, information cards, and PSAs
- Focused discussion on the messages being carried and exploring new options/solutions
- Customizable information cards to meet area-specific needs
- Acknowledged that AA newcomers are constantly changing

Treatment – Tagan E.

- 6 districts represented; 9 people present
- Requested access to phone numbers for Area 25 DCMs
- Discussed etiquette and maintaining positive relationships with treatment facilities
- Volunteer recruitment and vetting remain ongoing challenges
- Treatment committees vary in volunteer screening processes
- Treatment work strengthens sobriety for volunteers and introduces many new members to AA

Web – Brett G.

- 5 districts represented; 5 people present
- Discussed guidelines for listing meetings online
- Emphasized importance of keeping meeting information current
- Alt Web Chair resigned; replacement identified and will receive training
- District 5: Local speakers available online (e.g., Doyle)
- District 7: Transitioning to use of QR codes
- Encouraged continued submission of events and meeting updates
- Discussed integrating analog and digital approaches
- Expressed gratitude for opportunity to serve; described experience as a blessing and valuable learning opportunity

Memorials:

Don Slatter	25 years		District 2
Martin B.	22years	Group 1	District 5
Don G.	26 years	8 th St. Group	District 5
Luanne Moore	40 years		
Derry P.	31 years		District 26

- **The Proposed Budget:**

The Proposed Budget was read by Cheryl H. and she informed the Area that printed copies of the Budget will be available at the January Assembly.

- **Drawing of Even Districts for 2026:**

Accessibilities	30	PI	10
Chronicler	26	Treatment	14, 18
Corrections	8		
CPC	4, 16	Web	2, 22
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Literature	6, 24		

- **Prudent Reserve Ad hoc:**

Melissa B., Area Chair, dissolved the Prudent Reserve Ad Hoc, as her term as Chair is ending.

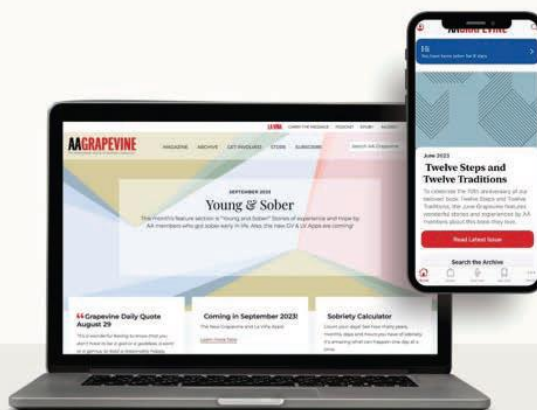
Upcoming Events

- November 14-16, 2025, Southwest Regional Forum, Albuquerque New Mexico
- January 16-18, 2026, Area Assembly, Quality Inn, Salina
- March, Corrections Conference, Hays
- April 10-11, 2026, Area Committee Meetings, Quality Inn, Salina
- July 17-19, 2026, Area Assembly, Quality Inn, Salina
- September, Area Conference, Great Bend
- October 9-11, SWAARSA, Baytown- Houston
- October 16-17, 2026, Area Committee Meetings, Quality Inn, Salina

Please go to ks-aa.org for specific event details and flyers!!!

Grapevine Digital Subscription

Includes access to:
The App and the Website



BOX 459

- 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 (also see Board Calendar here)
 - sharing from groups and service committee
 - sharing from individual A.A. members in the U.S./Canada



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