

# EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

#### **OFFICERS**

## Delegate

The rotation is winding down, but the activity is not. There is still much we can do to carry the message during these last two months of the rotation. Additionally, we can all look forward with excitement to the next rotation and what is still to come.

In October, I presented a short history of the Six Warranties contained in the Twelfth Concept at the Virtual Southwest Regional Forum and participated in the District 11 Traditions Conference. My work travels took me to Dallas TX, so I used the opportunity to go and visit the home group of our SW Regional Trustee, Jimmy D. He and his group were very gracious and welcoming. If you ever pass through Dallas on a Wednesday evening, stop by the Chicago Group and say "hi" to Jimmy. They have a wonderful group.

I began some additional orientation with our Delegate Elect Eloy to offer him as good of a start on his rotation as he can have. He will be on a new adventure.

We held a practice session with our new Area Hybrid equipment early in October, and we held a dress rehearsal in Hybrid of our Assembly Planning meeting. Hopefully, all will go very smoothly with our December Assembly in Hybrid format. The long-term goal is to have all Assemblies be hybrid permanently going forward. We realize that not all GSR's can get to Assemblies in person, and the hope is that more GSR's will be able to attend Assemblies and participate in Area Service going forward. Hybrid will also ac-

commodate a variety of Accessibilities issues and will assist with our Remote Communities concerns here in our Area.

This rotation is coming to a close, but it is not over, so please don't rotate too soon. There is still plenty of time left in this rotation to effectively carry our message and accomplish many things within your committees and service positions whether it is at Area, District or Group level. It is also time to begin to think about what positions do we want to serve in for the next rotation. Rotate on, if you will, rather than rotate out. Thank you to all of our Area Committee Chairs for your hard work and dedication. Thank you to evervone who invests time to serve our Fellowship in any capacity. Service is all about getting out of ourselves and expressing Gratitude by giving back to our Fellowship, and thereby is an integral part of our solution. I commend all who serve.

I will forever remain Grateful to Area 46 for the opportunity to serve during this historic rotation and being a part of AA History. It has truly been a gift from Area 46 and from our Higher Power that I have been afforded the opportunity to serve.

In Love and Service, Bill L., Area 46 Delegate

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La rotación se está devanando, pero la actividad no. Todavía hay mucho que podemos hacer para llevar el mensaje durante estos dos últimos meses de la rotación. Además, todos podemos mirar hacia adelante con entusiasmo a la próxima rotación y lo que todavía está por venir.

En octubre, presenté una breve historia de las Seis Garantías contenidas en el Duodécimo Concepto en el Foro Regional Virtual del Suroeste y participé en la Conferencia de Tradiciones del Distrito 11. Mis viajes de trabajo me llevaron a Dallas TX, así que aproveché la oportunidad para ir a visitar el grupo de origen de nuestro Fideicomisario Regional de SW, Jimmy D. Él y su grupo fueron muy amables y acogedores. Si alguna vez pasas por Dallas un miércoles por la noche, pasa por el Grupo de Chicago y di "hola" a Jimmy. Tienen un grupo maravilloso.

Comencé una orientación adicional con nuestro Delegado Electo Eloy para ofrecerle un buen comienzo en su rotación como él puede tener. Estará en una nueva aventura.

A principios de octubre realizamos una sesión de práctica con nuestro nuevo equipo híbrido de área y realizamos un ensayo de vestuario en Hybrid de nuestra reunión de planificación de la Asamblea. Esperamos que todo vaya muy bien con nuestra Asamblea de diciembre en formato híbrido. El objetivo a largo plazo es hacer que todas las Asambleas sean híbridas permanentemente en el futuro. Nos damos cuenta de que no todos los RSG pueden

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llegar a las Asambleas en persona, y la esperanza es que más RSG puedan asistir a las Asambleas y participar en el Servicio de Área en el futuro. Hybrid también se adaptará a una variedad de problemas de Accesibilidad y ayudará con nuestras preocupaciones de Comunidades Remotas aquí en nuestra Área.

