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## SUMMER 2026

## AREA 25 CHAIR

Hello Area 25

July Assembly is fast approaching! Remember to get your rooms reserved if you haven't done so already! It is going to be a full and informative weekend and I hope to see all of you there. Attached and posted is the Agenda for our upcoming Area Assembly July 17-19 in Salina at the Wyndam Garden Inn and Suites. (see pages 9 & 10)

I am looking forward to welcoming Ken B. from Omaha, NE, Past Regional Trustee (West Central) and hearing what he has to share with us about the Spiritual Values of Tradition Seven & the Practical Application of the Prudent Reserve. Hope to see everyone there for this, it should be very informative!

Please feel free to call or email me with questions, input or anything I might be able to help with.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Area 25 Chair.

See You all in July!

Dee Yoesting, Area 25 Chair

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## TREASURER REPORT

Greetings Area 25

There is not a whole lot for me to report this quarter. I continue to go to the post office once a week and then I head to the bank. So, your contributions are being recorded. The 3 CDs matured in April. These were renewed and the $500 seed money was added to the SWRAASA CD. All bills are paid. The accountant has also completed a review of our first quarter profit and loss.

I will just remind everyone the address for Area 25 contributions is **Post Office Box 1752, Manhattan, Ks. 66505**. Most of the contributions come to this address but I still get a few that have been forwarded from the old address.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out.

In Love and Service

Cheryl H. **Area 25 Treasurer**

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## CPC COMMITTEE

Hi, I'm Pam Marker your area CPC. pammygaye@yahoo.com 719-355-9711. The year started off really slow with not many activities. I started off in March going to the corrections conference in Russell. June 6 I'll be giving a speech and going to simmer on fun day. In July I'll be going to a nurses conference in Wichita. In August, I'll be going to prep for their picnic. On Mondays, I go to the prison and Thursdays. I go to the jail for meetings. Thank you for letting me be of service.

## DELEGATE REPORT

Muchas gracias to the Encuentro Hispano de A.A. for your hospitality. The 23rd State Hispanic A.A. Convention was held at the Holiday Inn North in Wichita May 22-24. There were speakers from across the United States and Latin America with many different topics: What is AA?, Gratitude: A Way of Life, AA Saved My Life, There is a Solution, Sponsorship, Spirituality in AA and more. One of the high points for me was spending a little time with a past Delegate from the Mexico Conference and learning about how their conference operates.

And muchas gracias Area 25, for your support during Conference week, it was an incredible experience and I'm grateful to have been a small part of it. We covered a lot of ground through the week. The financial auditing firm believes we're in good shape; and there is a plan to start filling the Reserve Fund. There were a couple pamphlets and videos were approved; The 5th Edition book will be available sometime first quarter 2027 with one word edited in Chapter 7, and expect to see a draft of the 4th Edition Spanish language book at 77th GSC. The Final Conference Report will be printed for the 76th GSC. As of midnight May 1, AAWS owns the Everything AA app with approximately 1M users. The projected payback is eight months with no withdrawal from the Reserve Fund. There are a few Delegate reports scheduled, please note below. I hope to see many of you at the Area Assembly in Salina. As always, if you've got questions or something on your mind, please email me at delegate@ks-aa.org.

The Southwest Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly is October 9-11th in Baytown, Texas. Event information, registration and hotel can be found on the events page on the Area 25 website or https://www.swraasa2026.org

Are you registered for the 69th Annual Area 25 Conference in Great Bend?
With gratitude for the opportunity to serve,
Ken S. Area 25 Delegate

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| 6/4 | District 10 | Overland Park | 8/14-16 | District 4 Campout | Wilson Lake |
| 6/23 | District 8 | Topeka | 8/22 | District 16 | Garden City |
| 7/12 | District 6 | Manhattan | 9/18 | Area 25 Conference | Great Bend |
| 7/19 | Area Assembly | Salina | 11/8 | KC Intergroup with WAMO39 | |
| 8/1 | District 18 | Pratt | 11/14 | District 13 | Newton |

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

The Area public information committee met at the January area assembly and the April committee meeting. At the area assembly, we looked at the PI workbook put out by the General Service Office in order to get some ideas for districts to implement. In the committee meeting, we heard reports from the districts that were at the committee about their PI activities. It looks like the area guidelines give responsibility to the committee to do public information at the area level, and I would like to work on this in the future. Ideally, it would be nice if any member of the public that runs into alcoholics regularly knew how to direct them to AA, and that members of AA would be available to work with the newcomers and give them every chance of finding a solution. Personally, I did a presentation for Nursing students in February. I am happy to share that with anyone interested. There is a lot of work to be done--we can set up booths at health fairs, talk with service clubs like Lions, Kiwanis, Optimist, or Rotary. We can do presentations for nursing students, social work students, etc. We can make sure information about AA contacts are available where alcoholics hit a wall--interlock mechanics, police stations, etc. There can be outreach to Oxford houses, etc.

