



EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

OFFICERS

Delegate

Greetings Area 46

I hope this report finds you in good health and spirit. Allow me to introduce myself. My home group is Happy Valley Group, Los Lunas in District 3. I served as a GSR, District 3 Alternate DCM, and DCM: three Area Committee Chairs plus Alternate Area Chair and Area Chair. I am extremely grateful and blessed to have the opportunity to serve as Area 46 Panel 72 Delegate. The last two years were difficult and trying. Alcoholic Anonymous was put to the test as we learned to navigate the world of Zoom. That brings me to acknowledge our newest past Delegate Bill L. Thank you Bill for doing such a great Job during this covid time and the loss of your Mom as you represented Area 46 as our Delegate. So far, the only communication I have received from the Conference is a welcome as Delegate. As I write this report, I wait to be assigned a Conference Committee, also, wait to see what the final conference agenda will look like. As my rotation starts, I must remember to put my own opinions to the side and speak as the voice of the whole Area 46 Group Conscience. I want to say welcome to all new GSR's DCM's and Area 46 Trusted Servants as we trudge together as panel 72 servants. Let's keep an open mind and be the voice of reason but learn to listen to the Minority opinion. On Monday, November 29, Jimmy D. our Southwest Region Trustee met with The Delegates and Alt Delegates from the Southwest Region. He introduced the Panel 72 Delegates and Alternate Delegates and also gave a report on the General Service Board meetings.

One thing he made very clear is that the panel 72 Delegates are not conference members until January 1st, 2022. And I believe then I will have my Committee assignment and start to receive all the 2022 Conference material.

Until then stay safe -

Yours in Service,

Eloy M

Panel 72 Delegate

Delegado

Espero que este reporte los encuentre en buena salud y espirito. Permitan me presentarme, Mi grupo base es Happy Valley Group en Los Lunas, Distrito 3. Yo he servido come RSG, Alt MCD y MCD del Distrito 3, he sido coordinador de 3 comités en el Área, aparte de ser Alterno y Coordinador del Área. En esta rotación fui Alterno del Delegado. Estoy extremadamente agradecido y bendecido en tener la oportunidad de servir come su Delegado del Area46 Panel 72. Los dos últimos años fueron de prueba y difíciles, Alcohólicos Anónimos fue puesto a prueba en aprender a navegar en el mundo de Zoom. Lo cual me lleva a reconocer al nuevo pasado Delegado Bill L.. Gracias Bill por a ver echo un buen trabajo durante este tiempo de Covid, la perdida de tu madre y representarlos en el Área 46 como nuestro Delegado. Asta hoy la única comunicación que yo he recibido de la Conferencia han sido solo bendiciones como Delegado. Al escribir este reporte yo espero ser asignado un Comité de Confer-

Delegado

encia, y esperando la agenda final. Así es como empieza mi rotación y quiero por darles la bienvenida a todos los nuevos RSG, MCD y a todos los nuevos Servidores de confianza, avanzando juntos como Panal 72, tengamos una mente abierta y ser la voz de razón pero prendiendo a escuchar la opinión de la memoria. Lunes Noviembre 29, nuestro servidor de confianza de la región del sur-este, se vio con los Delegados y Alternos de la región del sur-este. El introducio el Panal de Delegado y Alternos y también dio su reporte a la junta de Servicios Generales. Una cosa dejo bien claro y es que el Panel 72 de Delegados no son miembros de la Conferencia as Enero 1, 2022. También creo que sera la fecha en cual recibiré las tareas de comité y todo el material de Conferencia de 2022. Asta entonces manténganse a salvo.

Para Servirles.

Eloy M

Delegado Panel 72

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Alt. Delegate

Happy New Year! I am so thrilled to be serving in this new rotation at this time in A.A. history. Our first-ever hybrid assembly, hosted by District 6 in Raton, was wonderful. The District 6 team were gracious and attentive hosts. It was amazing to see so many of us online and in-person come together to conduct the business of Area 46.

