



EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

Area Assembly Summary

Saturday March 26, 2022

Call to order at 8:30am. Ally T Area 46 Chair opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Eloy M gave the Delegate's Pre-Conference Assembly Remarks.

Area Committee breakout sessions.

1:45 pm. Call to order Ally T Area 46 Chair opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

December 2021 minutes read by Robyn T Area 46 Secretary.

Treasurer's report read by Jennifer W Area 46 Treasurer.

Registrar's report by Gary J Area 46 Registrar.

Delegates report by Eloy M Area 46 Delegate.

Alternate Delegate Report by Kerri K Area 46 Alt. Delegate

Old Business.

Assembly report August 6-7th 2022 D-3 Socorro by Mike D.

Assembly report December 3-4th 2022 D-10 Carlsbad by David L

New Business

Bids and Motions

Bid for the June 2nd-5th 2023 Area Convention

1-District 10 would like to submit a bit for the June 2, 3, 4, 2023 NM Area State Convention to be held at the Pecos River Village Conference Center. Submitted by Randy R. Alternate DCM PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Bid for March 25th-26th, 2023 Pre-Conference Assembly

1-District 4 Bids to host the March 25&26th 2023 Pre-Conference Area 46 Assembly in Las Cruces NM Bid By Athena H. DCM District 4 **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Bids for the Service Forum 2023

1st bid -District 17 bids for the 2023 Service Forum to be held in Albuquerque on July 29th, 2023. Al G on behalf of DCM **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

2nd bid-District 7 (Roswell) bids for the 2023 Service Forum. The date is to be determined. Laurie H District 7 - DCM

Motion: "For the area to accept the amended 2022 budget as proposed." Mike K. Area 46 2022-2023 Finance Committee Chair. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Sunday March 27, 2022

8:00 am. Call to order

Christoph E Area 46 Alt Chair greetings and Serenity Prayer.

Bids and Motions voted on

Point of Order by Bill L regarding the voting for the service forum today there were 2 bids for it and there may have been confusion online that they were voting between 2 districts. Issue resolved

Area Committee reports

G.S.R Report given by Lori D-13

D.C.M report given by Sarah D-13

Trusted Servants Meeting Report given by Robyn T A 46 Secretary

Past Delegates Report Given by Bill L

Ask It basket questions

Who does the area serve? Jon: We are not the boss. Area serves the districts, districts serve the groups, the groups serve the individuals. The conference will be the voice of collective conscience of our society

Can a motion be undone? (1995 Advisory Action To Not Change The Big Book) Bill L: No one is bound by those decisions made by a previous conference. What is bound is the trustees and board to follow the advisory actions by their own traditions. They implement what the body of AA want. No conference is bound to previous conference they are bound by the voice of AA.

What can you buy for \$50 in New York by Laura S?

GSO has a new mailing address for Contributions:

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Area Assembly Summary

\$50 in slices of pizza, 30 min Karaoke in Korea Town, 10-12 bagels with cream cheese from local bodega, 7day unlimited subway card, taxi ride from JFK to GSO.

What is the AIP and why should I have one? Robyn T- the AIP is suggestions from motions that have been voted by the assembly approving procedures for conducting Assembly business and the roles of the trusted servants.

Ally T- Can we ask questions on Sunday-doesn't give us much time to answer it. Also, suggestion they would like to see the whole room on zoom this will be passed on to tech

Lindsay M- What is an inter-group? Service entity as a way to carry the message to alcoholics. It is not in the triangle it serves local groups. Helps to do what those groups are unable to do. Such as schedules, hotlines, literature, etc.

Sobriety Countdown by Christoph.

Eloy M -Conference Sharing- Area 46 members commented on Conference agenda items of concern to your groups as they were discussed in group conscience in all districts.

11:15 Adjourned until August 6, 2022-District 3, Belen

The Planning Meeting for the next assembly will be held on June 25th, 2022, in Albuquerque.



En Espanol

26-27 de marzo de 2022 Asamblea en Moriarty Minutos

Sábado 26 de marzo de 2022

Llame al Orden a las 8:30 am. Ally T Área 46 Silla abrió con un momento de silencio seguido de la Oración de la Serenidad.

Eloy M. dio los comentarios de la Previa Asamblea a la Conferencia del Delegado. Luego Ally, se despidió para las sesiones de trabajo.

1:45 pm.

Llamada al Orden

Ally abrió con un momento de silencio seguido de la oración de serenidad.

Acta de diciembre de 2021 leídas por Robyn T. secretaria del Área 46.

Informe del Tesorero leído por Jennifer W Tesorera del Área 46.

Informe del Registrador por Gary J Área 46 Registrador.

Informe de Delegado por Eloy M Área 46 Delegado.

Informe de la Delegada Suplente por Kerri K. Área 46 Sub. Delegada

Christoph E. comenzó con Viejo Negocio.

Informe de la Asamblea del 6 al 7 de agosto de 2022 D-3 Socorro por Mike D.

Informe de la Asamblea del 3 al 4 de diciembre de 2022 D-10 Carlsbad por David L

Nuevo Negocio

OFERTAS Y MOCIONES

La Oferta para la Convención del Área

1-Distrito 10 del 2 al 5 de junio de 2023 desea presentar un poco para la Convención Estatal del Área NM del 2, 3 y 4 de junio de 2023 que se

llevará a cabo en el Centro de Conferencias Pecos River Village. Sometida por, Randy R. MCD Suplente. APROBADO POR UNANIMIDAD

Oferta para el 25 y 26 de marzo de 2023 Pre Conferencia Asamblea

1-Distrito 4 Ofertas para albergar la Asamblea del Área 46 Previa a la Conferencia del 25 y 26 de marzo de 2023 en Las Cruces NM. Oferta de Athenas H. MCD Distrito 4. APROBADA POR UNANIMIDAD

Ofertas para el Foro de Servicio 2023

1ª Oferta - Oferta del Distrito 17 para el Foro de Servicio 2023 que se que se llevará a cabo en Albuquerque el 29 de julio de 2023. Al G en nombre del MCD.

APROBADO POR UNANIMIDAD

2ª oferta-Distrito 7 (Roswell) ofertas para el Foro de Servicio 2023. La fecha está por determinar. Laurie H Distrito 7 – MCD

Moción: “Para que el área acepte el presupuesto 2022 enmendado como se propone”. Mike K. Área 46 2022-2023 Coordinador del Comité de Finanzas. 2º Julio R D-4 RSG.

APROBADO POR UNANIMIDAD

Domingo 37 de marzo de 2022

8:00 am. Llame al orden Christoph E Área 46 Silla Suplente, saludos y Oración de la Serenidad

Christoph E Área 46 Silla Suplente comenzó a pedir los informes del comité en orden alfabético:

Cuestión de orden por el proyecto de ley L con respecto a la votación para el foro de servicio hoy hubo 2 ofertas para él y puede haber habido confusión en línea de que estaban votando entre 2 distritos. La votación fue 72% D17 28% D-7 Puede haber habido 10-12% puede haber

habido votos duplicados, pero no cambió el resultado. Ally T tuvo una idea del espacio porque querían volver a votar para la oferta para el foro de servicio basado en la cuestión de orden. Hubo una rápida votación a mano alzada y fue unánime en no querer volver a votar, por lo tanto, la oferta representa que D-17 sea sede del Foro de Servicio 2023.

Informe de R.S.G. dado por Lori D-13

Informe de M.C.D. dado por Sarah D-13

Informe de la reunión de servidores de confianza dado por Robyn T A46 Secretaria

Informe de los Delegados Pasados dado por Bill L

Preguntas de la Canasta

¿A quién sirve el área? Jon: No somos el jefe. Servir a los distritos, los distritos sirven a los grupos, los grupos sirven a los individuos. Jon: No somos el jefe. Servir a los distritos, los distritos sirven a los grupos, los grupos sirven a los individuos. El manual de servicio llamó a los conceptos que Bill W escribió en los conceptos 1 y 2 los grupos tienen la autoridad final para los Servicios Mundiales. La conferencia será la voz de la conciencia colectiva de nuestra sociedad.

¿Se puede deshacer un movimiento? (1995 Acción consultiva para no cambiar el gran libro) Bill L: Nadie está obligado por las decisiones tomadas por una conferencia anterior. Lo que está obligado es que los Custodios y la Junta Directiva sigan las acciones de asesoramiento según sus propias tradiciones. Implementan lo que el cuerpo de A.A. quiere. Ninguna conferencia está vinculada a la conferencia anterior, están obligados por la voz de A.A.

