



EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

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Delegate

Greetings Area 46

I hope this report finds you in good health and spirits. First, I would like to say thank you District 10 for hosting the

Area December Assembly.

Like all the other hosting Districts this past year you did a great Job. The hospitality room had many goodies and lunch was quite tasty!! Plus, the College is always a good venue. I can't wait to go back to Carlsbad for the Area 46 Convention in June 2023.

There is always business to take care of at our Area Assemblies. One item that I would like to mention is the election of our Candidate for the position of Southwest Region Trustee.

As I have been mentioning on all of my Districts conference Reports, Our current Southwest Region Trustee Jimmy D term is ending. His last day will be at the 73 General Service Conference where we will elect his replacement from Candidates from the 11 Areas in the Southwest Region.

Teresa J., Panel 68 past delegate and Bill L., Panel 70 past delegate stood for the position of Area 46 Candidate. Teresa J was chosen out of the Hat after four ballots from the third legacy procedure. It was neck to neck through all four ballots with the last ballot only having four votes separating them. Both are as good of a Candidate as we have ever sent as trustee Candidates. And now it's up to me to present Teresa to the Nominating Committee at the 73 General Service Conference.

It's a new year and as the Alt Chair for the Conference Literature Committee my first Conference call on Zoom is January 20 with all of the Conference Committee Chairs, Conference Committee Alt Chairs, Conference Committee Trustees, Conference Committee Secretaries, Plus Directors and GSO Office Staff. As we will prepare for the 2023 General Service Conference.

Followed By Zoom meetings of all the Conference Literature Committee Delegates as the Committee Chair and I

(Alt Chair) welcome the new Delegates and help prepare for the Conference and all the Conference Literature Agenda items.

All of the Conference Agenda Items will be sent out as soon as I get them followed by the Background material.

On another note. -

Here at home, we will start putting together a committee to host the 2025 Southwest Regional Forum as GSO will take care of the Venue. Kerri and I submitted our three Venue requirements to the GSO Conference and Forum Committee. It is up to them to choose a Venue. Our task as host is to be Greeters and Hospitality plus, we will get a few other duties as the date gets closer.

The 2023 Southwest Regional Forum will be Hosted by Southwest Texas Area 68 at El Paso Texas in early October (dates will be confirmed) From now till October, I will be talking about trying to get as many people as possible from Area 46 to

go to El Paso to attend the 2023 Forum so we can get to see firsthand on how to be a host when it is our turn in 2025.

There will be a lot more to come on The Southwest Regional Forum.

I have some 2022 Conference Final Reports left over if you want one or DCM if you need some please call me.

Well, that is all from for now -

In Love and service

Eloy M

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Saludos Area 46

Espero que este reporte les encuentre bien de salud y en buen espíritu. Primeramente, les quiero agradecer al Distrito 10 por haber anfitriónado la Asamblea del Area en diciembre. Como todos los pasados Distritos que han sido anfitriones hicieron un trabajo estupendo. ¡¡El cuarto de hospitalidad tuvo muchas cosas ricas y el almuerzo delicioso!! También el colegio siempre es un buen lugar para el evento. No puedo esperar regresar a Carlsbad para la Convención del Area 46 en junio 2023. Siempre hay negocios que atender en nuestras Asambleas, una cosa que quiero mencionar es la elección de nuestro candidato/a para la posición de Custodio de la Región del Sur Oeste. Como les e estado mencionando en todos mis reportes de Conferencia a los Distritos, nuestro Custodio corriente de la Región del Sur Oeste Jimmy D. termino se está acabando. Su ultimo día será en la 73 Conferencia de Servicios Generales, donde aligeremos su reemplazo de los candidatos de las 11 Áreas de la Región del Sur Oeste. Teresa J. Panel 68 Delegada pasada y Bill L. Delegado pasado Panel 70 se pararon para la posición como candidato/a del Area 46. Teresa J. fue elegida del sorteo del sombrero después 4 votaciones con la última votación separándoles por solo 4 votos. Los dos son buenos candidatos que hemos mandado como candidato para Custodios y ahora tengo la dicha de presentar a Teresa J. al Comité de Nominaciones en la 73 Conferencia de Servicios Generales. Es un nuevo año y como Coordinador Alterno del Comité de Literatura mi primera llamada de Conferencia por Zoom es enero 20 con todos los Coordinadores de Comités de Conferencia, Coordinadores Alternos de Comités de Conferencia, Custodios de Comités de la Conferencia, Secretario/a de Comités de la Conferencia mas los Directores y trabajadores de la

oficina de la OSG. En preparación para la Conferencia de Servicios Generales del 2023. Siguiendo con reuniones de Zoom con todos los Comités de Delegados de Literatura de la Conferencia, como Coordinador del Comité y yo (coordinador alterno) le damos la bienvenida a los nuevos Delegados y ayudamos a preparar para la Conferencia y con los puntos de la agenda de Literatura de Conferencia. Todos los puntos de la agenda de la Conferencia se enviarán en cuanto yo los reciba seguido con todo el material pasado. En otra nota. Aquí en casa empezaremos ensamblar un comité para ser el anfitrión del Foro de Servicio de la Región del Sur Oeste de 2025 y la OSG se encargará del Local. Kerri y yo ya sometimos los 3 requisitos del Local al Comité de Conferencias y Foros de la OSG. Es la decisión de ellos elegir un Local. Nuestra tarea será ser anfitrión, saludar y hospitalidad mas algunas otras tareas que se nos harán saber cuando la fecha se acerqué. El Foro de la Región de Sur Oeste 2023, será anfitriónado por el Area 68 del Sur Oeste Texas, en El Paso Texas al principio de Octubre (fechas serán confirmadas). De a partir de hoy asta en octubre estaré motivando a gente del Area 46 para estar en El Paso y asistir al Foro 2023 para poder observar en persona como ser anfitriones para cuando sea nuestra oportunidad en 2025. Va a haber más sobre el Foro de la Región Sur Oeste por venir. Tengo más reportes finales de la Conferencia del 2022 por si quieres uno o si algún MCD necesita algunos por favor dame una llamada. Por mi asido todo.

