

G.S.R. Orientation

Area 46 Assemblies 2022-2023



Area 46 Trusted Servants – Panel 72

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Essential Part of a Larger Whole

The general service structure ensures that the groups in A.A. have a voice in the affairs of their own Fellowship. It is this, and yet, it is much more than this.

A.A. was there for you when you needed it. The work you do as a trusted servant in general service helps ensure that A.A. will be there when alcoholics come for help in the future.

~A.A. Service Manual, page 6

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~A.A. Service Manual, page 7



A.A. Around the World



Today, an A.A. presence can be found in approximately 180 nations worldwide, with membership estimated at over two million. There are more than 123,000 A.A. groups around the world and A.A.'s literature has been translated into over 100 languages.

Source: <https://www.aa.org/aa-around-the-world>



AREA MAP OF US AND CANADA

**This map represents a general
outline of Areas.**



93 Areas in US and Canada



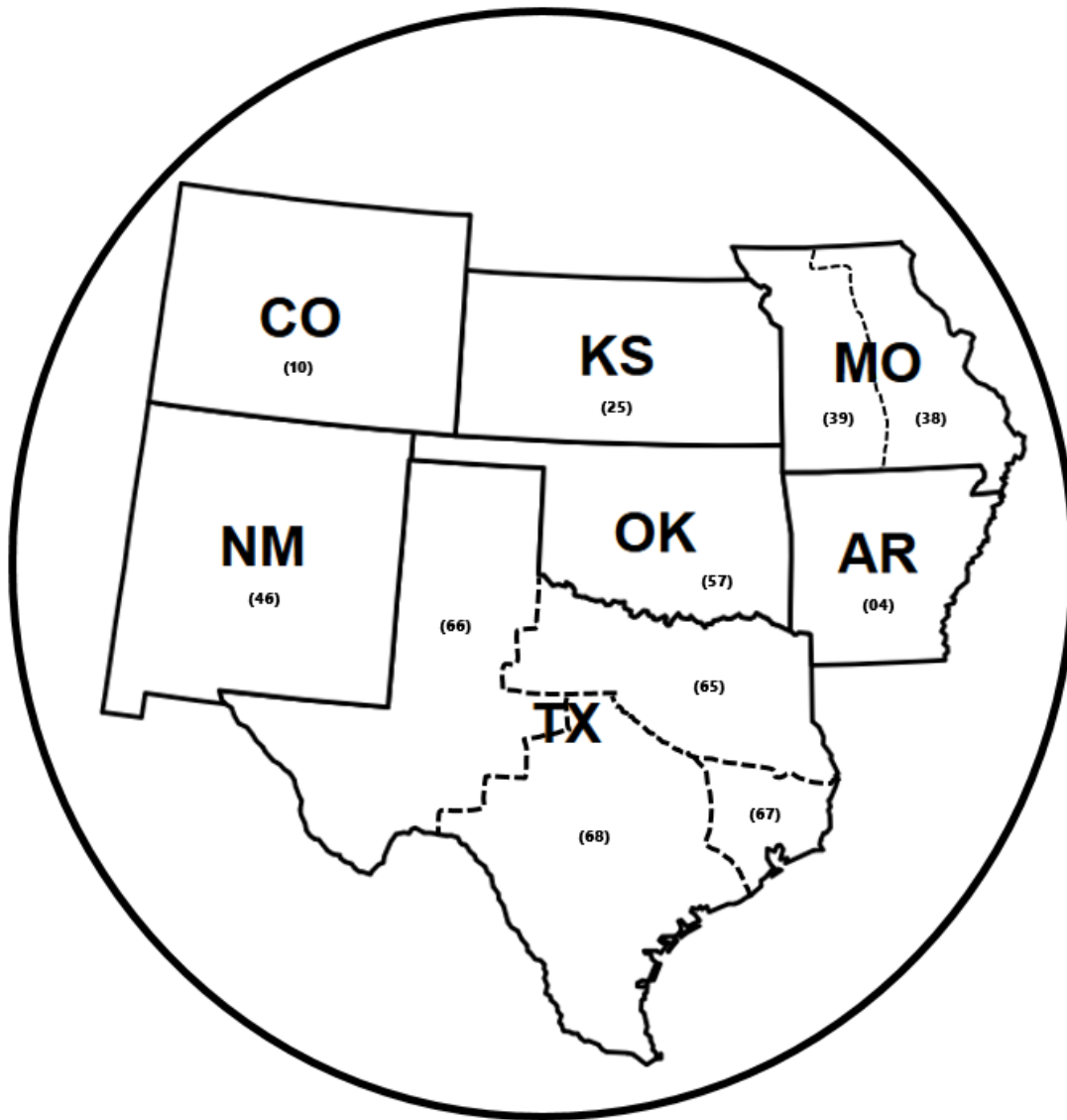


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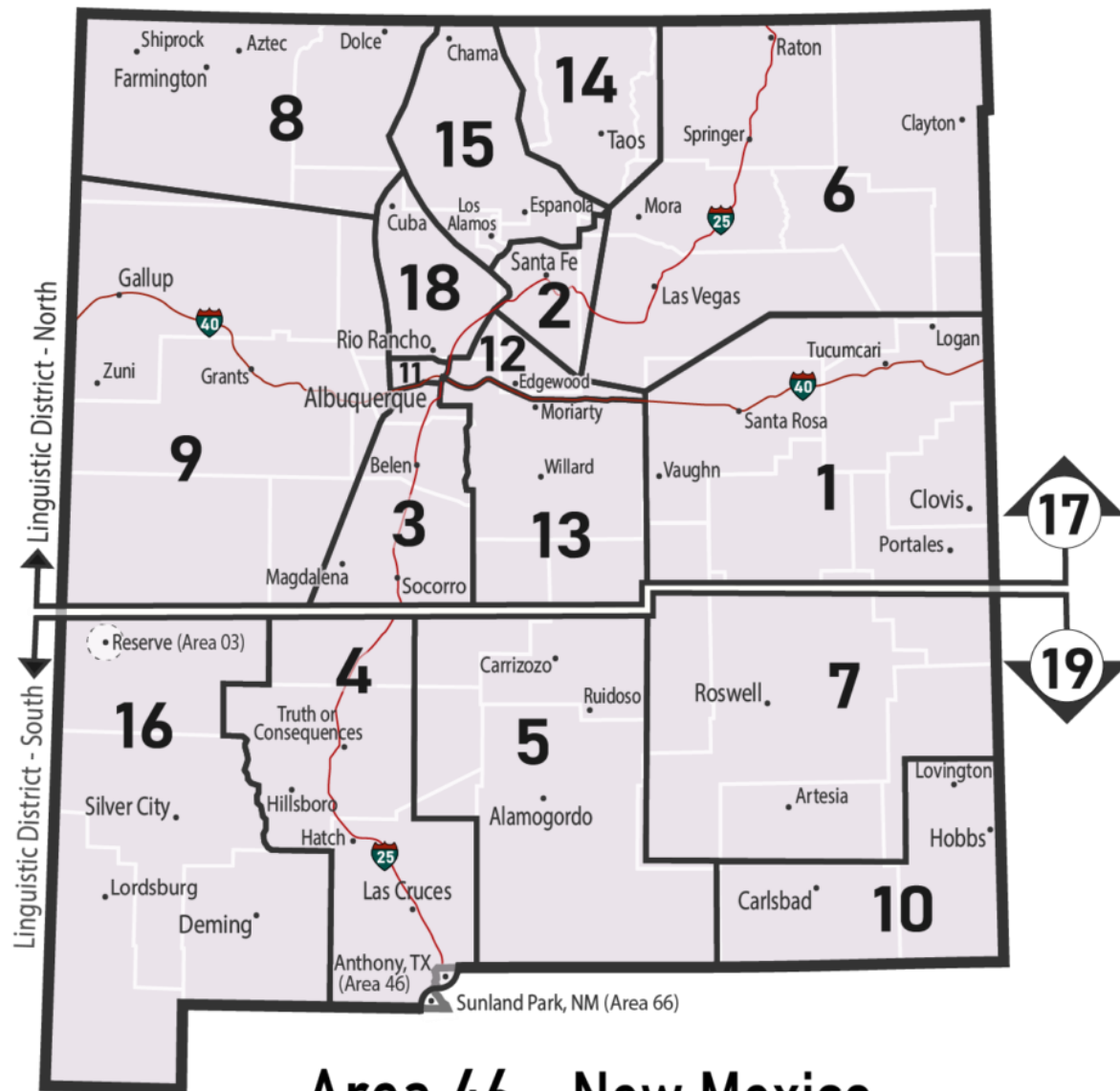
1. Western Canada
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3. West Central
4. East Central
5. North East
6. Pacific
7. Southwest
8. Southeast

Southwest Region



1. Area 04 - Arkansas
2. Area 10 - Colorado
3. Area 25 - Kansas
4. Area 38 - Eastern Missouri
5. Area 39 - Western Missouri
6. Area 46 - New Mexico
7. Area 57 - Oklahoma
8. Area 65 - Northeast Texas
9. Area 66 - Northwest Texas
10. Area 67 - Southeast Texas
11. Area 68 - Southwest Texas

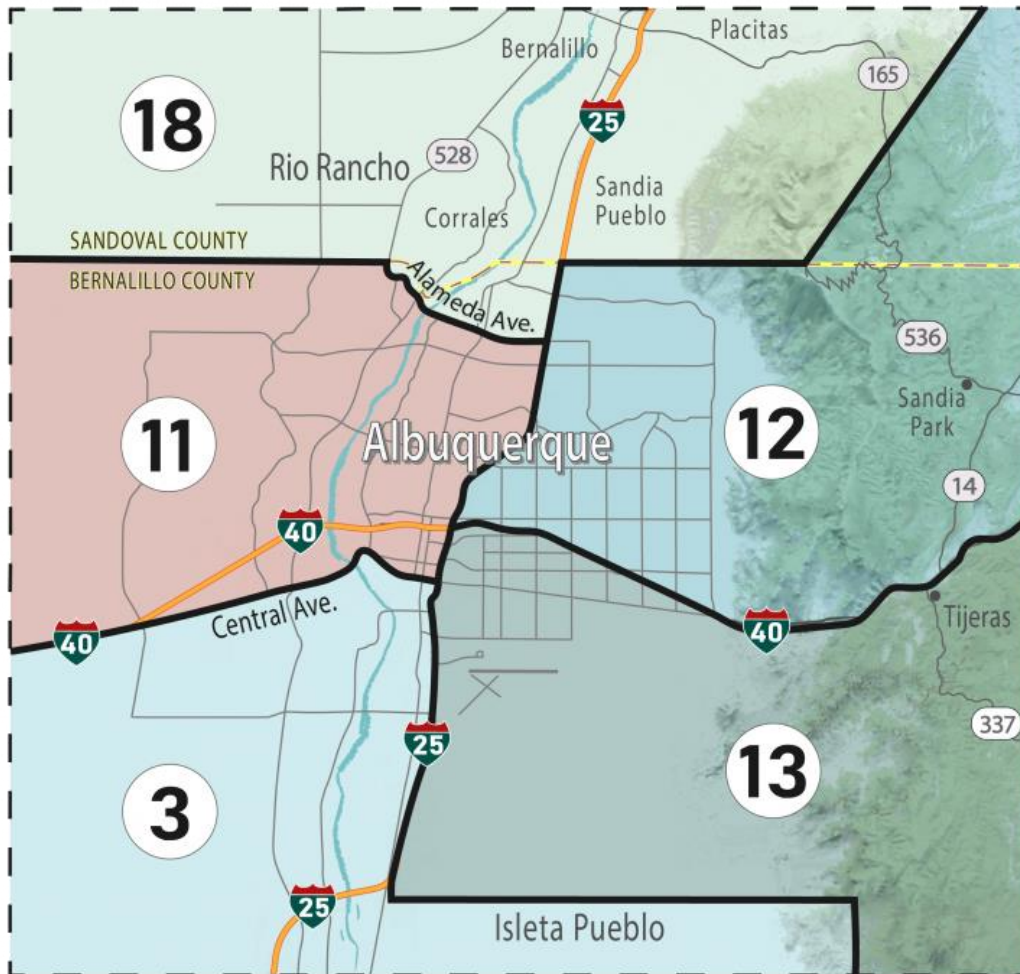
District Boundaries



Area 46 - New Mexico
District Boundaries
December 2020



Albuquerque Metro (5 Districts)