¿Qué puedes comprar por \$ 50

en Nueva York Laura S \$50 en rebanadas de pizza, 30 min Karaoke en Korea Town, 10-12 bagels con queso de crema de bodega local, tarjeta de metro ilimitada de 7 días, 1 viaje en taxi desde JFK a GSO

¿Qué es el AFI y por qué debería tener uno? Robyn T Sugerencias de mociones que han sido votadas por la Asamblea aprobando procedimientos para llevar a cabo los asuntos de la Asamblea. También hay breves resúmenes de todas las posiciones del área y sugerencias de lo que son responsables, así como lo que se espera si un distrito es sede de una asamblea o convención estatal.

Ally T ¿Podemos hacer preguntas el domingo? no nos da mucho tiempo para responderla Ally T Una sugerencia que les gustaría ver toda la sala en zoom, esto se transmitirá a la tecnología

Lindsay M ¿Qué es un intergrupo? Entidad de Servicio como forma de llevar el mensaje a los alcohólicos. No está en el triángulo que sirve a los grupos locales. Ayuda a hacer lo que esos grupos no pueden hacer. Como horarios, líneas directas, literatura, etc. Cualquier representante puede asistir a la reunión mensual.

Cuenta atrás para la sobriedad por Christoph. Terry E con 51 años de sobriedad habló palabras de sabiduría a Ramón 4 meses y 21 días de sobriedad.

10 minutos de descanso

sEloy M - Intercambio de conferencias - Los miembros del Área 46 comentaron sobre los temas de la agenda de la Conferencia de interés para sus grupos, ya que se discutieron en conciencia de grupo en todos los distritos.

11:15 Aplazado hasta el 6 de agosto de 2022 – Distrito 3, Belén

La reunión de planificación para la próxima asamblea se llevará a

Asemblea

cabo el 25 de junio de 2022 en ____

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Delegate

Greetings Area 46

I hope this report finds you in good health and in good spirits. It was just two weeks ago as I write this report that we had our March Preconference Assembly. And before I go any further, I would like to say Thank You District 13 for doing a Great Job as our Hosting District!

I know we had some difficulties with the internet and there will be times when we do with the Zoom portion of the Assembly. The Technology team did their best to keep everything up and running. Thank you, Technology committee, for all your hard work!

During the Assembly the Area Committees discussed their assigned Conference Agenda Items. And during Sundays Committee reports I was given some great feedback and results during the Saturday night sharing session the Area 46 Officers coordinated and discussed Conference Agenda Items in five breakout rooms. They all gave great reports and feedback on their breakout agenda meetings.

I want to say Thank You to all who participated in any discussion of the conference Agenda Items as you help me become informed as I go on to Serve our Area at the 72nd GSO Conference.

Now in real time as you are reading this report, I am on my way back to New Mexico from New York and I can't wait to go on the road to give my Delegates report. DCM's, I would like you all to begin discussion in your respective district on

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when you would like for me to come and visit your districts to give my report on the 72nd General Service Conference.

As soon as you have a date email me (to make sure your date is available) and I will begin to pencil you in. Also please give me some time to put my report together till at least after the first of June.

I have been asked on how you would like for me to give my report

1- You can have me over for after your District Meeting and as a option with the Alternate Delegate to do a Workshop (potluck optional)

2- You can make it on a different day Plus have the Alternate Delegate do a Workshop or invite a Speaker (potluck optional)

3 - You can invite other Districts to join in and make it a service Day and have the Alternate Delegate do a workshop and invite Speakers (potluck optional)

So, DCM's, get with your Districts and began the discussion on the Delegates Report.

Moving on to some of the communication I have received from GSO, I want to pass on to you the calls for Stories on the new upcoming Fifth Edition Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. There is a deadline for submissions its October 31, 2022. Also, there is a call for stories on the new upcoming Spanish Fourth Edition Alcoholicos Anonimos; the deadline for submissions is December 15, 2022; plus one more call for Stories on the new upcoming Pamphlet AA for the Black and African American Alcoholic the deadline for submissions is October 31 2022.

I have asked Laura S Technology Chair to post all of the call for stories in the Area webpage. They are in the service part of the web page password protected.

I encourage all to visit and read the letters to have a clear understanding of what is being asked

Who knows your story might be the one that gets chosen.!!

That is all from me for now as I wait to hear from you, and I am looking forward to coming to your district!

In love and service,

Eloy M

Panel 72 Delegate

Delegado

Saludos Area 46

Espero que este informe lo encuentre con buena salud y buen ánimo. Hace apenas dos semanas, mientras escribo este informe, tuvimos nuestra Asamblea Preconferencia de marzo. Y antes de continuar, me gustaría agradecerle al Distrito 13 por hacer un gran trabajo como nuestro Distrito Anfitrión.

Sé que tuvimos algunas dificultades con Internet y habrá ocasiones en las que lo haremos con la parte de Zoom de la Asamblea. El equipo de tecnología hizo todo lo posible para mantener todo en funcionamiento. ¡Gracias, comité de tecnología, por todo su arduo trabajo!

Durante la Asamblea, los comités de área discutieron los puntos asignados de la agenda de la conferencia. Y durante los informes del Comité de los domingos, recibí excelentes comentarios y resultados durante la sesión de intercambio del sábado por la noche, los oficiales del Área 46 coordinaron y discutieron los elementos de la agenda de la conferencia en cinco salas de grupos. Todos dieron excelentes informes y comentarios sobre sus reuniones de agenda.

Quiero dar las gracias a todos los que participaron en cualquier dis-

Delegado

cusión de los puntos de la agenda de la conferencia, ya que me ayudan a estar informado a medida que sirvo a nuestra Área en la 72.^a Conferencia de la OSG.

Ahora, en tiempo real, mientras lee este informe, estoy de regreso a Nuevo México desde Nueva York y no veo la hora de emprender el camino para presentar mi informe a los delegados. MCD, me gustaría que todos ustedes comenzaran la discusión en su distrito respectivo sobre cuándo les gustaría que yo vaya y visite sus distritos para dar mi informe sobre la 72.^a Conferencia de Servicios Generales.

Tan pronto como tenga una fecha, envíeme un correo electrónico (para asegurarme de que su fecha esté disponible) y comenzaré a anotarlo. También por favor deme algo de tiempo para armar mi informe hasta al menos después del primero de junio.

Me han preguntado cómo le gustaría que le diera mi informe

1- Me puede invitar después de su Reunión de Distrito y como opción con el Delegado Alterno para hacer un Taller (potluck opcional)

2- Puede hacerlo en un día diferente Además, haga que el Delegado Alterno haga un Taller o invite a un Orador (comida opcional)

3 - Puede invitar a otros Distritos a unirse y convertirlo en un Día de servicio y hacer que el Delegado Alterno haga un taller e invite a los disertantes (comida compartida opcional)

Entonces, MCD, reúnanse con sus Distritos y comiencen la discusión sobre el Informe de los Delegados.

Pasando a algunas de las comunicaciones que he recibido de la OSG, quiero transmitirles las solici-

tudes de Historias sobre la próxima Quinta Edición del Libro Grande de Alcohólicos Anónimos. Hay una fecha límite para las presentaciones el 31 de octubre de 2022. Además, hay una convocatoria de historias sobre la próxima cuarta edición en español de Alcohólicos Anónimos; la fecha límite para las presentaciones es el 15 de diciembre de 2022; más una convocatoria más para Historias sobre el nuevo Folleto AA para el alcohólico negro y afroamericano, la fecha límite para las presentaciones es el 31 de octubre de 2022.

Le pedí a Laura S. Presidenta de Tecnología que publique todas las convocatorias de historias en la página web del Área. Están en la parte de servicio de la página web protegida por contraseña.

Animo a todos a visitar y leer las cartas para tener una comprensión clara de lo que se pide.

Quién sabe, tu historia podría ser la elegida.!!

¡Eso es todo de mí por ahora mientras espero saber de usted, y estoy deseando ir a su distrito!

En amor y servicio,

Eloy M.

Panel 72 Delegado

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Alt. Delegate

Hello Area 46!

The General Service conference was held in Brooklyn, New York April 24-30. I am so looking forward to the Delegate's report that Eloy, Area 46 Delegate, will put together for us. If your district has not yet scheduled a delegate's report, please reach out to Eloy and get it scheduled for your district. This report is the best way for GSRs in each district to communicate to their groups what took place at this year's General Service Conference.

DISTRICT WORKSHOPS

Part of my role as your Alternate Delegate is to work with districts of Area 46 to host 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.

SWRAASA – Please come with us to Tulsa, OK!

Dates: October 7-9, 2022

Location: Renaissance Hotel – Tulsa, OK

Registration: <https://swraasa2022.org/>

Host: Hosted by Area 57, Oklahoma

Like the Area 46 Service Forum, the Southwest Regional A.A. Service Assembly is an opportunity to learn and share about the General Service Structure at the group, district, area, and conference levels, and to share information on the trusted service positions within that framework.

