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GRAPEVINE DAILY QUOTE BOOK **September 9, 2026**

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less."

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AREA 25 CHAIR

Hello Area 25
Here we are, coming up on another Area 25 Conference just around the corner. Hopefully everyone has gotten registered and will be there. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Great Bend Center Sept 18th through the 20th. Also just around the corner is our Area 25 Committee Meetings Saturday, October 17th at the Wyndom Garden Inn, Salina, KS. Hope to see all of you there as well. I have included the Agenda here as well (see page 7). If anyone has any questions or if I can be of service to you in any way please feel free to contact me. Thank you for allowing me to be of service to Area 25.

In Love and Service,
Dee Y. Chair, Area 25 Kansas
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TREASURER REPORT

Greetings Area 25,
I hope everyone has had a fabulous summer and are ready to move right on into Fall and Winter. I am not!!! I am a hot weather summer kind of gal. But enough of that, onto what is going on with your Area 25 treasury.

I want to start by saying thank you to all the groups, districts and individuals who have been contributing. We continue to get a good number of contributions from groups, a few districts and some individuals. This is good! In October at the Area Committee meetings, we will be working on the budget for next year 2027. We base our budget on the previous year's contributions. What that means is if you want to continue to be able to support the Area Committees, make contributions to the General Service Board, have a nice place to hold our Assemblies and Committee meetings, etc. we need your support. **And what all this means is we are trying to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the still suffering alcoholic. This is what we are doing with the contributions.** I am fascinated when I think about the fact that Alcoholics Anonymous is self supporting! We take no money from the outside. It starts with your home group. You pay rent and buy supplies with money from your members, the Districts hold meetings and pay rent, buy coffee, and support their district chairs. Then we move up to the Area level. Area 25 in 2025 had expenses of $25,500 and we budgeted for $31,750 for 2026. Then there is the General Service Board. This of course is in the millions of dollars to support this. Again, the Area and the GSB expenses are paid through self support and we do it all to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous, I know I am very grateful I received the message of Alcoholics Anonymous and if you are reading this I am sure you are too. I want to thank you all for your support of Area 25 and know we are doing a great job of carrying the message.

When you send in your contributions could you please write on the check the name of the group who is making the donation. Sometimes I see a group number but if you have ever looked at the Area Roster you will know it is hard to find that group. Adding the district number would be helpful also. If I at least have the name of the group I can usually find the district. I just want to make sure and credit the correct group for the contributions.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Area 25 Conference.
And as always, thank you all again for allowing me to serve as your Area 25 Treasurer.
In Love and Service,
Cheryl H.

DELEGATE REPORT

Wow, almost September already. Looking forward to the 69th Annual Area 25 Conference in Great Bend. It's always a great time of fun and fellowship, and I know the committee has been working hard to get things ready.

Had a good time at the District 4 campout at Lake Wilson In August. Thanks to John, the District and the folks who did the cooking for the hospitality. This was their 40th year and the longest sobriety in attendance was 49 years. Put it on the calendar for next year!

Ken T., Trustee's Conference Committee Chair, hosted two informational Touchpoint meetings with Chris H., Area 58, Policy and Admissions Committee Chair, and myself as alternate chair to discuss the July Board weekend meetings. The committee discussed several cost-saving scenarios for future General Service Conferences, including hybrid and fully virtual formats. Please email your thoughts on that to me so I can send them to Chris, who is one of four delegate chairs of the Conference committees who will participate in October to provide additional input. The committee had no recommendations for the General Service Board. Another item that came up from the finance committee was the investment policy for the Reserve Fund. Members noted that the Reserve Fund has recently been invested exclusively in certificates of deposit (CDs), which have underperformed other investment options permitted under the current policy.

One of the Advisory Actions of the 73rd General Service Conference recommended that: *To foster unity, trust, and transparency in the Fellowship, the members of the General Service Conference meet outside of the annual meeting for general sharing sessions at least two times per year utilizing virtual meeting technology.* This will be August 27th and I've got a couple things on my mind. One concerns the process used by the Board to purchase the Everything AA app, the other is about the way the changing of the word in the first 164 pages was represented. The General Service Conference is a spiritual body that necessarily has to conduct business, and my belief is that the spiritual aspect was bypassed in both these actions.

