

**IS YOUR GROUP LINKED TO A.A. AS A WHOLE?** Most groups in the United States and Canada choose to be linked to A.A. as a whole by listing the group with the General Service Office (G.S.O.), as well as with the Area Assembly, district and local central/intergroup office. 1 Groups listed with G.S.O. have either General Service Representatives (G.S.R.s), or “group contacts,” who act as channels for two-way information and shared experience. Once a group is listed with G.S.O., the group information is shared with the Area Assembly via the delegate. Group information may be first received by the Area, which then shares the information with G.S.O. **What’s the point?** Each group linked to the local general service structure is automatically a part of the “group conscience” of A.A. in Canada and the U.S. through their G.S.R.’s participation in district meetings and Area Assembly. Each G.S.R. communicates his or her group’s “conscience” on important matters of policy considered by the district and Area Assembly. During the Annual General Service Conference, the Area’s groups are represented by their elected delegate. Groups in our listings are included in the *confidential* domestic directories<sup>2</sup> published annually, which provide contact information for traveling A.A. members. New groups listed with the General Service Office are assigned an identifying service number (ID),<sup>3</sup> receive a “Group Handbook” (through their G.S.R. or group contact), and are included in mailings sent to all listed A.A. groups. For instance, groups receive our bimonthly newsletter *Box 4-5-9* that keeps them informed on policies being considered by the Conference, changes to A.A. literature, and when and where their Regional Forum will be held (Forums are weekend gatherings where current experience is shared). Additionally, G.S.R.s or group contacts for listed groups receive registration details for each International Convention, held every five (5) years. **How?** To participate in services provided by G.S.O. to A.A. groups, it is vital to furnish simple information to G.S.O. through the *Alcoholics Anonymous New Group Form*. To notify G.S.O. when group information changes, i.e. the group contact or G.S.R. moves or resigns, and a new G.S.R. or contact is elected; or, when there is a change in the group’s location or meeting day(s) and time, please use the *Alcoholics Anonymous Group Information Change Form*. Group changes should also be given to the Area registrar/secretary, and to the District Committee Member (D.C.M.)<sup>1</sup> To participate fully, a group lists itself 1) with the general service structure (G.S.O., Area and District); and, 2) with the local intergroup/central office.<sup>2</sup> Domestic directories are: Eastern U.S., Western U.S. and Canadian. Each group is identified by city or town, Area and district, group name, meeting day(s), and G.S.R.’s or contact’s name and phone number. Alternate G.S.R.s or contacts are also listed. *Directories are widely used by traveling members, so only groups that provide a G.S.R. or contact’s telephone number are listed.*<sup>3</sup> Once an ID number is assigned and becomes part of a group’s record, the number remains with the group and is not usable by any other group. **A New Group:** When a new group forms, the members usually take time to decide on the name of the new group, elect trusted servants, plan the time and format of meeting(s), and obtain A.A. literature from the nearby central/intergroup office. A new group may first ask to be listed with the local district and Area, or through direct contact with G.S.O. Either way works well. When G.S.O. receives an *Alcoholics Anonymous New Group Form*, a copy is forwarded to the delegate of the Area where the group is located, so that the delegate may communicate the good news to the D.C.M. and Area registrar/secretary. Thirty (30) days after group information is sent to the delegate, the group is assigned an ID number for G.S.O.’s records, and “Group Handbook” is mailed to the G.S.R. or group contact. **Your District:** Regardless of how new group information is received; the D.C.M. will make contact and welcome the group to “general service.” Whether a group is “new” or has existed for years, the D.C.M. is the primary contact through the G.S.R. or group contact. Group representatives attend district meetings where they are kept up-to date on A.A. activities and topics of interest. G.S.R.s attending district meetings are an excellent resource for addressing group problems and concerns. In matters affecting A.A. as a whole, a group’s “conscience” is communicated to the Area Assembly by their G.S.R. If you do not know how to contact your group’s D.C.M., Area registrar/secretary, and delegate, staff members in the General Service Office can often provide that information.

