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HELLO AREA 25,

It's time. Registration is officially open for the 69th Annual Kansas Area 25 Conference, and we are gathering **September 18–20, 2026** in Great Bend, Kansas. This year's theme is "Humility in Service" and it could not be more fitting. None of us got here alone, and weekends like this remind us why we stay and how we keep going.

We have a full weekend planned, including:

* Speakers * Big Book Workshop * Meditation Meetings * Trivia and Bingo * Ice Cream Social

And so much fellowship! Whether this is your first conference or your fiftieth, there is a place for you here!

Pre-registration is now open for \$25. You can register and view details here: <https://ks-aa.org/conference/> See the initial flyer on page 4. Please share it with your groups, your friends, and anyone who might need to be in that room.

More details, including speaker times and hotel information, will be shared soon. For now, save the date, register, and plan to join us. We are building something special, and we would love for you to be part of it.

In love and service, Area 25 Conference Committee

DELEGATE REPORT

Hello Area 25,

- It's been a busy couple of months. The Southwest Kansas Conference in Garden City the second weekend of January was well attended despite the seven inches of snow that fell on Friday.
- The General Service Board met at the end of January, the minutes are available at: ks-aa.org/document/2026-q1-gsb-board-and-committee-meeting-reports-draft/
- The General Service Conference Agenda items and background materials are up on the Area 25 Website, you will find them under the "Delegate Corner" tab. Looking forward to seeing you at the Area 25 Committee meeting in April, where we'll have a pre-conference meeting to discuss Agenda items that you believe are important to the Area and AA as a whole.
- The General Service Conference will be in New York City April 25 -May 2. If your group or district would like to have a Delegate Report after Conference, please email me at delegate@ks-aa.org I attended the SW Region Delegate Assembly in Oklahoma City the second weekend of March. It's a meeting of the region's past delegates with a goal of preparing sitting delegates for the Conference.

It's truly a privilege to serve Area 25 and I'm grateful for the opportunity. Carpe Diem.

Ken S.

Public Information Committee

- For the PI Chair position, I met with the committee, and we talked about the PI workbook that is put out by the GSO. There are a lot of ideas to implement there, and I am hoping districts have the chance to do so.
 - In our district, we have a CPC/PI committee, and we visited the 4 of the 5 male oxford houses in our town and district (we had bad information on the time of the 5th house meeting). We introduced ourselves and made sure the guys there had meeting schedules and numbers and offered rides if anyone needs them to meetings. We set up a sign-up sheet so we can visit the house meetings several times a year, since there is a lot of turn over.
 - A member of the committee also dropped off a reprinted first edition of the Big Book at the public library. The district committee will meet again soon.
 - We hope to get copies of meeting schedules with contacts in the hands of many in the public.
- Best, Eric D.

Grapevine Committee

- As a Committee I want us to work on the Carry the Message Project the Grapevine has nothing more than bringing subscriptions up.
 - Frank with District 13 is wanting to have a Grapevine workshop this year sometime and every other Saturday to hold grapevine meetings.
 - Casey District 5 and District 20 both use Grapevine books in their meetings.
 - District 4 gave away 2 subscriptions to the round robin in February and 2 subscriptions to the corrections conference in March.
 - Jimmy C. district 10 buys subscriptions and takes them to places and lays them out.
- Thanks for allowing me to serve. Darin S.

Web Chair ks-aa.org

- I've spent a lot of time updating meeting listings and posting events for the upcoming year! It's been very rewarding to see all of the ways in which our area stays involved and invested.
- Also opened online registration is available for the 69th Annual Kansas Area 25 conference, which should be a fantastic time! I personally plan on attending.
- Everyone can register at <https://ks-aa.org/conference/>

I want to thank the Area for the opportunity to be of service!

Very respectfully, Jack G. Area 25 Web Chair webchair@ks-aa.org 404-771-5133

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Treasurer Report

- As of February 15, 2026: 25 groups, 2 districts and 3 individuals have made contributions to Area 25.
- I have been in contact with the accountant and have reviewed our 990 tax return. It will go to the Area Chair to be signed next.
- Our contribution to GSO for the delegate to attend the GSC has been sent.
- The financial reports for 2025 are on the Area website under finance, 2025. The approved budget is also on the website under finance 2026.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to be of service. In Love and Service, Cheryl H.