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

As always, if you've got concerns, questions or just general comments, please email me at delegate@ks-aa.org

Grateful to be of service,

Ken S.

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ALTERNATE DELEGATE REPORT

Hello Area 25! Looking forward to seeing you at the Area Conference in Great Bend the weekend of Sept 18-19th. I highly encourage you to grab a newcomer, or old- timer and stick them in the car with you for this conference. There are always so many wonderful speakers and the fellowship is what always keeps my spirits high.

SWRAASA is coming up quick- October 9-11 in Baytown- Houston Texas. Please check out swraasa2026.org for hotel information and to register for the event! I would love to see many of you there. Please reach out to me if you have any questions regarding this event and I will do my best to get you an answer!

As always, if I can ever be of service to your home group or district, please feel free to reach out. I would not have the life I have today without AA, so I am willing to help give back anyway I can.

In love and service,
Melissa B. Alternate Delegate, altdelegate@ks-aa.org

ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

Area 25 Accessibilities has had multiple conversations about ways Districts in the Area can carry the message to those who may be unable to access meetings otherwise. Here are some of those ways:
1. Taking fliers about local meetings to your local VA hospital and asking if you can provide them to VA Clinicians who run any Treatment programs
2. Providing resources (or contact information for the Accessibilities chair for your district) to attendees who may need the Big Book in braille, or who may need a Plain Language Big Book (ie. alcoholics with TBI or who haven't had access to a lot of education).
3. Working within your district to find out what meetings are "child friendly". There was a discussion around how many meetings can't afford consistent child care, but who would still welcome alcoholics who have to bring their kids to a meeting for one reason or another. Once you find out what those meetings are, contact the web chair and provide him with this list so he can provide it to the Meeting Guide app as there is a "child friendly" category people can filter by.

Finally, Accessibilities hopes to run a mini-workshop at the January Assembly. Contact the Accessibilities Chair if anyone has a question or needs anything!

In love and service,
Jessica B. Accessibilities Chair, Area 25 Kansas
email: accessibilities@ks-aa.org **mobile:** 913-229-8727 **web:** https://ks-aa.org

The 2026 General Service Conference Final Report is available on aa.org

https://www.aa.org/2026-general-service-conference-final-report

GRAPEVINE DAILY QUOTE BOOK August 19, 2026

"It has only been in the past few months that I have become interested in service work in AA. Before that, I was an AA barnacle, glued to my seat, criticizing the speakers and griping about the coffee. Now I'm on the other side of the squawks and bleeps, and I find, to my delight, **I like it."**

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AL-ANON LIAISON

I am grateful to serve Area 25 as the Al-Anon Liaison and to strengthen the connection between AA and Al-Anon. My responsibilities include helping plan the 2027 Al-Anon and Alateen Conference.

The conference will be held June 11-13, 2027 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Airport in Wichita, KS. This year's theme is "Changed Attitudes Aid Recovery". The conference will offer fellowship, speakers, breakout sessions, raffles and other activities. It will also give AA, Al-Anon and Alateen members opportunities to connect, share their experience, strength, and hope, and carry the message of recovery.

I appreciate the continued cooperation between AA and Al-Anon. Although our programs are separate, we share a common purpose; helping people affected by alcoholism find recovery and hope. Thank you for letting me serve Area 25.

Brenda G.
Al-Anon Liaison

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GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE

We discussed the new books coming out and every month they have a book of the month if anybody wants a list I would be happy to email them one. We also discussed how we can bring subscriptions up and how to carry the message with grapevine. At our next committee meeting we are going to discuss how we can get rid old grapevines.

Thank you for allowing me to serve
Darin S.

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LITERATURE COMMITTEE

Service Manuals are $6 each. It is also available in English as a PDF at aa.org. We are working with the Treasurer to figure budget for future service manuals.

The Everything AA App has been acquired by AA. The Delegate will speak more on this.

