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Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

OFFICERS

Delegate

Congratulations to Panel 72. Delegate Elect – Eloy M, Alternate Delegate Elect – Kerri K, Area Chair Elect – Ally T, Area Alternate Chair Elect – Christoph E, Area Treasurer Elect – Jennifer W, Area Registrar Elect – Gary J, and Area Secretary Elect – Robyn T.

To the Area Officers, I wish you God's grace and wisdom and that your rotation will serve Area 46 well and keep our Area focused on carrying our message. May God direct your thoughts and actions that they may be guided by our 12 Traditions and our 12 Concepts. We ask that you help our voice to promote love and tolerance and protect our most cherished quality of Unity.

To the new Alternate Delegate and the new Delegate, we ask our Higher Power to look over you, guide you, and keep your focus on what is good for AA as a whole. You will now serve all of AA, not just Area 46, and as such, we all pray for your efforts and decisions to be guided by love and care for our entire Fellowship. It is in your hands for the next two years, that have entrusted you to always search for the permanent "Best" and do not get distracted by the seemingly "Good", for nothing but the "Best" is our desire for all of AA. Consider always, Bill's words that the good can sometimes be the enemy of the best. Endeavor for the "Best".

Conference Reports are winding down and my obligations are becoming fewer. In October, I will be presenting at the Virtual Southwest Regional Forum and have been in-

vited to participate in the District 11 Traditions Conference.

Regional Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of Dr. Jack Norris, then Chair of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. They were to be weekend sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants, and newcomers to service throughout the A.A. service structure.

On October 8-9-10 we will have the Southwest Regional Forum on a virtual platform. If you have an opportunity to attend, registration is free. You can register at AA.org.

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 everyone 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.

In Love and Service,

Bill L., Area 46 Delegate

Delegado

Felicitaciones al Panel 72. Delegado(a) Electo – Eloy M, Delegado(a) Alterno Electo – Kerri K, Coordinador(a) de Área Electo – Ally T, Coordinador(a) Suplente de Área Electo – Christoph E, Tesorero(a) de Área Electo – Jennifer W, Registrador(a) de Área Electo – Gary J y Secretario(a) de Área Electo – Robyn T.

A los Oficiales de Área, les deseo la gracia y sabiduría de Dios y que su rotación sirva bien al Área 46 y mantenga a nuestra Área enfocada en llevar nuestro mensaje. Que Dios dirija sus pensamientos y acciones para que puedan ser guiados por nuestras 12 Tradiciones y nuestros 12 Conceptos. Les pedimos que ayuden a nuestra voz a promover el amor y la tolerancia y proteger nuestra cualidad más preciada de la Unidad.

Al nuevo Delegado(a) Suplente y al nuevo Delegado(a), le pedimos a nuestro Poder Superior que los mire, los guíe y mantenga su enfoque en lo que es bueno para AA en su conjunto. Ahora servirás a todo AA, no solo al Área 46, y como tal, todos oramos para que tus esfuerzos y decisiones sean guiados por el amor y el cuidado.

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Delegado

do de toda nuestra Comunidad. Está en sus manos durante los próximos dos años, que le han confiado que busque siempre el “Mejor” permanente y no se distraiga con lo aparentemente “Bueno”, porque nada más que lo “Mejor” es nuestro deseo para todo AA. Considere siempre, las palabras de Bill de que lo bueno a veces puede ser enemigo de lo mejor. Esfuérzate por lo “Mejor”.

Los Informes de la Conferencia están disminuyendo y mis obligaciones son cada vez menores. En octubre, presentaré en el Foro Regional Virtual del Suroeste y he sido invitado a participar en la Conferencia de Tradiciones del Distrito 11.

Los Foros Regionales se originaron en 1975 por sugerencia del Dr. Jack Norris, entonces el Coordinador de la Junta de Servicios Generales de Alcohólicos Anónimos. Iban a ser sesiones informativas y de intercambio de fin de semana diseñadas para ayudar a la Junta de Servicios Generales, A.A. World Services, Inc., la Junta Corporativa de Grapevine, el Personal de Grapevine y el Personal de la Oficina de Servicios Generales a mantenerse en contacto con los miembros de A.A., los Servidores de Confianza y los recién llegados al servicio en toda la estructura de servicio de A.A.