I would like to get an area committee that is perhaps a little more active and meets more regularly than at assemblies. We can do this over zoom or something like that.If anyone would like to be of service, they are most welcome to join the area committee. They can call me or email; my number is 785-432-0027.

Best,
Eric D.

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## GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE

District 10 is on fire with Grapevine, they donated 2 subscriptions at the Sunflower Roundup and are also willing to send to treatment facilities. As a committee we discussed how beneficial it would be to give away to newcomers or those not able to attend meetings in person, such nursing homes. Also talked about how the Grapevine apps would be a benefit and how useful they are. The Grapevine also has packets that are available for orders, you can either contact me for more information or the Grapevine.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Darin Staab
grapevine@ks-aa.org

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## LITERATURE COMMITTEE:

May 4, 2026 price increase on AAWS digital downloads including E-books and Audiobooks. For example, the Big Book is currently $11.99 and will increase to $14.99.

We have Service Manuals for sale for $6, if you pay in cash it is $5. We have English and Spanish. This is the only literature available for sale or to take. The remaining material is for display only to help us become familiar with literature. Having said that, if there are multiple pamphlets you may take them but leave the last one.

Also, we have birthday and group contribution envelopes available to take.

We briefly reviewed the AA Guidelines, the yellow sheets that are available from GSO (there are 18 topics in a packet). We read a little in the 'Conference, Convention, and Roundups' Guidelines about taking pictures in meetings. There is so much information in them.

We also looked at the 'Literature' Guidelines and read about the purpose of the literature committee.

Thank you!
Michele R.
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## MEMORIALS

**District 6: "Big" Dave Vinduska passed April 16, 2026 with 48 years of sobriety**
**Rest in peace our friend!**

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HAVING PROBLEMS READING THESE FLYERS ???

Check out our website **KS-AA.ORG** EVENTS v CALENDAR v






# Class A Trustee Opening

Please find information from GSO below regarding an open Class A Trustee service position. If you would like more information or are interested in applying, please contact Ken S., our Area Delegate via email at delegate@ks-aa.org.

**Class A Trustee Service Opportunity**

Following the 77th General Service Conference (GSC) in April 2027 there will be one (1) opening for a Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee to serve on the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous (GSB). The trustees' Nominating Committee asks trustees, delegates, and directors to reach out to appropriate candidates for Class A Trustee and encourage them to consider serving Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.).

Class A Trustees serve up to two consecutive three-year terms. Since the experience the Class A Trustees offer is valuable to the GSB their availability and attendance at the meetings noted below is critical. Applicants are encouraged to discuss this time commitment with their family and employer.

- Three Quarterly Board weekends - meetings typically run from Friday through Monday noon.
- A fourth Quarterly meeting combined with the annual GSC (seven days) in April/May.
- Special meetings of the board as needed.
- Trustees serve on committees of the GSB and may also serve on trustees' subcommittees involving multiple video conference calls, including weekends, weekdays, and evenings.
- Rotational attendance at Regional Forums.
- May be asked to serve two years on either the A.A. World Services, Inc. or AA Grapevine corporate boards, which meet more frequently than the GSB and include possible corporate board subcommittees.
- Frequently invited to participate in regional or area activities such as service conferences, area assemblies and other A.A. events as assigned.

Trustees are reimbursed for travel, hotel, and meal expenses.

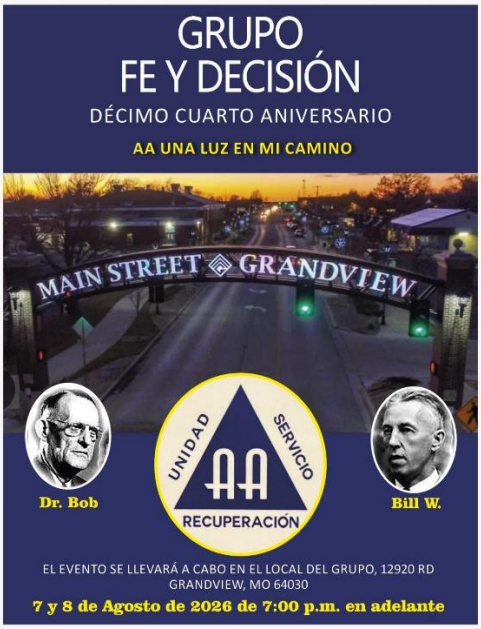
In seeking applications for the GSB, the trustees' Nominating Committee is committed to creating a large applicant file of qualified people reflecting the inclusiveness and diversity of A.A.

Class A Trustees are chosen from a variety of professional backgrounds, including accounting, clergy, corrections, education, finance, health care, law, medicine, military, psychology, social work, and science. Candidates are invited to include statements demonstrating interest in Alcoholics Anonymous, leadership skills and characteristics, a proven track record in their professional field, experience as a board member, and experience working with A.A. and its members.