As your new Alternate Delegate, I "hit the ground" running soon after the September 2021 election. I began attending a monthly meeting for North American Alternate Delegates, attended the Southwest Region Regional forum (and served on the tech team), met with the Southwest Region Alternate Delegates committee, and attended a meeting to hear a General Service Board report from our Jimmy Dean, our Southwest Regional Trustee. I believe it is important to always remain teachable. Attending all these meetings with so much collective wisdom has shown me just how much I still have to learn. Bill L., (our outgoing delegate), has also reminded Eloy M., (our new Delegate) and I that we have a little "light reading" coming to get prepared for the General Service Conference. Bring it on - I am up for the challenge!

A beautiful accessibility opportunity has come out of being forced to meet virtually for the past two years. We can carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous in more ways than we ever thought possible. Our fellowship has always had members who have not been able to serve because they do not have the means to travel, they have compromised health, accessibility issues and many other reasons. Area 46 has invested in hybrid equipment to make sure service events can be attended in person or online. As we begin this new rotation, I challenge all of us who serve to encourage new members to get involved in service. We serve to make

sure the hand of A.A. is always available to those who want our solution.

Part of my role as your Alternate Delegate is to work with districts of Area 46 to host workshops. Soon I will be reaching out to DCM's and Alternate DCM's to ask how I can best serve the needs of each district through various workshops. If your district already has a workshop idea, I am a ready and willing resource for you. Please contact me at altdelegate@nm-aa.org or 865.804.2566.

In True Gratitude and Service,

Kerri K

Area 46 Alternate Delegate,

Panel 72

Servant Leadership Note:

"Good leadership originates plans, policies, and ideas for the improvement of our Fellowship and its services."

~ Bill W., A.A. Service Manual, p. C29.
(from 1959 essay "Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need")

Chair

Hello All,

What a great assembly! We did it hybrid and of course with all things new, there were a couple of things that did not quite go right. I know the technology team will make improvements to the setup because it will be needed in the future. I believe this will be here to stay. Even with the challenges, we were able to reach out to more of the area than we had in the past. It was a great new experience.

What a couple of years. To be going from in person to just virtual and then to hybrid was challenging. There had to be a lot of changes, and everything was in the unknown. I would like to thank all of those who put together the effort needed to carry this rotation to the end. You all did

January 2022

Chair

a great job, and it was a pleasure being able to work with you all.

The next rotation has a lot of great people who stepped up to help carry the message to Area 46. Let us stand behind them and help them for the next 2 years. Your groups are the ones we look to for the information that is needed to help us help you carry the message. Feel free to get in contact with any of the new trusted servants of Area 46.

Again, we are looking for bids for the State Convention In 2023. I would hope that there is a district willing to investigate putting a bid in for that convention. Also, in March we will be looking for a bid to do the Area 46 Service Forum in 2023.

I would like to say it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the area chairperson for the last rotation. Thank you all for your love and support. Stay healthy and well. We will see you all soon.

Kurt K.

Area 46 Chairperson

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Archives

Thank you District 6. Your hospitality and love of service in Alcoholics Anonymous really made this past assembly special. The assembly was another time marker for Area 46, the first hybrid assembly. Absolutely awesome!

The Archives committee had equal attendance of in person and virtual participation. The Archives mission statement and collection scope was passed out and made available to all the assembly participants. Deanna from D2 has an amazing collection of Spanish AA history. We are hoping to add her copied collection to Area 46 Archives. We discussed having a larger space for our archives collection. This is something this rotation put on the back burner but didn't want to forget.

Our Area46 Archivist, Michelle T reports; I have continued to answer requests on an as needed basis. Last month I was contacted for the date when District 2 split into District 15. Read many Area Assembly reports to find the vote which made it official. The scanner is set-up and will be put to use by March 2022. I continue to visit the Archives space to ensure things are filed and put away. Please donate Grapevines with stories/letters from New Mexico writers.

Berna C is our incoming Archives committee chair. She will be taking over at the start of the new year. Please contact her through the Archives committee at nm-aa.org

I want to thank you for the privilege of serving Area 46 as Archives committee chair. I will continue to pray for guidance and direction. The Higher Power has given me a sober, useful life and I am grateful.

In Love and Service,

Patoence B.