DISTRICT 8 Service Workshop “All About Home Groups” April 18, 2026

Our committee is currently finalizing logistics and organizing volunteers. The workshop will focus on strengthening service within home groups and helping members better understand opportunities for involvement at the district level. *(see the flyer on page 4)*

District 8 Highlights since the January Area Assembly:

- Planning and organizing the April 18 District 8 Service Workshop
- Coordinating district participation and volunteer needs for the workshop
- Continuing regular District meetings and committee report.
- At this time, I do not have any memorial submissions to report since January Assembly, but I will certainly pass those along if they are shared with the district. Thank you for the work you are doing to keep everyone informed.

In service, Kristin S. DCM, District 8

DISTRICT 27

April 10-11 Area 25 Committee Meetings in Salina

April 11 - 10th Anniversary of Olathe Hispano Group Josafat, 7 to 9 pm, 841 S. Cherry St, Olathe

April 18 -12th Anniversary of Compañero Gabriel from the group Almas Alegres, 723 Osage Ave, Kansas City, Ks, 7 to 8:30 pm

April 25 - 6th Anniversary of the Group Living Sober at 4307 Merriam Drive, Shawnee

May 16 – 40th Anniversary of the Unity Group in Wyandotte County Pierson Park 1818 S 59th St., Kansas City, KS, 5 pm onwards

May 22, 23 & 24 Issue 23rd Hispanic Encounter at Holiday Inn Wichita East I-35 by IHG Wichita

June 13 -14th Anniversary of the Resurrection Group at 1542 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, Ks, 5 to 7 pm after dinner and dancing.

June 27 -24th Anniversary of the Hispanic Olathe Group, 410 E Dennis Ave, Olathe, 5 pm onwards there will be dinner and dancing.

IN MEMORIAM: companion Tomas H., date of sobriety June of 1986 to March of 2026

Gerado R., DCM

69TH ANNUAL

KANSAS AREA 25 CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION OPEN!

SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2026

Humility in Service

GREAT BEND EVENTS CENTER
3111 10th St.
Great Bend, KS 67530

Join us for fun, fellowship and...

- Speakers!
- Big Book Workshop!
- Trivia!
- Ice Cream Social!
- Bingo!
- Meditation!

Register Today! Pre-registration \$25 (\$30 at the door)



REGISTER & FULL SCHEDULE
KS-AA.ORG



DISTRICT 8 PRESENTS

All About Home Groups

PANEL DISCUSSION & LUNCH

LEARN ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF HOME GROUPS IN AA!

APRIL 18TH

Doors Open: 11:00 AM
Lunch at 12:00 PM
Panel Starts at 1:00 PM

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2627 SW Western Ave • Topeka, KS 66611

→ SANDWICHES PROVIDED! →
BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE!

- Heather G of the Eighth St. AA group in Salina, KS
- Chris E of The Week That Was group in Manhattan, KS
- Marissa V of The Olathe Group in Olathe, KS
- Dave R of the Eye Opener group in Lawrence, KS



Back to Basics' 18th Group Anniversary

April 18th 2026

Liberty Foursquare Church
400 E. 7th Street
Hays, KS

10:00	Doors open (south-side entrance)
11:00	AA History, Eric D. from Hays, KS
11:30	AA Speaker, Frank H. from Newton, KS
12:00	BBQ lunch
1:00	AA Speaker, Autumn B. from Newton, KS

*Come for the fun & fellowship!
See you all there!*

- ✓ Pulled pork & drinks provided
- ✓ Please bring a covered dish

Questions? Call John B. 785-798-7230

FOUR REASONS

5th Anniversary

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH, 2026

4:00pm - Doors open
4:30pm workshop | 5:30pm potluck | 6:30pm raffle
7:00pm - Edith P. (Omaha, NE)

THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
8412 W. 95TH ST. OVERLAND PARK, KS 66212

ZOOM ID: 832 0683 4471 | PASSWORD: 964919

THE WEEK THAT WAS

49th Anniversary

SATURDAY APRIL 25TH

612 POYNTZ AVE, MANHATTAN, KS 66502
IN THE BASEMENT

APRIL 25TH	2026
11:00 AM	DOORS OPEN
12:00 PM	LUNCH-TACOS PROVIDED
12:30 PM	GROUP HISTORY
	BREAK/RAFFLE
1:30 PM	AL-ANON SPEAKER
2:45 PM	AA SPEAKER MELISSA B.
4:00 PM	RAFFLE/CLEAN UP


BRING A SIDE DISH AND A NEW COMER!!