En Amor y Servicio

Eloy M.

Delegado Panel 72

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Alt. Delegate

Happy New Year!

I hope your holidays were merry! As your Alternate Delegate I have some new things to share with you for the new year.

Area 46 Service Manual Study
January 9 at 7PM

We are beginning an online study of the A.A. Service Manual and Twelve Concepts for World Service. The study will be every other Monday online beginning January 9 at 7PM.

Meeting ID: 821 9611 5556

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Workshop Ideas for 2023

As you begin to plan for 2023, please consider a workshop in your district. I have a few workshop presentations already developed that I would love to share with your district. Or... you can ask for a workshop on any other service-related topic that would benefit your district. I stand ready and willing!

Servant Leadership in A.A.

Top 5 Reasons Why the

Traditions Matter

How to Rotate Well

The Life of An Agenda Item

New Year, New Goals

One dictionary definition of vision states: "the ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom." Is there something your committee, district or group wishes could be accomplished? Perhaps it can! Set a goal and work towards it throughout 2023.

As a leader in A.A., do you have a vision for your committee, your district or your group? There is no time like the present to set goals and cast a vision. If you need help, please reach out many of the resources we have down our service triangle. DCM's and committee chairs - reach out to Area 46 Officers, Your Delegate and Alternate Delegate. GSR's - reach out to your DCM or Alternate DCM.

In True Gratitude and Service,

Kerri K

Area 46 Alternate Delegate,

Panel 72

altdelegate@nm-aa.org

Alt. Chair

Happy New Year Area 46! Welcome to another year of Love and Service in Alcoholics Anonymous. I'm grateful for the opportunity.

I had a wonderful time at our December assembly. Thank you again to District 10 and everyone who participated in service from our tireless coffee makers all the way down to our delegate. I believe our weekend was very productive in passing the 2023 Budget and discussing several other motions brought to the floor. Please keep in mind the newly created Special Projects Fund. I believe we can come up with some very useful ways to use that money in the coming year.

Sadly, we still don't have a new El Farolito editor. It was our hope that someone would become willing at the assembly but that was not the case. Please, please, please if you're even slightly considering it, trust in a power greater than you and take action. We will never regret accepting an opportunity to serve and to grow.

In December I sat in on the Albuquerque Central Office meeting where they conducted their officer elections and addressed regular business. It was a pleasure to see old friends and some new faces and to see how the Central Office continues to carry the message of AA. As the Area 46 liaison to all our intergroups,

Servant Leadership Note on Vision:

"Vision is therefore the very essence of prudence, an essential virtue if ever there was one. Of course we shall often miscalculate the future in whole or in part, but that is better than to refuse to think at all." ~Bill W., A.A. Service Manual, p. C31. (from 1959 essay "Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need")

Our Real Purpose is to Fit Ourselves to be of Maximum
Service to God and The People About Us.

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Alt. Chair

I hope to participate more and offer any help I can.

One more item of note, I'd like to support Gary, our Area Registrar, in his effort to fully update our directory. There has been a lot of shifting in groups these last couple of years with the advent of virtual and hybrid. Some groups have split, some have closed, some have moved, and some have started anew. The DCM's all received packets of group information forms for their groups that contain the information currently on file. Please review your group form and update it. If you are a new group, please register. Doing so will allow your group to fully participate in the service structure.

In service,

Christoph, A46 Alt Chair

Registrar

Greetings all trusted servants:

We are all ending this rotations 1st year in service. Congrats on continuing to trudge this road. When I first started this new service position, I doubted I could give freely and perform these new duties. Well, I am not sure I have. I was told that I cannot fail unless I give up. The same person also asked if I am sober and think I am carrying the message. Both answers were affirmative. So, thanks to people in this fellowship I was reassured and continue to ask for help and remain teachable. I am grateful for the registration committee that helps me at every assembly: Jenn, Desiree, Ramon, Justin, and Patience. Also, Gerri, Margo Emma, and Mac. Bill L. is heaven sent, anytime I have a question or need help with directory, he always steps up to be of ser-

Registrar

vice. With the help of my friends, I have carried the message and stayed sober! Thank you all for all you do!

Service Gladly Rendered,

Area 46 Registrar

Gary J.

Treasurer

Hello, everyone!

It was wonderful to see all of you at the December Assembly. District 10 in Carlsbad did an amazing job hosting us!

My financials for this report include the period ending November 30, 2022. This is the Financial Report that I gave at the assembly in my Treasurer's Report. Please note a contribution of \$8,192.00 this month. It is from the International Women's Convention (IWC) that was held in Area 46, District 2, Santa Fe, February, 2022. Thank you to the IWC for your circle of love contribution to Area 46.

