

# LFAROLIT

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

#### **AA Declaration of Unity**

"This we owe to AA's future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united. For on AA unity depend our lives, And the lives of those to come".

#### OFFICERS

# Delegate

#### Happy New Year!

A New Year of Opportunities to Carry the Message

The commitment of our Area 46 trusted servants in 2024 was nothing short of amazing. The beginning of the year is always a good time to reflect on how well we are all carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic within our groups, districts, committees and within Area 46. My encouragement to you is to take some time to think about how you can carry the message in 2025 even better within your service position and as a sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous. I will be taking the time to reflect on this very thing during the month of January.

#### Congratulations to our Trustee-at-Large Candidate

At our December assembly we held a special election for our U.S. Trustee atlarge-candidate. Bill L., Panel 70 Delegate and Eloy M., Panel 72 both stood for the position. Area 46 was blessed with two equally qualified and dedicated trusted servants to choose from. Congratulations to Eloy M. who was elected as our candidate for the U.S. trustee-at-large. I will present Eloy as our candidate at the 75th General Service Conference in April 2025.

Looking Ahead to the 75th General Service Conference

- The final conference agenda and all background material is expected during the week of February 17.
- Our pre-conference assembly is March 29-
- In April I will be holding 4 online town hall meetings again in 2025 to talk about specific agenda items. Each one of you should have received a handout with Town Hall dates when you checked in at the registration table for the assembly this weekend. Spanish interpretation will be available for all town hall meetings.
- The 2025 conference is April 27 May 3, 2025.

• Report backs will begin in June 2025. Available dates will be posted on my delegate's calendar in February.

In True Gratitude and Service,

#### Kerri K

Panel 74 Delegate Policy and Admissions Committee International Conventions and Regional Forums Committee delegate@nm-aa.org

# Delegata

¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

Un Año Nuevo de Oportunidades para Llevar el Mensaje

El comienzo del año siempre es un buen momento para reflexionar sobre qué tan bien estamos llevando el mensaje al alcohólico que aún sufre, ya sea dentro de nuestros grupos, distritos, comités o en el Área 46. Mi invitación para ustedes es que se tomen un tiempo para pensar en cómo pueden llevar mejor el mensaje en 2025, tanto en su posición de servicio como en su rol de miembros sobrios de Alcohólicos Anónimos. Durante el mes de enero, yo también me tomaré un tiempo para reflexionar sobre este mismo tema.

Felicitaciones a nuestro Candidato a Fiduciario General

En nuestra asamblea de diciembre. celebramos una elección especial para nuestro candidato a Síndico General de los Estados Unidos. Bill L., delegado del Panel 70, y Eloy M., del Panel 72, se postularon para el puesto. El Área 46 tuvo la bendición de contar con dos siervos confiables igualmente calificados y dedicados entre los cuales elegir. Felicitaciones a Eloy M., quien fue elegido como nuestro candidato a Fiduciario General de EE.UU. Presentaré a Eloy como nuestro candidato en la 75<sup>a</sup> Conferencia de Servicios Generales en abril de 2025.

Mirando Hacia la 75<sup>a</sup> Conferencia de Servicios Generales

- La agenda final de la conferencia y todo el material de apoyo se esperan durante la semana del 17 de febrero.
- Nuestra asamblea pre-conferencia será los días 29 v 30 de marzo.
- En abril, nuevamente realizaré 4 reuniones municipales en línea en 2025 para hablar sobre temas específicos de la agenda. Cada uno de ustedes debería haber recibido un folleto con las fechas de las reuniones municipales al registrarse en la mesa de registro durante la asamblea de este fin de semana. Habrá interpretación al español disponible para todas las reuniones municipales.
- La conferencia de 2025 se llevará a cabo del 27 de abril al 3 de mayo de 2025.
- Los informes de regreso comenzarán en junio de 2025. Las fechas disponibles se publicarán en mi calendario de delegata en febrero.

Con verdadera gratitud y servicio,

# KerriK

Delegada del Panel 74 Comité de Políticas y Admisiones Comité de Convenciones Internacionales y Foros Regionales delegate@nm-aa.org

# Alt. Delegate

Greetings Area 46!

It was wonderful seeing so many newcomers and new GSR's at the December Assembly in Taos. Thank you district 14 for hosting this assembly.

I am working on posting the GSR orientation online in both English and Spanish.

I need to be reminded that providing documents in both English and Spanish makes it easier for all AA members in Area 46 to readily have the information to make informed decisions.

# Alt. Delegate (cont.)

Our translators work very hard and do so much behind the scenes for our fellowship. As Alternate Delegate, I am working with the hosting district (District 10) for our 2025 Area 46 Service Forum. The Forum is founded on the idea that growing in understanding about service helps each of us become better able to be of service. The Area 46 specific event will happen in late May or Early June 2025. Details are still being finalized and I will update the area with information including how to get involved and when planning meetings will take place. Please let me know if you would like to be of service.

Area 46 is hosting the 2025 South West Regional Service Forum. The forum will be November 14th-16th, 2025. It will be held at the Marriott Uptown in Albuquerque, New Mexico. There are plenty of service opportunities and commitments for all levels of involvement. The committee is very well attended and busy working on planning a truly remarkable event. Outreach efforts are ongoing and Involvement from our Spanish-speaking members is also very important to making this a fully inclusive event. We have a Spanish flyer for the forum on our website. Please visit NM-AA.org or contact Bill L. at 2025SWRegionalforum@nm-aa.org for more information.

How can you help? Use the SWRF coffee cans to talk about the event in your meetings and homegroup. The can itself has a brief description of the event as well as information on where to send contributions. The purpose of the cans is not just to raise money. They also serve as conversation starters to create visibility and excitement about the forum. Join us for the next planning meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 on zoom.

Contact me if you have questions or would like a workshop. I have a few groups and districts signed up for Workshops and I am available to help facilitate group inventories.

The steps saved my life and service has saved my sobriety,

In Love and Service,

Ally T. P74-A46 Alt Delegate altdelegate@nm-aa.org

#### Chair

Thank you District 14 for hosting a great assembly. Your planning committee did a fantastic job making Area 46 feel welcome in del Norte. And thank you to all who attended and participated in our work. Without all of you, I'd just be standing up there all alone with my little plans and designs.

I got a couple of lessons on unity during the assembly weekend that I will try to make amends for. Due to the lack of Spanish translations during our new business portion and my negligence during our voting procedure, I will make it a priority to be more mindful of our Spanish speaking community as well as our online community. I know that we cannot have a complete group conscience without the participation of everyone and in the future I will make a better effort to acknowledge and include all who are present. As always, I hope for many opportunities to grow. As I briefly mentioned during the assembly, Alt. Chair Laura and I are encouraging the area to begin discussions about how we might gather and do assembly business in the future. In the last few years, the cost of our assemblies have increased significantly and hosting has become very difficult for our districts. A few ideas to relieve the strain have been introduced, including the one day assembly or the one virtual assembly per year. We are hoping to get more input from our groups and districts as we are not optimistic that we can maintain our current practices. All the area DCM's have our notes from the last workshop we held about this issue if your group would like more information.