**General Service Office**

P.O. Box 459  
Grand Central Station  
New York, New York 10163  
Telephone: (212) 870-3400  
Website: [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)

Group change form: <http://aaoklahoma.org/groupchangeform4.aspx>

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# Area 57 / District 30

East Northeast Oklahoma

## 1st Quarter 2012: Jan – Mar

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 13-15 **Mid-Winter Conference OKC**  
Clarion Hotel, OKC
- Jan 8 6:00p Thu **CPC Meeting**, 8749 S Lewis
- Jan 12 7:00 p Thu **Joint Service Meeting**, 8749 S Lewis
- Jan 14 8:30 p Sat **Big Meeting**, 12000 E 31<sup>st</sup>
- Feb 5 6:00p Thu **CPC Meeting**, 8749 S Lewis
- Feb 9 7:00 p Thu **Joint Service Meeting**, 8749 S Lewis
- Feb 11 8:30 p Sat **Big Meeting**, 12000 E 31<sup>st</sup>
- Feb 24-26 **Sunlight of the Spirit Conference**  
Lone Grove, OK
- Mar 4 6:00p Thu **CPC Meeting**, 8749 S Lewis
- Mar 8 7:00 p Thu **Joint Service Meeting**, 8749 S Lewis
- Mar 10 8:30 p Sat **Big Meeting**, 12000 E 31<sup>st</sup>
- Mar 11 9:30 a Sun **District 30 quarterly meeting/potluck**  
Monkey Island Group time TBA
- March 18 9:00a Sun **Area 57 Quarterly Meeting**  
Biltmore-Hotel  
401 S. Meridian, OKC

### Northeast Central Services

[necs@aaeok.org](mailto:necs@aaeok.org)

4853 S. Sheridan, Suite 612  
627-2224

- 24-hr Phone Line • Books, Jewelry • Speaker List • Meeting Lists
- To receive **The Blurb**, email [necs@aaeok.org](mailto:necs@aaeok.org)

### Visit the Area 57 Web Site!

[www.aaoklahoma.org](http://www.aaoklahoma.org)

- Events Calendar • Meeting Finder
- Area 57 Newsletter • District Home Pages

## FROM THE DISTRICT 30 CHAIR

Greetings everyone,

I would like to thank everyone who attended this 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly district meeting. I am very impressed with the turn-out! It was awesome to see so many GSR's who truly care about their group and are taking their service position seriously. There was a lot of important information shared at the meeting, now it's your job to take that back to your group to keep the members informed. It was also great to see you DCM's who attended, thank you so much for visiting your groups and letting them know that we care and are here to help in any way possible. I have been blessed with a superb committee! I am so excited to see all of you on fire for AA and so willing to give a 110% to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I want everyone to know that I was very nervous chairing my first meeting, I wanted everything to go as smooth as possible. You made that happen and I would like to thank every one of you from the bottom of my heart. I can't wait to see where this next quarter takes us.

In Love and Service,

District 30 Chair

Robyn F.

**"When, therefore, we A.A.s look to the future, we must always be asking ourselves if the spirit which now binds us together in our common cause will always be stronger than those personal ambitions and desires which tend to drive us apart. So long as the positive forces are greater we cannot fail. Happily, so far, the ties which bind us have been much stronger than those which might break us. Though the individual A.A. is under no human coercion, is at almost perfect personal liberty, we have, nevertheless, achieved a wonderful unity on vital essentials."** Copyright © The [A.A. Grapevine, Inc.](#), September 1945

### News from AAGRAPEVINE, Inc.:

AAGRAPEVINE has published two new books: "Step by Step" and "Emotional Sobriety II." These books as well as the 2012 Calendar and the rest of our products are available to order via four easy ways:

**Web:** AAGRAPEVINE.ORG and click on Store

**Phone:** 800-631-6025 (US and Canada), 818-487-2091 (International)

**Fax:** 818-487-4550

**Mail:** Grapevine, PO Box 16867, North Hollywood, CA 91615-6867

## District 30 DCMS

**Dist. 30 Chair:** Robyn F.

**Dist. 30 Alt. Chair:** Dusty G.

**Secretary:** Erin M.

**Treasurer:** Chris L.

**DCM:** Miles P.

**Alt.:** Open

Cluster A: Afton12&12; Grove Noon Time; Grove Turning Point; Grove Promises; Grove We Care; Langley; Miami Desire; Nowata; Vinita Downtown; Vinita Tuesday

**DCM:** Ron K.

**Alt.:** Open

Cluster B: Chelsea New Hope; Claremore Big Book; Claremore Easy Does It; Claremore Pioneer; Claremore Sunday Big Book; Claremore Vets Survivors; Collinsville; Foyil; Inola Big Book; Locust Grove; Oologah; Pryor Downtown; Strang

**DCM:** Rhonda W.

**Alt.:** Terri T.

Cluster C: Checotah; Checotah Women in Recovery; Cookson; Midway Big Book; Muskogee Donut Hole; Oaks First Things First; Ripcord-Muldrow; Sallisaw Serenity; Serenity; Stillwell; Tahlequah Eastside; Happy Hour; Wagoner Big Book

**DCM:** Dustin G.

**Alt.:** Open

Cluster D-1: [Tulsa] Gratitude Day (Women); High Noon; New Choices; New Day; New Haven; New Hope; One Day At A Time; Southeast; Southside; Turning Point

**DCM:** Jim G.

**Alt.:** Malcom S.

Cluster D-2: [Tulsa] 12&12; Awakening (NS); Back To Basics; Beginners Big Book Study; Eastside; Foundation; Last Chance; Open Arms; [Other] Owasso; Turley Lighthouse

**DCM:** Becky W.

**Alt.:** Brian G.

Cluster D-3: [Tulsa] Acceptance; Big Book; First Step; Friendship; Solutions (Men); Stepping Stone; [Broken Arrow] Action; Beginning; New Beginnings; Wisdom; [Other] Port of Catoosa