El 8-9-10 de octubre tendremos el Foro Regional del Suroeste en una plataforma virtual. Si tiene la oportunidad de asistir, la inscripción es gratuita. Puede registrarse en AA.org.

Esta rotación está llegando a su fin, pero no ha terminado, así que por favor no gire demasiado pronto. Todavía queda mucho tiempo en esta rotación para llevar nuestro mensaje de manera efectiva y lograr muchas cosas dentro de sus comités y puestos 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 afuera. 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 Gratitude 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.

En el amor y el servicio

Bill L., Delegado del Área 46

Alt. Delegate

Greetings Area 46

I hope this report finds you in good health and Spirit. We had our September Assembly on September 11 and 12. It was our Election Assembly, and now we have new Area officers for our upcoming Panel 72 Rotation. Our Officers are Delegate Eloy M, - Alt Delegate Kerri K,- Area Chair Alison T, -Alt Area Chair Christophe E,- Area Treasure Jennifer W,- Area Secretary Robyn T, - Area Registrar Gary J. Congratulations all of you and thank you for standing to be of service to Area 46 and to AA. I also want to thank everyone who stood for positions but were not chosen this time. Don't stop being of service. Any and all service to the fellowship of AA is a Blessing. I personally am grateful and honored to have been Elected to serve as your Area 46 Delegate. It is truly a blessing. This October we have the Southwest Region Forum put on by GSO

Alt. Delegate

and was supposed to be in El Paso TX Area 68 Southwest Texas You can register for the Southwest Forum at nm-aa.org at events and aa.org at AA Forum. Please come join us! Since Area 68 SW TX didn't get to host the SW Region Forum, I believe they will get to host the 2023 SW region Forum bumping our Area 46 to host in 2025. More will be reviewed. On another note, I am still waiting for a couple of districts to get back with me with dates for a Service workshop. DCM's, we still can do a workshop in your District on Service or any other topic your District would like to do. Just give me a call. Well, that is all from me for now.

Yours in Service

Eloy M

Alt Delegate Panel 70

Treasurer

Thank you, Area 46, for a fantastic assembly. I think we've got this virtual thing nailed. Let's step it up a notch and go hybrid in December!

As I said in my assembly report, our contributions from the groups are trending downward for the year. I am projecting that by the end of the year we will receive 73% of our 2021 Budgeted Income. On the flip side, we will still end the year just fine because I am also projecting only spending 52% of our Budgeted Expenses. This downward trend, however, does have an impact on our upcoming 2022 Annual Budget. Our budget is based on our contributions. The amount of contributions we estimate for the upcoming year is the amount we allow ourselves to spend. The money comes in and the money goes out. This contributions estimate is determined by the average of the current year contributions and the contributions of the two preced-

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ing years. This year's contribution amount will bring that average down to a significantly lower starting point for our annual budget. The concern I have is that we are budgeting for an even year which will include expenses for SWRAASA and the AIP printing; expenses that add up to about \$5,000 more than we spend in odd years.

I am confident that the Finance Committee will still be able to present a balanced budget in December. We will have End of Year Available Cash that we can combine with other released Allotted Funds that will cover the shortfall. My hope for 2022 is that our area groups can regain strength and be able to bring our average contributions back up. In addition, I also hope that the area committee can fulfill our responsibility entrusted to us and spend all we receive.

As a final note, I'd like to thank the assembly with all my heart for electing me to be your incoming Alternate Chair. I'd also like to thank the other candidates for their willingness to serve. Any of them would have done a great job. I am humbled that you selected me and I'm grateful for the opportunity to continue to be of service.

In service,

Christoph, Area 46 Treasurer

**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.**

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**HOPE IS TREMENDOUS PROGRESS
FOR SOMEONE WHO ONCE WAS
HOPELESS**

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Accessibilities

At the September Assembly, the Accessibilities & Remote Communities (ARC) Committee met at 10:55am on Saturday, September 11, 2021. The meeting was opened with the Responsibility Statement and closed at 11:50am with the Serenity Prayer. There were 16 people in our committee meeting.