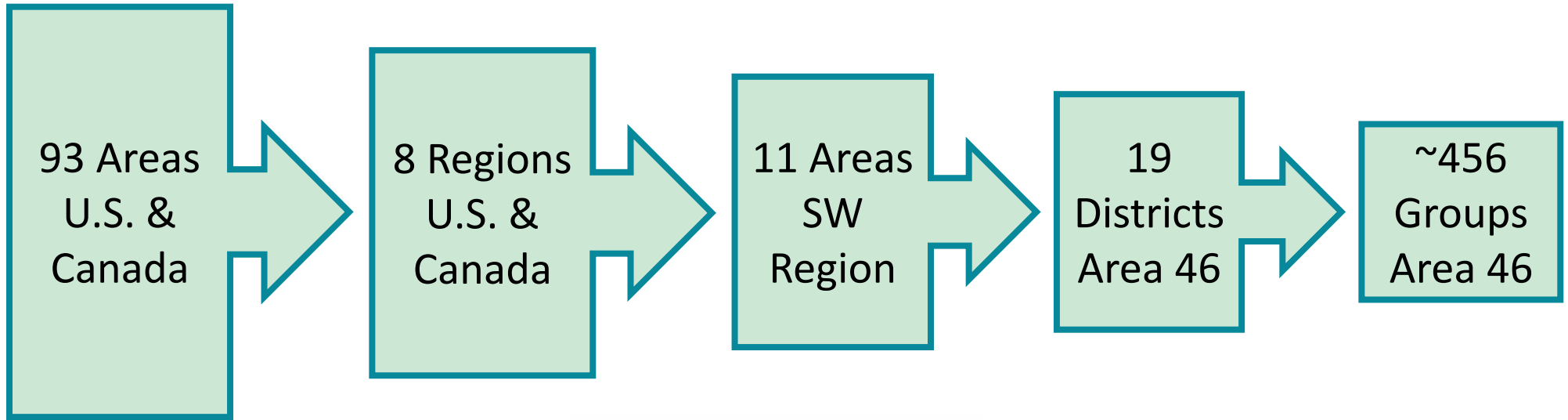


Albuquerque Metro Districts
District Boundaries
December 2017

NOTE: Although located South of I-40, A.A. groups which meet at the Heights Club are part of District 12.



Essential Part of a Larger Whole



**63 Service
Structures
Worldwide !**



A.A. Three Legacies

Recovery

The suggestions for recovery are the Twelve Steps.

Unity

The suggestions for achieving unity are the Twelve Traditions.

Service

The suggestions for service are described in Twelve Concepts for World Service.



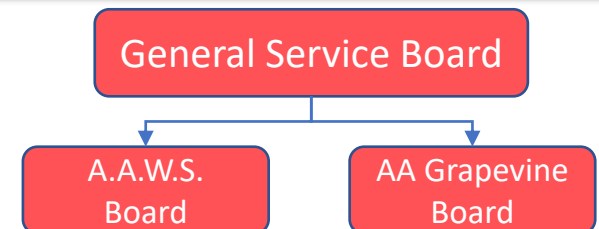
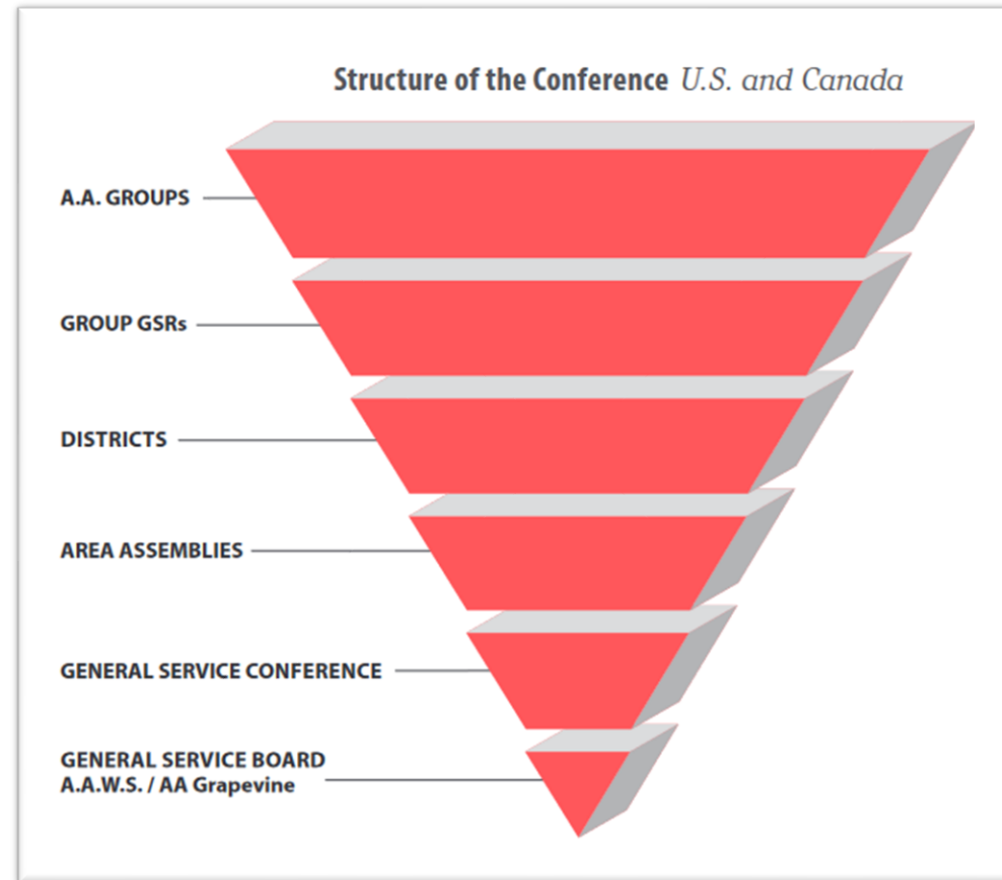
A.A. Service Structure

Concept 1

The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for A.A. World Services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship.