Our next gathering will be our workshop/potluck/ assembly planning meeting on January 25 in Albuquerque. After that, I'll see you in District 10, Carlsbad, for our Pre-Conference Assembly. Until then, be grateful and serve well. In Service,

Christoph, A46 Chair

Congratulations and a warm welcome to our new El Farolito Editor, Jeff B, and our new Archivist, Rosie F.! Looking forward to working with both of you.

The planning meeting for our Pre-Conference Assembly will be on Saturday, January 25th, at St. Mark's Episcopal in Albuquerque. We will host a workshop at 11:00 AM, followed by potluck lunch. The planning meeting will begin at 1:00 PM. Further details can be found on the event calendar at nm-aa.org. This will be a hybrid meeting. All trusted servants and DCMs are encouraged to attend.

At the upcoming assembly in Carlsbad, Area 46 will entertain bids from Districts to host assemblies in March, August, and December 2026. We know that hosting an assembly can seem daunting and there are many hurdles to overcome, particularly finding a venue and funding. If these obstacles are preventing your district from putting together a bid, collaboration with other neighboring districts may be a solution. For example, Districts 11, 12, and 13 will be co-hosting the December 2025 Assembly together.

If your District is interested in hosting an assembly or would like more information, please contact Christoph or me. We want to hear from you and your groups, and we are here to help along the way.

I am continuing to liaise with Central Offices/Intergroups and AA entities performing similar functions within Area 46. I appreciate the opportunity to participate and learn more through these connections.

You can reach me at <u>altchair@nm-aa.org</u> if you or your committee need any support.

In Love & Service, Laura S. Area 46 Alt. Chair

# Alt. Chair

Happy New Year, Area 46! I'm excited to begin another year in service to Alcoholics Anonymous with all of you. It was wonderful seeing everyone at the December Assembly in Taos. Special thanks to District 14 and all who volunteered to host and produce this event.



#### Treasurer

Wow!!

A whole year has gone by??!!! I remember when a DAY was a long time and now the year's are flying by. (Not convinced this is a good thing!).

Well our budget was passed and there was no major disagreements let alone passionate discussions. Now we just need to decide on a few things. The topic of Non-profit has been revised and I hope the groups and the districts will request information so we can have an informed decision.

I really would prefer to use this chance to bring up another topic for all groups and districts to be thinking about and discussing. That topic centers on our Area Assemblies.

Many districts have come forth talking about the cost of holding an assembly and the trusted servants are trying to raise the discussion. We need your input and thoughts. Prior to our last assembly planning meeting we had a workshop where we discussed this topic and we broke out into 4 groups to talk about some proposed solutions. These ranged from condensing the assembly to a single day, a proposed registration contribution, online assemblies, making one of the 3 annual assemblies an online only assembly. I believe there was another topic discussed but that was almost 4 months ago and my memory is not what it used to be.

We had an interesting thing happen in the early part of the year where two districts worked together to save our ability to have an assembly in April and then during the December assembly three districts came together to host the next December assembly in 2025.

Showing that even when we think we have all the options listed out ... we alcoholics can <u>always</u> find a new twist to accomplish a goal.

Does your group or district have any ideas on what we can do to support the area in providing assemblies? Do we want to shorten them? do we want to continue to have multiple districts host? Do we want to ask for registration contributions? Do we want to reduce our costs by making them 100 % online?

Please discuss and have your GSR bring to those ideas/discussions to your district and then have your DCM & GSR attend the next assembly and or assembly planning meeting so we can continue the discussion. Your voice matters and we want to hear your ideas.

Please take a look at the printout of the Area financials and DO let me know if you have any questions. You can email me at Treasurer@NM-AA.org I will do my best to answer your questions.

Thank you for the chance to be of service and for your trust in me to be responsible with our contributions. "For that I am responsible."

Mike. K.

Amazingly enough the group contributions have helped us cover all our costs. Speaking of which here are the groups that contributed in November of 2024.

Sunlight of the Spirit Out To Lunch Bunch Group (RR) Saturday Morning Men's Group Roadrunners - Santa Fe Magdalena Group Sunday 9am Group Area 46 Members Daybreak Group - (Farmington) Early Birds - (Roswell) ExpStrHope Group Freedom From Bondage Happy Hour Group - (SF, Dist. 2) Hill Top Group How It Works - (Taos) Into Action Group - (Taos) Monday Women's Step Study - (SF) New Beginnings Group - (SF) New Life Group - (Hobbs) Queer Ideas of Fun Questa Crossroads Serendipity Staying Sober at Sunrise - (Corrales) Strange Mental Blank Spots Sunday Big Book Study Turn It Over Early Willow Group

# Registrar

Hello, Area 46!

I am so grateful to have seen everyone in person and online at the December Assembly. Thank you District 14 for hosting us! You all did an amazing job!

I want to thank Jen H. and Patience B. for helping with in-person registrations and Brian V. for handling the online registrations. I hope everyone had a positive experience checking in for the Assembly. We had a total of 205 attendees, 148 people in person and 57 online. Thank you to everyone for showing up!

We are looking for a volunteer to help with online registrations for future assemblies. If you are interested in attending the assembly from home/online and want to be of service, please contact me.

As your Registrar I am responsible for maintaining and updating the area's confidential directory which lists all members of the assembly including Area Officers, Committee Chairs, DCMs, Past Delegates and all groups and GSRs within Area 46. Area 46 is made up of 19 districts with a total of 288 active in person meetings and 14 active virtual meetings.

I handed out Group Change Forms for the groups within their districts to each DCM at the December Assembly, for those who attended online I mailed the forms to you. Please have the GSR or contact for each group update the information. If no changes need to be made indicate on the form no changes are needed, if the group is no longer meeting or disbanded, please indicate this and also update GSR and/or contact information and return by email registrar@nm-aa.org or to the mailing address that is on each form. . I am asking that those forms be sent back by the deadline: February 28, 2025, for the Area Directory to be as accurate and updated as possible. The directory will be finalized and ready for distribution at the 2025 March Pre-Conference Assembly.