Esta rotación está llegando a su fin, pero no ha terminado, así que no gire demasiado pronto. Todavía queda mucho tiempo en esta rotación para llevar efectivamente nuestro mensaje y lograr muchas cosas dentro de sus comités y posiciones de servicio, ya sea a nivel de Área, Distrito o Grupo. También es hora de empezar a pensar en qué posiciones queremos servir para la próxima rotación. Gire, si lo desea, en lugar de girar hacia fuera. Gracias a todos nuestros Coordinadores del Comité de Área por su arduo trabajo y dedicación. Gracias a todos los que invierten tiempo para servir a nuestra Comunidad en cualquier capacidad. El servicio se trata de salir de nosotros mismos y expresar gratitud al retribuir a nuestra Comunidad, y por lo tanto es una parte integral de nuestra solución. Felicito a todos los que sirven.

Siempre estaré agradecido al Área 46 por la oportunidad de servir durante esta rotación histórica y ser parte de la Historia de AA. Realmente ha sido un regalo del Área 46 y de nuestro Poder Superior que se me haya brindado la oportunidad de servir.

En el amor y el servicio Bill L., Delegado del Área 46

## Alt. Delegate

Greetings Area 46

I hope this Report finds you well and in good spirits. On October 8,9 and 10, the Southwest Region Forum was held Virtually. Our Area Delegate and I were in attendance; also a few past delegates, not many but a few and some AA members from our Area. During the Forum the Southwest Alt Delegate Committee had our meeting. I read the minutes from our last meeting and in new Business there was a report given on the Southwest Region Alcoholic Anonymous Service Assembly (SWRAASA) which is to be held on October 7-9 at Tulsa OK, hosted by Area 57. You can go online to SWRAASA 2022 to register and book rooms. We also discussed the upcoming Southwest Region Delegate Assembly (SWR-DA) to be held On the second weekend of March on the 11-12 and 13. Items that were passed on to the new Alt Delegate Committee Chair and Secretary were to contact the Hotel Liaison to set up Lunch for the Lunch meeting and the topics for draw for the October SWRAASA. Back to the forum, we heard reports from our GSO Class A Non-Alcoholic and Class B Alcoholic Trustees. We also were treated to Presentations and workshops from the Southwest Region Delegates and of course our own Area 46 Delegate Bill L gave a great presentation. We have the Area 46 Assembly Planning meeting coming up on October 23 plus I am going to give District 17 an orientation on DCM's before they hold their Election also on the 23. Districts, we are quickly running out of time to get a workshop in before this rotation runs out at the end of the year. I am also available to come to your District to help with your Elections if you haven't had them before this report comes out.

Well, that's enough out of me for now.

In love and Service
Eloy M., Alt Delegate
November 2021

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#### Chair

Hello All,

I hope everyone is well and in good spirits. The elections are over. Thank you for all of those that stood for positions and congratulations go out to all that got elected. I am sure every one of you will do a great job in the next rotation.

Our next assembly is going to be in Raton, December 4 and 5. At this time we are working on doing it hybrid. A few of us got together last weekend and attempted to do it and we ran into technical difficulties. Bill L. is trying to straighten them out.

In December we are still looking for bids for the 2022 State Convention. Also, we will be looking for bids for the September and December 2022 assemblies. Please bring this up to your district and try to get something together. The suggestions for doing assemblies and conventions are on our website. If you have questions about these events, feel free to give me a call.

Stay healthy and well. We will see you all soon.

Kurt K.

Area 46 Chairperson

Send Contributions for Area 46 to:

NM Area 46 AA P.O. Box 587 El Prado, NM 87529 ...there are only two sins; the first is to interfere with the growth of another human being, and the second is to interefere with one's own growth.

MY WILL IS MY THINKING,
MY LIFE IS MY ACTIONS.