| E/NE District 30 Financial Report |                     | 09/11/11 thru 12/04/11 |                       |                          |                   |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Starting Balance</b>           |                     | <b>2204.81</b>         |                       |                          |                   |
| <b>Total Deposits</b>             |                     | <b>1018.51</b>         |                       |                          |                   |
| <b>Total Withdrawals</b>          |                     | <b>1019.45</b>         |                       |                          |                   |
| <b>Prudent Reserve</b>            |                     | <b>750.00</b>          |                       |                          |                   |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>             |                     | <b>2203.87</b>         |                       |                          |                   |
| <b>Deposits</b>                   |                     | <b>Withdrawals</b>     |                       |                          |                   |
| <b>Date</b>                       | <b>Group</b>        | <b>Amount</b>          | <b>Chck#</b>          | <b>Description</b>       | <b>Amount</b>     |
| 10/11/2011                        | Oklahoma Gratitude  | \$78.00                | 1295                  | Walmart (Food for distr  | \$77.42           |
| 10/11/2011                        | Back to Basics      | \$13.15                | 1296                  | Beth S. (Copies for fun) | \$6.24            |
| 10/11/2011                        | Stilwell AA         | \$10.00                | 1297                  | Dusty G (State)          | \$50.00           |
| 10/11/2011                        | ODAT                | \$35.00                | 1298                  | VOID                     |                   |
| 10/11/2011                        | Broken Arrow Action | \$165.52               | 1299                  | Copies/Supplies (Distr   | \$169.68          |
| 10/11/2011                        | Tahlequah Eastside  | \$5.20                 | 1300                  | Rhonda W (Area)          | \$50.00           |
| 10/11/2011                        | Rip Cord            | \$90.00                | 1241                  | City of Owasso (Rent)    | \$100.00          |
| 10/11/2011                        | 12 & 12             | \$15.00                | 1242                  | Robyn F (Area)           | \$90.00           |
| 10/11/2011                        | Tulsa Big Book      | \$25.00                | 1243                  | Oklahoma Gratitude       | \$78              |
| 10/11/2011                        | Beofre & After      | \$31.50                | 1244                  | Malcom S                 | \$90.00           |
| 10/11/2011                        | New Haven           | \$7.00                 | 1245                  | Rhonda W (Area both c    | \$40.00           |
| 11/1/2011                         | Tahlequah Eastside  | \$5.07                 | 1246                  | Robyn F (Copies)         | \$15.28           |
| 11/1/2011                         | Pryor Downtown      | \$50.00                | 1247                  | NECS (District 30 CPC    | \$16.55           |
| 11/1/2011                         | Before & After      | \$15.29                | 1248                  | Patrick D (Bridge the G  | \$61.21           |
| 11/1/2011                         | ODAT                | \$22.82                | 1249                  | VOID                     |                   |
| 11/1/2011                         | Tulsa Big Book      | \$42.18                | 1250                  | Beth S. (4th quarter mir | \$175.07          |
| 11/1/2011                         | Broken Arrow Action | \$9.35                 | <b>Total Expenses</b> |                          | <b>\$1,019.45</b> |
| 11/1/2011                         | Pryor/J. Martin ??  | \$19.50                |                       |                          |                   |
| 11/1/2011                         | Monkey Island       | \$60.00                |                       |                          |                   |
| 11/1/2011                         | Wagoner Big Book    | \$8.65                 |                       |                          |                   |
| 11/1/2011                         | New Haven           | \$13.34                |                       |                          |                   |
| 11/1/2011                         | Donut Hole          | 32.5                   |                       |                          |                   |
| 12/1/2011                         | Back to Basics      | \$5.00                 |                       |                          |                   |
| 12/1/2011                         | Tahlequah Eastside  | \$5.91                 |                       |                          |                   |
| 12/1/2011                         | Broken Arrow Action | \$104.56               |                       |                          |                   |
| 12/1/2011                         | Before & After      | \$18.01                |                       |                          |                   |
| 12/1/2011                         | ODAT                | \$19.00                |                       |                          |                   |
| 12/1/2011                         | Tulsa Big Book      | \$50.26                |                       |                          |                   |
| 12/1/2011                         | New Haven           | \$11.70                |                       |                          |                   |
| 12/1/2011                         | Promises            | \$50.00                |                       |                          |                   |
| <b>Total Contributions</b>        |                     | <b>\$1,018.51</b>      |                       |                          |                   |

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Archives** Boyd C. I explained some of the "STUFF" I'd brought to the district meeting, the copies of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th edition of our Big Book, those collections of newspaper clippings from 1939 to 1942, that copy of the first manuscript with all the corrections from all the first 100, sent back and forth from Akron and New York before it was ever published, and a collection of about 10 or 12 old service manuals.

**Bridge the Gap** Patrick D. In bridge the gap, our goal is to give anyone leaving a treatment center, jail, detox center, or any other facility, a contact person in the town or city where they will be living when they get out. It is important to try and get newly sober people to meetings as soon as they get out and we want to have a contact person in every town or city in our district. If your group takes a meeting into a facility or you are interested in being a contact person for a newcomer, we have cards that can help. Please contact me if you need any literature and thank you for allowing me to be of service.