DISTRICT 15

A.A. Round Robin

Sunday, May 3, 2026



Come for fellowship, food, and a fun time.

10:30 AM Doors Open.

12 PM Lunch (Please bring side dish. Meat will be provided.)


1 PM Speakers

Al-Anon Speaker: Lyn C. of the Jayhawk Group

AA Speaker: Jason S. of the Olathe Group

A raffle will be held in the afternoon
Location: Garnett, KS
Anderson County Community Building
Anderson County Fairground
From either US 59 or US 169,
turn on Park Road (KS-31).
Turn north on North Lake Road.
Turn left just north
of the football stadium.
For questions:
Call Bob 620-228-2232





DISTRICT 13's
31st ANNUAL

FAMILY ROUND ROBIN

Spreading the Seeds of Recovery!

Saturday
May 9th, 2026

Volunteer Hall

Harvey County East Lake
Newton, KS

Schedule:

2:00PM – Doors Open + Registration Begins

3:00PM – Kathy K. - Overland Park, KS
• Al-Anon Speaker - ESH

4:00PM – Jimmy Jack B. - Pratt, KS
• AA Speaker - ESH

5:00PM – Games & Fellowship
• Outdoor & Indoor Games
• Raffles + Bake Auction
• Group game for prizes with a chance to win an Area Conference Registration!

6:30PM – Sloppy Joes – Bring a Side Dish
(Buns, Condiments, Drinks & Table Service Provided)


7:15PM – Sobriety Countdown + Fast Cash Drawing

7:30PM – Mystery AA Speaker
• AA Speaker - ESH

NEW THIS YEAR:
GAMES & ACTIVITIES!

...AND, BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND,
THE BAKE AUCTION!

Directions & Map
Don't get lost and miss the fun, use GPS!
– QR code links to directions in Google Maps.



For More Information: Frank H. • 318-303-6775 • fhekeklajr@gmail.com

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WE ARE NOT SAINTS



MAY 22-24
2026

OKC | BRICKTOWN

ALOFT

209 N WALNUT AVE • OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104

REGISTRATION PRICING

Pre-Register: \$25 until 2.28.2026

Price Increases:

- March 1: \$30
- April 30: \$35 (Room block ends)
- At the Conference: \$40

SPEAKERS

Richie B – Los Angeles, CA
Steve C – Shawnee, OK
Sara V – Kansas City, KS
Al-Anon: Susan B – Tulsa, OK

LODGING

Special Room Rate: \$129 per night
Room Block Ends: April 30, 2026
Parking: \$10 PER DAY

REGISTER NOW
www.hacypaa.us





AUGUST 14-16, 2026

**LIBERTY FIRST
CREDIT UNION ARENA**
7300 Q STREET | OMAHA, NE 68127

SOBRIETY - THE GREAT LIFE!

CELEBRATE "SOBRIETY, THE GREAT LIFE!"

WITH THREE DAYS OVERFLOWING WITH GREAT SPEAKERS, FRIENDSHIP, FANTASTIC FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, AND SO MUCH MORE:

Feast and Fellowship: Our Hospitality Rooms in the banquet hall are your go-to for an assortment of delicious foods, snacks, freshly brewed coffee, and other beverages.

Tee Off in Style: Join our Golf Tournament on Friday, August 14. Whether you're aiming for a hole-in-one or just looking to enjoy the day, this flyer has all the details and the registration form.

Sweeten the Deal: Don't miss our Ice Cream Social in the banquet hall on Friday evening, right after the 8 pm speaker, for a treat that's as sweet as sobriety itself. Only \$5.00!

Dance the Night Away: Celebrate sobriety with your best moves at our Dance in the banquet hall on Saturday night.