Area 46 Archives Chair

El Farolito

Greetings and Happy Holidays! Kudos to all who participated in making the Assembly happen, and hybrid no less! The tech team, along with others, did a fabulous job. District 6 did an excellent job in getting it all together, considering it was our 1st hybrid Assembly. Thank You all for your time, and participation in your sobriety.

The El Farolito meeting was started with the Serenity Prayer, and Introductions. We had 12 persons present. I began the meeting with a rundown of current ELF financials: November's beginning balance was \$1087.52, deposits were 621.29, debits were \$445.29 for an ending balance of \$1263.52.

There has been a steady decline of groups receiving the ELF. Some is due to attrition, moving or not updating addresses. Any group that wished to receive the El Farolito needs only to send me and email with the groups name, and a mailing address. New GSR'S and ELF reps, please remember to update the information needed to keep the El Farolito coming to your group.

I asked to members if one would be interested in helping me with keeping the 'books'- banking, and recording of all financial transactions, and Tylka volunteered. Thank You!

Submissions of essays, stories, what's happening in your neighborhood with A.A. are always welcome. I ask that you try to keep it under 800 words. Mailing parties are also needed. In the past year, no group or district has volunteered. I come to you with all supplies, and 3-4 people can knock it out in about 2.5 to 3 hours. It's a great way to get to know others and participate in your sobriety. And I love to travel!

A question was asked as to how the El Farolito was funded. The ELF is

self-supporting by receiving group and district, along with individual contributions. A separate checking account is maintained by the Area and its Treasurer. The editor receives a copy of the statement at the beginning of each month. Individuals and groups are encouraged to subscribe to the ELF, either by mail or web. A years hard copy subscription is \$20, email \$3. Since we are separate from the Area, please send your contributions to P.O. Box 72508, Albuquerque, 87195-2508.

We Closed with the Serenity Prayer.

In Service,

Debra K
El Farolito Editor

Grapevine/La Vina

Greetings Area 46!

The Area 46 Grapevine/La Vina Committee meeting was held at the area Assembly in Raton on Saturday December 4, 2021, at 8:55 a.m. There were 8 people in person and 3 on zoom. We opened with the Serenity Prayer, introductions, and the Statement of Purpose was also read. At that time, I introduced the incoming Area 46 Grapevine/La Vina Chair, Susan D. Susan told us a little bit about herself, and I am pleased with this choice for the GV/LV Chair, and I will support Susan during her term in any way I can.

As always, everyone is encouraged to write and submit their stories, cartoons or photographs to Grapevine and La Vina. Information about the guidelines in submitting those to the Grapevine is on the website. If you do not have a subscription, please subscribe to Grapevine and/or La Vina. They really need support during this time. Gift subscriptions are also available.

Grapevine/La Vina

I passed the new GV/LV Books around for their review and mentioned the new You Tube Channel, there is a 5-minute video on You Tube about GV/LV history and I urge everyone to watch this video as we did at the meeting. There is a Grapevine Instagram account and a blog also. All of this can be found on the Grapevine website.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate the incoming Trusted Servants and thank the outgoing who did a job well done. I am grateful to have served in this position. I met some really amazing people and have learned a great deal. Also, as in each position I have served in during my sobriety, I have learned about myself! I appreciate the opportunity to give back to the program that saved my life.

In Love and Service,

Maddy L,

Area 46 Grapevine/La Vina Chair

Literature

The meeting started with the Serenity Prayer followed by introductions. There were 15 people in attendance, 9 in person and 6 on Zoom.

I went over the changes from the General Service Conference that pertained to Literature, there were a couple of edits to the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, some pamphlets had wording changed and there will be a 5th edition of the Big Book. In addition to the 5th edition, there will be a translation of the Big Book into Plain Language, this will enable readers to understand what they are reading easier and quicker. If you want to learn more about Plain Language,

Literature

the website www.plainlanguage.gov has all the answers.

AAWS now has available on its website a link to download the newly revised Service Manual, a 254-page pdf. Printed copies are also available to order, I am not sure when they became available, but it was not enough time for me to order some when I did find out about them.

A lot of conference approved literature is now available on various reseller sites, such as Amazon and Barnes and Noble as well as many others. On Amazon, caution is advised as there are many 3rd party resellers but what I look for is the AAWS as the provider. This ensure that World Services does get money from the transaction as well as it saves you money. I have seen 3rd party copies of the Big Book sell for 20 – 30 dollars whereas the AAWS copy is \$6.99.