Candidates can submit their business or professional resume using this resume submission link, by email to nominating@aa.org or send by mail to Secretary, trustees' Nominating Committee GSO, PO Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163 by **August 31, 2026.**

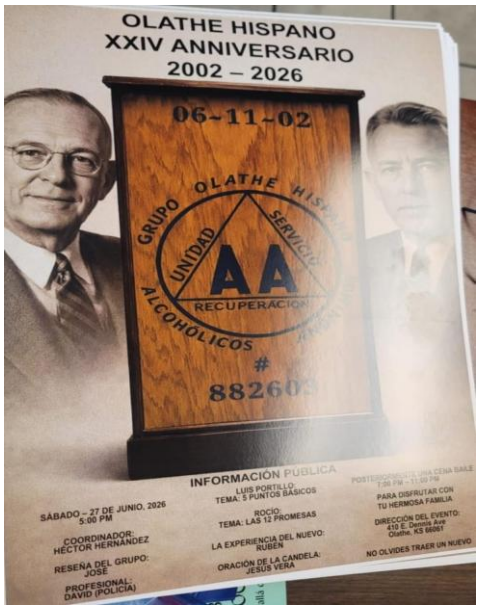
## DISTRICT 27:

- June 13 14th Anniversary of the Resurrection Group 1542 Minnesota Ave Kansas City KS 66102
- June 27 24th anniversary of the Hispanic Olathe group 410 E. Dennis Ave Olathe, KS 66061
- July 3 12th anniversary of compañero Juan H of Grupo Fe y Esperanza 7619 Parallel PKWY Kansas City, KS 66112
- August 8 14th Anniversary of Faith and Decision Group 12920 RD Grandview, MO 64030
- August 22 17th Anniversary of Faith and Hope Group Compañera KATY 7619 Parallel PKWY Kansas City, KS 66112
- August 29 4th anniversary of the group, a new day at Garfield Park, 1600 NE Quincy St, Topeka, KS 66608










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**SABADO 27 DE JUNIO 5 PM**

**POSTERIORMENTE UNA CENA BAILE 7 - 11 PM**

# 69th ANNUAL

KANSAS AREA 25 CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION OPEN!

**SEPTEMBER 18 – 20, 2026**

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# KANSAS AREA 25 ASSEMBLY

**July 17-19, 2026 AGENDA**

Wyndham Garden Inn & Suites, Salina, KS

**FRIDAY, July 17th**

6:30PM KAAAAI Board meeting

**SATURDAY, July 18th**

9:00AM-10:00AM **DCM Workshop** = Mike D. **GSR Workshop** = Bridget B.

10:15AM-11:30 AM **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

| Committee | District | Chair |
|---|---|---|
| Accessibilities | 7, 17, 30 | Jessica B. |
| Chronicler | 19, 26 | Jeramie S. |
| Corrections | 5, 8, 31 | Mike D. |
| Cooperation Professional Community | 3, 4, 16 | Pam M. |
| GrapeFree Press | 12, 27 | Cliff S. |
| Grapevine | 13, 20 | Darin S. |
| Literature | 6, 23, 24 | Michele R. |
| Public Information | 10, 15, 21 | Eric D. |
| Treatment | 9, 14, 18 | Tagan E. |
| Web | 2, 11, 22 | Jack G. |

11:30AM – 1:00PM **LUNCH** *on your own* (Area 25 Conference Committee Meeting)

1:00PM – 2:00PM **DELEGATES REPORT**

2:00PM – 3:30PM **COMMITTEE REPORTS** **Please keep reports under 3 minutes**
**Please provide a written report to the Secretary after presentation.**

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**DCM REPORTS & MEMORIALS**

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**SATURDAY, July 18th continued**

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| 3:45PM – 5:00PM | ***Spiritual Values of Tradition Seven & the Practical Application of the Prudent Reserve*** Ken B., Omaha, NE; Past Regional Trustee (West Central) |
| 5:00PM | **DINNER** *on your own* |
| 8:00PM | **AA Meeting** chaired by a *Mystery Member of the Fellowship* |

**SUNDAY, July 18th**

**8:30AM – 12:00PM** **CLOSED BUSINESS MEETING**

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| Opening of the Assembly | Dee Y. |
| Roll Call | Kaylon J. |
| Secretary Report/Minutes | Sonia F. |
| Treasurer Report | Cheryl H. |
| KAAAAI Board Report | Jeramie S. |
| Delegate Report | Ken S. |
| Alternate Delegate Report | Melissa B. |
| Alternate Chair Report | Kaylon J. |
| 2026 Area25 Conference Report | Jessie M. |
| Ad-Hoc Prudent Reserve | Cheryl H. |

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Elect a candidate for Southwest Regional Trustee from Area 25

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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| September 18-20th 2026 | 69th Area Conference, Great Bend |
| October 9-11th 2026 | SWAARSA, Baytown-Houston. TX |
| October 16-17th 2026 | Area Committee Meetings, Wyndham Garden Inn, Salina (same location- new name) |
| January 15-17th 2027 | Area Assembly, Wyndham Garden Inn, Salina (same location- new name) |