You can register, sign up to volunteer, find lodging, and learn more at www.AA-Cornhusker.org.

Email CornhuskerAAroundup@gmail.com with questions.

Thank you for making this roundup a vibrant celebration of sobriety and the grand life it brings!



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36 ANIVERSARIO DE GRUPO NUEVA ESPERANZA

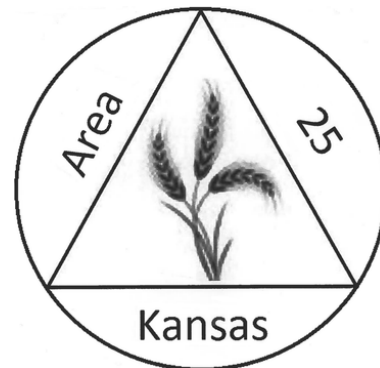
24 AL 25 DE ABRIL 2026

Ven y celebra la esperanza y la recuperación con nosotros en Dodge City, Kansas.

COORDINADORES:
 Toluca, Co.— Rudy, Denver Co.
 Reno, NV.— Gaby, Phoenix AZ.
 Phoenix, AZ.— Victor, Kc City
 Phoenix, AZ.— Jaime, Dodge City
 Jesus, Kc City.— Roberto Denver Co.

2408 W Wyatt Earp Blvd, Dodge House & Convention Center, Dodge City, Kansas 64801
 Reservas 620 225 9900

Poco a poco se va lejos
 primero es lo primero y
 a cada vivir





I wonder what they are all looking at in the corner of the room? Were they all in time out?
NOPE ! Just maintaining anonymity. This picture is un-redacted !

The Yellow Can Fund is used to gather contributions solely for the purpose of purchasing A.A. literature for alcoholics living inside correctional facilities within Area 25 Kansas.

Please mail your Yellow Can Fund contributions by check or money order to:

Yellow Can Fund – Area 25 PO Box 252 Clay Center, Kansas 67432

Please email questions to corrections@ks-aa.org.

MEMORIALS

Taken from the January 17, 2026 Area 25 Assembly Minutes

Terry N. – Garden City SOB unknown

Mike O. and Randy K. 42 years; Winners Grp

Anne M. 46 Years 11th; Step Grp -- Founding Member

Tom L. 51 Years; Beginners Grp

District 2: Bob Spears 44 years and Cody Harmon 6 months; Norton Grp

Jeremiah Bell 60 days; Hill City Grp

District 8: Nancy W. 42 years, Connie H. 50 years, Louanne M. 39 years and Tosha E. 30 years;

Saturday Morning Women’s Grp

District 10: John D. Newman 17 years and Julie (Jules) Burns 11 years; Olathe Grp

District 13: Pam Heller 29 years; St. E’s Grp

District 14: Bernie M. many years; Friends of Bill W. Grp

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## RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION

I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there.  
And for that: **I am responsible!**

## OUR PROMISES

"If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are halfway through. We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness. We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it. We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace. No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others. That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear. We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows. Self-seeking will slip away. Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change. Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us. We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us. We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves. Are these extravagant promises??? We think not. They are being fulfilled among us – sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. They will always materialize if we work for them."

*Alcoholics Anonymous pages 83 &*

### **2026 – SAVE THESE DATES !**

- 53<sup>rd</sup> KS Al-Anon & Alateen Conference  
June 12-14<sup>th</sup>, Wichita
- Area Assembly July 17-19<sup>th</sup>, Salina
- 49<sup>th</sup> Cornhusker Roundup August 14-16<sup>th</sup>  
Omaha, NE
- 69<sup>th</sup> Area Conference September 18-20<sup>th</sup>,  
Great Bend
- Bridging the Gap – National Workshop  
September 25-27<sup>th</sup>, Olathe
- Women to Woman: A Weekend Retreat of  
Women in Recovery October 2-4<sup>th</sup>,  
Linwood
- Area Committee Meetings  
October 16 & 17<sup>th</sup>, Salina

**AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE IS PLENTY OF ROOM FOR MORE TRUSTED  
SERVANT, COMMITTEE CHAIR AND DCM REPORTS!**

**JUNE 1<sup>st</sup> is the Submission Deadline for the Summer Issue**