So, whether it is a printed version or an electronic version, never stop reading!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service and may the odds always be in your favor.

Namaste,

Dave Furry

Treatment

The last meeting of the Area 46 Treatment Committee occurred during the Assembly at 9:55 on December 4th in Raton, with seventeen in person and six via ZOOM. I would like to thank the Area for the opportunity to serve during this rotation and give a shout-out to the Tech Team for their extraordinary work. Congratulations go out to Ron N. on his appointment of Area Treatment Chair during the next rotation.

For persons looking for a service opportunity, a link to the State's list

Treatment

of licensed treatment facilities will be included on the service side of the area website. Its purpose is to provide volunteers with a resource of those facilities in the area that meet State minimum standards.

There was a discussion on the morphing of the Pandemic to an Endemic – that we will be dealing with modified behavior for some time. As part of the transfer process, it was pointed out the *Treatment Committee Workbook*, available from GSO, as an essential resource. Commented that the Treatment Committee, according to the workbook, has opportunities in areas outside of pure treatment facilities including, in Area 46, outreach and “seeder” meetings in remote areas and Pueblos.

We discussed how to approach a facility as well as making use of the services of our sister committees, BTG, Correction and CPC. It was mentioned that due to the unique position of bringing meetings into facilities, there is a need to exert some direction to those participating as one irate participant can turn off the facility to all AA and that volunteers may be the only edition of the Big Book anyone sees.

As Chair, I suggested continued use of the technology we have had to use to keep the Committee informed and to share experiences. It was suggested that we need to do what we can to include the “lone wolf” volunteers into the committee so that we may benefit from their experience.

In Service,

Jeff B.

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December Hybrid Assembly

We had our first-ever hybrid assembly in December 2021. Overall, it was successful in that Area 46 46 business was conducted and committee meetings were held. As expected, there were some rough spots which need to be ironed out for future assemblies. A HUGE thank you to all tech team members both online and in person. The assembly truly would not have happened without you. Thank you to District 6 for your responsiveness to make sure the tech team had what they needed.

Special thanks to Laura, our incoming Technology Committee chair. She stayed late and came in early to help me make sure everything was working properly for the assembly. Special thanks also to Bill L. who went above and beyond to help me spec and test equipment prior to the assembly.

Attendance at our first hybrid assembly was about 50/50 in person and online. This shows that Area 46 hybrid events are viable. The sincere hope is that it will allow some to participate in service who would not be able to do so otherwise.

As a Technology Committee, we learned much from this assembly. Some issues were obvious (sound and microphones) and many other issues were solved behind the scenes. I made a motion for up to another \$1000 in the 2022 budget to upgrade microphones/sound. The motion was passed.

Technology Committee Meeting – Dec 2021

Our committee had 13 in person and 12 online. The first half of our meeting we reflected on the accomplishments of this rotation and then we looked ahead. The second half of our meeting was a discussion about the benefits and the pitfalls of online meetings (service meeting and regular meetings).

Accessibility is by far the biggest benefit of online meetings. One of the pitfalls we discussed is getting into an “us and them” mentality. The other major pitfall is that attending online can lessen the impact of the discussion because home has too many distractions. This seems to be especially true for younger members.

In looking ahead, we talked about how technology is a tool that can assist A.A. members in performing their service work for A.A. We also talked about how the new website was created to be a service tool. The service site has many resources for GSR's, DCM's, and chairs of committees at the district and area level.

My Parting Request as Technology Chair

Our new website was a labor of love. Hundreds of hours went into its planning and development. It was constructed with A.A. service in mind. It is meant to be a rich resource for all of us in A.A. service at all levels of our upside-down triangle. Please take some time to explore both the public site and the service site to learn all the tools and resources available.

To access the service site, use the credentials below. Please share this login information with any fellow A.A. member you wish. Our service site is password protected to keep out the rest of the World Wide Web. It is not meant to keep out any of our fellow A.A. members.

NM-AA.org Service Site

Username: Area46 Password: unity

Technology

It has been a pleasure to work alongside each of you, shoulder to shoulder. I have learned so much. Our committee worked hard to make the technology fade into the background so the work of Alcoholics Anonymous could happen.