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# Area 46 Central Offices

# Area 46 Financial Reports

Income and Expenses					
	tot sede	Nov	YTD		
Budge	ted Income				
Gro	oup, district & member contrs	2,128.66	26,212.27		
	semblies & planning mtgs	127	1,666.64		
Winter	Event 7th Traditon	127	121		
Mis	c. revenue Aip & Interest	0.20			
	Total Budgeted Income	2,128.86	28,478.49		
Budge	t Expenses				
Tw	elve Step services	127	236.14		
Ass	semblies		10,918.06		
Are	a Wide Services	6.64	5,455.40		
General Service & Region Particip		199	9,743.61		
	Total Budget Expenses	6.64	26,353.21		
[A]	Total Budgeted Gain/(Loss)	2,122.22	2,125.28		
Non-B	udget Income				
	24 A46 Convention Donations	12	9,972.18		
Oth	ner Income	(129.16)	(129.16)		
	Total Non-Budget Income	(129.16)	9,843.02		
Non-B	udget Expense				
Elf	Printing (Act of God)	739.24 739.3			
Vol	untary Contribution to GSO (conv. over)	-	319.00		
	n-budget Projects	12	874.45		
2024 NM AA Service Forum Seed			500.00		
	Total Non-Budget Expense	739.24	2,432.69		
[B]	Total Non-Budget Gain/(Loss)	(868.40)	7,410.33		
Net Ga	in /(Loss) [A]+[B]	1,253.82	9,535.61		
	Cash Statement				
Вес	38,653.59				
Net	9,535.61				
[C] End	48,189.20				
[D] Tot	23,395.11				
[E] 202	9,854.00				
Ava	14,940.09				

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# Registrar (cont'd from page 3)

Currently within New Mexico's 19 Districts our group/meeting data is as follows:

- 288 active in person meetings
- 14 active virtual meetings
- 114 unknown meetings
- 14 incomplete meetings

Unknown and Incomplete meetings do not have a current GSR or contact person listed or have incomplete information.

For any questions, please contact me at <a href="mailto:registrar@nm-aa.org">registrar@nm-aa.org</a>.

I am grateful to be of service to Alcoholics Anonymous and Area 46.

In love and service,

Berna C.

Area 46 Registrar

# Secretary

Area 46 Assembly December 6-8, 2024 District 14 - Taos Charter School.

**SATURDAY MORNING** 8:32a Call to Order Area Chair Christoph. - Welcome all & thank you District 14 for hosting December Assembly.

#### MORNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS. 8:45a, 9:45a & 10:45a

# SATURDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING.

Call to Order 1:48pm Christoph. AA Preamble: Kendal D13, Traditions: Samantha D4. Daily Reflection: Dominique D11, Spanish Sergio D17.

INTRODUCTIONS Trusted Servants, Past Delegates, Districts, DCMs, GSRs & Others, Visitors.
Summary of Minutes Myron T- August 2024 Assembly District 18
Albuquerque. Motion to approve Alice D12, 2nd Rosa D10, Approved.

# Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT Mike K-Copies of Treasures report available online nm-aa.org. Motion to approve Cliff S, 2nd Franco D2, Approved.

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT** Berna C- 138 people registered in person and online, please update group change forms, keep Area directory updated.

DELEGATE'S REPORT Kerri K-Saturday Fireside Chat SWRASSA 2024. New 2024-2025 Service Manual. Gratitude Cards for GSO, Grapevine & La Vina Staff. Area 46 submitted two proposed agenda items for the 75th GSC, unfortunately neither of the items were selected to be on the final conference agenda. New Plain Language Big Book error in firsts printing. Trustee-at-large Candidate Election, past delegate Eloy M elected by Area Assembly as candidate Sunday morning. Looking ahead to the 75th GSC. Delegate reports available on https://nm-aa.org/service.

#### ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

Ally T- Presented on tradition 8, Thank Christoph, Renee, Myron T for representing Area 46 at SWRASSA October 11th - 13 2024. Area 46 Service Forum hosted by D10 July 2025. SWRF November 14-16th 2025 planning meeting January 15th 2025. AREA 46 ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mike K D4- Group Contributions list and budget is available. Matthew H D14-WACYPAA conference info at 26.wacypaa.org. Franco D2-Service Committees Service workshop January 11th 2025 Friendship club Santa Fe. Paula D16- Annual Bayard Holiday potluck & New Year's Eve alcathon.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Area 46 Assembly report March 29-30, 2025: D10 DCM Randy- Looking to secure convention center space info available nm-aa.org

Area 46 Assembly report August 1-3 2025: Lance O D3- Working on hospitality providing lunch, location Baymont by Wyndham in Belen.

Area 46 Service Forum report: D10 Rosa & Randy- Move date to May 31st 2025, location Boys and Girls club. See you in Carlsbad.

Southwest Regional Forum 2025: Bill L-will be meeting monthly as of January 2025, Committee Chairs report, Special collection cans available, Venmo available @nmarea46 note contributions for SWRF. SWRF November 14-16 2025 Albuquerque NM. Contact: 2025swregionalforum@nm-aa.org

Finance Committee Non-profit research report: Renee L- Finance committee online meetings between January & March 2025, looking to get info out, review work, moving forward and looking to put this work to rest.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Bids for Area 46 Assembly
  December 6-7, 2025: D9 Alt DCM
  Lennie & Brent placed Bid, Bid Failed
  next day; Amy DCM D12
  Collaborating Districts 11, 12, 13
  placed Bid. Districts 11, 12, 13 Won
  Bid next day
  2) Bids for Area 46 State Convention
- 2) Bids for Area 46 State Convention, June 2026: D9 Alt DCM Lennie & Brent placed Bid Won Bid Passed next day.
- 3) Motion to approve 2025 proposed budget: Finance committee Renee L. Motion Passed next day. Stand for disapproval- El Farolito Committee Chair/Editor: Jeff B D18 Approved by Assembly. Welcome Jeff

Thank you Michelle for serving 5 yrs. as Area Archivist. New Area 46 Archivist, Approved by assembly. Welcome Rosie F. D11.

#### SATURDAY SHARING SESSION -

Delegate Kerri K- Fire Side Chat Segment one; Bill L & Ally T, Segment two; Christoph, Renee L, Myron T & Al G.

#### SUNDAY CALL TO ORDER

8am Laura S- Reading: What is an informed group conscience- English-Lucas D, Spanish- Al D17. VOTE on previous day's bids and motions. See new business.

#### ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORTS.

Sobriety Countdown OLDEST- Jim. 49 YEARS D12. YOUNGEST- Samantha 2 months D14.

Assembly adjourned Responsibility Statement, followed by the 3rd Step Prayer.

Assembly planning meeting: Saturday January 25th 2024 in Albuquerque. Candidate Election for 2025 Trustee-at-Large/US: Past Delegates Bill L & Eloy M Standing, Eloy M elected, congratulations.

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### Secretary (cont'd)

Next Assembly: March 29th-30th 2025, hosted by District 10, Carlsbad. See full December 2024 assembly minutes on nm-aa.org. Respectfully submitted Myron T. Area 46 Secretary.

samblea del Área 46 6-8 de diciembre de 2024 Distrito 14- Taos Charter School.

SÁBADO POR LA MAÑANA 8:32a Llamada al orden Coordinador de Área Christoph. - Bienvenidos a todos y gracias al Distrito 14 por acoger la Asamblea de Diciembre.

