

Area 29 Inventory – October 17, 2026

As we are preparing for our upcoming Area Inventory, we invite you to take some time to reflect on the following questions.

The Area Inventory is scheduled for **Saturday, October 17, 2026**. Please review these questions with your district and home group, and be prepared to share your collective experience, concerns, and suggestions for improvement.

As you discuss each question, consider the following:

A. What is working well?

B. What does not work well?

C. What changes or improvements would you suggest?

Your thoughtful participation will help the Area recognize its strengths, address challenges, and better carry the message through effective service.

Attraction, Participation, and Leadership

1. Are we building an Area that AA members want to be part of, or have we unintentionally created barriers that discourage participation and service?

1a. Who is missing from our service structure?

1b. What attitudes, practices, or traditions within our Area may be discouraging participation?

1c. What are we continuing to do simply because "we've always done it that way?"

1d. What barriers, real or perceived, prevent AA members from participating in Area service, and what responsibility do we bear for those barriers?

1e. What can be improved or done differently?

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Education, Mentorship, and Continuity

2. Are we adequately preparing today's trusted servants to become tomorrow's Area servants?

2a. Do our trusted servants truly understand the Traditions, Concepts, and responsibilities of their positions? How can we accomplish this? Is it the Area's responsibility?

2b. Are we intentionally mentoring, developing and supporting new servants or are we simply filling vacancies?

2c. Are we attracting future leaders, or relying on the same members to carry the load?

2d. Is valuable service experience being passed along, or lost with each rotation? How can this experience be used?

2e. Does our voting membership understand the duties of each Area service position, and do they know the candidates well enough to make good choices for the people to fill those positions?

Carrying the Message

3. Are we effectively pooling our financial and human resources to carry the AA message where individual groups cannot? Are we succeeding?

3a. Where are alcoholics still not being reached?

3b. Are our efforts driven by current needs or by past habits? What are those needs and how can we address those needs?

3c. What are we doing that most effectively carries the AA message?

3d. What do we do that consumes resources without producing meaningful results?

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Area Effectiveness and Culture

4. Does our Area's culture, structure, and decision-making process help or hinder our ability to serve?

4a. Do members feel informed, respected, and empowered to participate

4b. Do our procedures encourage meaningful discussion or simply preserve the status quo?

4c. Are there practices, customs, or structures that no longer serve our primary purpose? What would you stop doing?

4d. If our Area were being created today to serve alcoholics more effectively, what would we do differently?