**CPC** Larry C. CPC Stands for Cooperation with the Professional Community and is an outreach to the nonalcoholic professionals in our communities to help them relay our message to the potential suffering alcoholic. We have a committee that works. If you have questions or would like to be of service you can contact me at 918-543-2678 or you can contact Alt chair Tyler S. at 918-638 8627

**Corrections** Phil R. Sign up for the DARP Program (no badge required) to see if corrections service is for you. To apply for a badge to carry the message into corrections facilities, contact Phil R., visit [www.doc.state.ok.us.com](http://www.doc.state.ok.us.com) or email [corrections@aaoklahoma.org](mailto:corrections@aaoklahoma.org). Volunteers are especially needed for the DARP Program in the Tahlequah area.

**Grapevine** Betty M.. Thank you allowing me the opportunity to be of service. The Grapevine is now available online as well as in print. We need to be aware that it has struggled in recent years and if we want to keep it, we need to encourage our members to subscribe to it. Some groups give a subscription to new members on their first AA birthday, and it makes a great birthday or Christmas gift for our friends in AA. If your home group does not have a Grapevine rep, please discuss it in your group conscience. You can subscribe by going to [AAGRAPEVINE.ORG](http://AAGRAPEVINE.ORG).

**Language Services** Warren G. This committee focuses on considerations for special needs. District 20S has been established for Spanish speaking groups and includes all of Oklahoma. Service books are available in Spanish Please contact Warren for any needs of translations or special needs.

**Media Services** Kelsi D. The area 57 site [WWW.AAOKLAHOMA.ORG](http://WWW.AAOKLAHOMA.ORG) is getting 562,080 hits just this year which is up from 10,000 a few years ago. Is your information current? How are you using this space? Send me your email address to [Davidkelsimo@att.net](mailto:Davidkelsimo@att.net) so we can keep AA in our community current

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**NECS Delegate** Nancy G. This is your Central Service!. NECS Soberfest was a success! It brought in over 1,500 dollars to central service. Contributions are accepted online or by credit card. For group schedule changes please email [necs@neok.org](mailto:necs@neok.org)

**Newsletter** Kelsi D. The report is a service oriented newsletter. It will be printed and distributed to GSRs to take to group meetings as well as published on the Area 57 web site (without phone numbers). This is your newsletter! Please contact Kelsi D. with any upcoming events, amazing birthdays, group reports, or ideas for the newsletter.

**OK Gratitude Plan** Floyd G. Contribute \$1 to Area 57 (Oklahoma) for every year of sobriety. Form is available in the Area 57 newsletter on the website, [www.aaoklahoma.org](http://www.aaoklahoma.org). A donation basket is also passed at the District 30 quarterly meeting.

**Public Information** Beth S. Perhaps there are some AA members present today who do not know what Public Information (PI) work is and why Alcoholic Anonymous should do it. The PI Workbook says in part: "Public Information in Alcoholics Anonymous means carrying the message of recovery to the still-suffering alcoholic by informing the general public about the A.A. Program. We carry the message by getting in touch with the media, schools, industry, and other organizations which can report on the nature and purpose of A.A. and what it can do for alcoholics." If you are interested in joining the PI committee team, the only requirements are a strong working knowledge of the Traditions and a desire to work with the public. Give me a call, or join us and the CPC Committee at 6 p.m. prior to the monthly Joint Service Meeting. Thanks to Robyn and the fellowship for your trust in me.

**Policy and Procedures** Becky W. No report given

**Treatment Centers** Diane N. Looking for groups that want to take meetings into treatment centers. This is a great way to be of service. If your group would like to be service it is very easy to commit to a treatment center for as easy as once a month. If your group would like to set something up with a hospital or treatment center you can get with me and I can help you get something started. Thank you for letting be of service to this district and if there is anything you need from me call me at 918-955-1554 or you can email me at [diane3111@yahoo.com](mailto:diane3111@yahoo.com)

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### Area 57 Delegate Report

Alan H. - Area 57 Delegate  
"The Purpose of the Area 57 Conference is to hear the Delegate's report."

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Registration Form - Clip and mail or Register online at <http://www.aaoklahoma.org/conference>

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