REUNIONES MATINALES DE LOS COMITÉS. 8:45a, 9:45a & 10:45a

#### REUNIÓN DE TRABAJO DEL SÁBADO POR LA TARDE.

Llamada al orden 13:48 Christoph.
Preámbulo de AA: Kendal D13,
Tradiciones: Samantha D4. Reflexión
diaria: Dominique D11, Español:
Sergio INTRODUCCIONES Servidores de
Confianza, Ex-Delegados, Distritos, MCDs,
RSGs y Otros, Visitantes
Resumen de Actas Myron T- Agosto 2024
Asamblea Distrito 18 Albuquerque. Mocion
para aprobar Alice D12, 2da Rosa D10,
Aprobado.

**INFORME DEL TESORERO** Mike K-Copias del informe del Tesoro disponibles en línea nm-aa.org. Mocion para aprobar Cliff S, 2do Franco D2, Aprobado.

#### **INFORME DEL REGISTRADOR** Berna

C- 138 personas registradas en persona y en línea, por favor actualice los formularios de cambio de grupo, mantenga el directorio del Área actualizado.

INFORME DE LOS DELEGADOS Kerri K- Saturday Fireside Chat SWRASSA 2024. Nuevo Manual de Servicio 2024-

2025.



When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.
And for that: I am responsible.

Tarjetas de gratitud para el personal de la OSG, Grapevine y La Viña. Área 46 presentó dos temas propuestos para la agenda de la 75 a GSC, por desgracia ninguno de los temas fueron seleccionados para estar en la agenda final de la conferencia. Error en la primera impresión del nuevo Libro Grande en Lenguaje Sencillo. Elección de candidato a custodio general, el ex delegado Eloy M fue elegido candidato por la Asamblea de Área el domingo por la mañana. Mirando hacia adelante a la 75 GSC. Informes de los delegados disponibles en https://nm-aa.org/service.

#### INFORME DEL DELEGADO

ALTERNO Ally T- Presentado en la tradición 8, Gracias Christoph, Renee, Myron T para representar el Área 46 en SWRASSA octubre 11 - 13 2024. Foro de Servicio del Area 46 organizado por D10 Julio 2025. SWRF Noviembre 14-16 2025 reunion de planeamiento Enero 15 2025.

ANUNCIOS ÁREA 46: Mike K D4-Lista de contribuciones de grupo y presupuesto disponible. Matthew H D14-WACYPAA conferencia info en 26.wacypaa.org. Franco D2-Taller de servicio de comités de servicio 11 de enero 2025 Friendship club Santa Fe. Paula D16- Comida anual de Bayard y alcathon de Año Nuevo.

#### **ASUNTOS PENDIENTES**

- 1) Reporte de la Asamblea del Area 46 Marzo 29-30, 2025: D10 MCD Randy-Buscando asegurar espacio en el centro de convenciones info disponible nm-aa.org
- 2) Reporte de la Asamblea del Area 46 Agosto 1-3 2025: Lance O D3-Trabajando en hospitalidad proveyendo almuerzo, lugar Baymont by Wyndham en Belen.
- 3) Reporte del Foro de Servicio del Area 46: D10 Rosa & Randy- Mover la fecha al 31 de Mayo 2025, lugar Boys and Girls club. Nos vemos en Carlsbad. 4) Foro Regional del Suroeste 2025: Bill L- se reunirá mensualmente a partir de enero de

2025, informe de los Presidentes de los Comités, latas de colección especiales disponibles, Venmo disponible @nmarea46 nota contribuciones para SWRF. SWRF Noviembre 14-16 2025 Albuquerque NM.

Contacto: <u>2025swregionalforum@nm-</u>aa.org

5) Informe de investigación del Comité de Finanzas sin fines de lucro: Renee L-Reuniones en linea del comite de finanzas entre enero y marzo de 2025, buscando sacar informacion, revisar el trabajo, seguir adelante y buscando poner este trabajo a descansar.

#### **NUEVOS ASUNTOS**

- 1) Ofertas para la Asamblea del Area 46 Diciembre 6-7, 2025: D9 Alt MCD Lennie & Brent colocaron Oferta, Oferta Fracasó al día siguiente; Amy MCD D12 Distritos Colaboradores 11, 12, 13 colocaron Oferta. Los distritos 11, 12, 13 ganaron la oferta al día siguiente.
- 2) Licitaciones para la Convención Estatal del Área 46, Junio 2026: D9 Alt MCD Lennie & Brent colocaron Licitación Ganada Licitación Pasada al día siguiente.
- 3) Moción para aprobar el presupuesto propuesto para 2025: Comité de Finanzas Renee L. Moción aprobada al día siguiente.

Stand de desaprobación- El Farolito Presidente del Comité/Editor: Jeff B D18 Aprobado por la Asamblea. Bienvenido Jeff B.

Gracias Michelle por servir 5 años como Archivista del Área. Nueva Archivista del Área 46, Aprobada por la asamblea. Bienvenida Rosie F. D11.

SESIÓN DE INTERCAMBIO DEL SÁBADO - Delegada Kerri K- Fire

Side Chat Segmento uno; Bill L & Ally T, Segmento dos; Christoph, Renee L, Myron T & Al G.

#### DOMINGO LLAMADA AL ORDEN

8am Laura S- Lectura: Qué es una conciencia de grupo informada- Inglés-Lucas D, Español- Al D17.

Registrar (con't)

Committees

**VOTACIÓN** sobre las ofertas y mociones del día anterior. Ver nuevos asuntos.

# INFORMES DE LAS REUNIONES DE LA ASAMBLEA.

Cuenta atrás de sobriedad EL MÁS VIEJO-Jim. 49 AÑOS D12. LA MÁS JOVEN-Samantha 2 meses D14.

La Asamblea levanta la sesión Declaración de responsabilidades, seguida de la oración del tercer paso.

Reunión de planificación de la Asamblea: Sábado 25 de enero de 2024 en Albuquerque.

Elección de candidatos para 2025 Trusteeat-Large/US: Delegados anteriores Bill L y Eloy M de pie, Eloy M elegido, felicitaciones.

Próxima Asamblea: 29-30 de marzo de 2025, organizada por el Distrito 10, Carlsbad.

See full December 2024 assembly minutes on nm-aa.org.

#### COMMITTEES

# Archives

Happy New Year Area 46! Please join me in welcoming Rosie F. our new Area 46 Archivist!! Please contact Rosie here: archivist@nm-aa.org A message from Michelle T. our outgoing Archivist: Thank you, Area 46, for allowing me to be a part of Archives for the past 5 years. It has been a true honor. I will be busy cleaning things up to prepare for Rosie to take over. It was such a great experience to be able to move the archives into a real office space, and sending something to GSO was just the cherry on top! I'll still be part of the archives committee, serving as needed. Good luck, Rosie, and have fun! outgoing Archivist, Michelle T.