Looking Ahead

There are always opportunities for technology tools to enrich our service work and our communication with other trusted servants, fellow A.A. members and the public. As I pass the torch to Laura S., our next Technology Chair, my heart is already filled with gratitude for the work the technology Committee will do. I look forward to seeing how they build on the foundation we started. She has already been working alongside me to prepare for the start of the 2022 rotation. Area 46 technology is in good hands with Laura!

In True Gratitude and Service,

Kerri K

Your Outgoing Area 46 Technology Chair

A Note from Laura S.

Hello Area 46! I am thankful for your approval to serve in the role of Technology Chair for the 2022-2023 rotation. We are seeking interested members to serve on the Technology Committee. There are many roles to fill, big and small, both virtually and on site at assemblies. If there is one thing I am certain of, it is that this job cannot be shouldered alone. I have some very big shoes to fill, but feel confident that with the help of a team, we will be able to face whatever challenges are on the horizon. If you would like to help, please email technology@nm-aa.org. ~ Laura S., incoming Technology Chair

NEW GSR'S
ORIENTATION JANUARY 29
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Please join us for the 37th anniversary of:

The Cosmopolitan Group

in Albuquerque, NM on January 7, 2022, at 8 pm.

Tom U. from Santa Fe, NM will be the speaker.

Zoom Meeting ID: 871 5994 0428. <https://nm-aa.org/meetings/cosmopolitan-group/?tsml-day=5>

Young People

At the 2021 December Assembly in our YPAA committee meeting, most of our discussion was centered around how to drive attendance in young people's meetings. Some places are struggling with attendance at their young people-oriented meetings or struggling to get young people into the rooms at all. This opened a discussion of how young people's in other areas drive attendance and what they do to keep young people's AA alive. Here are some highlights from that discussion:

Young people's meetings can be found on Zoom, yet some find that young people don't like zoom. The in-person energy is different and young people seem to prefer that.

Some groups have group chats or utilize social media. Group chats help coordinate fellowship plans, like going out to eat before the meeting, and otherwise hanging out outside the meetings. When everyone is in one messaging group, no one feels left out because everyone in the group has access to the same information at the same time and anyone can choose to participate. That before-and-after-the-meeting fellowship is important because it shows that there is fun to be had in AA. Facebook groups can be made private in order to protect anonymity.

Game nights were brought up by several groups as a great fellowship activity. These fun events help get people coming back to the meetings. In terms of how to get young people to meetings in the first place, we discussed the idea of not shying away from mainstream society and socializing in bars with other sober friends. This allows us to meet people where they are at.

One group reached a very high level of attendance after hosting NMCYPAA. They also do outreach with juvenile probation and corrections.

It was suggested that we have a traveling workshop that could be hosted in different districts around the state. This might help unite some young people within their districts. This is something the committee can start to plan at our monthly meetings.

It was also suggested that this committee have a focus on more remote communities and how to do outreach there. When asked about what we can do in a community when the closest treatment center is 3 hours away, and all other communities are 1.5 hours apart, we discussed how even if young people don't seem to be coming into the rooms, we can be out there to plant the seed and be the example. Networking, staying in touch, and reaching out are important in keeping young people active. Keeping in touch can be as simple as following someone on social media. We plan to talk about what more we can do for remote communities and rural areas at future committee meetings. Those meetings are on the last Sunday of the month at 7pm on Zoom.

In Love and Service,

Lindsay M.

Area 46 Young People Chair

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at the Beginning
We Would Go to Any
Lengths
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DISTRICT REPORTS

District 4

Welcome 2022!

Daily reprieves and annual reprieves, what an exciting time. These are the January Sobriety

Celebrants from District 4:

Rita D. 1/7/1979 42 years

Amy M. 1/11/1998 23 years

Eileen S. 1/14/2018 3 years

Additionally, we are happy to mention Mike K. As the incoming Finance Chair for Area 46.

Warm wishes for a promising New Year.

Gratefully,

Molly R.