- 1) The Group is the ultimate Authority of AA
- 2) GSR works for the Group
- 3) GSR carries the Group's Conscience to the District Committee, not his own opinion or vote.

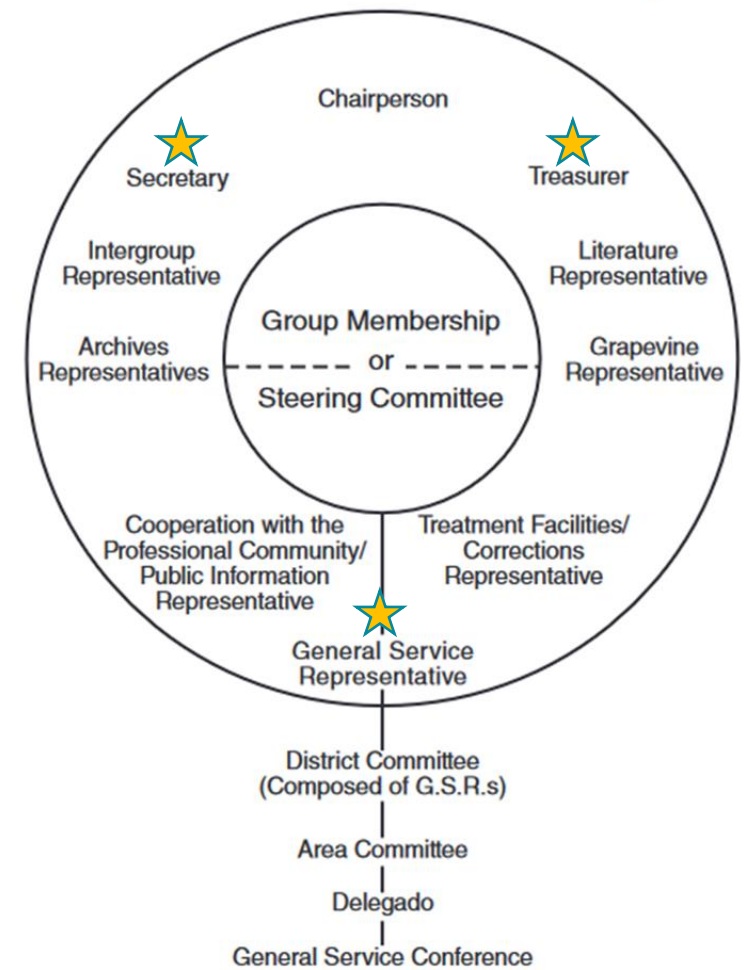
The spirit of Anonymity is also applicable as a "Spiritual Foundation" of Concept One.



Your Home Group

- The home group affords individual A.A.s the privilege of voting on issues that affect the Fellowship as a whole; it is the very basis of the service structure.
- While many A.A. members attend other groups as well, the home group is where they participate in business meetings and cast their vote as part of the group conscience of the Fellowship as a whole.
- As with all group conscience matters, each member has one vote.
- Service Opportunities Abound
- Encourage fellow group members to get involved

Service Structure Inside the A.A. Group



 Start here!

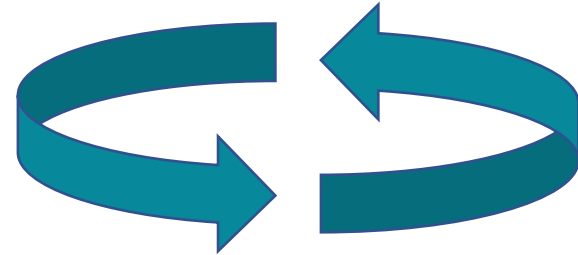


Your Role as GSR

- You are the link between your group and “A.A. as a whole.”



- You are a channel through which news, information, opinions and ideas can flow back and forth.



- You give your group a voice in the affairs of the Fellowship.



Your Role as GSR

GSRs express their group's conscience in 3 ways...

1. When the GSR is present at district meetings and assemblies, the group's voice is heard.
2. When the GSR participates, the group's voice is heard.
3. When the GSR votes, the group's voice is heard.

GSRs can provide reports to their group from multiple sources...

1. G.S.O.'s quarterly newsletter, Box 4-5-9
2. The Delegate's conference report
3. General Service Conference Final Report
4. DCM Reports
5. Quarterly Report of the General Service Board
6. El Farolito



Pop Quiz!

What are differences between a registered vs. unregistered group?

- Groups should be registered with the District, Area and G.S.O.
 - An unregistered group is not
- A registered group is part of the General Service Structure
 - An unregistered is not
- A registered group has a group number from G.S.O.
 - An unregistered does not
- A registered group has a voice in the affairs of A.A. as a whole (YOU!!)
 - An unregistered does not because they do not participate in the General Service Structure

How many home groups can one person have?

- ONE! (as an individual A.A. member, we each get one vote)
- As a G.S.R. you will vote on behalf of your group

How can I register my group?