Archivist, archivist@nm-aa.org
Michelle: We appreciate your excellent
service for many years in the position of
Archivist and we thank you so much!!
Our next Area 46 Archives Committee
Meeting will be Wednesday, February 19,
2025 at 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm; Zoom Meeting
ID: 896 5072 5133; Passcode: Archives

# REMINDER TO UPDATE GROUP INFORMATION WITH THE REGISTRAR!

Unknown and Incomplete meetings do not have a current GSR listed or have incomplete meeting location information. If you would like to see if your group is listed as unknown or incomplete, please contact me. I will also be handing out Group change forms for each District by Group for evening, to take back to your groups at the December Assembly. Please ask your DCM for your groups form to review your Group information including current GSR, meeting location and/or contact person for your group and send the forms with updates back to me and I will update the information in the database.

You can also find blank Group Change forms in both English and Spanish on the Area website at nm-aa.org on the Registrar's page under the Forms link. You can send your forms to registrar@nm-aa.org or the address listed on the forms. The information is also shared with our El Farolito Representative to send the El Farolito to your group.

In Gratitude and Service,

Berna C. Area 46 Registrar registrar@nm-aa.org

# Archives (cont.)

Please let me know how I may be of service to your districts. I can bring the JepoAArdy game, "how-to" presentations, such as "How to take an Oral History" and just general informative "AA History" presentations, virtual or in person. In love and service, Renee Le, <a href="mailto:archiveschair@nm-aa.org">archiveschair@nm-aa.org</a>, 505-318-5885



# Bridging The Gap

Hello all, I would like to thank all those who attended the area 46 assembly in Taos. I would also like to thank Dist. 14 for job well done. Our committee meeting went well. We started by reiterating what the BTG committee is all about for those who did not know what we do. We talked about what and how it was working for those that are involved in BTG. We also talked about updating the current BTG list. I did get an updated BTG card that has the gender changed to male female and non-binary. Thanks to the help from the webmaster Linda we actually got emails out to everyone on current list to make any changes that may be needed. We also requested all DCMs to forward to me all Districts BTG rep info. I have only about 7 for this rotation. When we get all info we need we will reach out again to add and delete what we can. The current list is outdated and needs revisions and that will take time to do. Thank you for letting me be of service!

Richard S your area BTG Chair.

### Corrections

Happy New Year Area 46. I had a wonderful time at the Taos Assembly, like at any other assembly, this one was special because I now understand that is at events like this where I strengthen my recovery, service and I unite myself to the fellowship of AA. We had a wonderful Assembly Correction meeting; we had 6 people in zoom and 14 in person. We started our meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer and introductions. The first 10 minutes of our meeting was spent on regular maintenance items such as pink can funds, what Districts that are currently taking or service is open at a facility, Districts 1,2,3, 9 which is looking for members to start a meeting at the Grants prison. District 4 just got permission to start holding meetings at the Doña Ana County jail. How inmates can let us know when and where they are being released so we can be there to their first outside AA meeting

# CPC (cont.)

. For the most part we discussed the 7th Annual Corrections Convention, we talked about what Jessica from District 4, and I got out the convention along with the feedback from our last Corrections monthly zoom meeting. As a committee we motivated ourselves to come to this assembly to present the idea to our Area members if they would be in support of us as a committee putting on our First Area 46 Corrections Convention. The members in attendance unanimously said yes. Our committee also agreed on a contribution for Central Office for the use of their conference room which is where we gather as committee to join the 7th Annual Correction Conference. I ended the meeting with a quick note to all Districts, groups and members who are interested in helping us host our first Annual Correction Conference for Area 46 to join our monthly zoom meeting. Thank you for letting me be of service.

In Love and Service Al G.

Corrections Chair.

#### CPC

The Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) committee met on Saturday morning at 9:45 am. We opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. There were 16 attendees; 8 in person and 8 online. After welcome and introductions, the first item on the agenda was an update on the status of the Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) which had been submitted to the Trustees Literature committee after the August assembly. The trustees committee took "no action" on the proposed item. Their response was somewhat ambiguous as it mentioned an "in progress update" to Appendix III, but gave no clear indication whether or not the subject of the proposed item would be included in their update. We discussed several possible options:

- Wait and see if the trustee's committee included the information in their updates for appendix III;
- Resubmit the PAI, perhaps modifying the wording to suggest updating the existing Appendix III with the new scientific study; and
- 3) Submit a new PAI to create a new CPC pamphlet on the scientific study.

We noted that at this time, the Literature committee receives many PAIs, and a proposed CPC pamphlet might receive more traction in the Trustees CPC committee, Other suggestions included creating a pamphlet which could be sized to fit as an insert into the Big Book. Since the Big Book is updated infrequently (every 20 years or so), a pamphlet offers the opportunity to stay current with scientific studies. The committee agreed to consider its options, and will revisit the topic at the March assembly.

March assembly.

The next item on the agenda was reporting

from districts on CPC activities. Paula L. (D16 Chair) reported that their committee recently made a presentation to volunteers with the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) organization in Deming. There were 6 advocates in attendance, and there was a lively discussion and many interesting questions from the group. There are several other possibilities for presentations in the pipeline. The next D16 CPC meeting will be on January 15th. The group talked about effective ways of doing outreach to professionals. Suggestions included cold calling by telephone or in person, and making face-to-face requests at community meetings. It can also be helpful to get on the agenda of an organization's regular staff meeting, as often times, organizations are looking to fill time at inservice staff meetings. Mass mailings have been tried and are mostly unsuccessful. It was pointed out that it is often easier to make connections in smaller communities rather than in large cities.

The group had good discussion on the goal of CPC presentations. Members shared information on other CPC activities happening in the area.

We closed the meeting with the Responsibility Statement.

Gratefully submitted, Paula S., Chair, Area 46 CPC Committee



#### GRAPEVINE / LA VIÑA COMMITTEE MEETING SATURDAY DECEMBER 7, 2024 AREA 46 ASSEMBLY – TAOS, NM

Meeting started at 9:45 AM with Serenity Prayer

Members Present -

Maia T.(District 13) Grateful Girls – chaired for Robert S. who could not be in attendance

Rob H.(14) - Tech

Rosie F. (13)

Cherokee R. (18)

Julie A. (12)

Sean P. (16)

Kirk K. (7)

Adela R. (12) – Spark of Light

Bianca L. (13) - Grateful Girls

There were 8 people in attendance and 3 people on zoom.

Maia read the meeting minutes from August 10, 2024, meeting at Area 46 Assembly in Albuquerque.

The Grapevine workshop held September 21, 2024 was successful. It lasted 2.5 hours. Robert gave a history of the Grapevine and then everyone got to write their story. Robert would be happy to host another workshop in another district other than 12 or 13. He can be contacted at his email: <a href="mailto:robspiegel@comcast.net">robspiegel@comcast.net</a> or his cell 505-400-9487.