As always, thank you members and groups for your continued support to Area 46. Your contributions are used to carry the message throughout New Mexico/Area 46. As your personal and/or group's conscience is guided, please send your contributions to:

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When making contributions from a group, along with the group's registration number, please also include on the check or money order the name of your group, city

and district. Many groups have the same name, so it is helpful to have complete identifying information to be sure your contribution is properly credited to your group. You may also make contributions through the NM Area 46 website at nm-aa.org via "Contributions" which will take you to the PayPal setup.

As I draw near to the end of the first year of my two-year rotation in this service position, I have come to a deeper understanding of what Bill W. referred to as "where money and spirituality mix". Area 46 is self-supporting and every contribution that is made has a direct spiritual impact on our ability to carry the message to alcoholics who still suffer.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me. You can reach me by email at treasurer@nm-aa.org.

Again, thank you to District 10 for your tremendous hospitality. Our next Assembly is in March! See you then!

In gratitude and service,

Jennifer Wolfe
Area 46 Treasurer

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Ally-Opened with Serenity Prayer-
Introductions

Discussion regarding if any committees considering making any motions today or in the future and do they need help?

Mike Finance Chair reviewed some background on the 501 (c) 3 that the committee has been looking at. Trusted servants assisted with some helpful information for the finance committee to consider.

Ally reminded us that the committee as a whole need to back a motion not as an individual. Can go into a discussion old business.

Berna-Archives chair: Discussed/ reviewed a couple of motions for the March assembly. Trusted servants assisted with how to look into what kind of funding is needed and how to find out if it's available.

Christoph reminded the chairs that if you know a year ahead it can be put in the budget if available instead of using the contingency fund.

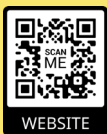
Christoph-halfway through the rotation everyone is doing a great job! A check in around the room on what's working or isn't working.

Kerri-Alt Delegate- Traveling to Districts a lot she has seen that Districts are in a rebuilding stage coming out of the pandemic. Some are really active and alive and others are still struggling. Our role is to be the one beside the Districts. Reminder to Districts-Do what you can and don't stress over not getting all the chairs filled. Just do what you can with what you have. Might can ask neighboring Districts to help if need and Area can be a liaison to help with that.

Laura-Technology chair taught us how to send group emails easily to all DCM's, trusted servants, and committee chairs. Also, that the districts



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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Trusted Servants

have been very helpful with helping with hybrid. She has also been able to help Districts and groups with setting up hybrid.

Jon-BTG chair has found that sending out agenda and other information to committees helps with more participation.

Rene-Correction chair Committee members have been active on taking meetings in and they have people trained and approved to take meetings in.

Christoph- Reminded chairs to bring up someone behind you. Leadership. Halfway point is an opportunity to bring up someone for a potential handoff at the end of your rotations. The key is communicating with members that will carry the torch. Rotate chair not the committee.

Goal: Committee chairs. How do you want to do for the second year and it can be very simple.

Paul-ARC chair- ASL at assemblies
Tech discussion to ask if we need ASL and where do you get the money.
He will talk to Mike

Ended with responsibility statement

Accessibilities

We opened our meeting with the Serenity Prayer, did introductions and then went into our meeting. We discussed where our motion is that was passed at our last assembly adding the serenity prayer in sign language to the ARC kit. The committee has received our motion and will discuss and report back to us at their committee meeting. We also discussed the need for ASL at assemblies, conventions, forums, etc. We created a subcommittee to work on this and the need for ASL. We also discussed the Accessibility checklist and to add to our ARC side of

Accessibilities

the web page a link to this checklist. We also discussed adding the ASL info on the web site, we discussed wheelchair bound members accessing meetings. We are also working with the Bilingual committee with the continued service at the upcoming service forum.

Paul G.

ARC Chair

Archives

It was great to see everyone at the Area Assembly in Carlsbad! Thank you District 10 for hosting! The Boat Tour of Christmas on the Pecos was AWESOME! I am grateful that we were able to travel and be there live. Many thanks to the tech team for getting zoom up and running for those who joined us on zoom.

The archives committee had a total of 16 attendees, 13 live and 3 on zoom. We opened the meeting with a moment of silence for the alcoholic that is still suffering followed by the serenity prayer then went around and did introductions.

Archives Chair reported on some of the workshops that were offered at the National Archives Workshop including what we collect, preservation and conservation, digitizing archives. The audio of all workshop presentations is available to the committee members, and anyone interested.

Our Area Archivist reported that she continues to scan and preserve area archives. There are a printer/fax machine and a used mac computer that are no longer being used and available to be passed on to a committee/group that can use them or will be recycled.

The 4 District Archives Chairs that were present reported on the activities in their districts. They continue to collect group histories, meeting

Archives

minutes and fliers of events in the districts. Work will begin on creating an Archives display for the upcoming Area 46 Conference being held in District 10, Carlsbad, NM June 2-4, 2023.

The committee then discussed the ongoing quest to find a suitable site for the storage of Area 46 Archives collection and the new business of the committee bringing forward a motion to request that the Area 46 Archivist be a voting member.

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Statement.

Bilingual

Saludos área 46

En nuestro Comité estamos trabajando con mucho entusiasmo para Continuar entrelazando nuestra comunidad con la comunidad de habla inglesa, En nuestra Asamblea pasada se aprobó una moción para la adquisición de equipo de traducción nuevo el cual nos permitirá tener mas capacidad, ya que serán 60 receptores y 4 Emisores Muchas Gracias a todos por su apoyo.

Seguimos trabajando en Unión con el Distrito 6, tratando de hacer crecer al grupo Dos Idiomas 1 Corazon en membresía y al mismo tiempo Continuar con la práctica de la interpretación de Ingles a español y de español a Ingles.