We discussed a few items:
1. Distributing literature as Districts and Groups, how to do it and making sure there is good communication between all parties involved so there is no overlap.
2. Where to get AA Literature. We all agreed it is good to order from aa.org. There is a note at aa.org about ordering which is: "AAWS encourages ordering of literature and other items via your local groups, intergroups, and Central Offices".
3. District 23 Literature Chair presents one piece of literature at each meeting as the focus. This helps introduce new literature to everyone at district.
4. District 6 Literature Chair attended many groups and listened to the needs of the group. He helped provide what literature they needed.
5. A word was changed in the 5th Ed of the Big Book. There was discussion on the process being followed. The concern about it was does it set a new precedent. There will be more from the Delegate on this.
6. Discussion on the Plain Language Big Book was that this book acts as a guide and dictionary, not a replacement to the original Big Book.

Michele R. Literature Chair Area 25
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WEB CHAIR **website https://ks-aa.org**

The web committee had 7 attendees with districts 2, 5, 10, and 22 represented. General topics included erroneous meeting information in the Meeting Guide app (GROUPS/DISTRICTS: PLEASE CHECK FOR ACCURACY REGULARLY!!!!), confirming that GSR and group information was correct with the registrar, and registering for the Area 25 conference. If you have not registered for the conference yet, go do so!! Saves you five bucks compared to registering day of. If you are not signed up for the area email list, please sign up on the website under the "Contact" dropdown. We don't send many emails; we will not spam you.

We spent a good amount of time discussing what types of events should be included on the area website. There was really thoughtful and involved discussion, and the committee passed two recommendations for myself and future web chairs via unanimous vote.

1) The area website should list events from Kansas and all contiguous states.
2) The area webchair should include events that are AA related. If there is a question or concern, the webchair should not hesitate to consult with the Area members for guidance.

Please send me your events so that they can be posted on the website! You can use the form on the website or just email webchair@ks-aa.org . Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve!

Very respectfully,

Jack G. **Web Chair, Area 25 Kansas**
email: webchair@ks-aa.org **mobile:** 404-771-5133 **web:** https://ks-aa.org

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Prudent Reserve Ad Hoc Committee

Hello all my friends in Area 25
I want to remind everyone about talking with their groups and districts regarding the Prudent Reserve Ad Hoc Committee recommendation. We will talk about this more in October at the Area Committee meetings. So talk to your people now and find out if they have questions. Of course since October is Committee meetings there will not be any voting on this. In case you have forgotten, here is the recommendation:

We recommend that the prudent reserve be set at nine (9) months of prior year operating expenses. That three (3) months will be held in a CD and the other (6) months will be in the checking account. That any funds in excess of that amount be contributed to the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous each January. If the funds kept in the CD are in excess they will be sent to the General Service Board when the CD matures. We also recommend the prudent reserve be reviewed once every two year rotation.

The background information for this can be found on the Area 25 Website. It is under documents, document library, the finance folder, 2026, and there you will find the 2026 Prudent Reserve Background Information.

The Prudent Reserve Ad Hoc Committee was composed of, myself, Area Treasurer, Dee Y.; Area Chair, Melissa B.; Alt Delegate, Heather G.;Alt Treasurer, Tagan E.; Treatment Chair, and Mike R. Past Delegate Panel 60;

In Love and Service
Cheryl H. Chair, Prudent Reserve Ad Hoc Committee

EVERYTHING AA App Update from GSO

We're excited to announce that the first release of the Everything AA app under the ownership of **A.A. World Services** is now available. We encourage you to update your app to Version 5.0 to access the latest features.

Over the last several months, the app team at the General Service Office has been working behind the scenes to address critical technical and infrastructure issues and ensure the app is stable, reliable, and ready to support app users. This work is an important step in establishing a strong foundation for the app's future as we review app content and design.

The app is a recent addition to the many services GSO provides to the Fellowship. **It remains available for download without cost;** however, there is an option to subscribe at $1.99 a month or $19.99 a year to support the app's continued development and maintenance. This optional subscription model follows a similar practice to the A.A. Grapevine's subscription model for its app. The AAWS board has engaged in thoughtful discussion and deliberation to ensure that this aligns with our Traditions. **Subscribers will receive content, as noted below, and are not contributing to the Seventh Tradition with their subscriptions.**

In the next year, as the app team continues to review and develop this important platform, you will notice phased changes to content and features along with the addition of new resources for all app users.