- Contact the Area 46 Registrar at registrar@nm-aa.org



Your District

- Service Opportunities Abound in your district!
 - Most districts have standing committees that match area committees
- Encourage fellow group members to get involved in a district committee.
- You take your group's vote to the district meeting
 - Voting on matters important to the District
- You take your group's vote to the area assemblies
 - Voting on matters important to Area 46
 - Voicing your group's conscience on GSC Agenda Items



District Committees

- [Accessibilities and Remote Communities \(ARC\)](#)
- [Archives](#)
- [Bilingual](#)
- [Bridge the Gap \(BTG\)](#)
- [Cooperation with the Professional Community \(CPC\)](#)
- [Corrections](#)
- [El Farolito](#)
- [Finance](#)
- [Grapevine/ La Viña](#)
- [Literature](#)
- [Public Information \(PI\)](#)
- [Technology](#)
- [Treatment Facilities](#)
- [Young People in Service](#)

These committees mirror committees in Area 46 New Mexico and some groups. Please choose one or two committees and become a regular member of this committee at both the Area and District level during your term as GSR.

Consider: Chairing a committee within your district!



Area 46 Assemblies

March Assembly

The Area 46 pre-conference assembly is held the last weekend in March every year. In addition to conducting area business, this assembly is for our delegate to better understand how our area as a whole feels about items that will be discussed by the General Service Conference.

August Assembly

Typically held on the first weekend in August. In odd years, this is our election assembly. Here we elect our Area 46 officers for the next two-year rotation. Also, the budget for the upcoming year is presented by the Finance Committee and regular assembly business is conducted.

December Assembly

Typically held on the first weekend of December, the budget for the following year will be voted on and regular assembly business is conducted. In odd years, this is the final assembly for the current rotation.



Area Assembly Purpose

An area's purpose is threefold:

1. To elect a delegate who will represent the area's conscience at the annual General Service Conference, where decisions are made that affect A.A. throughout the U.S. & Canada.
2. To form a local decision-making structure so groups can collectively decide on matters that affect their area.
3. To carry out Twelfth Step work that may not be practical for groups, districts or intergroups to take on by themselves. Examples include, but are not limited to:
 - Accessibility
 - Area bulletin or newsletter
 - Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)
 - Corrections
 - Informational website
 - Language translation services
 - Literature, including Grapevine and La Viña
 - Public Information (PI)
 - Treatment Facilities



Area 46 Standing Committees

- [Accessibilities and Remote Communities \(ARC\)](#)
- [Archives](#)
- [Bilingual](#)
- [Bridge the Gap \(BTG\)](#)
- [Cooperation with the Professional Community \(CPC\)](#)
- [Corrections](#)
- [El Farolito](#)
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Area Special Committees

Ad Hoc Committees - Ad Hoc Committees serve as advisory committees to the Area Assembly and may be formed to deal with special situations that may arise from time to time. Ad Hoc Committees may be formed at any time by the Area Chairperson.



GSR Role at Area Assemblies

- As your home group's GSR, you are their elected voice who speaks on behalf of the group and votes likewise.
- You can make motions and second motions.
- You can participate in the discussion of motions and contribute to sharing sessions and committee meetings.
- You can speak for the minority opinion during voting.
 - Important if your group's opinion is in the minority.
- You are the communication conduit between your Group, the District, the Area and the Delegate.



Assembly Schedule

- Saturday Morning
 - Call to Order
 - Committee Meetings
- Saturday Afternoon
 - Business Meeting
 - Officer Reports
 - Old Business
 - New Business
- Saturday Evening
 - Sharing Session
- Sunday Morning
 - Vote on Bids & Motions
 - Assembly Meeting Reports
 - Ask it Basket & Sobriety Countdown
 - Elections
 - Aug Assembly – Odd Years

AREA 46 Pre-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY AGENDA

March 26th & 27, 2022 • District 13 – Moriarty & Online

Moriarty Civic Center • 202 Broadway Moriarty, NM 87035

FRIDAY

6:30 pm Meet & Greet
7:00 pm Speaker meeting

(Moriarty Civic Center and Online)

(No business will be done on Friday)
Hosted by District 13

SATURDAY

7:15 am **Registration Open** – Please gather in main meeting room by 8:15 am so that the Assembly can begin on schedule.

8:30 am **CALL TO ORDER**

8:40 am Delegate's Pre-Conference Assembly Remarks

8:50 am 5-minute break

8:55 am **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** GSR Orientation, Bilingual, Corrections, Finance, Technology

9:45 am 10-minute break

9:55 am **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Cooperation w/ Professional Community (CPC), El Farolito, Grapevine/La Vina, Literature, Treatment

10:45 am 10-minute break

10:55 am **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Accessibilities & Remote Communities (ARC), Archives, Bridge the Gap (BTG), Public Information (PI), Young People

11:45 am **Lunch Break** - Provided by District 13

12:45 pm **MEETINGS:** GSRs, District Committee Members (DCMs), Area Trusted servants, past delegates

1:35 pm 10-minute break

1:45 pm **CALL TO ORDER** – Business Meeting

2:00 pm **INTRODUCTIONS** – Area trusted servants, past delegates, Districts (DCMs, GSRs & others), visitors.

2:30 pm **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Summary of Minutes – December 2021 Assembly - Raton

2:35 pm **TREASURER'S REPORT** (while 7th Tradition basket is passed)

2:45 pm **REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

2:50 pm **DELEGATE'S REPORT**

3:00 pm **ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT**

3:10 pm 10-minute break

3:20 pm **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

3:35 pm **OLD BUSINESS**

1) Assembly Report: August 6 & 7, 2022 - District 3

2) Assembly Report: December 3 & 4, 2022 - District 10

4:00 pm **NEW BUSINESS***

1) Bids for Area State Convention June 2, 3, & 4, 2023

2) Bids for March Assembly, March 25 & 26, 2023

3) Bids for Area 46 Service Forum 2023

4) Other New Business

Dinner Break

5:20 pm

6:30 pm **Fellowship & Fun** – Hosted by the Young People's Committee

7:00 pm **SHARING SESSION** – Eloy M., Area Delegate

SUNDAY

7:30 am Registration Opens

8:00 am **CALL TO ORDER**

8:10 am **VOTE** on previous day's bids and motions

8:30 am **ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORTS**** Committees, GSR, DCM, Trusted Servants, and Past Delegates

