

Prisons Committee -US Report May 2026
Houston Trustee Conference
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1. Since the last conference in Denver, two prison starter kits were requested and mailed out for the following Facilities.
Branchville Indiana Correctional Facility
Medina, Ohio County Jail
In addition, two prisoners wrote ISO requesting information and were followed up with letters from this committee.
2. **London Correctional Facility in London, Ohio** was visited by me in February where approximately ninety prisoners attended. To things were accomplished during this visit worth noting:
 - A. Two members of the Thursday Columbus meeting have started the process of attending the Friday Morning meetings within the facility. With the help of the prison staff, they discovered and corrected the bottleneck that occurred in the process.
 - B. The Prisoners themselves started two meetings within the walls for themselves using the GA literature to model their program. They named these “anger anonymous” (Anger Management) and “hustlers anonymous” (tailored for drug dealers.)
3. **Cuyahoga County, Ohio Jail** once again is moving forward. After a glitch in the clearance process, two GA members were finally authorized to proceed with the orientation training. Just within the last few days, the Assistant Warden informed us that there were some minor changes in the schedule and scheduling is soon to happen. Upon completion of the six sessions and 20 hours of training, they along with me will activate these meetings. While I can start them immediately, I personally am not able to commit to weekly meetings alone, but willing to help with the rotation.
4. Attended with the Public Affairs Committee Chair the Ohio Problem Gambling Conference in February in Columbus, OH. Using **NETWORKING**, he and I both accomplished some terrific things for GA in the State of Ohio. We have found that these events are well attended by professionals who can directly impact on the viability and health of GA within our communities.
5. We are aware of many GA members who, to one degree or another, attend and participate individually in the above-mentioned events in their area. These members can GREATLY ASSIST GA directly by sharing our contact information at these events with whom they find interested. To assist in these events that I cannot attend directly, I have some business cards printed that can be distributed at these events.