This first release includes a new feature: Bonus content for subscribers only. Subscribers will have access to "Voices of A.A. Today," which is excerpted from the 2025 International Convention commemorative book, **A Book of Fellowship - 90 Years of Sharing Love and Service**, now available for purchase only in print at the online bookstore. In the coming months, other treasures from our publications and archives, including audio and video recordings, will be made available to subscribers.

As always, we are working to ensure that the app is a trusted source of information and resources and is consistent with A.A.'s Twelve Traditions and AAWS and GSO policies and practices.

We're grateful for your patience during this process and look forward to sharing more updates and new features in the months ahead.

The Everything AA app is available on both iOS and Android.

For Everything AA app support, contact us at everythingaa@aa.org

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GRAPEVINE DAILY QUOTE BOOK June 25, 2026

"I'm not here to change Alcoholic Anonymous;
Alcoholic Anonymous is here to change me."

copyright 2014 by AA Grapevine, Inc. San Mateo, California, December 1995 *"Ten Minutes of Oneness"*

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Area 25 - Committee Meetings Agenda - October 17, 2026

Wyndham & Garden Inn & Suites 2110 W Crawford St. Salina KS 67401

8:00am – 8:30am Audit Committee

9:00am – 10:15am Committee Meetings (Budget Committee meeting)

Committee	Committee Chair	Districts
Accessibilities	Jessica B.	7, 17, 30
Chronicler	Jeramie S.	19, 26
Corrections	Mike D.	5, 8, 31
CPC	Pam M.	3, 4, 16
Grapefree Press	Cliff S.	12,27
Grapevine	Darin S.	1, 3, 20
Literature	Michele R.	6, 23, 24
Public Information	Eric D.	10, 15, 21
Treatment	Tagan E.	9, 14, 18
Web	Jack G.	2, 11, 22

10:30am – 11:30am Committee and DCM Reports
(Please keep reports 2-3 minutes and Provide Secretary with a written report)

Committee	Committee Chair
Accessibilities	Jessica B.
Al-Anon Liaison	Brenda G.
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Web	Jack G.
DCM Reports and Memorials –	

Please provide a written report to the Secretary & have Memorials written separately. Thank You!

11:30am – 1:00pm Lunch on your own **Area 25 Conference Meeting**

1:00pm – 3:00pm Closed Business Meeting

Secretary Report- Sonia F.
Treasurers Report- Cheryl H.
KAAAAI Board Report- No Report (Board meets in January)
Delegate Report- Ken S.
Alt. Delegate Report- Melissa B.
Alt. Area Chair Report – Kaylon J.
2026 Area 25 Conference Report- Jessie M.
Ad hoc Conference Guidelines – Lisa S.

Discussion Topics:

- Prudent Reserve
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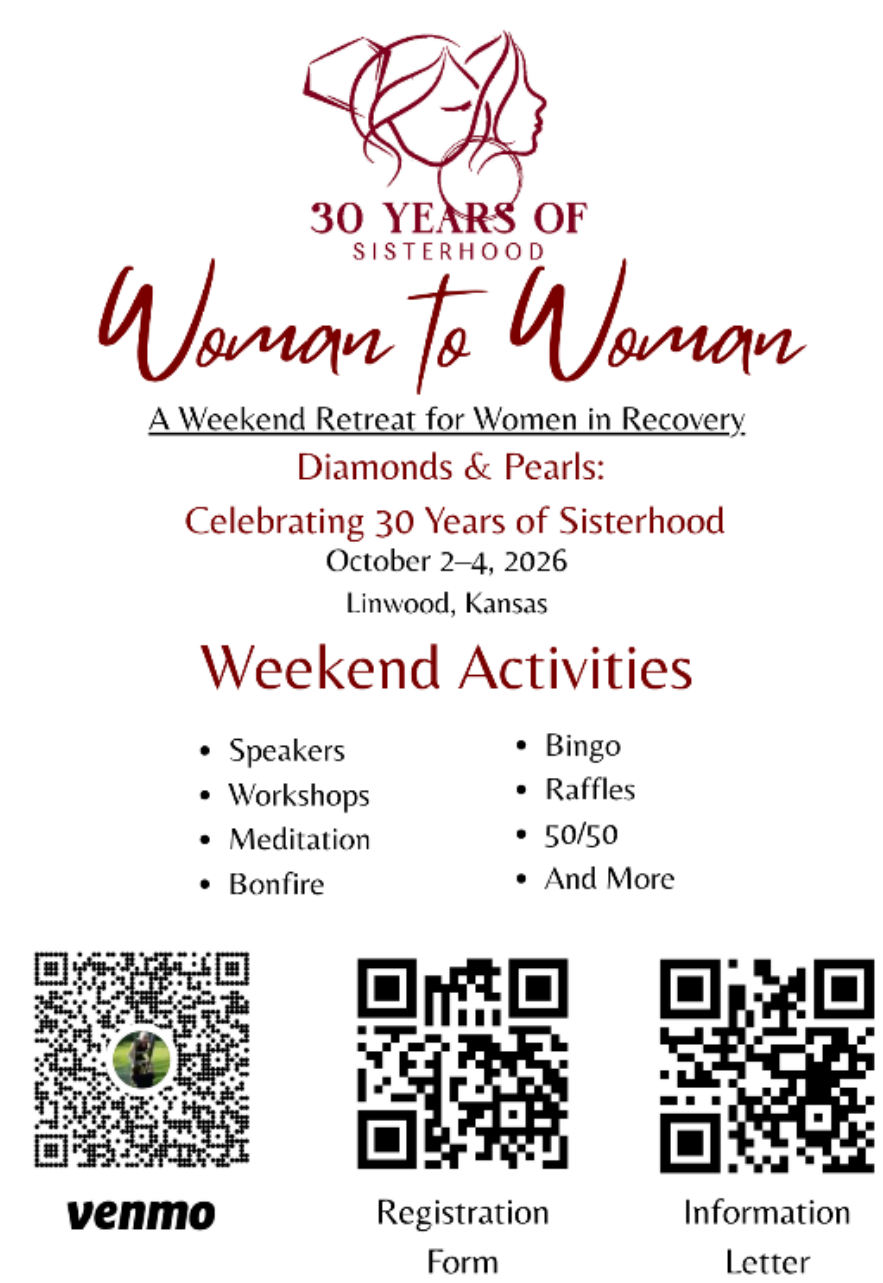
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Upcoming Events

- September 18-20 2026 Area 25 Conference, Great Bend
- October 9-11, 2026 SWAARSA, Baytown, Houston, TX
- October 16-17, 2026 Committee Meetings, Wyndham & Garden Inn & Suites, Salina
- January 22-24, 2027 Area Assembly, Great Bend Event Center, Great Bend
- April 2-3, 2027 Committee Meetings, Salina Parks & Rec. Friendship Center, Salina
- April 11-17, 2027 General Service Conference, New York, NY
- July 16-18, 2027 Area Assembly, Great Bend Event Center, Great Bend
- September, 2027 Area 25 Conference, Great Bend Event Center, Great Bend
- October 1-3, 2027, SW Regional Forum, Kansas City – International Airport, KC,MO
- October 15-17, 2027 Committee Meetings, Great Bend Event Center, Great Bend
- January , 2028 Area Assembly, Great Bend Event Center, Great Bend

SAVE THE DATES !





PROBLEMS READING THE FLYERS ?