Seguimos trabajando con el Distrito 17 en las Actividades del Foro de Servicio de Julio 2023

Nos ponemos a su disposición para en cualquier evento de AA, donde se necesite Traducccion no duden en invitarnos,

Gracias

Alejandro V.

Coordinador del comite Bilingue

Corrections

We had a great Area 46 Assembly in Carlsbad. Thank you District 10! The food was excellent.

The Corrections Committee met on Saturday morning, December 3, 2022. We had several attendees in person and some online. We opened with the serenity prayer. We had two committee members who had completed the application to be a volunteer to make meetings into the NM state prisons and they shared regarding that process as well as the training they were able to attend to become fully approved. It is very exciting that we will be getting into the prisons soon!! Contact me or your district corrections chair for the approval process!!

Rick G., District 4 Corrections Chair and Alternate Corrections Chair, gave his report from the 5th Annual Corrections Conference that was held in Chicago, IL in November. Melissa from District 10 shared about the meetings she takes into the county jail three times a week. Paula from District 16 shared regarding the virtual meetings she has been able to take regularly into the correctional facility in Silver City. Thank you all for your service and for a great corrections committee!

Action Items You Can Take in May to Support Area Corrections

Sign up for the Corrections Correspondence Service if you would like to carry the message to our inside members by correspondence aka "pen pal": <https://www.aa.org/corrections-correspondent-sign-form>

Complete a Volunteer Application to take meetings into the New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD) facilities

Contact your district corrections chair to see how you can volun-

teer to carry the message to local correctional facilities

Send group donations to Area 46 Corrections c/o Renee Lewis, PO Box 35541, Albuquerque, NM 87176

Ask your home group conscious about approving a pink can available during your meeting for donations for AA literature. Typically, it is an empty coffee can wrapped in pink paper – an idea developed nearly 60 years ago!

Resources

Sharing from Behind the Walls: <https://www.aa.org/sharing-from-behind-the-walls>

Corrections Committee workbook: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/m45i_WorkbookCorr.pdf

Corrections Kit: <https://www.aa.org/contents-corrections-committee-kit-list>

For more information on any of the above please email me at corrections@nm-aa.org. Thank you for allowing me to be of service!!!

Renee L
Area 46 Corrections Chair

El Farolito

I'm Back!! Actually, It dawned on me that I had one more issue to due before the end of rotation, after a query by Christoph. I'm sorry for any confusion this has caused any of the Chairs.

The search continues for a new El Farolito Editor. Is there not 1 person in the State who would like to stretch their wings and perhaps learn something new? Or a Sponsor with a bored, talented Sponsee? (My Sponsor nominated me for this position... don't know about the talented part,

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yet here I am!) I knew Nothing about the software, I had a new learning curve, and I stayed busy in Service, a part of our Legacies. It has kept me out of Me, and I'm grateful. Thanks Sponsor! <3 And Thank You to the people of Area 46 who have participated with the mailing, and your kind words of encouragement.

In Gratitude and Service,

Debra K., Editor

Finance

Hello Family!!

It's time for another report from your friendly neighborhood finance nerd!!

Well, The budget was passed, and we have financial plans for the next year. One item that was talked about, agreed upon and increased was to allow for a 20% increase in how much the area spends on Twelfth Step Work. I will share more information about that in the upcoming months.

Quick reminder Finance committee meetings are held the 4th Thursday of every month @ 7:30 PM on Zoom. Links can be found on the nm-aa.org website under the schedule or on the calendar. (January's will be on 01/26/23 at 7:30 pm)

Thankfully I had help at the assembly and Darrell L. took some notes of how things went. They are below for anyone that was unable to attend the assembly.

8:45am Meeting

1. Called to order and opened with Serenity Prayer.
2. Jennifer presented the P&L Statement. No Questions.
3. Mike presented the proposed Budget. Gave information re:

Finance

changes in Travel Expenses and Bank Charges/Fees.

4. Q. What are 12th Step funds used for? Christoph explained and encouraged the use of these funds. Follow-up discussion included getting a flier out to Committee Chairs

explaining how to access funds and what they are to be used for; that the final approval for use of these funds is decided by Area Chair. A suggestion was given to break down funds by individual committees. Bill offered to review this flier.

5. IWC Donation. Discussion on where to include this donation in the Budget and aspects of how it affects the Budget depending upon where it is placed. Chris motioned that this donation be placed in Non-Budgeted Income. 2nd by Jeff. Passed Unanimously.

6. A suggestion was made to increase Assembly Seed money.

7. Session ended with a motion by Laurie to earmark IWC donation to Special Projects.

9:45am Meeting

1. 2nd on Laurie's motion by Jennifer. Discussion included funds are needed for: A) New Translation Equipment. B) Six new laptops for facilitating hybrid breakout rooms. Further discussion was that Actual Available Cash is ample to cover these costs; and that if funds for A or B are requested for purchase by the end of this year that the motion include that funds are to be paid out of Available Cash and if requested for purchase in 2023 that the motion include that that funds are to be taken out of Special Projects.

Total funds needed for Translation Equipment is \$2500.00. Laurie withdrew her original

motion and made a new motion to place End Of Year Available Cash into Special Projects. 2nd by Ivan. Motion passed with no objections.

2. 501(c)3. Mike made a motion that Area 46 form a 501(c)3. Discussion included questions on what the background will be. Background would include A) Liability transfer from individuals to the formed Corporation; and B) Would eliminate Tax Liabilities. Discussion concluded with not enough background and answers to bring forth the motion; and that New Business can be a discussion and not necessarily have to be a motion. Meeting ended without resolution on the motion.