9:20 am 10-minute break

9:30 am **ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORTS**** (continued)

10:30 am Ask It Basket and Sobriety Countdown

10:45 am 10-minute break

10:55 am **Conference Sharing** – Area 46 members can comment on Conference agenda items of concern to your groups (up to 3 min. each)

12:00 pm **Adjourned until August 6, 2022 – District 3, Belen**



Sample

Committee Breakouts (Sessions 1-3)

- Limited time between sessions
- Plan ahead – which committees interest you
- Stay with the committee for the full rotation if you are interested
 - Many committees meet online in between assemblies
- Individual committees meet and discuss items specific to that committee
- Chaired by an Area Committee chair
- Discuss how that committee, and those who are a part of it, can carry the message back in their respective districts and groups between Assemblies



Meeting Breakouts (Session 4)

- Meetings are sharing sessions about best practices, mutual problems and solutions
 - GSR Meeting
 - DCM Meeting
 - Trusted Servant Meeting
 - Past Delegates Meeting



Area 46 Business Meeting (Saturday Afternoon)

- CALL TO ORDER
- INTRODUCTIONS
 - Area trusted servants, past delegates, Districts (DCMs, GSRs & others), visitors.
- SECRETARY'S REPORT: Summary of Minutes from last assembly
- TREASURER'S REPORT
- REGISTRAR'S REPORT
- DELEGATE'S REPORT
- ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT
- ANNOUNCEMENTS
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS*



What Happens in Old Business

- Reports on upcoming Area Assemblies or Conventions.
- Final Convention Report at the August Area Assembly.
- Ad hoc Committee Reports
- Business from previous Assemblies brought forward for continued discussion or to be presented as a motion.



What Happens in New Business

- Bids are made for upcoming Area Assemblies one year in advance.
- During the December Area Assembly bids are made for the Area Convention 18 months in advance.
- New committee chair(s) are presented for disapproval. (In December of odd years)
- Motions and items for discussion are presented and discussed.
 - This is the only time that we discuss the items.
 - Voted upon on Sunday morning
 - Only Minority Opinion is heard on Sunday
 - Full discussion is critical



*How to Make a Motion

1. Any voting member can make a motion. If you need assistance preparing a motion see any Area trusted servant, past delegate, or DCM.
2. Motions should be emailed or texted to the Secretary when the motion is made, ideally before Assembly.
(Include your name and voting position with the motion)
3. If your motion requires Area funding, include as part of the motion the costs and where the funding will come from.
(see Finance chair or Treasurer for help)



What Happens in a Delegate Sharing Session (Saturday evening)

Important opportunity and exchange of information with Delegate

- March assembly is focused on General Service Conference agenda items.
- August even years – maybe a GSO speaker – Delegate's choice.
- August odd years – Delegate's choice
- December even years – maybe GSO Speaker, maybe SWRAASA presentation
- December every odd year is Area inventory at end of rotation.



What Happens Sunday Morning

- Vote on previous days bids and motions
 - Minority opinion process may show up, be ready!
 - Eligible Voters: Delegate, Alt Delegate
- Committee meeting reports
- Meeting reports
 - GSR
 - DCM
 - Trusted Servants
 - Past Delegates
- Ask it basket and sobriety countdown



What Happens Sunday Morning

- Vote on previous days bids and motions
 - Minority opinion may show up - be ready!
- Eligible Voters
 - Delegate
 - Alt Delegate
 - Area 46 Officers
 - DCMs or Alternate
 - GSRs or Alternate
- Committee meeting reports
- Meeting reports
 - GSR
 - DCM
 - Trusted Servants
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The Six Warranties of Concept XII

At the heart of each area is the assembly meeting, where the democratic voice of our Fellowship expresses itself. While each area has the autonomy to conduct its meetings according to its conscience, Concept XII offers the General Warranties of the Conference as the guiding principles to remain democratic in thought and action.

Warranty One: “The Conference shall never become the seat of perilous wealth or power.”

Warranty Two: “Sufficient operating funds, plus an ample Reserve, should be its prudent financial principle.”

Warranty Three: “None of the Conference members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others.”

Warranty Four: “That all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity.”

Warranty Five: “That no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy.”

Warranty Six: “That though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in action and in spirit.”



GSR Tools & Resources

Tools

- [Area 46 Website](#)*
- [Area Information Pamphlet \(AIP\)](#)
- [El Farolito](#)
- [A.A. Service Manual](#)
- [AA.org Website](#)
- [Box 4-5-9](#)

Resources

- Your Service Sponsor!
- Your DCM
 - #1 Resource
- [Your Delegate](#)
- [Your Alt Delegate](#)
- [Area 46 Officers](#)



Service Sponsor

What They do?

- Answer service-related questions
- Willing to share this experience with another alcoholic who is just starting the journey
- Introduce newer members to the various aspects of service: setting up a meeting, working on committees, participating in conferences, etc.