Every A.A. member can attend SWRAASA. You do not have to have ever held a service position. SWRAASA is a great weekend to learn more about service work and carrying the message of AA.

It is a three-day meeting of general sessions as well as workshops

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Alt. Delegate

with speakers and sharing from the floor. Workshops could include AA History, Archives, Area Chair, Area Assemblies, Bridge the Gap, Conventions, Corrections, DCM, Delegate/Alt. Delegate, GSRs, Website, Traditions, CPC, Service Sponsorship, Concepts etc.

SWRAASA – Get on the Bus!

As I mentioned at the 2022 March Assembly, my goal is to take a busload of current, future and past A.A. members in service. This way we could all ride together to, and from, Tulsa!

Since we have such a big state, for some, it would require travel to Albuquerque to catch the bus. We need 56 people to fill the bus. If all who expressed interest at the March assembly still plan to ride the bus, we are a little over 40% full already! Please follow the link below to complete a simple form I created to reserve your spot on the bus. Completing this form does NOT commit you to anything yet, it is just a way to determine how many people are interested in jumping on the bus! If you told me at the assembly you want to join the bus, I still need you to complete this form.

<https://tinyurl.com/SWRAASA-Bus2022>

In True Gratitude and Service,

Kerri K

Area 46 Alternate Delegate

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Servant Leadership Note:

“No society can function well without able leadership in all its levels, and A.A. can be no exception.”

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

Alt. Chair

What a great assembly we had in March! Thank you District 13 and Moriarty for all your hard work to make it a successful event. And thank you to all who attended, both live and online. Without your presence we wouldn't do a very good job carrying the message and Ally and I would get really bored with each other! This being our second attempt at a hybrid event, we learned from our previous mistakes and the new improvements were great (hooray for audio!). It seems now our greatest obstacle will be insuring enough internet bandwidth and Wi-Fi quality. Hopefully districts bidding for future assemblies can keep these needs in mind when securing a venue. Hybrid is in our future and I'm happy that Area 46 has invested in this technology.

I am looking forward to our next assembly in AUGUST (still not used to that!). District 3 will be hosting us in Socorro. I attended their planning meeting, and it looks like they are covering all the bases.

As the area liaison to our intergroups and central offices, I briefly spoke with the coordinator of the Albuquerque Central Office. They are interested in becoming more involved at the area level and possibly have some kind of representation at our assemblies. I will continue this conversation and, as we say, more will be revealed.

In service,

Christoph E., Alternate Chair

Trusted Servants

Opening prayer

Introductions

Christoph-agenda for today to follow up on orientation and any concerns anyone may have at this time.

Monthly El Farolito reports

Our responsibility to the groups this is the way that the committees communicate with the groups on what is going on in the area

Any problems re: submitting report

Fear of technology-reaching out to Laura for tech help and getting started.

Can send by email or use the website

Ideas what to write

Doesn't have to be very long or extremely detailed. Just the basic of what is going on or if nothing is going on then say so. Can be about service work in general. Some chairs have been using the website to submit their articles.

Debra has had some issues with InDesign, but worked it out. Best way to receive reports is on the website or email it. She will edit the report for grammar or spelling. More people read it than you think. She is very pleased with the reports she has rec'd.

Ally-what was confusing was it's for the next month. Set a reminder on your calendar to help with remembering when to send it. It's an official record of what we do. Reminder email 5 days prior to deadline from

Trusted Servants

Ally.

Website access

Committee page update

Laura will show you what can be done on your page or how to submit things. She can do it face to face this weekend or whenever is convenient.

Area email issues: not discussed

Issues with connectivity. Beyond our control. This weekend we had issues and the facility has been very accommodating in trying to get it fixed. Laura is asking for help. What are the solutions. Direct ethernet connections the past 2 have not had that available. More reliable wifi would most likely be in more urban areas. The main issue is when we have the breakout rooms and wifi is being used more. Question-are we ready to talk to the Area about the issues of wifi but we need to do it with potential solutions. Looking forward to next Assembly in August. Reaching out to a technology professional? Tried hot spots, connecting to other people's internet....

Mike has the skill set to help with the issues. Star link but not available in all areas. Connectivity issues using cell phones, wireless. Etc.

We are not making any decisions. Some questions are we going to continue hybrid assemblies. We are seeing more attendance.

The next 2 will be held in education buildings. They may have better wifi or technology. If we are running into problems the solutions need to be brought up now. Let the area know in the report today.

Feedback on this morning's committee meetings. What can we say to the assembly? (big question is do we want to continue hybrid)

General acknowledgment of there is an issue and ask for the area to reach out and offer solutions. Inform them we are reaching out to

professionals for more help.

A back up plan has to be independent. If internet is an issue, then different internet is not the idea. However, one idea is cell phone for phone conference vs video.

Accessibility is important for opening up the ability for everyone to attend. We knew this was an experiment then would need to re-evaluate.

12th Step Fund What is it? 1% of our budget and people don't know what it is supposed to be used for. Used to be each committee had their own budget but found some used it quickly and some didn't use any at all, so it was decided to make it a general fund for all committees to use as needed.

YOUR committee service expense fund

One committee asked last year to use it for a picnic, and they were told no. Could it be used for reserving a venue for a workshop? Yes!

Before bundled was used for travel to workshops or to purchase pamphlets. Reach out to districts to see if they would like a workshop?

Possible uses of fund other than workshops

All you have to do is ask the Chair if you can use it. She will help you figure out which fund to use

Individual committee fund vs. group fund

Next planning meeting to be held on June 25th in Albuquerque

*Remember it was agreed
at the Beginning
We Would Go to Any Lengths
For Victory Over Alcohol*

Registrar

Great day to be Sober! I will be moving forward with the Area 46 Directory with the help of Bill L., thank you Bill. I will send out an email in the near future with a question to all GSR's. Is it ok to put your info in the directory? Last reminder, please send in GSR change forms if you have not already done so. This will help assure pertinent info is in the Area directory. As always thank you for allowing me to participate in my recovery as your Area 46 Registrar. See you soon at the August Assembly! --

Service Gladly Rendered,

Area 46 Registrar

Gary J.

**ONE EXERCISE THAT I
PRACTICE IS TO TRY
FOR A FULL
INVENTORY OF MY
BLESSINGS....**

**AT THE MOMENT
WE ARE TRYING TO
PUT OUR LIVES IN
ORDER. BUT THIS IS
NOT AN END
IN ITSELF**

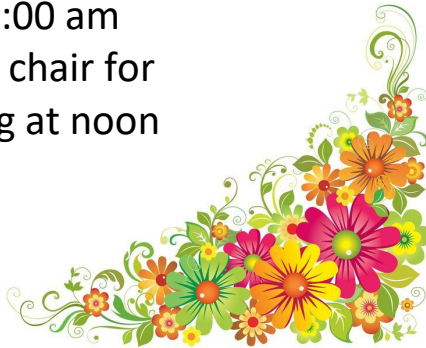
Come one come all,
and bring your family!

SPRING FLING '22

Cahoon Park
1101 4th St, Roswell
(by the pond)
May 14, 2022

Food starts cooking
at 11:00 am
Bring a chair for
meeting at noon

Burgers & Hotdogs Provided
Please Bring a Side Dish



WE ARE SURE GOD
WANTS US TO BE
HAPPY,
JOYOUS, AND
FREE

Accessibilities

GREETINGS AREA 46

I hope this finds you well and in good spirits...

The March preconference assembly's ARC committee meeting was really productive. Thank you committee for all the great discussions and the great suggestion to add the serenity prayer in sign language to our accessibility kit. PATIENTLY waiting to hear from our delegate to see if our suggestion was discussed at the 72nd general service conference.... our committee meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. on zoom id #873-7368-9369 pass code ARC

We are currently continuing to work with the Bilingual committee in helping a group now named and registered as Two Languages One Heart. They meet on Zoom Tues.-Thurs.- at 6 p.m. and now Saturday at Noon on Zoom ID # 773-621-4261 password 1234..... If I can serve in any capacity with any accessibility needs, please call any time.... thank you for your support in keeping OUR fellowship alive and well and accessible to anyone anywhere here in Area 46.

Paul G. -Accessibilities Chair
(575)-429-9029

Archives

Hello, Area 46!

I hope this report finds you well and in good spirits!

Thank you District 13 for hosting the Pre-Conference Assembly! You all did an awesome job! It was great to see everyone in person and on zoom.

Archives

Customarily, the Area 46 traveling Archives display was set up for the assembly to view. We have items that have been added to the display, they include books about the pioneer women of A.A. Also, our past Archives Chair Patience B donated a copy of the AA Big Book Spoken & Recorded in Navajo Language, it is an audio book of 14 CD's that is now part of the display. Thank you, Patience! Evelyn from District 13, GSR of Fellowship Group in Clovis, NM sent in a letter for Area 46 Archives written in 1976 by a gentleman detailing how their group was originally started. Thank you, Evelyn, for your contribution!