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

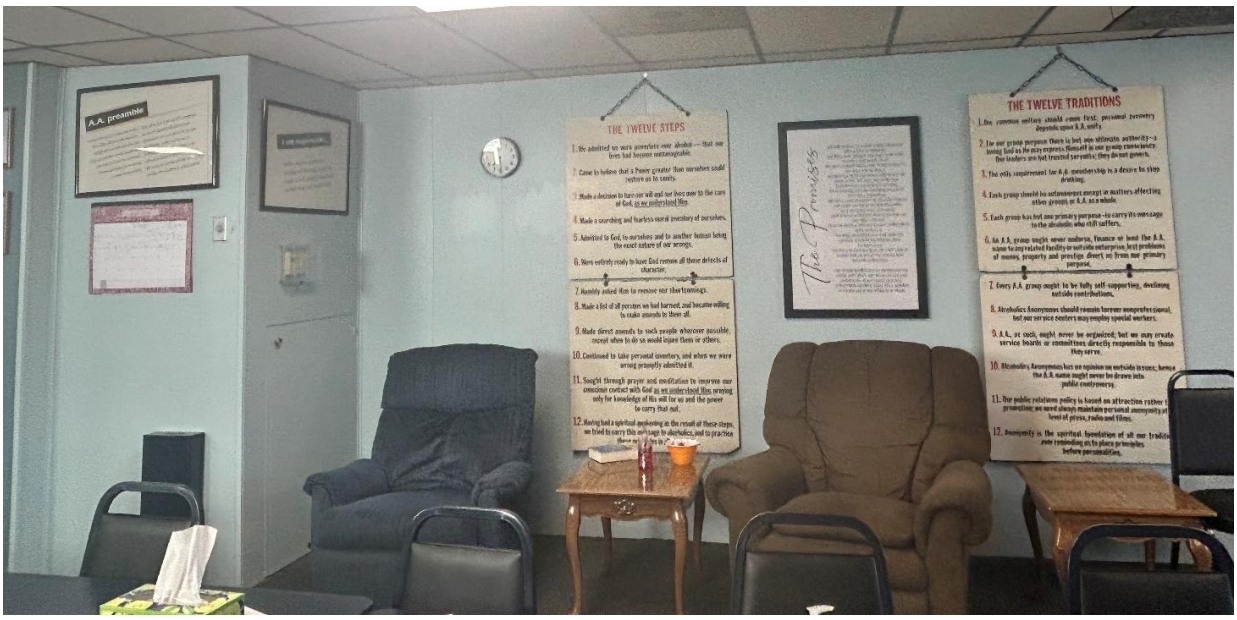
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District 27: News Thank you Gerardo !

October 3 Anniversary of the Intergroup Office
October 17 Anniversary of the New Life Group
October 27 Anniversary of the Almas Alegres Group
November 21 Anniversary of Juanita and Natividad
December 5th anniversary of the Fuente de Vida Group

Alcoholics Anonymous Forum *Spanish*
"three legacies"
October 25, 2026 10AM
4307 Merriam Drive
Shawnee, KS 66203
ALL WELCOME

District 16:





Sharing a look into their meeting room after new paint and sprucing up project. They are located at 116 E. Chestnut St. #1 and have **daily meetings!**

Nicely done! Thanks for sharing!

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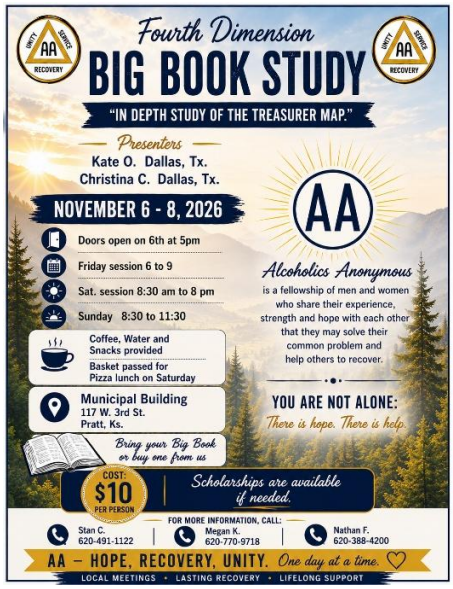
District 14
Sunday, September 27, 2026
Hammond Park Shelter,
Emporia, KS

GSR Meeting: 11:00 am
Lunch: 12:00 pm
Speaker: 1:00 pm
Melissa B.
Kansas Area 25 Alternate Delegate

Come as you are! Bring a covered dish or dessert and lawn chair

AA groups in District 14 include: Flint Hills, Emporia, Campus, Twin Lakes, Carbondale, Friends of Bill W., Burlington, Osage City









AREA 25 DISTRICT MAP

Districts 20, 27, and 31 are bi-lingual districts. District 20 covers Sedgwick County. District 27 covers the eastern half of Kansas and District 31 the western half.