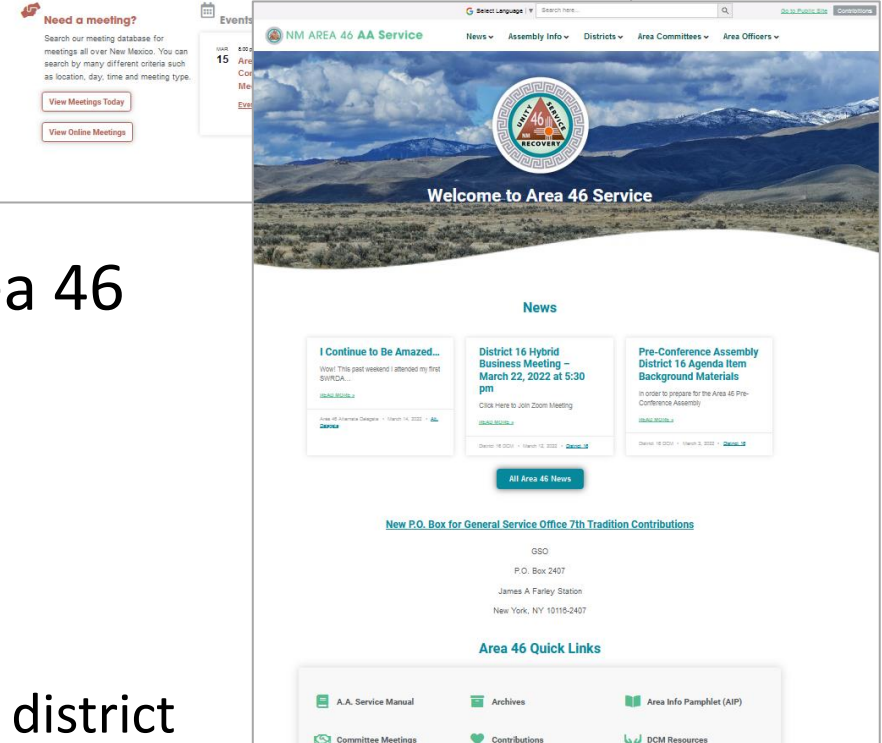
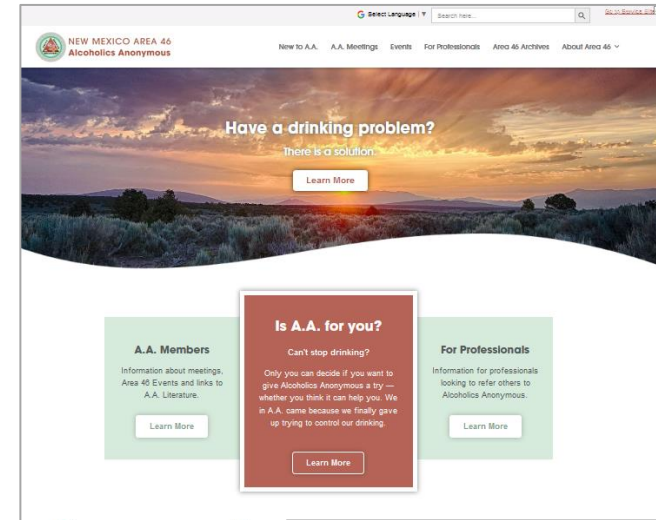
Selection Suggestions

- Knowledgeable in A.A. history and the service structure
- Well acquainted with the various service positions and the principles and concepts that guide general service
- Familiar with the Twelve Traditions
- Familiar with The A.A. Service Manual and Twelve Concepts
- Look around at assemblies!



Area 46 Website

- Two Sites in One
 - Public Site
 - Service Site
- Service Site
 - Password protected
 - All service-related info for Area 46
- District Pages
 - Public Site
 - Basic info about your district
 - Service Site
 - Service specific info about your district

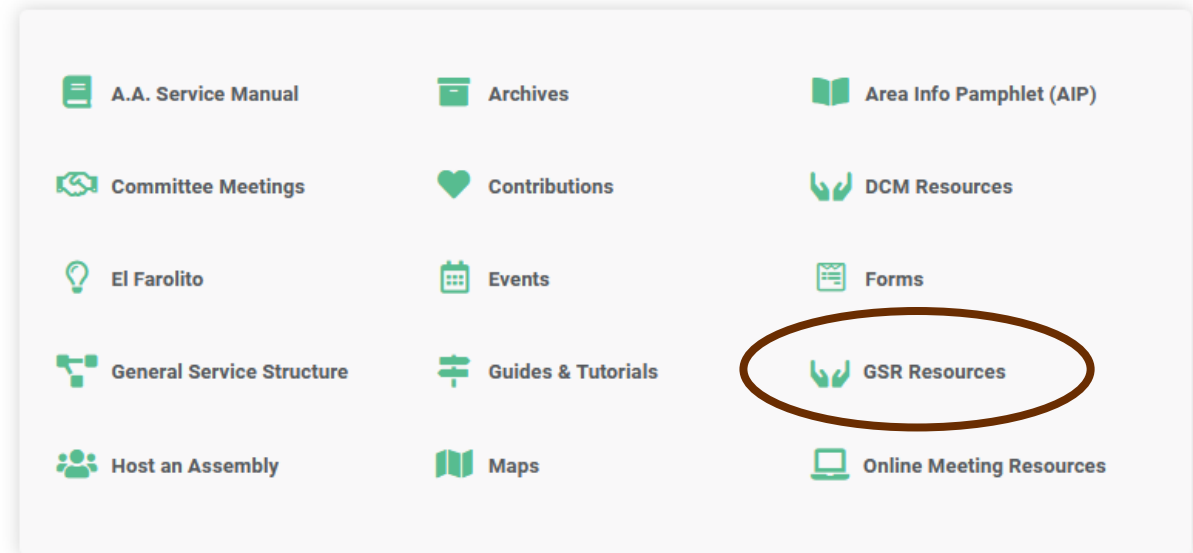


Service Site

- [Area 46 News](#)
- [Quick Links](#)
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- [Area Committee](#)
- [Info & Resources](#)
- [GSR Info & Resources](#)

- <https://nm-aa.org/service/area-46-info/general-service-representative-resources/>

Area 46 Quick Links



General Service Representative (G.S.R.) Service Information

What Is a G.S.R?