The Archives committee met during the Pre-Conference Assembly and had a total of 7 people live and 8 people joined in on zoom.

The first item of business was the Agenda Items assigned to the committee. Between conferences, ideas for changes to the Archives workbook may be received by an appropriate trustees' committee and implemented. We did not discuss the workbook in detail, but I did encourage the committee members to obtain and review the workbook and make any suggestions they may have to be discussed at the 2023 General Service Conference.

The agenda item that was assigned to the Archives committee by the Area Delegate and discussed was Item Policy/Admissions G: EDW from Literature committee which reads: Consider request to revise the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" to reflect shared experience on service sponsorship. During our discussion, most of the committee was not aware of the concept of service sponsorship and those who were familiar with the concept discussed the difference between a traditional sponsor who takes the person through the 12 steps of A.A.

and the service sponsor who answers questions about service, responsibilities, and the service structure. After the discussion, the committee was in favor of adding a section on service sponsorship to the current pamphlet. The committee also expressed that they felt it would be beneficial and reach more people by adding the current pamphlet rather than creating a new pamphlet. That information has been passed on to our Delegate to take to the General Service Conference.

Next item of business was a report was given by Area Archivist Michelle T. She continues to look for a suitable space for Area Archives which is currently housed in a closet in the Albuquerque Central Office. She has visited one office building. This search was started by the last Archives committee rotation and the goal is to find a place that people would be able to visit and view the Area 46 Archives display and a space for the Archivist to preserve the archives.

Lastly, I encouraged all in attendance to announce to their committees, their districts, and groups to send in committee minutes, fliers of any 12-step outreach fliers and any group histories that have been obtained.

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Statement.

I am grateful to serve as your Archives Chair and now that our first Assembly is behind us, I am excited to see you all again at the next planning meeting in June.

"Looking After Our History One Yesterday at a Time."

In gratitude and love,

Berna C.

archiveschair@nm-aa-orgs

Bilingual

Reporte del Comité Bilingüe
Abril 2022

Asistimos a la Asamblea del mes de marzo En el distrito 13 Apoyando el tema del Punto J del comité de literatura de la Conferencia de 2022 Punto J: Evaluar el informe de avance sobre el Desarrollo de una cuarta edición del libro Alcohólicos anónimos en español Se tradujo Para los servidores de habla hispana en las reuniones requeridas Tuvimos el apoyo de traductores nuevos en el comité Bilingüe (Evelyn, Ivan y Emma) gracias por su apoyo tan importante. Seguimos Trabajando en el grupo Bilingüe TWO LANGUAGES ONE HEART formado por compañeros de Albuquerque , Compañeros del distrito 6 y un compañero del distrito 10. Pedimos las motivacion en sus distritos para que nos acompañen en este grupo y así fomentar la unidad y motivar la participación de Ambas comunidades.

We Attended the March Assembly in District 13 Supporting the J-Point of the 2022 Conference Literature Committee Point J: Evaluate the progress report on the Development of a fourth edition of the book ALcohólics Anónimos In Spanish WE Translated for Spanish-speaking servers in required meetings We had the support of new translators in the Bilingual committee (Evelyn, Ivan and Emma) thank you for your important support. We continue to work in the Bilingual group TWO LANGUAGES ONE HEART formed by Partners from Albuquerque, Partners from District 6 and one Partner of District 10 . We ask for the motivations in your districts to accompany us in this group and thus Encourage unity and motivate the participation of both communities.

Alejandro V.

BTG

Hello Area 46! It was really great to see everyone at the Pre-Conference Assembly a few weeks ago in March. We had a great committee meeting! We covered topics from what has worked for others in the past as well as how we can keep our list of BTG committee members and service volunteers current.

For those who attempted to stay with us on zoom, I am sorry that the internet chose the timing of our committee meeting to misbehave.

I welcome and encourage anyone who wants to participate in Bridge the Gap service work to email me at btg@nm-aa.org - I can help put you in touch with your District or just add you to our growing list of contacts who are willing to do Bridge the Gap service work.

Speaking of that, there is a lot of work in BTG and many can contribute in a variety of ways. In addition to the traditional "make the contact to bridge the gap from facility to real life," there are a number of tasks to be done up front, and I'm sure each BTG committee member is quickly finding out that they probably can use some help! Here are some ways to help:

Members can help sort the lists of people leaving Treatment or Corrections facilities (or "contacts"), their info like phone number or email (some way to get a hold of them that they give to us), and where they are going after they get out (usually a city/town or zip code). Using zip code maps of the Area and your friendly BTG Committee Chairperson (yours truly), members can find the BTG contact for the district that each contact is going back to, and when they will get out of the facility. Members can then pass along that information to those contacts in the District that have volunteered to help make contacts with them, either through email or by the phone (we have often tak-

en pictures with our cell phones and texted that info to each other in the Area 46 BTG committee).

Members and BTG volunteers in the home/destination districts can then do the more traditional work: the contacts are called or emailed or texted or sent carrier pigeons or whatever means they request (some still use snail mail, though that is rare these days). We try to contact them as close as possible to the day they have told us that they will get out. From here, there is a great pamphlet put out by GSO that describes what we do (and what we should avoid doing), and much of this is also what we learn from our sponsors and others' experiences, so I won't repeat that info here. It's great to talk about it in our committee meetings though, and we definitely do that!

The point is that a member in the home district makes contact and offers to help by directing them and/or getting them to their first meetings on the outside. We are often the first friendly voice from an AA member in the big wide world full of crazy thoughts and temptations outside of the "safe" treatment or corrections facility. That's what we do, and I hope those who find it appealing will volunteer to help. You can contact your district's BTG chair at your district's next business meeting, or you can contact me at btg@nm-aa.org and I'll be happy to help you get involved.

We have been discussing how to put up the existing BTG AA members contact list in a secure online location like Google Docs (or similar), where other committee members who have been given access can find it and edit it, adding or removing information for people in their districts. I will be discussing that with my fellow Technology committee members soon, asking for their advice.

It's things like this that we talk

about in our monthly zoom meetings. If you think you might be interested in BTG work, or just want to help out at all, please join us on that monthly zoom meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

Zoom meeting ID: 861 5466 2446
Passcode: BTG

We would love to have you join us! It can be overwhelming to try to keep up with the treatment facilities and corrections facilities in our great Area, especially some of busier cities with a lot of people. I am certain (from firsthand experience) that one person should not try to do it all themselves. So join us, if you would like to!

Sincerely yours in love and service,

Jon N

**ABOVE ALL,
TAKE IT ONE DAY
AT A TIME**

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Corrections

Happy May to All!
May 14, 2022, Hybrid Corrections Workshop in District 6

Please join us on May 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in Raton, NM or via Zoom for the Corrections Workshop Hosted by District 6! First United Methodist Church 1501 S. 4th St. Raton, NM, 87749

ZoomID:7736214261 Password:1234

Please share this information with your groups. I hope to see all district corrections chairs there! For more information or to see how you can be of service for the workshop please contact District 6 Corrections Chair Sandy S. at icca-boo5236@gmail.com or 719-281-9588.

We had a great turnout for the Corrections Committee at the recent Area Assembly. There were 22 in attendance in person and 4 online for a total of 26 attendees.

We started with the serenity prayer and then discussed the vision for corrections for the next two years which is to reestablish our relationship with correctional facilities and take meetings inside.

We went around the room and online so each person can give an introduction.

Prior to the assembly we had received a request from New Mexico Correctional Department's facility in Los Lunas for volunteers to bring meetings into their facility and I made a call for volunteers as well as explained the process to be approved to take meetings into this facility.

We had a professional social worker present from the Los Lunas local jail and she requested volunteers to take meetings into the

local jail as well. I took her information to coordinate with her as far as their application process.

Sandy S. of District 6 discussed the Corrections Workshop which has been set for May 14 and which will be a hybrid meeting (in person in Raton, NM and online) starting at 6 p.m.

March 25-26, 2022, Area 46 Assembly Report for Corrections

Agenda Item A. Review contents and format of Corrections Kit and Workbook. This is a standing item. The discussion was that there should be a good amount of resources because different resources may work for different folk.

No Vote Taken on Agenda Item A as it was a "review" and not a matter for voting.

Agenda Item B: Reconsider use of the term "person in custody" in A.A. Literature.

Vote on Agenda Item B: 19 in favor of the change of "person in custody" to "Inside A.A. Members", 1 opposed, and 6 abstained.