Once again Thank you Darrell for taking notes.

There has been more research completed already when it comes to the 501(c)3 topic and that will be a mainstay of the next few finance committee meetings. Your input is valued ... please attend.

Mike K.

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SHORTCOMING, IT'S AN
EMOTION. OUR REACTION
TO IT CAN BE THE
SHORTCOMING.**

Grapevine/La Vina

Howdy Area 46,

I hope everyone had a successful sober December.

At our Area Assembly in Carlsbad, our Grapevine/La Vina meeting had 17 in attendance. We started the meeting with The Serenity Prayer and went around the room introduced ourselves. I handed out a Grapevine to a man who spoke English and the La Vina to a man who spoke Spanish. They read the 'Statement of Purpose' found in the front of their magazines. After that, I began the meeting by telling my story regarding how I was introduced to the Grapevine and how it has been instrumental in keeping me sober. Then all were asked to share what the Grapevine/La Vina has meant to them. All participated and wow-wee was that an excellent share!

All the sharing and caring brought everyone together, Spanish & English, into One Loving Family!

I wanted everyone to know that the Book price increases as of January 1, 2023, and the top 10 bestsellers will increase by \$2.49. For other books the price will increase as reprinted.

We closed on time with the I am Responsible Statement.

Alcoholics Anonymous isn't about earning and deserving it's about believing and receiving.

In Gratitude and Service,

Molly C. Area 46

Grapevine/La Vina Chairperson

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Literature

Greetings Area 46!

It was great to see many of you at our recent Assembly, and I really appreciate the participation with the Literature Committee meeting. We had 18 people in person and online, and I didn't have a particular agenda since there hasn't been any participation in the monthly committee meetings for a while. So, I asked people to introduce themselves and say why they were attending and how I could be of service in this role, then I shared both my personal experience with our literature and my observations with the challenges for AA as a whole regarding proposed revisions to our literature.

Reasons that our members were there included wanting to see what this committee was all about, updates since the last General Service Conference with the proposed "plain language" Big Book, the 5th edition of the Big Book, and other changes to pamphlets and materials. Another member was wondering what our strategy is for making further revisions, and others were there out of concern that we maintain our integrity with regard to our Traditions and not get distracted by outside issues or change the first 164 pages.

We had some discussions again about the definition of "plain language" (an international standard) and why some people believe this to be an important Accessibilities issue. I also pointed out that Eloy had the Conference Reports and would be distributing them at the Assembly and all of the Conference actions could be found there. I then shared about what I learned from having Eloy and Debra present on that activities of the Literature Committee at the last Conference and how it occurred to me that in my journey through service we did business at my homegroup a certain way, only to find more formal processes when I started to serve with my District.

Then I got to the Area and found even greater differences and have since been learning about the Conference processes and realized that there's probably a lot of our members who don't really understand what happens when a motion that begins as the conscience of our members passes through the Area and then disappears. As GSR for An AA Group in Santa Fe, I saw two motions from our group move through our District and Area and then heard nothing about them for about 2 years after our Delegate took them to New York. And hearing Eloy talk about things like "floor actions" and "considerations" and how some voting will send a motion back to a committee and other voting will kill it made me realize why everybody that was showing up for our Literature Committee meetings because they wanted things to change NOW got mad and left, and everybody that wanted things to NOT change got mad and left. Then there are still others who don't participate in our service structure at all who feel like "New York is trying to tell them what to do" when things like the changes to The Preamble seem to suddenly appear from outer space.

So, I thought it would be appropriate for our committee to host a workshop of what happens when we send a motion from our Area to the GSC. And as is usually the case when someone has a question in AA, it turns out that such a workshop already exists. It's called "The Life of a Motion" and was developed by our neighbors to the north in Colorado. Additionally, Kerri already had it on a list of proposed activities for our Area this coming year, so I asked her to send it to me to look at and indicated our willingness to have our committee be involved with the presentation.

The other thing that I have identified as a need is for a set of suggestions for the role of a District and

Group Literature Chair position. I'm being contacted regularly by members who say that they are a new Literature Chair for their District or Group and want to know what they're supposed to do. The description of the Literature Committee in Concept 11 is pretty heady stuff like changing, updating and developing new materials, while our AIP is a little more along the lines of "show up and do stuff", and the role will look different in a District that has a Central Office compared to one that doesn't. So, I will be sending out an announcement to work on developing some suggested guidelines for Area 46 District Literature Chairs for our January Committee meeting, and an announcement to work on suggestions for Group Literature Chairs for our February meeting. All are welcome! We meet every third Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. The Zoom info is on our Area Events Calendar, or you can email me at [lit-erature@nm-aa.org](mailto:literature@nm-aa.org) and I'll send it to you. And if you are reading this and it is something that you're interested in, go ahead and send me an email and I'll make sure you get the announcements.

Good news! After this past weekend and lots of requests at Assemblies from people who don't have cash and want to purchase Literature, I have set up a PayPal linked to the Area Literature bank account so that people will now be able to pay with a Debit or Credit card! Special thanks to Jennifer for helping with that and putting up with my bugging her during the Assembly.

And finally, I want to direct you to the Service Manual Study Group that Kerri will be hosting every other Monday beginning in January. You will find the details at NM-AA.org.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Area Literature Chair!

Phillip F.

Service Forum

Greetings Area 46 committee chairs!