D4

District 6

District 6 along with lots of helpers from Area 46 held the first hybrid Assembly December 5th and 6th in Raton, New Mexico. All the meetings in the main room and the breakout rooms were in person and on zoom! Speakers for the Friday night meeting were Leroy S. (two years), Paul H. (18 years) and Henry R. (37 years). Henry drove over six hundred miles from Texas to share his experience, strength and hope with us. We sincerely appreciate it!

A special thanks to all our chefs and volunteer helpers in the kitchen. Saturday lunch was green chili burgers with beans and all the fixin's, pie and homemade cookies. Sunday morning, we enjoyed burritos and more donuts and cookies.

Best of all everyone had the chance to see old friends and make new friends in person as we learned more about how to be of service.

Land of Enchantment group has volunteered to help with the El Farolito by hosting a folding party in

District 6

May. District 6 continues to have zoom and in-person meetings available every day of the week. Contact the District 6 Secretary for zoom ID's.

Congratulations to members celebrating sobriety birthdays in November.

Tim	O.	11-5-2003
Paul	H.	11-8-2003
Wayne	L.	11-22-2010
Vangie	L.	11-5-2018
Leroy S.		11-15-2019

Thank you for letting me serve,

Vangie L. Elf rep

District 8

Greetings from the Four Corners and District 8,

Our district group conscience meeting was held on the 9th of December.

D8 would like to congratulate all the newly elected members for the new rotation of district positions! Congrats to Alpa M as the new DCM. We would like to thank Melanie K for her service and inspiration this past rotation. Nevin B was elected as the new treatment rep. Jan A was elected new treasurer. Errol L as ELF rep and Sam B was elected Bridge the Gap rep and Laura G will continue as literature rep. Positions still available are alternate DCM, archives, grapevine, PI/CPC, men/women's jail reps and juvenile jail reps. For more information on serving at the district level for the next rotation please contact the following email address: district8@nm-aa.org

D8 would also like to thank Eloy for his seminar on service workshop this past November. Turn out was good with positive feedback from all who attended.

Rotation among groups to take meetings to Four Winds Recovery center has been set up and going

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well. Volunteers are still welcome and a big thank you to those who have volunteered while the schedule was still being set up. D8 thanks you for your service.

D8 would like to wish happiness, health and prosperity to all this new year! All things are possible in the Fellowship through our experience, strength and hope.

Birthdays:

We wish to recognize and congratulate all who are celebrating their annual sobriety dates.

Bruce F: December 9 – 29 years

Guy L: December 8 – 40 years

With hugs & service,

Errol L

District 11

Happy New Year. District 11 is meeting Saturday, 9:00 a.m., January 8th at the Mesa View United Methodist Church on 4701 Montano Road NW. Zoom is also an option.

Stories for beginners is the topic for Grapevine's January issue. Inter-group continues to revise its bylaws. And finally, it is finished, our fair share of the books was distributed among seven of our nineteen groups.

If you are the new GSR you are entitled to receive a complimentary copy of El Farolito. Please contact Debra directly at elfarolito@nm-aa.org with your address and let her know your predecessor's name so she can transfer the subscription to you.

A little planning for this year. Save the dates for the Assemblies: March 26-27 in Moriarty, August 6-7 in Belen, and December 3-4 in Carlsbad. Looks like July 30 will be the picnic. And sadly, it seems at this point we will not be holding a convention this year.

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District 11, under the guidance of our Website/Outreach chair, is considering what is involved if we were to fund a Zoom account that Groups may use.

If you have an experience, strength, or hope you would like to share in ELF please write it down (not more than 500 words) and send it to our editor, Debra, at elfarolito@nm-aa.org.

With gratitude to all of you,
Tylka

District 13

Greetings from District 13! We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM. Our next hybrid meeting is on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at Metropolitan Community Church, 1103 Texas St. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87110. You may attend in person or join virtually. Our Zoom Meeting ID is: 719-543-888. You can also dial in by phone: 1-346-248-7799, Access Code: 719-543-888.

Andrew M. celebrated 5 years in December. Congratulations!

We are continuing to hold elections monthly until all service positions are filled. We are in need of a new Secretary, among other committee positions. All GSRs, Alt. GSRs, group contacts, or individuals interested in helping provide services to the A.A. communities of Albuquerque (S of I-40 & E of I-25), Tijeras, Moriarty, McIntosh, Willard, Mountainair, and Corona are welcome and encouraged to attend, stand, and be elected.