Discussion on Agenda Item B: People who had long-time experience taking meetings into facilities stated our members inside the walls do not care what you call them and are happy we are there to give the meetings. There was discussion that this change would not be what we would need to call our inside AA members, but that it would be a change to the literature as the phrase "person in custody" is not recognized in Canada's judicial system. Once that clarification was made, the committee felt that we should support efforts to allow AA to be most easily accessible around the world and if it will be most helpful for Canada to make the change then we should support it.

Agenda Item C: Consider requests to limit changes to the book Alcoholics Anonymous

Vote on Agenda Item C: 19 in favor, 5 Abstaining, None opposed

Discussion: There was not any discussion on this item due to running out of time. After I read the agenda item there was a resounding verbal agreement from the committee and with that I took a vote.

Action Items You Can Take in May to Support Area Corrections

- * Attend May 14, 2022 District 6 Corrections Workshop

- * Complete a Volunteer Application to take meetings into Los Lunas (prison or local jail)

- * Send group donations to:

Area 46 Corrections c/o Renee Lewis, PO Box 35541, Albuquerque, NM 87176

- * Donate your old July 2022 or July 2021 (The Annual Prison Issues) to your local District Corrections Chair

For more information on any of the above please contact me at 505-318-5885 or email me at corrections@nm-aa.org. Thank you for allowing me to be of service!!!

Renee L.

Area 46 Corrections Chair

C.P.C.

Hello Area 46,

We had a great Assembly in March. At our CPC committee meeting at the assembly, we spent the bulk of the hour discussing the conference agenda itema our Delegate had given to me to present. While it is more of a literature item regarding a new pamphlet the CPC committee

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had received this agenda item as a result of the Equitable Distribution of Workload Plan. The agenda item (Item D) asks to consider a new pamphlet for CPC Committee members to use when presenting to doctors and other health professionals. Currently, there is an existing pamphlet intended to provide information about AA, however, it is several pages long and there is concern that many doctors will not take the time to read it. This new proposed pamphlet will encourage CPC members to have a discussion with doctors about alcoholism and Alcohol Anonymous and provide simple statements and questions to the doctor and help jump start that conversation.

There was general support for the pamphlet for alcoholics to use with doctors and other health care professionals as a talking point but not necessarily as a pamphlet. Folks felt that it would be more appropriate to include this tool in the CPC Workbook and not as a newly published pamphlet.

I look forward to hearing our Delegate's conference report and learning how this agenda item is resolved at the conference.

In service,

Karen P.

Finances

Finance Committee Meeting report, Pre-conference Assembly

- * Call to order/ Prayer
- * Called to order and opened with the Serenity Prayer.
- * Introductions
- * Went around the room and online to introduce ourselves. Roughly 15 area members attended.

Old Business

- * [Status of Non-Profit research]

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- * At the time of the committee meeting we had not yet been in touch with the legal counsel the prior finance committees had talked to. We have found their contact information and a committee member has agreed to follow up with them during the business days in the following weeks. More to come and this will be a constant thread of discussion during the monthly committee meetings.

New Business

- * [2022 Budget Amendment]

- * It was brought to the committee's attention that there were some oversights in the 2022 budget. Namely;

- * The Delegate expenses were based off the average spent during the Covid years and expenses were minimized due to virtual meetings with no relevant expenses.

- * Budget monies for travel to planning meetings was incorrect for 2 of the committee chairs and needed to be amended (one chair lives in a city that was not in the budget calculation table, another chair's budget was based on an incorrect home city).

- * Monies added to the above budget items was taken from the available cash from the end of the 2021 actual expenses.

- * Discussion was had around these items, clarity was provided and, there was no real debate on the amendments or the reallocation of available cash.

- * [Motion to Area]

- * A motion was proposed «For the Area to accept the amendment to the 2022 budget as proposed»

- * Discussion was had, it was agreed that this would be sufficient.

- * [GSO Agenda Items]

- * We began to discuss the items below as requested by the Area 46 Delegate (who was present), some of the history and details were brought up on the screen as the committee chair was attending remotely). After a few minutes of discussion and review of the background information, it was brought to the committee's attention that the delegate had intended for the committees to discuss these items in the committee meetings OUTSIDE of the assembly conference meeting as an hour is barely enough time to cover the topic let alone have meaningful discourse over the topics.

- * Review Self-Support Packet.

- * Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

- * Consider request that all proposed changes to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions be handled in footnotes.

- * It was decided by the chair that some ad-hoc finance committee meetings would be held before April 20th so an informed committee conscience could be presented to the delegate around the above topics.

- * A sign-up sheet was passed around to find members to attend and participate in the ad-hoc meetings

- * Motion was made for adjournment

- * Serenity prayer was shared

- * Adjournment

Thus was my first Finance Committee Assembly meeting and even a preconference meeting at that. All seemed to go smoothly, and I was grateful to be able to attend remotely as my family was dealing with a major illness and hospitalization of my children's

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grandfather as the assembly was happening.

Thank you for the chance to be of service and I promise to try and keep the Finance committee ELF reports and website posts from being too boring and all blah blah "We need Money! blah blah.

Yours in service

Mike K.

Grapevine/La Vina

Greetings Area 46!

The Assembly was held in Moriarty on March 26 & 27, 2022 and was amazing! Good job District 13 and thank you.

I was asked on Friday March 25th to Chair the Grapevine/La Viña committee meeting as Susan D. had a family emergency. I was more than happy to do so as I try to be willing to serve when asked.

We opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer and the Statement of Purpose was read in English and read in Spanish from the La Viña. After introductions we discussed the agenda item given to the committee from our Delegate:

Discuss the wide-ranging impact the Preamble change has had on our AA fellowship.

One comment was that there is a struggle for older members regarding the change i.e., the fear of changing other parts of our literature. Another comment was that it might make AA look like we are being influenced by outside issues. Many said it is not an issue in their groups and others said they do not use the new Preamble in their Home Groups. 8 of 16 attendees said their

Grapevine/La Vina

group uses the new Preamble and 8 of 16 attendees said their group does not use the new Preamble.

I was also grateful to members of the Bilingual Committee who attended the meeting. I encouraged them to be a part of the Grapevine/La Viña Committee when I was the Area 46 Grapevine/La Viña Chair during the last rotation. I thought it would be nice to have more representation for La Viña by those who use La Viña. La Viña, like Grapevine is such a valuable 12th Step tool. So now with the COVID restrictions gone and we are in person, this can happen! It was such a joy to have the Bilingual members at the meeting. One fellow (Lupe) contributed 2 La Viña magazines. One had a picture of his home group in District 17, in the section "If these Walls Could Talk". The other had a story by a person from Albuquerque. Lupe also came to the meeting to learn the difference between Grapevine and La Viña. A couple differences are that Grapevine is published each month and La Viña every other month. Also, La Viña stories are different from Grapevine stories, they are originally submitted as Spanish stories, not English stories translated into Spanish.

In the time left for the meeting we discussed submitting stories, jokes, cartoons, and pictures to the Grapevine and La Viña, the Grapevine podcast, the Instagram, and you tube channel, and hosting a workshop. Information about the guidelines in submitting items of all types to the Grapevine/La Vine is on the website (www.aagrapevine.org). If you do not have a subscription, please subscribe to Grapevine and/or La Viña. They really need support during this time. Gift subscriptions are also available.

There is a monthly Grapevine/La Viña Committee meeting on Third Thursday evenings of each month, at 7:00 p.m. on zoom. If you would like to attend, please contact the Grape-

vine/La Viña Chair Susan D. for the link. Grapevine@nm-aa.org.

Thank you for allowing me to fill in and serve in this amazing service position!

In Love and Service,

Maddy L,

Fill in Area 46 Grapevine/La Viña Chair

Literature

March 2022 Pre-Conference Assembly

Opened Meeting at 9:55 am with the Serenity Prayer

Ana agreed to help take notes, and to translate this report.

I introduced myself and read from the first 2 paragraphs of "The Literature Committee" from Concept 11 in the Service Manual which begins "This body is charged with *the revision of existing books and pamphlets*" and followed by "also with the creation of fresh pamphlet material to meet new needs or changing conditions."

Our assignment, Item N, was to revisit a 2016 Conference Advisory Action to modernize the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated". This proceeded all the way to 2021 when the committee acknowledged the 2021 Conference advisory action that approved the updated version of this pamphlet, "Experience Has Taught Us: An Introduction to Our Twelve Traditions," as a distinct piece of literature addressing a different audience and serving a different purpose.

"The committee discussed the existing version of the pamphlet "Twelve Traditions Illustrated" and requested that the Publishing department seek professional input on approaches to revise language and

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offensive visuals, and that samples be brought back to the trustees' Literature Committee."

After reaching out to Eloy for some clarity, I went through the original pamphlet from as best of a neutral position as I could and found items that might qualify as offensive by today's standards and presented these at the first Literature Committee meeting two weeks ago, and then again yesterday.