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE
IS NOT A THEORY,
WE HAVE TO
LIVE IT.

## August Assembly?

Recently, in 2017 Area 46 took a look at our March Assemblies. We chose to make the March Assembly a "Pre-Conference" Assembly. In so doing, we voted to move the date of the Assembly from the first weekend in March to the last weekend in March. This was done to accommodate the timeline for the Conference background material. Prior to then, the background material release date and the March Assembly date were just too close together for the Groups to have ample opportunity to review the Conference Agenda items before the March Assembly. After implementing the change in March of 2018 to the last weekend of March, the Pre-Conference Assembly is now better prepared to share with the Delegate the Area 46 Conscience prior to the General Service Conference.

And so, it is again, that we of Area 46 need to consider changing our September Assembly date to accommodate the Conference Advisory action from the 2021 General Service Conference. For all of our past, the deadline for submitting an item for consideration at the following year's General Service Conference was December 15th. Our December Assembly is held during the first weekend of December. Typically, if there was an agenda item that we, the Area, wanted to support and submit, we would discuss and vote on the matter during the December Assembly, and then the Delegate would have about two weeks to draft and submit the item to the Conference Coordinator. As a result of the Equitable Distribution Conference Advisory action, the deadline for Conference Agenda item submission is now moved to September 15th. Given that our September Assembly occurs on the Second weekend of September to allow for the Labor Day Holiday, the time between the September Assembly and the new due date of September 15th is just too short to be practical. This year, our Assembly concluded on Sunday September 12th, and

Conference Agenda Items were due on Wednesday September 15th.

There will be a motion coming at our December Assembly to remedy this Conference Agenda Timeline. The motion will be to change the September Assembly from the second weekend of September each year to the first weekend of August. The direct benefit will be that Area 46 will have a greater timeline between our Assembly and the submission date. Indirect benefits will also be at hand. We have three Assemblies per year, and originally, they were held at the beginning of March, September, and December. This left a 6-month gap between the March and September Assemblies which made it difficult for Area Committees to get a solid start to the rotation. With the March Assembly now at the end of March, and if we move the September Assembly to August, our three Assemblies will be much more evenly distributed at 4 months apart from each other. With the addition of Zoom meetings in between Assemblies, our Area Committees will be much better able to create continuity and a working committee. We invite our SW Regional Trustee to oversee our Election Assembly as do other Area. The first weekend in August does not conflict with any other Area elections, so there is no impact on the Trustee visit for our Elections. Allin-all, this seems that this would be a positive change for Area 46.

Please take this Article to you home Group and have a discussion. I would hope that all GSR's would be able to bring an informed Group Conscience with them to the December Assembly where I look forward to discussion, debate, and vote on the motion.

In Love and Service,
Bill L., Area 46 Delegate

OUR THREE

LEGACIES

UNITY, SERVICE,

RECOVERY

NOVEMBER

STEP 11

SOUGHT THROUGH PRAYER AND
MEDITATION TO IMPROVE OUR
CONSCIENCE CONTACT WITH GOD,
AS WE UNDERSTOOD HIM,
PRAYING ONLY FOR
THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL FOR
US,AND THE POWER
TO CARRY IT OUT.

#### **TRADITION 11**

OUR PUBLIC RELATIONS POLICY
IS BASED ON ATTRACTION
RATHER THAN PROMOTION;
WE NEED ALWAYS TO
MAINTAIN PERSONAL
ANONYMITY AT THE
LEVEL OF PRESS, RADIO, AND FILMS

#### **CONCEPT 11**

THE TRUSTEES SHOULD ALWAYS

HAVE THE BEST POSSIBLE

COMMITTEES, CORPORATE

SERVICE DIRECTORS, EXECU

TIVES, STAFFS, AND

CONSULTANTS.

COMPOSITION, QUALIFICATIONS,

INDUCTION

PROCEDURES, AND RIGHTS AND

DUTIES WILL ALWAYS

BE MATTERS OF SERIOUS

CONCERN.