I'm reaching out to all of you, to invite whoever would want to Participate chair a meeting in the Service Forum that will be held July 29th, 2023. There will be 12 meetings in this event, therefore, we would be needing 12 people to chair each one of this meetings. I'm considering the possibility that each one of each committee Chair would chair a meeting. Please reply to me to this e-mail if you like to participate so I can add you to the agenda. Thank you in advance for your collaboration, if you have any questions or concerns about this matter, please don't hesitate to call or text me.

Alejandro V.

Bilingual Chair

Service Forum Program Chair

Technology

Hello Area 46!

It was wonderful seeing everyone at the December Assembly in Carlsbad. Special thanks to District 10 and all who volunteered to host and produce this event!

Our committee prepared two motions for this assembly and we thank all Area 46 GSRs, DCMs, and Trusted Servants for your time, consideration, and vote. We will keep you posted on how we plan to make the old PA system available to interested Area 46 groups or districts.

The Technology Committee is continuing to look into improving the experience of both in-person and virtual attendees at our hybrid assemblies, however we cannot do this alone. The number one factor in determining a successful hybrid event is internet reliability. Host Districts, take note! We need your help in conduct-

Technology

ing internet speed tests in every usable room to ensure minimum requirements are met before selecting a venue. We are working with the Area Chair to make these technical requirements clear to all Districts so we can have more consistent experiences across the state. Committing to the hybrid platform is a huge undertaking, and we are so grateful for any and all support outside of our committee.

We have formed a subcommittee to evaluate how providing technical support for hybrid area events has impacted the position of the Area 46 Technology Chair; and to make recommendations for how the Technology Committee might be organized to ensure that all responsibilities are met without making unreasonable demands upon the time of the Technology Chair and committee members. The subcommittee is in the process of exploring possible solutions and intends to bring a proposal before the assembly by March 2023.

New nm-aa.org features/pages:

Meeting Attendance Confirmation link added to the A.A. Meetings page:

This link provides information and instructions for anyone seeking confirmation of meeting attendance

Contribute to Area 46 page added to the public site:

This page provides directions to log into the service site to make contributions

2023 Convention Page

Links can be found on both the public and service sites

An important note to share with your groups, Districts, and committee members is that you must be logged in to access the service

site. Please share these credentials with your treasurers and any interested members:

Service Site: www.nm-aa.org/service

Username: Area46

Password: unity

The Technology Committee meets on the third Mondays @ 8:00 PM on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 851 5137 9268

Passcode: Technology

Send meeting updates and changes to meetings@nm-aa.org.

Send events to events@nm-aa.org or submit here: <https://nm-aa.org/submit-an-event/>.

Want to join the Technology Committee? Email technology@nm-aa.org.

In Love & Service,

Laura S.

Area 46 Technology Chair

Young People

Greetings,

The Area 46 Young People in Service Committee began our meeting by going over the three main functions of our committee, which are to 1) assist young people in finding service opportunities, 2) connect young people with members of AA of all ages, and 3) provide resources, references, and contacts to start and/or find young-people oriented meetings.

We then had an interactive discussion about how we can best work towards these purposes in each district. In District 13, Adolf shared about a successful Halloween dance event this October, and about his experience with starting

Young People

a young-people oriented meeting. In District 3, Kari shared her challenges with starting a young people-oriented meeting and Donald shared about a successful pop-up fundraiser event at the Isleta Club's young people meeting. In District 9, Sean identified a possible place to bring workshops or panels to. There are some upcoming young-people oriented events, such as an ugly sweater party in District 18.

There are many service opportunities for young people right now through the SWACYPAA host committee, which anyone in the state is able to participate in. SWACYPAA is the Southwest Area Conference of Young People in AA, a regional young-people oriented conference that will be held in Albuquerque in the summer of 2023. Although there is not yet a set date and venue, planning is well underway, and preregistration is open. You can reserve your spot by preregistering with Sean in-person, or online at tinyurl.com/swac9. Information about attending the planning meetings is on our Area website events calendar.

Our committee regular meets on the last Sunday of the month on Zoom at 7pm. Check out our webpage on the service site for more information. Everyone is welcome to join us, especially the young at heart.

In love & service,
Lindsay M. (she/her)
Area 46 YPAA Committee Chair

*District 3*

Welcome 2023! I can't believe we're in a new year already!

Pass it on needs stories.

Central office would like to close for Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas day, but they will still have phone coverage.

Workshop - if there is a group that would like to host the next workshop contact Jen. Planning will start in January, but the workshop itself will not be until after the March assembly.

Cosmo would like the district to help pay half of the cost for an ESL interpreter. \$200 for 4 months. This will be a trial run.

Every other Monday starting January 9 at 7:00 pm our alternate delegate will be hosting the service manual study.

We have decided to finally go through with purchasing the equipment for district 3!

Cosmopolitan group will be celebrating their 39 anniversary Friday January 9th, 2023, at 8pm MST. Hope to see you there.

Rio Grande Presbyterian Church 600 Coors Blvd NW.

Zoom id: 871-5994-0428 no pw required.

<https://zoom.us/j/87159940428>

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Next District Meeting TBA.

Birthdays for November**Serenity at Sunrise**

Brenda H 3 month

Natasha H and Keerie B 5 months

Cody R 6 month

Daniel D 7 month

Shawna T 8 months

Malcolm A 11 months

Jeanne M 1 yr

Richard G 3 yrs

Stella A 6 yrs

Cindy F 11 yrs

Gary J 13 yrs

Round Up

Josh 1 yr

Ray 44 yrs

~ Raylynn W. El Farolito Rep

District 4

The New Year will be exciting in District 4.