The majority of those in attendance yesterday found that the drawings were indeed out of date, particularly with regard to things such as the portrayals of "bosses" or those who seemed to be "leaders" ("mansplainers") of some sort being exclusively white males, while the women are portrayed in secretarial, teacher or supportive wife roles. The outdated visuals (men in ties, hats, smoking pipes, and literally all of the women are wearing skirts) definitely convey an attitude or visual codes that at a minimum reinforce old stereotypes and at worse don't reflect the now multicultural and diverse membership of AA which potentially hinders new members finding or identifying with others like themselves. "Homogeny not community" was one member's comment.

Other conversations included "What about that annoying character who's always sure *she's* right" from Tradition 2, «off-beat groups» referring to an accompanying picture of hippies, «always looking for a hand-out" along with an image of what looks like a homeless man in front of a garbage can in Tradition 7, "deepest Africa" and the accompanying image from Tradition 9.

One member expressed concerns that dissecting or reading too much into these images was distracting us from our Primary Purpose, akin to looking for the differences instead of the similarities. This was similar to the conversation that was had in

the previous meeting two weeks ago, though it was apparent that most of the others in attendance yesterday did not feel this way.

Some suggestions for possible revisions were discussed but I believe the last two comments by members in attendance best summed up the majority feeling that it seems like the decision to continue trying to revise this pamphlet after the amount of work that went into the original revision, ultimately renamed as "Experience Has Taught Us", appears as more of reluctance to let go of the original one than a desire to fix it. The suggestion was that since all of the effort has so far been put into designing new images and language that additional material should be developed and incorporated with it until it addresses the more comprehensive presentation cited as the reason to keep the old one, then retire "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated"

We closed a few minutes late with the Responsibility Statement.

Thank you to ALL who participated and thank you for letting me be of service!

Phillip F, your Area 46 Literature Committee Chair

De marzo de 2022 Asamblea Previa a la Conferencia

Reunión abierta a las 9:55 am con la Oración de la Serenidad

Ana G. aceptó ayudar a tomar notas y traducir este informe.

Me presenté y leí los primeros 2 párrafos de "El Comité de Literatura" del Concepto 11 en el Manual de Servicio que comienza "Este cuerpo se encarga de la revisión de los libros y folletos existentes" y seguido de "también con la creación de material fresco de folletos para satisfacer nuevas necesidades o condiciones cambiantes".

Nuestra tarea (Ítem N) fue revis-

ar una Acción Asesora de la Conferencia de 2016 para modernizar el folleto "Las Doce Tradiciones Ilustradas". Esto continuó hasta 2021 cuando el comité reconoció la acción consultiva de la Conferencia de 2021 que aprobó la versión actualizada de este folleto, "La experiencia nos ha enseñado: una introducción a nuestras doce tradiciones", como una pieza distinta de literatura dirigida a una audiencia diferente y que sirve a un propósito diferente.

El comité discutió la versión existente del folleto "Doce Tradiciones Ilustradas" y solicitó que el departamento de Publicaciones buscara aportes profesionales sobre enfoques para revisar el lenguaje y las imágenes ofensivas, y que las muestras se devolvieran al Comité de Literatura de los custodios.

Después de comunicarme con Eloy para obtener algo de claridad, revisé el folleto original desde la mejor posición neutral que pude y encontré elementos que podrían calificar como ofensivos según los estándares actuales y los presenté en la primera reunión del Comité de Literatura hace dos semanas y luego nuevamente ayer.

La mayoría de los asistentes ayer encontraron que los dibujos estaban desactualizados, particularmente con respecto a cosas como las representaciones de "jefes" o aquellos que parecían ser líderes ("condescendiente") de algún tipo que son exclusivamente hombres blancos, mientras que las mujeres son retratadas en roles de secretarial, maestra o esposa de apoyo. Las imágenes obsoletas (hombres con corbatas, sombreros, pipas de fumar y, literalmente, todas las mujeres usan faldas) definitivamente transmiten una actitud o códigos visuales que, como mínimo, refuerzan los viejos estereotipos y, en el peor de los casos, no reflejan la membresía ahora multicultural y diversa de AA, lo que potencialmente dificulta que los nuevos miembros

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encuentren o se identifiquen con otros como ellos. "Homogeneidad, no comunidad" fue el comentario de un miembro.

Otras conversaciones incluyeron «¿Qué pasa con ese personaje molesto que siempre está seguro de que tiene razón?» de la 2 tramitación, "grupos fuera de lo común" refiriéndose a una imagen acompañante de hippies, "siempre buscando un folleto" junto con una imagen de lo que parece un hombre sin hogar frente a un cubo de basura en la Tradición 7, "África más profunda" y la imagen que lo acompaña de la Tradición 9.

Un miembro expresó su preocupación de que diseccionar o leer demasiado en estas imágenes nos estaba distrayendo de nuestro Propósito Principal, similar a buscar las diferencias en lugar de las similitudes. Esto fue similar a la conversación que se tuvo en la reunión anterior hace dos semanas, aunque era evidente que la mayoría de los demás asistentes ayer no se sentían así.

Se discutieron algunas sugerencias para posibles revisiones, pero creo que los dos últimos comentarios de los miembros presentes resumieron mejor la sensación mayoritaria de que parece que la decisión de continuar tratando de revisar este folleto después de la cantidad de trabajo que se realizó en la revisión original, finalmente renombrada como "La experiencia nos ha enseñado", aparece más como una renuencia a dejar ir el original que un deseo de arreglarlo. La sugerencia fue que, dado que todo el esfuerzo se ha puesto hasta ahora en el diseño de nuevas imágenes y lenguaje, se debería desarrollar e incorporar material adicional hasta que aborde la presentación más completa citada como la razón para mantener la antigua, y luego retirar "Las Doce Tradiciones Ilustradas".

Cerramos unos minutos tarde con la Declaración de Responsabilidad.

¡Gracias a TODOS los que participaron y gracias por dejarme ser de servicio!

Phillip F., Coordinador del Comité de Literatura del Área 46

El Farolito

El Farolito Assembly Report

We opened with the Serenity Prayer, followed by introductions. There were 11 persons attending, 4 of whom were online.

Contributions have been very good lately, with our EOM (February), at \$2,069. Expenses for the year include renewed lease of InDesign, \$240/yr., PO Box, \$130/yr., Renewed mailing permit, \$265/yr., \$300 into our PO mail account, Microsoft 365, \$69.99/yr., and \$15/month for Acrobat.

The AIP states that group can request group subscription rate for extra copies of the ELF, but I couldn't find any history of what that was. One hard copy runs about \$1.40 x 12 = \$16.80/ year, so 5 extra copies would be \$84/yr. A suggestion was made to ask for a \$50 contribution for extra copies, and we agreed upon that.

The AIP also suggests that the El Farolito start/maintain a Prudent Reserve, and since there are extra funds available, are there any objections? None.

Our conference item was to review the suggested edits for updating the current CPC pamphlet "AA in Your Community". Since there were many to choose from, I picked out several for discussion, and after discussion, we approved those edits. I of course will be passing those edits onto our Delegate, Eloy. We found

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New GSR'S, groups, that wish to receive their free copy of the El Farolito, contact me with the group name, and the GSR's name, and an address to send it to, and I will put you on the mailing list.

Thank You for all your support!

In Love and Service,

Debra K., Editor

Technology

Hello Area 46!

Special thanks to all who attended our Zoom Defense Workshop on April 30th! Panelists shared experience on how to effectively protect online and hybrid meetings from Zoom bombings while remaining open and accessible to AA members. This was followed by a live demonstration of how to quickly address disruptions when they occur, and the remaining time was reserved for Q&A. We recorded the audio of this workshop and it will be available on the Technology service page soon.

I'm continuing to assist with webmail, page update, and Zoom access for all of our DCMs and trusted servants, and doing my best to keep the site current and functional. If you notice any broken links or old information that needs updating, please send me an email along with the specific link or content that needs updating so I can get it corrected quickly.

One of the most common questions I am receiving is where to send contributions for Area 46. This information can be found on the service site home page under Area 46 Quick Links. Scroll down to the middle of the page and click the heart icon next to "Contributions."

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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: Area 46

Password: unity

As we close the first quarter of the year, this is a friendly reminder to all Area Officers, Committee Chairs, and DCMs to clean out your webmail inboxes. Delete any correspondence that is not relevant or necessary to keep, then empty your trash. You will receive a warning when your mailbox reaches 80% capacity, and if your mailbox quota reaches 100% you will no longer receive emails coming to your nm-aa.org email address.