## **AHCAB**

Dear friends in service, just a brief update. It looks like the vast majority of "the books" have been distributed to Districts according to plan. It's especially heartening to hear that District 4 and District 19 are collaborating on their two shares of the trove. Thanks to all who are helping make that happen. As of this writing we can see the finish line.

It would be wonderful also, to hear from any and all Districts on how the book distribution is going in your communities. Our ad hoc committee secretary, Anna C is composing a summary of Area 46's experience with this complicated project, and when and where there is feedback you can share, please do send it to me at <a href="mailto:chairahcab@nm-aa.org">chairahcab@nm-aa.org</a> so I can forward it to her.

We will not be holding an Area Committee meeting at the December Assembly. So, I wish you all a safe and warm holiday season. We have been given more than our share, that's for sure.

With love, in service,

Kristina F

## Archives

Greetings to Area 46, The Land of Enchantment. For those of us who got sober here and live here, you know how fortunate we are to participate in our area service of carrying our AA message of recovery.

A little AA history for November.:

November 1934. Ebby T carries message to Bill W

November 26, 1895. Bill W born in East Dorset, VT

November 15, 1949. Bill W suggest groups devote Thanksgiving week to discussions of the 12 Traditions

## Archives

November 9, 1966, Marty M appointed to the 1st. National Advisory Committee on Alcoholism

I have been traveling for the past two months and will be returning to NM by the end of October. I-ve been able to connect with you through Zoom, phone, email and text. I'm grateful for this technology.

We have a workshop planned for November 21, District 4. This will be on Zoom.

As of now, the next archives committee meeting will be at the December Assembly in Raton. I'm looking forward to setting up our traveling display and seeing you.

In love and gratitude,

Patience B.,

Area 46 Committee Chair

#### Corrections

Hello from Corrections! In the Spirit of the Thanksgiving Holiday I am grateful for the many committee members we have throughout Area 46, who are committed to bringing the message to our members behind the walls. Thank you so much for your service!

Please join me (virtually) at the 5th Annual National Corrections Conference which is being held in New Orleans, LA on November 12-14, 2021. The tickets are \$25 and you can register at national corrections-conference.org and click "Register" from the Menu. Hope to "see" you there!

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Any donations to Corrections should be made payable to "NM Area 46 Corrections" and mailed to Renee Lewis, PO Box 35541, Albuquerque, NM 87176.

In love and gratitude,

Renee L.

Area 46 Corrections Chair, corrections@nm-aa.org

## Grapevine/La Vina

Greetings Area 46!

I am certain that everyone is enjoying a lovely fall!

On October 8th through the 10th I attended the virtual SW Regional Forum. It was very well done and I learned a great deal. There was a virtual AAWS & Grapevine/La Vina Book Fair and an AA Grapevine La Vina presentation. Not only good information but inspiring.

Grapevine announced a new Grapevine podcast. The podcast started October 4, 2021 with a new episode available in English each Monday. You may listen to this podcast at <a href="https://www.aagrapevine.org/podcast">www.aagrapevine.org/podcast</a>. It features Don and Sam doing a "meeting after the meeting" type talk with an AA member speaking about their experience, strength and hope.

I will be having a Grapevine/La Vina Committee meeting on November 7th at 6 p.m.. I am looking forward to seeing the committee members and discussing our latest news.

The Assembly planning meeting will be held on Saturday October 23, in Albuquerque. I look forward to meeting face to face with the Trusted Servants and all who attend. The Assembly will be held December 4th and 5th in Raton. I urge all those interested to please attend the Grapevine/La Vina committee meet-

## Grapevine/La Vina

ing on Saturday morning December 4th. I am hoping we will get closer to normal, little by slowly!

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

Thus far during 2021 I have had \$50 in Grapevine literature sales.