It was great to see everyone at the December Assembly in Raton! Kudos to District 6 and to all who worked to execute our first-ever Hybrid Assembly. While there are certainly some bugs to work out, it was wonderful to see the Area come together in order to provide accessi-

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bility alternatives for those unable to attend in person.

District 13 has been busy preparing for the March 2022 Pre-Conference Assembly at the Moriarty Civic Center. More information, including lists of local hotels/motels and restaurants can be found on the Upcoming Assembly Page of nm-aa.org. Please note that the Moriarty Civic Center requires all attendees to wear a face covering while guests in their space. If you plan to attend the next assembly in person, please adhere to this requirement from the building. If you cannot wear a face covering due to health or other reasons, plan to join us on Zoom.

We are seeking volunteers to help host this event. If you are interested in supporting by greeting, hospitality service, or organizing the Friday night pre-Assembly AA meeting, please email district13@nm-aa.org. We are also in the final stages of distributing our share of the books and hope to have this completed soon.

Please consider including District 13 when your group makes quarterly distributions. It is through your generous contributions that we are able to provide services to our local A.A. communities. Checks can be made out to District 13, and mailed to P.O. Box 11134, Albuquerque, NM 87112. To contribute digitally, follow this link: <https://venmo.com/?txn=pay&audience=private&recipients=district-13>, or send contribution in Venmo to user: district-13.

We hope to see you at our next hybrid meeting in January. Your participation and your vote are very important, and we appreciate your willingness to serve.

It has been an honor serving as DCM of District 13 for the last two

years. I am grateful for all of the opportunities it has afforded to me and my recovery.

In Love and Service,

Laura S. DCM District 13

district13@nm-aa.org

District 14

Hello from District 14 (Taos and surrounding communities):

Last month District 14 held elections for new officers. The following members were elected: Renee L. (DCM), Becky (Alternate DCM), Andy (Secretary), Trisha (Treasurer) and Rob H. (Registrar). Thank you all for your willingness to serve. These new officers will begin their two-year term in January 2022.

District 14 continues to follow COVID social distancing guidelines and meetings are adjusting accordingly. Unfortunately, District 14 has been unable to hold its annual Thanksgiving and Christmas potluck/meetings due to the COVID restrictions this year. We are looking ahead and hopeful for a happy, sober, and joyous 2022. "The most satisfying years of your existence lie ahead." Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 152. Happy New Year everyone!

Kelly

February 2022

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DISTRICT REPORTS

District 16

Happy New Year to all! As your newly elected ELF rep, I want to sincerely thank all who have done so much to help A.A. these past 2 yrs. A special thanks to our outgoing Officers/Reps in Area 46. Our Dist.16 officers have also stepped up in ways that have kept the A.A. light shining. Thank you, Dennis T. who has served entirely on Zoom, and as a result is very tech savvy, Alt. DCM Sherry E., Secretary Margie O., Treasurer Rose S., Corrections Scott K., Young People Jennifer S., Literature Ginger M., PI/CPC Merri B., BTG Dennis T. & Merri B.

In conclusion, those who came in as newcomers on Zoom meetings have shown the rest of us once again the power of one alcoholic helping another.

See you next month, Sherry E.

District 17

Hola Area 46 Mi nombre es Rigo S., soy su MCD actual del Distrito 17. Fui Alterno del MCD Alejandro V. por los 2 años anteriores, fui y soy hasta la fecha el RSG de mi grupo el Milagro, fui ROI del grupo. Coordino cuando toca en mi grupo, soy el Coordinador de la junta de trabajo, no tengo experiencia como MCD, pero he estado a un lado de los MCD por algunos años por cierto he sido el secretario se un MCD. He asistido a muchas Asambleas con ellos. Tengo algunas ideas como trabaja el MCD. No quiere decir que sepa todo, pero quiero aprender como todos los servicios espero el apoyo tanto como de mi Distrito como la del Area. Saludes a todos los nuevos servidores y amigos de servicio y ojalá todo salga bien en los próximos 2 años de servicio. Gracias a los que votaron por mí y todos los servidores de AA. Se

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formo la nueva mesa nueva mesa de servicio del Distrito 17 MCD Rigo S., Alt. MCD Álvaro G., Tesorería Emma, Secretario David, La Vina Lupe G., Enlace Álvaro G. También se abrió un grupo nuevo en Paradise Hills se llama Cuarto Paso. El Distrito fue Representado en Asamblea de Ratón.