The main discussion was about the library initiative. The Albuquerque public library approved a subscription of the Grapevine in 6 of the 20 branches in Albuquerque. The 6 main branches have space for a subscription.

- The ABQ public library system is so large they have a committee that approves donations
- Cherokee said it is much easier in
   District 18 to get a subscription in their libraries because they are much smaller.

# Grapevine/La Vina (cont.)

# Hybrid (cont.)

# Literature (cont.)

- District 18 Placitas, Bernalillo, Jemez Springs.
- Bianca suggested if anyone has a donation of their old Grapevines to put them in the free little libraries that people have around town.
- Adela said that is how she came across her first Grapevine.
- The stories are what sell people on AA.

Rosie said her homegroup ends each meeting with a joke from the grapevine and that would be a good way to promote the Grapevine.

- We then looked up the website for The Grapevine/ La Viña
  - The website has all the information for the app, podcast, and list of all the previous issues of the Grapevine.

We ended the meeting with the Responsibility Statement at 10:20 AM.

# Hybrid Events Production

Fellows,

In my sobriety, Step 10 asks me to undergo continuous improvement through self-reflection and accountability. In the same way, we on the Area 46 Hybrid Event Production Committee look to continuously improve with the feedback we receive from the Assembly (i.e., you). You're receiving this email because you registered for the December 2024 Area 46 Assembly and we truly need your feedback so we can be true to the steps, traditions, and concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous.

If you can take a few moments and provide us with your input, we would be grateful: https://s.zoom.us/m/bPlPaihsC

provide your feedback another way, please email, text, or call me using the contact information at the bottom of this message. In Love and Service,

Andy S.

Hybrid Events Production Committee Chair, Area 46

hybridevents@nm-aa.org 505-934-7758



Open QR code to take Assembly Survey!

# Literature

Hello from the literature committee! Here is the report from our recent meeting at the December Assembly:

12/7/24 9:45 a.m.:

- 1. Open with the Serenity Prayer
- 2. Welcome and introductions sign in
- The literature committee meets on the third Thursday of every month over zoom
- 3. Announcement: the Plain Language Big Book is now in print



The first printing sold out quickly and an expedited second printing is in progress.

- 4. Scope of literature committee
- Based on feedback, the literature committee will still sell literature
- Scope of literature sales will be scaled back to:
- The Big Book (English and Spanish)
- The 12 and 12 (English and Spanish)
- The Daily Reflections (English and Spanish)
- The Plain Language Big Book (at least for the short term)
- 6. New literature displays
- Would like to have a tablet linked to the GSO website's literature listing as part of the literature display that people can browse
- Working on standardizing what books and pamphlets will be a permanent part of the display

Discussion as a committee about what items would be good to feature for our Area.

- Suggestions of specific books and methods to determine which books are most popular in our Area
- 7. Newcomer pamphlet recommendations report back
- The literature committee reported back on suggestions put together by the committee in advance of the Assembly on suggestions of what might go into a newcomer pamphlet
- Took additional suggestions/feedback from those in attendance
- Will compile a final list of suggestions and share with the Area.

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# *Literature* (cont.)

# Technology (cont.)

# *Technology (cont.)*

- 8. Questions/suggestions for topics for future meetings
- Requests for feedback on our Area's experience with the Plain Language Big Book
- 9. Adjourn with the responsibility statement Additional details will be available in the full minutes from the meeting, which will be shared with the literature committee email distribution list. If you would like to be added to the list, please email literature@nm-aa.org.

The literature committee is interested in learning about our Area's experience with the Plain Language Big Book! If you have a story to share, please email <a href="mailto:literature@nm-aa.org">literature@nm-aa.org!</a>

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Zoom info is: Meeting ID: 884 0112 0725 Password: Literature Best, Sarah H. Area 46 Literature Chair

Technology

Hello Area 46!

Thank you to District 14 for a wonderful December Area 46 Assembly! We appreciate your hard work and service to our community.

At the Area 46 Assembly, there were questions as to why we have a passworded service site. Our reason is to guard our anonymity. On the service site, there are names of trusted servants, reports from all of the committees and assemblies, and all of the minutes of our work. It is not that we want to keep our members out, it is to protect our anonymity.

Here is what the Technology Committee has been working on:

 Changed the password to the service site. The username remains the same (Area46) and the password is now recovery1 (all lowercase)

- Posted links to the AA.org YouTube ASL (American Sign Language) interpreted Big Book and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions
- We are looking at ways to improve our website user experience, including having the assembly registration on the public site instead of the service site.
- Added a link to NMCYPAA website at the bottom right corner of the home page
- Added more slots for Area 46 news (from 3 to 6 and we might increase it to 8)
- Made online forms for folks leaving incarceration or recovery facilities to make contact with someone from AA (Corrections committee or Bridging the Gap committee)
- Interactive District maps with links to email for DCM and for any website connected with that district.
- We purchased GPL Vault for several of the plugins we use on the website to make the site user-friendly and help with the many features we use. This was a one-time purchase and will eliminate some of our yearly expenses with a couple of our previously purchased plugins.

Update meeting list? ALBUQUERQUE AREA (Districts 3, 11, 12, 13, 17 & 18) fill out form

on <a href="https://albuquerqueaa.org/meeting-change-form-old/">https://albuquerqueaa.org/meeting-change-form-old/</a>

Update the meeting list in the rest of the state? Email meetings@nm-aa.org

Post an event to Area46? Email <u>events@nm-aa.org</u>

Broken links? email <u>technology@nm-aa.org</u>

The next meeting of the Technology Committee will be on the 2nd Monday of the month in January 2025 at 7 pm. (January 13) Via Zoom

In love and service,

Lynda H., Technology Chair

#### Treatment

Greetings Area 46

It was a joy to see so many of you at our latest assembly in Taos. As usually, our treatment committee meeting was lively and well attended. We had a fantastic discussion about the varies treatment work happening all across the state of New Mexico. As the pandemic slowly fades further into the rearview, meetings in treatment facilities continue steadily picking up steam. Many of our members who are involved in treatment at their local levels have expressed a need for more speakers, panelists, and participation from the AA community. We would like to encourage all of you to get involved if you are able, it will certainly be some of the most rewarding twelfth step work you will ever do. We look forward to seeing you all again this spring in Carlsbad, and hope you all had joyous, safe, and sober holidays.

Nevin

# Trusted Servants

Welcoming the New Year 2025! Hope everyone is rested from a busy holiday season. It was great to see everyone at the December Area Assembly in Taos. Area 46 December 2024 Trusted servants meeting opened with a moment of Serenity & Serenity Prayer. Welcome and introductions from all in attendance. 26 people attended meeting. Thank you to Laura for putting together the agenda. Area 46 Trusted servants are halfway through the service rotation. Trusted Servants expressed thanks to Michelle T. for serving as area 46 archivist.