We would love to have you come visit. Some events to enjoy:

New Year's Party hosted by Young People 12/31/2022 6pm - Midnight

St Andrews Church

518 Alameda Blvd., Las Cruces

New Year's Alkathon 12/31/2022

hosted by the Happy Hour Group

334 W Griggs in Las Cruces.

Contact the Happy Hour GSR
Mark H mhohnstr@gmail.com for more information.

Area Assembly Planning

1/12/2023 6:30pm, 10990 Bataan Mem Hwy

1/28/2023 11:00am Hot Springs High School

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 4

1801 N Pershing, Truth or Consequences

<https://nm-aa.org/event/assembly-planning-meeting-for-march/>

And quite a few of our members are celebrating anniversaries in January

Rita D. 1/7/1979

Amy M 1/11/1998

Donna V. 1/11/1996

Eileen S. 1/14/2018

Mari 1/18/1988

Mary F. 1/28/2022

Yours in Service,

Jack

District 6

Greetings from District Six – Northern New Mexico

Thank you District six for your attendance at the Area #46 Assembly held December 3rd and 4th. As a rural district our goal continues to be primary purpose through service. We continue to support many members through technology and providing Hybrid meetings. We hope to keep our members supported and continue to provide meetings and workshops for anyone needing help with alcoholism regardless of their Zoom location or physical home address.

Zooming Into Sobriety is still meeting Monday through Friday at noon on Zoom ID# 819 199 9486 no password. A special thank you to Michael W. who celebrated 41 years in November. Thank you for sharing your experience, strength, and hope with our group and being our guest speaker December 28th. We hold our speaker meeting the last Wednesday of each month.

District 6

The *Las Vegas Women's Group* on Thursday at 6pm will no longer be meeting. Please look for a new Hybrid meeting listing in Las Vegas, NM after the holidays.

Marsha V. and Vangie L. from *Land of Enchantment* attended the Area 46 Assembly at Carlsbad. We had a great weekend and met people from all over New Mexico. Kudos to District 10 for the awesome tamales served with lunch! The Accessibility Committee was especially interesting. They are working on bringing live ASL interpreters to Assemblies.

Congratulations to our members celebrating continuous years of sobriety! Cody M. five years, Ron M. 34 years, and James M. 39 years.

Land of Enchantment group holds three hybrid meetings each week. Wednesday and Sunday at 6 pm, Friday at 7:30pm. Zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/7736214261>. In-person at First United Methodist Church, Raton.

Two Languages and One Heart is meeting every Tuesday and Thursday Evening at 6 pm via Zoom ID# 773 621 4261 password 1234. Please join this amazing bi-lingual Spanish/English meeting.

Grateful to be of service,

Vangie L. D6

District 11

Do you remember the operatic soprano Beverly Sills? She did about three or four final performances before she retired in 1980. What does this have to do with us? Last month I mentioned that my rotation ended in December 2022. Well, I am pleased to share with you that I will be doing one final performance as the ELF rep for one more year.

District 11's next meeting is Jan-

District 11

uary 14 at 9:00 a.m. Please join us at the Mesa View United Methodist Church on 4701 Montano Road NW. Zoom is also an option. Hope to see you there.

Central Office reports that they are receiving about 40-60 newcomer calls monthly. Speaking of whom, A Few Simple Rules is a newcomer's meeting on Mondays and Thursdays 6:30 p.m. at Mesa View Methodist Church. Pass It On is online and hard copies are available at Central Office.

Something you may be wondering about is our way of presenting candidates for disapproval. It can be a little shocking on first hearing this. Some positions are filled with candidates made by the chair or trusted servants, like editors for the *El Farolito*, and are not elected by the Assembly. These candidates are presented to the Assembly to determine if the voting members agree with the chair or trusted servants.

Some items for your calendar: Westside Noon's every third Friday Speaker's Meeting January 20th at 11:45; Assembly planning meeting January 28; Area 46 Assembly March 25-26 at Hot Springs High School in Truth or Consequences; Jemez picnic July 29; Traditions Conference October 28.

In gratitude, Tylka

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District 13

Greetings from District 13! We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM. During December, we changed up our format. Instead of our usual District meeting, we had a short DCM report on the Assembly followed by a workshop on "How To Be A GSR," put on by Kerri K., our Area 46 Alternate Delegate. The workshop was a blast – informative and enjoyable! We had a great turn-out of 17 people, 14 in person and 3 online. We also had several visitors from other Districts who came to learn and ask questions. Overall it was a very successful workshop, and I had a great time!

Our next hybrid meeting will be on Saturday, January 14, 2023. We will be meeting at the Metropolitan Community Church, 1103 Texas St. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87110, and on zoom with the following information:

Zoom Meeting ID is: 719-543-888. You can also dial in by phone: 1-346-248-7799, Access Code: 719-543-888.

District 13 has a number of service positions open, including committee chairs for Intergroup, Corrections, Treatment and Young People in AA. We have begun rotating the Secretary position each month, but that service position is also available if anyone is interested! 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.

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 40344, Albuquerque, NM 87196. You can contribute digitally by sending contributions in Venmo to user @district-13.

We hope to see you at our next meeting in January!

Sarah H.

DCM, District 13
district13@nm-aa.org

District 14

Happy New Year to us all! Here's to another year of Love and Service and carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

District 14 continues to grow with the addition of our new Literature Committee chairperson, Michelle T. Michelle has served AA in many ways in the past and we are happy to have her onboard in this important position. Welcome Michelle!