Rigo S. MCD Distrito 17

Hello, Area 46! Let me start by thanking District 6 for a great Assembly it felt good being around all of you. Let me start by Introducing myself, I am Al G. your former Bilingual Chair, during this coming rotation I will have the opportunity to serve as the Alternat DCM for District 17. My role will be on an ongoing building of cultures working as one to carry the message to still suffering Alcoholic still suffering outside our community around our state. Our trusted servants in our District are working on a few ideas on how we can make this happened and along with District 3, we have begun to have bilingual zoom meetings. In the coming year we will work on the idea of an ongoing Bilingual AA zoom meeting. I will keep you posted and will be asking other Districts for their support and participation. For now, that is all from me, stay safe.

In Love and Service,

Al G. Alt. DCM, District 17

AA in Espanola and Dixon

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Northern New Mexico is infamous for many things among which is having addiction rates off the scales. 'We who have lived with the problem of alcohol' in particularly in the Espanola Valley have a solution and share our experience, strength and hope through meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous. Thanks to HP and those sober fellows who open and host meetings rooms with a desire to help others to achieve sobriety. Their efforts are not lost on those of us whose measure of sober time are grateful to those in service to the program without which, could find ourselves wandering off in search of whatever only to find our nemesis once again.

I want to share a couple of meetings that have saved my behind many times over. In Espanola, the noon meeting of AA Living in the Solution Group more recently has been nurtured by a member with decades of sobriety who has had to negotiate with local officials to get the group a meeting room, but was just closed 11/22 by officials who determined that due to new outbreak of Covid, have shuttered their buildings to renters. Years prior, AA's met previously in two different church halls which eventually led to freezing conditions in the winter and very high rent. The Living in the Solution meeting will most likely resume when the buildings reopen to the public.

We always have options to seek and find AA meetings in person and then there's Zoom. For those of us, who will go to any length to stay sober and get to an in-person meeting can find one at Dixon, NM. Yes, it's a short winding drive north from Espanola up the Rio Grande on the way to Taos. The Dixon meeting happens on Sunday and Tuesday nights at 6pm at the Saint Anthony Church hall. Folks come from the Valley and from Taos to attend this

AA in Espanola and Dixon

meeting hosted by two AA fellows with plenty of camaraderie, cookies, tea and coffee and they celebrate AA birthdays/anniversaries with a cake of your choice.

So indeed, we have sobriety in northern NM. Despite struggles to keep our meetings going through this challenging era of Covid, as an alcoholic, we can always reach out to one another via the old tried and true manner of using the phone. Alas, did I mention Zoom? The Santa Clara Pueblo AA Group continues to host a Zoom Meeting on Tuesday at noon. Join us: 308 246 0867

Password: J0Cnhi

One day at a time,

Beverly S.

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THAT IS IN US ALL, EVEN THE
WORST OF US, TO FLOWER
AND GROW*

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**ADMITTED WE WERE POWERLESS OVER ALCOHOL,
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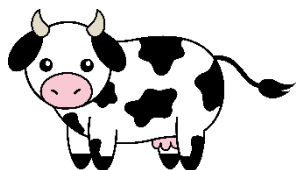
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**FINAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ULTIMATE AUTHORITY
FOR A.A WOULD SERVICES SHOULD ALWAYS
RESIDE IN THE COLLECTIVE CONSCIENCE OF
OUR WHOLE FELLOWSHIP**

**IT IS EASY TO LET UP ON THE SPIRITUAL PROGRAM OF
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6 – 7	Tracy P. Al-Anon Speaker	11:30 – 12:30	Young People Meeting		
7 – 8	Brooke AA Speaker	1 – 3	Workshop 1		
8 – 10	Entertainment	3:15 – 5:15	Workshop 2		
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