Lastly, I want to address the connectivity issues we experienced during committee breakouts at the March Pre-Conference Assembly. We are aware, and despite extensive planning, testing, troubleshooting, the use of hot spots and cellular data as backup, the problem persists. IT came out and replaced the router for us at lunchtime, but unfortunately this did not benefit our committees. I am as frustrated as you are. I do not know the solution at this time, but will continue to diligently seek one. If you participate in assemblies via Zoom, please don't give up on us! I plan to consult a network professional and am committed to doing all we can to make hybrid assemblies successful, considering a third of our attendees are joining us online. We need help beyond the scope and knowledge of our current volunteers. If you have professional skills in the tech world and have suggestions, please reach out to me directly via technology@nm-aa.org.

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

Hi Area 46,

Our Young People's committee hosted in-person entertainment during the assembly on Saturday evening after dinner. The activity was an ice-breaker game that got everyone up and talking to each other, meeting people who they might not have otherwise introduced themselves to. Thanks to Laura and Julio for volunteering to facilitate the game!

We reviewed suggested revisions to the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity", General Service Conference Agenda Item J.3. We agreed with basic updates to the language, which serve to make the language around social media pages more modern and in line with how we talk about social media today. The committee thought that the addition of the suggestion for AA social media pages made sense to include in the pamphlet. The suggestion proposed for inclusion in the pamphlet is the addition of language explaining that AA social media pages, when used

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among AA members for fellowship etc., should be set to "private" rather than "public". We agreed that this suggestion is a sensible way to practice anonymity on social media. There is a private Facebook group for our committee members, though it is seldom used, so our committee's practices already align with this suggestion. A more common form of communication for arranging fellowship activities and events among Young People in Area 46 seems to be the use of group text messaging. The third revision to "Understanding Anonymity" that we reviewed is the addition of a Q&A section regarding online meetings. Are they considered public? How do we practice anonymity in a Zoom world? We agreed with how the suggestion for best practices in virtual meetings would be presented in the pamphlet, and the idea that virtual AA meetings are indeed not considered public. There was a general consensus that it is great to start talking about best practices for virtual meetings now that many of us have gained much experience with Zoom meetings since the start of the pandemic.

One issue regarding best practices and anonymity in virtual meetings, which was not included in any of the suggested revisions to the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity", is whether the practice of asking folks to turn their camera on when joining the meeting to verify their identity violates anonymity. The suggested addition to the pamphlet does include the language "...some members/attendees have felt more comfortable having their camera off and just listening or using just their first name and last initial". This prompted us to consider the meetings where members/attendees are asked to turn their camera on when entering the meeting as a condition of attending the meeting. The purpose of this practice is to combat Zoom-bombing and avoid internet trolls. However,

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does this compromise anonymity? After all, anyone is allowed to walk through the doors of an in-person meeting without being turned away. We are not sure that Zoom-bombing and internet trolls attending virtual meetings is as much of a problem now as it was in the earlier months of the pandemic, perhaps making this practice unnecessary. We wonder if there is a security defense for virtual meetings that does not compromise anonymity.

The discussion of our assigned General Service Conference Agenda Item prompted a broader discussion of social media usage among AA members and the traditions. It might be a topic we can include in a future YPAA workshop. Some of us notice a difference in how we might post about our sobriety or recovery on social media quite freely as a newcomer, versus how might refrain from compromising our own anonymity on social media later in sobriety and after learning more about the traditions and the spiritual principle of anonymity. When we follow a recovery-themed social media account or post about AA on social media, we are presenting an opportunity for others to compromise their anonymity by interacting with the post through comments or likes. It was mentioned that our behavior is representative of the program of AA, therefore our social media use and engagement is reflective of the program.

Young People's groups around Area 46 shared about how their group is going. Everyone was in agreement that Young People's groups thrive when there is an emphasis on fellowship and fun. Young People are more likely to stay when they are having fun. One group found, after conducting a group inventory, that creating an environment that is attractive to Young People is one of their primary func-

tions, and they intend to foster that through developing more fellowship opportunities outside of the meeting. There are some folks trying to get new Young People's meetings started in Carlsbad and Albuquerque. We hope that anyone seeking help with starting a new Young People's meeting will come talk to us during our monthly meetings on Zoom the last Sunday of every month or reach out via email. Contact ypaa@nm-aa.org to get that meeting link and be added to the email list!

In love and service,

Lindsay M.

Area 46 YPAA Committee Chair

District 3

Hello May!!

Hope everyone is well.

Oklahoma will be holding the Southwest Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly October 7th, 8th, and 9th at the Renaissance hotel in Tulsa Oklahoma. Registration is \$15. Come and join the fun.

Now that we have a venue for our August assembly, we have different volunteer positions available. Please feel free to reach out to Mike T. If you would like to volunteer for any position.

Want to learn more about zoom? You're in luck. A workshop will be held on June 25th, 2022 9a.m.-3pm (lunch potluck) hybrid. live location TBA & zoom ID# 871 5994 0428 Sponsored by District 3 Topic: Mechanics of using zoom & hybrid meetings.

Be sure & look in the June El Farolito for flyer & details.

For more info call Manuel P.

Our next District 3 meeting is going to be on Sat. May 14, 2022, will be a hybrid mtg, potluck 1 pm, meeting

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at 2 pm. Hosted by Cosmopolitan Group @ Rio Grande Presbyterian Church, 600 Coors Blvd Alb, NM.

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

Meeting ID: 871 5994 0428

No password required

Dial in By Phone: Dial In+1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799

In Service,

Raelynn, D3 ELF Rep

District 8

Greetings New Mexico from the Four Corners and District 8.

Our district group meeting was held on the 14th of April at the Downtown group.

What a great experience at last month's pre-conference! It was wonderful to finally put some faces to names. A big "Thank You" goes out to District 13 and to all those in Moriarty for making this a memorable event.

Relaying information received from conference to all the local groups was the main topic of discussion at this month's meeting.

Attendance to all groups is thriving with some talk of looking into starting a couple new groups with area hospitals. More info needs to be researched before a decision is made but the prospect of creating more opportunity for recovery is inspiring. Zoom meetings are becoming less frequent with only one or two groups still hosting online meetings.

Participation among groups for local recovery center is still strong with meetings being held every Wednesday evening at 7pm. Volunteers are encouraged and welcomed.

Interested in service? District positions are available; Alternate DCM, Archives, PI/CPC, Men/Women's Jail

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reps and Juvenile Jail reps. For more information on serving at the district level please contact the following email address: district8@nm-aa.org

Birthdays:

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

Melanie K: April 2 – 6 years

Tisa B: April 4 – 14 years

Kathy B: April 6 – 45 years

Linda H: April 12 – 23 years

Cathy G: April 24 – 42 years

Sam B: May 4 – 6 years

LJ: April 10 – 1 year

Russell C: April 6 – 2 years

Andrea G: March 6 – 37 yrs.

JB: March 26 – 2 years

With hugs & service,

Errol L

District 11

It's the merry month of May!!! District 11 is meeting Saturday, 9:00 a.m., May 14th at the Mesa View United Methodist Church on 4701 Montano Road NW. Zoom is also an option.

We decided against submitting our bid for a 2023 State Convention. The good news is there will be a 2023 State Convention!!! District 10 is hosting the Convention, on June 2-4, 2023, at the Pecos River Village Convention Center in Carlsbad. While you have your 2023 calendars out, please save July 29, 2023 for the Service Forum that will be held in Albuquerque.

Members of Progress Not Perfection celebrated sobriety in March with Glenn, two months, Kimbo, four months, Charich C, four months, Melissa T., 10 months, Justin F., 18

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months, Action Jackson, two years, Mac L, 12 years, and Laura S., 17 years. If your Meeting would like El Farolito readers to join in celebrating your members' sobriety, please send the name of your Meeting along with the celebrants of the month and their dates to elfd11news@gmail.com.

Intergroup is proposing a fundraiser celebrating Central Office's June 9 Founder's Day. The idea is that each group ask members to contribute the amount that was spent on one day of drinking to Central Office. Also, what do you think? Should Central Office provide a printed edition of the newsletter Pass It On? You can record you opinion at albuquerqueaa.org. Spring Fling Open Mic is making a return. Come to the Heights Club May 14 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and for \$5.00 enjoy a spaghetti dinner and some wonderful, creative in-house talent. For you who are willing to share your talent call 505-266-1900 or coordinator@albuquerqueaa.org.

Wherever you listen to podcasts, tune into the AA Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour which releases a new episode every Monday. You will hear "meeting after meeting" conversation about getting and staying sober in AA. This is also available at www.aagrapevine.org/podcast.

There are still a few open chairperson opportunities: Bilingual, Cooperation with the Professional Community/Public Information (CPC/PI), Treatment, and Young Persons. Are one of these opportunities calling out to you?

If your group is experiencing Zoom bombings, Lindsay, the Schedule Chair for Central Office, can help with this. You can contact her at

lindsay.morrone@gmail.com.