Our Alternate DCM, Becky C., made the trek down to Carlsbad for the December Area 46 Assembly. Joining her was our CPC co-chair, Bob J. Both Becky and Bob represented our district well and were able to thoroughly update us on the goings on at Area. Becky also brought back a box of 2022 Final Conference Reports for each of our groups. If you did not receive one, please contact DCM Renee. Don't miss out!

Our District 14 is currently looking for alternative meeting spaces for our monthly district meeting. While

MY STABILITY CAME OUT OF
TRYING TO GIVE,
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District 14

the current location is adequate, we hope to find more reliable internet for our hybrid attendees and a space with writing surfaces for the in-person folks. An ad hoc committee is doing a search and will present their findings at the next district meeting.

In Service!

Mr. Easy Does It

District 16

Wishing all the best now and in the New Year...

Sherri, D16 ELF Rep

District 17

Se leyó la declaracion de la unidad y el legado de servicio

El grupo Unidad se festejara el aniversario #45.

El Comité Permanente de convenciones Ya tiene el contrato del hotel XV convencion hispanaque se llevara a cabo en Albuquerque NM, los días 30 de Junio, 1 y 2 de Julio del 2023.

El comité de IP agradece que los grupos sigan apoyandolo.

15 de Abril 1 Aniversario del grupo Sinceridad

El grupo El perdon tiene 2 nuevos miembros, el grupo Pasos a la Libertad tiene 2 y el ultimo paso tiene 6.

El aniversario del grupo de Mujeres Floreciendo en AA festejara su segundo aniversario el 4/22/2023

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District 18

I thought I'd write about our history with the AA groups in Cuba.

Before District 18 existed, someone in District 11 had been contacted about the need for people with some sobriety were needed in the Cuba group as only one person there had any long-term sobriety.

Several of us started going to Cuba as individuals. I usually went every month or so and some others went more often. This continued for several years. When Frank passed away, a couple of women in the group who had some sobriety kept the group going and it moved to the presbyterian Church in Cuba. While Frank was active in the group, he used to get people from Cuba to attend the meeting or at least give it a try, Linda lived in La Jara and had contact with people in the Navajo Communities so some people from there attended. I was still going occasionally during that time and the Zia Meeting would get together and go to the Cuba meeting once in a while. By this time we were District 18 and most of the people who had gone to the meeting from District 11 had stopped going so only a few of us were attending. Linda passed away several years ago and the group almost stopped but Bill kept it going for a while until he moved back to Connecticut. That was the end of the old Highway 44 group in Cuba.

The Central Office was contacted by a priest, a state policeman, and a Magistrate Judge about getting another group going in Cuba. The Central Office contacted groups in District 18, and it was decided they would take a meeting to Cuba on a rotating basis. That is where we are now, but a couple of people have moved to Gallina about 20 miles from Cuba and are attending the meeting. There have been a few people from Cuba that have attended the meeting.

This isn't the only remote meeting District 11 has supported. When I was an alternate DCM, I found that a meeting in Santo Domingo was still listed but wasn't actually a meeting anymore. So I went for 4 years to get it started again. Then Sara got it to look like a real AA meeting during her time as DCM, followed by Jeff and others until Covid shut it down.

During that time we also started supporting a women's meeting in Pena Blanca.

Yours in Service

Mike D.

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TRADITION 1

**OUR COMMON WELFARE
SHOULD COME
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CONCEPT 1

**FINAL RESPONSIBILITY AND
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Area 46 Service Manual Study



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<https://sierracountynewmexico.info/hotels/>

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2270 N. Date St.
TRC 87901
575-894-6665
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2151 N. Date St.
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575-894-3900
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Elephant Butte Inn
401 NM-95
Elephant Butte 87935
575-297-4990
\$75.00

Pelican Spa
306 Pershing St.
TRC 87901
575-894-0055
\$55.00-\$105.00

Comfort Inn
2205 N Date St.
TRC 87901
575-894-1660
\$95.00 Assembly Rate

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605 N. Date St.
TRC 87901
575-894-2964
\$102.00

Motel 6
2151 N. Date St.
TRC 87901
575-894-7888
\$49.00-\$53.00

Charles Hotspring Resort
601 N. Broadway
TRC 87901
575-894-7194
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904 Hwy 195
Elephant Butte 87935
575-740-2719
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1934 N Date St.
TRC 87901
575-894-9001

La Cocina
1900 N. Date St.
TRC 87901
575-894-4782
\$9.00 and up

Los Arcos Steak & Lobster
2400 N. Date St.
TRC 87901
575-894-6200
\$13.00 and up Two Blocks from HS

El Faro
315 N. Broadway
TRC 87901
575-894-2886
\$6.00 and up Great Mex w/Red or Green

The Grapevine Bistro
413 N. Broadway
TRC 87901
575-894-0404
American, Cafe, Healthy

La Baracca
304 S. Pershing St.
TRC 87901
575-300-7018
Italian

Outer Edge Pizzeria
719 Main St.
TRC 87901
575-894-5555

Pacific Grill
800 N. Date St.
TRC 87901
575-894-7687
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Johnny B's Restaurant
2260 N. Date St.
TRC 87901
575-894-0147
\$6.00 and up Next to Travelodge

Passion Pie Cafe
406 Main St
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575-894-6848
American, Cafe, Healthy

The Restaurant at Sierra Grande
501 McAdoo St.
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575-894-6976
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7:00pm Meeting





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Myers R- Kerrville, TX

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