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

In Love and Service,

Maddy L,

Area 46 Grapevine/La Vina Chair



#### Treatment

Greetings:

The Treatment Committee met on October 12 with the following topics discussed. A report was given on the progress of the Committee to distribute the materials obtained from the Metropolitan Detention Center. The Chairperson reported that, as of the date of the meeting, 90% of the materials have been distributed or are scheduled to be distributed. The Chairperson thanked those that took the time and energy to retrieve materials for their or another district. Outstanding Districts at the time or this writing are Districts 1, 5, 7, and 10. Contact will be initiated in the next week. The second topic was a discussion on what controls/guidance may be necessary for materials listed on the Area webpage. Concept 10, authority commensurate with responsibility was discussed. District reports discussed progress made to engage local treatment facilities and to use the Bridge the Gap Committee to assist those trying to stay sober to get to a meeting in their area. Committee members continue to look forward to when facilities open their doors to volunteers and the exciting use of technology at the Area level to mitigate issues within the State on Accessibility.

In Service

Jeff B., Chair

IT IS EASY TO LET UP ON THE SPIRITUAL PROGRAM OF ACTION AND REST ON OUR LAURELS. WE ARE HEADED FOR TROUBLE IF WE DO, FOR ALCOHOL IS A SUBTLE FOE.

## El Farolito

Greetings!

I had an interesting phone call a couple of months ago from Jeff O., Panel 48 Delegate, who shared a snippet of El Farolito's history with me. Last year, El Farolito quietly celebrated 50 YEARS as the Area 46 Newsletter!!

Jeff relayed to me how the El Farolito got started. While at the General Service Conference, Jimmy D., our Area Delegate, Jimmy D. (Panel 20, 1970-71) brought back the suggestion that all Areas have a newsletter, so that the history of A.A. was recorded. A couple, who were UNM employees, and Alcoholics Anonymous members, Bob & Aurora L. took up the challenge of getting one started, and Aurora became our first Editor. If anyone reading this has, or knows of, a copy of the First printing, please send it to our Area Archivist, Michelle T.

On another front, I would like to acknowledge all the groups and individuals who send in contributions and subscriptions to keep the 'little light shining'. Your contributions have made the ELF self-supporting, making it possible to buy the computer I use to produce our newsletter, along with the software. This computer will go with the Editors that follow me.

Please consider the El Farolito when searching for service work to do, whether it's for yourself, your sponsees, your group, or your district. Mailing parties are FUN, because you get to have a time of fellowship outside of your meeting. It's a great way to get to know your fellow travelers trudging the road with you. Who knows, you might make a new friend, or future sponsor!

In Grateful Service, Debra K., Editor El Farolito

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

#### **Rotation is Approaching Fast!**

Our Area 46 elections, and most district elections are complete. As we approach the end of this rotation, I encourage all of us to think about ways we can rotate well. From a technology standpoint, below are three suggestions on how we can help our successors be successful.

#### ONE: Leaving them a clean email account

Now is the time to begin (or continue) cleaning out your email account so that the next person does not have to worry about the clutter we leave behind. Retain any emails you think are important for your successor to read/keep. However, remember that most emails you found important your successor may not.

- Clean out your SENT folder
  - o Especially "thank you" replies or emails with no real substance
- Clean out your INBOX
  - o Especially "thank you" replies or emails with no real substance
- Clean out any sub-folders

TWO: Leave your successor files that you have created or were passed on to you that can help them fulfill their role.

- Email the files or
- Put them on a thumb drive or
- Put them on a Google Drive

Reach out to the Tech Committee is you need help with this. We are happy to help.

THREE: Leave your successor links to specific pages on the new Area 46 website that will good resources for them

- Assembly Information Pages
- DCM Resources
- GSR Resources
- District Pages
- Committee Pages
- Officer Pages

#### **Technology Committee Meetings**

The website committee meets at 7PM on the third Monday of each month for assembly months). Please join us on Zoom at

https://zoom.us/j/92963734742 | Meeting ID: 929 6373 4742.