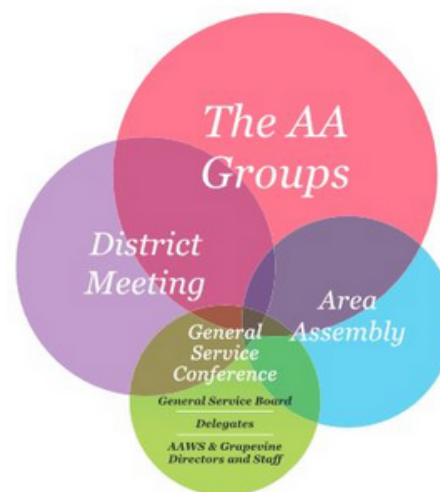
Your group's link to A.A. as a whole

The general service representatives (G.S.R.s) of the U.S. and Canada are the very foundation of our general service structure. Through your G.S.R., you can make your group's voice heard at district meetings, at area assemblies, and eventually at the General Service Conference.

When you're a general service representative (G.S.R.)

You are linking your home group with the whole of A.A. In 1950, a new type of trusted servant, "group representative," was suggested to help in the selection of delegates to the newly formed General Service Conference. By 1953, the job of group representative was also seen as a good means of exchanging up-to-date information between individual groups and "Headquarters" (now the General Service Office). That's still an important side of your work. But now, as general service representative, you have an even bigger responsibility: You transmit ideas and opinions, as well as facts; through you, the group conscience becomes a part of "the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship," as expressed in the General Service Conference. Like everything else in A.A., it works through a series of simple steps. (For the complete picture in detail, read The A.A. Service Manual.)

Taken from [G.S.R. General Service Representative Pamphlet](#) by Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.



Circles of Love and Service

G.S.R. Resources

Area 46 Resources

- [Area Information Pamphlet \(AIP\)](#)
- [New Group Form](#)
- [Formulario de Información de Grupo Nuevo A-46](#)
- [Group Information Change Form](#)

Resources on AA.ORG

- [G.S.R Kit](#)
- [G.S.R. General Service Representative \(Pamphlet\)](#)
- [The A.A. Group \(Pamphlet\)](#)
- [Is Your Group Linked to A.A. as a Whole?](#)



District Service Page

- District News
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- District-Specific Info (if available)

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District 16 Service

District 16 is located in the southwest corner of New Mexico and includes the following cities:

Bayard | Columbus | Deming | Gila | Glenwood | Hurley | Lordsburg | Mimbres | San Lorenzo | Silver City

[View AA Meetings in District 16](#)



District 16 News

District 16 Hybrid Business Meeting - March 22, 2022 at 5:30 pm
Click Here to Join Zoom Meeting
[Read More »](#)
March 12, 2022

Pre-Conference Assembly District 16 Agenda Item Background Materials
In order to prepare for the Area 46 Pre-Conference Assembly
[Read More »](#)
March 3, 2022

District 16 Meeting List (PDF)
Printable PDF of District 16 meetings Rev. 01/10/2022 D16 Meeting
[Read More »](#)
January 10, 2022

[View All District 16 Updates](#)

Contributions

Send contributions for District 16 to:
Rose Mary Shumaker
PO Box 99
Gila, NM 88038
Checks Payable to: "District 16"

Business Meetings

Our district meets regularly. Please [contact our DCM](#) for information.


District 16 Trusted Servants

> DCM	Paula S.
> Alternate DCM	Dennis T.
> Treasurer	Rose Mary S.
> Secretary	Desiré L.
> El Farolito Rep	Sherry E.


Area Committee Pages

- Committee News
- Meeting Schedule
- Contact Button
- Resources for Districts
 - Area 46 Resources
 - Resources on AA.org

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Accessibilities & Remote Communities Committee Service Page

Our Purpose

The Accessibilities and Remote Communities Committee (ARC) purpose is to assist A.A. members who have a variety of challenges in accessing the A.A. message in A.A. meetings, Twelve Step work and other A.A. service, whether those challenges are mental, physical, geographic, cultural or other factors that vary among people.

ARC Committee News

Hello Area 46 ARC committee meetings

HELLO, As a committee that's willing to serve, we will

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February 5, 2022

ARC Report - June 2021

By the time this is published, we will have already

[Read More »](#)


June 11, 2021

ARC Report - May 2021

We opened our committee meeting on Saturday, March 27 at

[Read More »](#)


May 1, 2021



Committee Meeting Schedule

The ARC Committee meets on the second Thursdays at 7:00 PM on Zoom.


Please contact the ARC Committee Chair for Meeting ID & passcode.



Get Involved (A.A.Members)

Any member of Alcoholics Anonymous within Area 46 can get involved in our committee. If you would like more information about getting involved start here.

[Get Involved](#)



Contact

Contact the Area 46 Accessibilities & Remote Communities Committee Chair: Paul G.

accessibilities@nm-aa.org

[Contact Now](#)

Resources for ARC District Committee Chairs

We hope this information will be helpful in raising awareness and suggest groups take it to their Districts and Groups for discussion. Each District/Group is autonomous; therefore, would ask for consideration that Districts and Groups share their findings if they should choose to inventory there District and/or Groups.

Accessibilities Area 46 Resources

- [Area 46 Special Needs & Accessibility Toolkit](#)
- [Alternatives to In-Person Meetings \(Pamphlet\)](#)
- [Special Needs/Accessibility 12 Step List \(Template\)](#)
- [Area 46 Accessibilities and Remote Communities Survey](#)

Remote Communities Resources on AA.ORG

- [Remote Communities Toolkit](#)
- [Loners-Internationalists Meeting \(LIM\) Correspondence](#)
- [Service](#)

Accessibilities Resources on AA.ORG

- [Accessibilities Committees Page](#)
- [A.A. for the Alcoholic with Special Needs \(Audio\)](#)
- [Alcoholics Anonymous \(Big Book\) ASL](#)
- [Accessibilities Workbook](#)
- [Sharing the A.A. Message with the Alcoholic Who Is Deaf or Hard of Hearing](#)
- [Accessibility for All Alcoholics](#)
- [Serving All Alcoholics \(Pamphlet\)](#)
- [A.A. for the Older Alcoholic \(Pamphlet\)](#)
- [Grapevine: Resources for Special Needs](#)
- [Contact GSO Accessibilities Desk](#)

Questions?

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