# *Trusted Servants (cont.)*

Michelle served as of 2020 and has done a fantastic job. She has helped archives move to new archives space and will currently be rotating out of the area archivist role. Thank you for your service, Michelle T. Archives also submitted an old wire transcript of a Bill W. recording to the national archives that only Area 46 had on hand, great job. Laura and Christoph were tasked to a find new archivist and would like to welcome Rosie F from district 11 to stand for disapproval as the new Area 46 archivist.

Trusted Servants also thanked Candy R. for job well done serving as El Farolito chair/editor during this rotation. Welcome Jeff B from district 18 to stand for new El Farolito chair/editor for the new rotation. Trusted Servants discussed reminders to send in monthly reports to El Farolito due by the 15th of each month, it is our responsibility to say hello, and share important information to the area, equal importance to update and maintain committee service pages on nm-aa.org. This can be done as many times as possible per month and helps keep up with intercommittee communication.

Open Discussion continued in regard to utilizing12-step funding that is still available, this is a way to help area chairs do their jobs. One question asked if funding could be used for travel to district workshops? One suggestion was to speak with committee chairs to help committee chairs and districts find creative ideas and ways to use 12-step funding. Working together for example CPC/PI,

Treatment/Bridge the Gap/Corrections may work together and utilize 12th step funds. The AIP has reference regarding 12-step funding for district to refer to. Next year's budget will include a replenish for 12-step funding. 12th step funding has also been used for service example; Bilingual translation / travel to workshops where services are requested. It will be helpful to ensure an invite from any districts requesting services, necessary to utilize funds versus traveling on your own to service workshops. Another suggestion was for districts to request and see if funds are available from 12th step funding from the area.

#### *Trusted Servants (cont.)*

Open discussion continued on revisiting the idea of virtual assembly planning meetings. Funding is available for use if assembly planning meetings are to be held virtually. We were reminder that there is also a workshop included other than just the hour and a half assembly planning meeting. If the assembly planning meeting is not held virtually the monies from the funds could be given back to the districts. There was a suggestion on trying one true virtual area assembly planning committee meeting to see how this would work, discussion to be continued. Next Area Assembly planning meeting is Saturday January 25th 2025, 11am at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Albuquerque and on zoom. Next Area 46 Assembly March 29th-30th 2025 District 10 Carlsbad. Meeting adjourned and closed with the Responsibility statement. Remain Spiritually Fit. Myron T.

# Area 46 Secretary secretary@nm-aa.org

District 2

Hello from District 2 representing Santa Fe and surrounding communities of Cerrillos, Galisteo, Madrid, Eldorado, Rowe, Tesuque, White Lakes, Lamy and Pecos.

We met December 12th for our last district meeting of 2024!

Our AltDCM Tate led us in a study of Concept 12 and Tradition 12, Anniversaries, Sarah F, 21 years,

congratulations!

Welcome to Zayne, Bruce and Jim attending district for the 1st time.

SAVE the DATE: 2nd annual Unity Day, January 11th, 2pm-4pm at the Friendship Club. Come learn about the Spirit of AA Service and service opportunities in the district

Outgoing Treasurer Devin presented the budget for 2025 and Bruce was elected as new Treasurer. Thank you Devin for your service and welcome Bruce!

DCM Franco presented on the Assembly in Taos, as did Alt DCM Tate.

Jenn's term as hybrid chair is ending, thank you for that service.

Various other service positions will be open as well.

Nine GSRs presented reports; Those providing important childcare are Sunday Morning, An AA Group, and Lighthouse. Groups report good attendance with many newcomers, and some are taking meetings into the recovery center. Men are needed to lead meetings at the prison.

#### **Districts**

# District 2 (cont.)

NM Young People's group is hosting a zoom meeting on 3rd Sundays, stay tuned for details.

Next District meeting January 9th at the Friendship Club, 1316 Apache Ave, Santa Fe, N.M. Hybrid: Zoom ID: 505 982 8932 PW: 505505. 5:30pm potluck; Concepts 6pm; District Meeting 6:30-8pm. Gratitude for the year of service and looking ahead to the year to come in unity.

#### District 4

Speaker Meeting, Saturdays @ 7:00 PM live & via Hybrid

Arid Club, 334 Griggs, Las Cruces NM

George L. January 4th Carrie P. January 11<sup>th</sup> Beverly R. January 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday Mtg January 25<sup>th</sup>

Birthdays in January 2025

Stephanie M. 01/02 2 YR. Jessica C. 01/16 2 YR.

#### District 5

Happy New Year!

D5 has had an active 2 months. We had a knockout Sober October held in

Alamogordo, with fun, games, music, food, and a speaker meeting.

In December we celebrated the holidays on December 14 in Ruidoso. Great food, fellowship, Santa and a speaker meeting. Our district meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month. The meeting rotates throughout the district, all of Lincoln and Otero counties. We have 11 groups, with most groups showing up or reporting to the district. Our next meeting will be January 19, 2025.

November birthdays are; Group 63, Jack B., 1 year, Eddie M., 1 year, Issa R., 1 year, TJ P., 1 year, Benito H, 1 Year, Bruce P., 1 year. Arid Group; Mary Jo, 35 years, Cindy A., 7 years, Jeri N., 5 years. Congratulations to all our Area 46 celebrants

submitted by Patience B., D5 ELF rep

#### District 8

Happy sober New Year! The holiday banquet was held on December 14, with an ugly sweater contest and bingo. Members of the district were busy in the weeks leading up to the party, cooking meats and organizing the affair. Late in planning was the New Year's Eve potluck and alkathon. Let's hope it helped at least one alcoholic stay sober.

The corrections chair reported that the juvenile jail is interested in our hosting AA meetings there. Please see Pat V. if you are available to help.

The DIP (District Information Pamphlet) was sent in November to attendees of the district meeting. Please review this information and bring comments to the meeting in January.

In lieu of the Area 46 convention in 2025, the focus will be on hosting the Southwest Regional Form to be held in Albuquerque November 14-16. Volunteers are needed, and the planning meetings are held every third Thursday of the month on zoom. Check the Area 46 website for details and get involved.

Birthdays to be celebrated include Justin -1 yr, Jill C. -2 yrs, Kyler -2 yrs, Taylor -2 yrs, Susan J. -16 yrs, Clinton T. -18 yrs, Maria -26 yrs, Charlie B. -28 yrs, Donna P. -30 yrs, Bruce F. -32 yrs, Steve M. -36 yrs, Pat V. -38 yrs, Roger L. -39 yrs, and Steve -39 yrs. Congratulations to all!

District 8 meets at 7 PM at 865 N. Dustin. The next meeting is January 9. Hope to see you there!

# District 9

District 9 Recap
Oh hevyyy!!!

Congrats to D-11,12 + 13 for winning the December Assembly Bid 2025. Great job on the Assembly,

I totally missed out!!