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

(except

Email Kerri at technology@nm-aa.org or come to a monthly committee meeting to express your interest.

Link to Submit an Event: <a href="https://nm-aa.org/submit-an-event/">https://nm-aa.org/submit-an-event/</a>

In Gratitude and Service,

Kerri K

Area 46 Technology Chair

#### DISTRICT REPORTS

#### District 3

## Happy Fall and Halloween from District 3

Starting January 2022 we will have a new DCM Myron from Cosmopolitan Group, Alt DCM Gerri from Sunrise Catchers and a new Treasurer Maryann from the Round Up group. We are still looking for a new Secretary.

## District 3 has the following service chair committees available:

Accessibilities – CPC - El Farolito - Bilingual - PI

Look on Area 46 webpage for more information <a href="https://nm-aa.org/">https://nm-aa.org/</a>

#### **Birthdays**

#### Cosmopolitan Group

Allen G. 2 mos. Sloan P. 5 mos. Jermaine P. 8 mos. Teil G. 21 yrs.-Randy T. 21 yrs. Ray R. 34 yrs. Allen G. 2 mos.

September Birthdays

Darren 2 years

Gerri M 7 years

Al W 32 years

#### August 2021, Birthdays, Isleta Club

Josh H 2 years Michael 8/8/97 Charlie C 31 years

Rebecca 90 days Christie 6 months Steve 16 years

Steven 21 years Mary 11 years Marie 30 days Ali 30 days David 1 month

#### District 4

November is a month of gratitude and District 4 couldn't be more grateful. We have new trusted servants:

Athena H. - DCM Matt S. - Alt DCM Robin B. - Secretary And Billy K. - Treasurer.

Thank you for your service.

We are also celebrating our November anniversaries:

Terre L. 11/13/1977 44 years Priscilla P. 11/27/1982 39 years Murph 11/8/1985 36 years Daniel S. 11/14/2007 14 years Judy M. 11/10/2013 8 years Steven I. 11/27/2017 4 years Ky M. 11/9/2019 2 years Vicki C. 11/4/2019 2 years

You are examples of perseverance and hope!

Thank you, Molly R. District 4

## District 6

District #6 is busy preparing for the upcoming Area #46 December Assembly. Plans are underway to provide a hybrid assembly in person as well as through Zoom. More information on registration will be available soon through the regular Area 46 communication channels. Everyone is excited to launch the first assembly of this type and Paul G., DCM for District 6, has promised to provide the best coffee EVER! We're looking forward to the taste test.

Just a reminder that there are many opportunities to serve in our district. Some of the positions in which one can give service to AA in Area #46

#### District 6

in the upcoming year are as DCM, treasurer, El Farolito contributor, or as a Group Service Representative for one's home group.

The Land of Enchantment holds its AA Birthday celebration potluck meal every last Sunday of the month at 5:00 PM at First United Methodist Church in Raton, NM. Congratulations to Dean M. who celebrated 2 years of sobriety in October. The November Potluck will be on November 28th at 5:00 PM.

Laura B., District 6 ELF Rep

Greetings from the Four Corners and District 8.

Our group conscience meeting was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October.

D8 would like to thank all those who helped at the Memorial Picnic. Turn out was good with plenty of good food to go around.

Four Winds Recovery center has re-opened to in-person meetings and rotation among groups has finally been established. Volunteers are still welcome and a big thank you to those who have volunteered thus far. D8 thanks you for your service.

Planning for Christmas banquet has begun. More details to come after committee members begin to meet.

D8 will be spreading the word at local meetings for the new upcoming rotation. New members are encouraged as this is a wonderful opportunity for service work.

Attendance at all local meetings have been good with some groups still holding Zoom meetings for participants. It has been wonderful to witness the increase in participation at

#### District 8

meetings over the past few months.