With gratitude to all of you, Tylka

OUR THREE LEGACIES UNITY, SERVICE, RECOVERY

May

STEP 5

**ADMITTED TO GOD, TO OUR-
SELVES, AND TO
ANOTHER HUMAN BEING, THE
EXACT NATURE
OF OUR WRONGS.**

TRADITION 5

**EACH GROUP HAS BUT ONE
PRIMARY PURPOSE –
TO CARRY ITS MESSAGE TO
THE ALCOHOLIC WHO STILL
SUFFERS.**

CONCEPT 5

**THROUGHOUT OUR STRUC-
TURE, A TRADITIONAL
"RIGHT OF APPEAL" OUGHT
TO PREVAIL,
SO THAT MINORITY OPINION
WILL BE
HEARD AND PERSONAL
GRIEVANCES
RECEIVE CAREFUL CONSID-
ERATION.**

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, May 14, 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.

Maureen J. celebrated 36 years in April. Congratulations!

District 13 hosted a successful Pre-Conference Assembly on March 26 – 27 at the Moriarty Civic Center. We would like to thank Mark K., our speaker for the pre-Assembly speaker meeting on Friday March 25, for sharing his experience, strength and hope with us. We would also like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with planning, set-up, hospitality, custodial and coffee service. This event could not have been a success without you. Special thanks to Laura S., Barb C., Patience B., Mike T., and Lindsay M. for chairing our planning sub-committees and helping to find volunteers. Finally, thank you to the Estancia Valley group who sponsored and catered a fantastic lunch on Saturday March 26.

During our April meeting, District 13 discussed Agenda Items for the upcoming 72nd General Service Conference. District 13 is also continuing to hold elections each month until all service positions are filled. We are in need of committee chairs for Bridge the Gap and Young People in AA. 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. To contribute digitally, follow this link: <https://venmo.com/?tx-n=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 May. Your participation and your vote are very important, and we appreciate your willingness to serve.

Sarah H.

DCM District 13

district13@nm-aa.org

District 14

The snow is melting, and spring has sprung in the Sangre de Cristo mountains of Northern New Mexico. This spring seems special because our AA community also seems to be waking up from a 2-year pandemic hibernation. Our groups and meetings are gathering face to face and in person as our meeting locations are reopening and lifting restrictions. That said, some of our groups now are having to make a choice, live or Zoom. While a hybrid meeting has been the solution for some, other groups are splitting into two separate meetings.

Speaking of meetings, our schedule has a new women's meeting called Women's In-Person Meeting. The meeting is on Wednesdays at 6PM and as their name suggests, they meet in person at the Taos Youth and Family Center.

Our Taos Mountain Fiesta planning committee is hard at work planning this year's conference. They hope to have a fully live and

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unrestricted event this year The excitement is building as next year they will be celebrating the milestone 40th anniversary of this annual event. Register early and often at taosmountainfiesta.org.

Peace and Serenity,

Mr. Easy Does It

District 15

Hello, Area 46! Happy May! Finally, the wind will have passed by the time you read this (unless you're in Oklahoma. The panhandle always seems a bit breezy.) We're all easing back into our in-person meetings and happy to have our visitors from nearby recovery facilities rejoining our groups. We appreciate the opportunity to carry the message.

We have sobriety anniversaries:

Leonard M. 5-15-90

Celia J.A. 5-85

Eric B. 5-5-21

Marianna 5-14-20

Robert C. 5-13-93

...And Living in the Solution Group wants to thank Joe S. and Leonard M. for keeping the group's business affairs in good standing during our hiatus. Now that we're meeting in person, we hope to see you all again soon. M, W, F room 12.

Thank You!

Car R., D15 elf rep

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District 16

Welcome May, and anticipation of less windy days ahead! Our first hybrid business meeting was held at the 180 Club, in Silver City, with our newly elected DCM, Paula S. presiding. This was the first in person business meeting in over two years and was a festive gathering. Our next business meeting is scheduled June 12th at 11:30 a.m. with a pot luck to follow.

The Deming Duster group is now meeting in person M, W, F, and Sat. at 7:00 p.m. and support is needed to keep this meeting up and running.

A group conscious was called in March to determine whether the Sunday Serenity group should form a hybrid or two separate groups. A vote was held on April 3rd and the decision was to form two groups. Henceforth, The Sunday Serenity group will meet on zoom at 10:00 a.m. Congrats to Ken N. for accepting the GSR position. The group meeting at the 180 club, on Sundays at 10:00 a.m., will call a group conscious to decide on the group name and to select trusted servants. Many thanks to Ronald H. for his service as treasure and interim chairperson these past months.

To round out my report, I want to thank all throughout the District and Area who served our communities throughout the past two plus years. I'm taking this opportunity to include a short bio of our outgoing DCM, Dennis T. Raised in Reserve NM, when his uncle won a bar in a poker game, the family became involved in the business. Eventually they started The Buffalo Bar in Silver City, a well known gathering place of infamous repute. Dennis's career in the oil industry took him around the world. He joined our fellowship July 11th, 2015. He has been active in service work every since, often holding multiple service positions while trav-

eling throughout our district. Proud to call you friend, Dennis.

With Gratitude to all,
Sherry E.

District 17

Reporte del MCD distrito 17 Abril 2022

Se abrió el grupo nuevo con nombre Sinceridad en el Distrito 17, empezando el Lunes 11 de Abril con un total de 6 miembros, sesiones de de lunes a Viernes de 8:00 a 9:30 pm, En 3608 Isleta blvd 87105. Grupo de mujeres Floreciendo en AA cumple su primer aniversario el Sabado 04/23/2022 se festejarán en el club Isleta a partir de las 4:00 pm. 34 Aniversario del compañero Edwin L. su festejo se llevará a cabo en el grupo Amistad el dia 16 de Abril a partir de las 7:00 pm en Los Lunas. Estuvo el coordinador del comité bilingüe motivando la participación de la membresía del distrito 17 en la participación de historias a ser seleccionadas para el borrador del libro grande. Se visitarán los grupos del distrito para informar que seremos Anfitriones del foro de servicio de Julio 2023 y empezar a formar la mesa de servicio el 1 de mayo será la reunion de la elección. Rigo S.

MCD District 17 Report April 2022
The Sincerity new group was opened in District 17, starting on Monday, April 11 with a total of 6 members, sessions Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 9:30 pm, at 3608 Isleta Blvd. 87105. Group of women Flourishing in AA celebrates its first anniversary on Saturday 04/23/2022 will be celebrated at the Isleta club from 4:00 pm. 34th Anniversary of comrade Edwin L. his celebration will be held in the Amistad group on April 16 from 7:00 pm in Los Lunas

District 17

The coordinator of the bilingual committee was motivating the participation of the 17th district membership in the participation of stories to be selected for the draft of the big book. District groups will be visited to inform that we will be Hosts of the July 2023 service forum and begin forming the service Committee on May 1st will be the meeting of the election.

Rigo S.

District 18

Our PI Chair has canvased Cuba with AA information and the Fact there is a meeting in Cuba.

We discussed the action and history of the action on the 12&12 from the Area Assembly. Even though the 12&12 has already been modified by an action of the Panel 71 of the General Service Assembly it is still a topic of interest. We have all our service positions filled.

The District Founders Day Picnic will be held on Saturday June 11 at Rio Vista Park from 12pm to 3pm. The park is located at 1650 Riverside Drive NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87114. It will be a speaker meeting with a presentation by the "Blackouts". Hamburgers and hot dogs provided. Side dishes and desserts welcomed. This will celebrate 87 years of AA. Come and enjoy.

Yours in Service,

Mike D., Dist. 18 ELF Rep

Founders' Day Picnic



Celebrate Founders' Day with us! Mixed Nuts & Coconuts and the 4th Dimension present...

87 Years of AA!

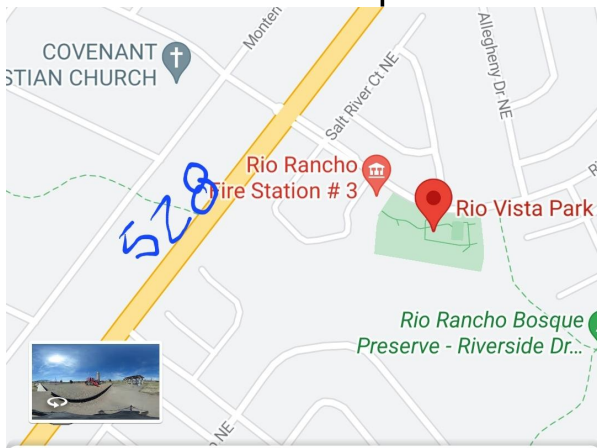
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12pm-3pm

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