District 9 is ecstatic to host the State Area Convention in 2026. Thank you for your votes.

I wanna thank Brent C and Dez B for stepping up.

# District 9 (cont.)

I wanna thank Brent C and Dez B for stepping up.

I appreciate y'all for bidding in person on our behalf.

Laguna Group Sobriety Birthdays Julian B - 9 years James F - 3 years

No Half Stepping When: Tuesdays Time: 9-10am

Where: No Half Stepping's Zoom Platform

Meeting ID- 970 436 0750 PW- 8mKZrp

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9704360750?pwd =OFhhaTNUMWd2QVl5QjVYaUxVUUhS Zz09

In Love & Service, Lennie H. Elf Rep D9

#### District 11

Greetings to all from D11 as the year draws to a close. We had our District meeting one day before the deadline and it was a great way to wrap up the year. We took care of business but we also had a holiday potluck. Good food and good fellowship. We discussed a planned event as a fundraiser for Central Office in the Spring, volunteer opportunities for the SW Regional Forum, the "adopt" a library concept to get AA literature into libraries in our metro area, the annual picnic and Traditions Conference whether or not we should follow substantial unanimity for voting and of course what went on at the Recent Assembly in Taos. For a variety of reasons in person participation by D11 was slim but I certainly saw and heard a bunch of them on "the Hollywood Squares"

As we say goodbye for now to Candy we welcome the new editor Jeff B from D18. Also on Saturday Rosie F stood for disapproval as the new Area Archivist and unlike her drinking days no one disapproved of her. I am honored and scared to follow MIchelle T into this position. I will ask for Help!

Rosie F D11 Elf rep

# District 12

District 12 meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7:15. We meet in person at Central Office and on zoom. Zoom Meeting information: 966 013 794 Password: D12. Central Office is located at 1919 Alvarado Dr NE, 87110

D12's last meeting was on December 12, 2024. 17 people were in attendance. DCM Amy provided a summary of the December Assembly. D 11,12 and 13's bid for the December 2025 Assembly was passed. In other news, the Area 46 Service Site password has been updated to recovery1.

Will presented the Treasurer's report for November and December.
GSRs presented reports on their homegroups. There are many events happening in the district, please see central office website for Foothills, Strange Mental Blank Spots, and Young People Committee reports were made for the following committees: Bridge the Gap, Intergroup, ELF, Treatment, Workshop, and Young People.

# District 13

Hello from District 13! Check out our "What's Up in District 13" live/dynamic folder here:

https://tinyurl.com/District13WhatsUp for current news and flyers ©.

Last month we bid at the December Assembly for next December's Assembly with Districts 11 & 12, and won the bid! Thanks Assembly goers, and we'll make it great.

This month we'll start Assembly planning meetings and we invite District 11, 12, and 13 groups to join us in February. We already have a volunteer to make sure coffee never runs out (phew!).

We're looking for groups who might be interested in hosting our next step workshop covering steps 4-9. The district provides lunch, the group provides the venue and speakers.

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Sobriety birthdays in District 13 last month, in December:

- Janette 2 years! High Country Group
- Manny 37 years! High Country Group
- And, though they're not in our District, every sobriety birthday deserves celebrating: Lee 15 years!
   Foothills

There are 3 ways to make a 7th tradition contribution to District 13: 1) online at <a href="https://buymeacoffee.com/district13H">https://buymeacoffee.com/district13H</a>, 2) mailing a check made to "District 13" to P.O. Box 40341, Albuquerque, NM 87196, or 3) bring it to us in-person at our next meeting! We meet every second Saturday of the month at 10:00am. Join us in person at the Metropolitan Community Church, 1103 Texas St NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110 or online—Zoom Meeting ID: 895 9206 3206, Password: 280896.

In love and service, Barb C.

district13@nm-aa.org or 505-289-0620 D13 Calendar:

https://tinyurl.com/District13Calendar D13 Info:

https://tinyurl.com/District13WhatsUp D13 / Area 46 Website: https://nmaa.org/service/districts/district-13/

#### District 14

Our district was grateful to host the December Area Assembly here in Taos. We were very pleased with the attendance (147 in person, 67 on Zoom). The nice weather was surely a positive factor in the excellent turnout. Our district, as we do every year, hosted a Christmas dinner at the First Presbyterian Church on Christmas Day. As usual, it was well attended! We look forward to having another productive year in 2025 being of service to our groups and committee to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Prospero ano! In service, Bob J.

Hello from District 16!

November was a fun month for us. We had a Thanksgiving gathering at the 180 club. There was a real good turnout for turkey and ham and all of the side dishes! November was a fun month for us. We had a Thanksgiving gathering at the 180 club. There was a real good turnout for turkey and all of the side dishes! We're becoming pros at these potlucks and we're about to show it off in December! Our district meeting is tomorrow on the 15th with a potluck and the Bayard group will be hosting their annual Christmas party the very next day on Monday the 16th with a potluck and a speaker meeting. Their speakers are Dick and Jane.

On Christmas Day our Young, Sober & Free Group will host a Christmas potluck and there will be an Ugly Sweater contest. Two Alcathons on New Year's Day! Silver City at the 180 Club and Deming at 116 Gold St We are a fairly small district, but we have a lot of participation and I'd say that we are growing and thriving. There are 12 registered groups and 3 meetings in District 16

Most months we have several sobriety anniversaries to report, but interestingly, we only have one to report this month. and she is dear to us!

Martha December 26, 1982 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Rose S

# District 18

Greetings from District 18 Our district meeting was held on December 14 and was well attended with several new GSRs attending As is our tradition, a member opened the meeting with comments on the Tradition and Concept of the month. The DCM reported that the District Secretary had to step down due to employment conflicts and asked attendees to mention the vacancy at their meetings. We welcomed the new Intergroup Rep to the position at Intergroup before moving into reports/comments on the Area Assembly in Taos. The DCM indicated that the DCM meeting included discussion on covering the cost of assemblies in Area 46. Various GSRs reported on the different committee meetings they attended as well as their overall impressions. It was noted that the motion discussed and approved by the district was withdrawn during discussion at the assembly, with no plans, at this time, to resubmit.

There was some discussion on groups trying to set aside money to offset the cost of their GSRs going to Assemblies. in person. The group then discussed and approved the district budget for 2025 that included allocations for certain of the standing committees. The district then discussed and voted on our year-end Circle of Love contributions that zeros our cash (except for a prudent reserve and known but not received bills for 2024). It was pointed out that any expenditures in 2025 will initially have to come out of the reserve as there will be no cash until income begins flowing in from the groups. The eleven standing committees then gave their reports followed by the GSRs reporting on their groups. The DCM acknowledged the vacancy in the ELF liaison position to be filed in the future. Our next meeting will be held January 11 in Bernalillo.

In Service Jeff B. D-18 ELF Liaison





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