For more information on serving at the district level for the next rotation please contact the following email address: district8@nm-aa.org

#### Birthdays:

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

Terry M: September 28 – 25 years

Richard Y: September 30 – 40 years

With hugs & service,

Errol L.

#### District 11

District 11's monthly meeting, November 13 at 9:00 a.m., will feature Bill L.'s delegate report and will be available only on Zoom. Our business meeting will follow at 10:00. The Zoom ID and passcode will be sent closer to the 13th. If you do not usually attend District's meetings and want to hear Bill's report, contact Jerry K at jerrykayaa@aol.com. We anticipate we will return to hybrid for December's meeting.

October was election time for our trusted servants. Rosie F. will be our secretary, Paula F. our treasurer, Steve S. chairs Corrections/Bridge the Gap, Molly C. literature, Dominique D. intergroup and me El Farolito. It is all beginning in January. You may be wondering who will be our DCM and alternate DCM. Those two positions are still open. It is not too late to contact Jerry K at Jerrykayaa@ swcp.com. He will send you a copy of the job descriptions; then let Mike W. (mikeyy57@live.com) know you are willing to serve. We really need a DCM. Could it be you, or, someone you can suggest?

#### District 11

The topic for Grapevine's November issue is prayer and meditation. A new 5-minute film on Grapevine's history is on its YouTube channel. Do you know that for \$1.99 an issue you can read Grapevine on your computer, tablet, and/or smartphone

Next step for the books is distribution. We have our fair share and all we need to know is if your meeting wants some. Contact Mike W. at mikeyy57@live.com and he will arrange with you to receive them. A guiding distribution principle is: through AA, not to AA.

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

With gratitude to all of you,

Tylka

#### District 13

Greetings from District 13! We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM. Our next hybrid meeting is on Saturday, November 13, 2021 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.

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

## District 13

Service positions will rotate January 1, 2022.

District 13 has finalized and sent a deposit for the March 2022 Assembly at the Moriarty Civic Center. We are organizing volunteers and coordinating efforts to host this event to the best of our ability. We have also begun to distribute our share of the books and hope to have this completed by the end of the year.

Please consider including District 13 when your group makes quarterly distributions. It is through your generous contributions that we are able to provide services to our local A.A. communities. Checks can be made out to District 13, and mailed to P.O. Box 11134, Albuquerque, NM 87112. To contribute digitally, follow this link: https://venmo.com/?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 November. Your participation and your vote are very important and we appreciate your willingness to serve.

In love & service,

Laura S., DCM, District 13 district13@nm-aa.org

#### District 14

Hello from District 14 (Taos and surrounding communities):

The leaves are changing, and Taos is enjoying lovely warm Fall days and cold nights. Since the pandemic restrictions eased up a bit and then became restrictive again, Taos meetings now vary widely in how folks are meeting: some meetings continue to be on Zoom exclusively, some meetings are back to in-person, and some meetings are a variation or

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hybrid of both. Regardless, groups are continuing to meet, newcomers are finding AA and recovery is alive and well in Taos.

At the latest District 14 meeting, our Treasurer reported that our District is doing well and over our prudent reserve. Elections will be held next month--the new committee will begin their two-year rotation at the beginning of 2022. Many service positions will be open, so we are encouraging all to become involved in District service. District 14 is also looking into conducting an inventory since participation in district-wide service has been low lately.

Last month's Taos Mountain Fiesta was a great event! The weekend full of speakers, workshops and meditations were amazing. Attendance was sold-out because we were unfortunately limited to 300 in-person attendees. But we were able to offer the online Zoom option as well, which many folks took advantage of. Planning for the 2022 Taos Mountain Fiesta will begin in January. We are really hoping next year we will be back to having unlimited attendance and be able to accommodate all who want to attend this fun northern New Mexico event.

District 14 meetings are staying online for now. Elections will be held at next month's District 14 meeting on Saturday, Nov. 20 at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom. Please join us and get involved!

In Service,

Kelly O.

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