The primary focus of our meeting was discussion to consider the Area's future ASL Interpretation needs. The discussion was a follow up to the 2021 Area 46 State Convention. The state convention provided a totally accessible virtual convention to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community. It was very well received and has brought about discussions within the Accessibilities committee for future needs.

Of course, it is the responsibility of the Accessibilities committee to help make AA accessible to everyone. In order to make a better informed decision, it was the consensus of the committee that we should attempt to gather additional information. We ask that our DCM's inquire from the groups within their districts as to how many of their members would benefit from ASL interpretation if it were available at future Area 46 Assemblies and/or State Conventions.

There was also brief discussion around the potential of hybrid circumstances/needs at future Area 46 functions.

Finally, an individual member (not present at the meeting) had requested that we change our voting procedures to allow members who are unable to attend the Sunday morning voting assemblies to still have a vote. Previous motions have been made and not passed in this regard, but I was asked to take it to the committee, again. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that our voting procedure is consistent with the 5th Concept/Minority Opinion and that

no changes would be recommended.

Prior to our December Assembly, the ARC Committee will meet virtually to further our discussion regarding ASL Interpretation. If you are interested in participating in those meetings, please email me at accessibilities@aa-nm.org with your contact information. I will get back to you directly to set up a date and time for us to meet.

Thank you to everyone who attended our committee meeting and for allowing me to be of service.

Jennifer Wolfe

ARC Chair

AHCAB

Hello friends in service. It is such a joy and honor to thank all of you for your continuing support and participation in passing the almost 6000 pieces of AA literature through our Area 46 districts. Each and every district has prayed and meditated on the best way for their community to receive these treasures. And by virtue of our Second and Fourth Tradition we can be absolutely certain the books will get into the hands of those who need them.

If your district would like any further support as they arrange to receive and send the books, please contact me at chairahcab@nm-aa.org and I will connect you with the right trusted servant.

Over the last three and a half years there have been so many hearts and minds wrestling with what was once a contentious issue. We have all grown in service by trusting our HPs and leaning into the process in love and service to the alcoholic who still suffers. Though our committee's work is finished, all of us in Area 46 can now send the energy received

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into our ongoing 12th step work. Best wishes to you and to our new Area 46 Panel 72.

With gratitude,

Kristina F, Chair, AHCAB

Archives

The Area 46 Archives Committee met on September 11, during the Area Assembly. There were 7 members in attendance, representing 6 districts.

Michelle T., our Area 46 Archivist is planning on attending the National Archives workshop in San Antonio Texas September 30 through October 3. Michelle also prefers physical archives material sent to her, such as flyers and reports.

We are planning a workshop in District 4 and District 14 for November/December.

Berna is collecting oral histories from women in AA. These will be used for the International Women's Convention in Santa Fe, February 2022 and will be in our Area 46 Archives as well.

Congratulations to our newly elected trusted servants. It was awesome to be part of the virtual election process. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to preserve our 3rd legacy voting process.

Our next meeting will be in Raton, at the December area assembly.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

In love and gratitude,

Patience B

Bilingual

Hola Compas del Distrito 17.

Primeramente el Comité Bilingüe les quiere agradecer al MCD y los RSG presentes en la Asamblea de Septiembre del Area 46. Durante la junta del Comité se discutió sobre los libros que el Distrito recibirá y como llevar a cabo la distribución. Por lo visto la Asamblea de Diciembre será por medio zoom y será en el mismo local 2820 Eduardo Rd. 87121. El punto más importante que se tocó fue la Convención Internacional de Mujeres que será en Santa Fe en Febrero 10, 11 y 12 del 2022. Se propuso que se formara un comité de interpretación de Mujeres para Mujeres. A las mujeres Bilingües del Area 46 se les invita a participar. Por mi asido todo si en algo les puedo servir por favor de ponerse en contacto mi número es 505-203-8247 El Comité Bilingüe está a sus órdenes. Gracias, con Amor y Servicio.

Hello Area 46

Wow!! what an Assembly, first time at a voting assembly didn't know what to expect from the assembly and the participation from District 17. Saturday was great and Sunday even better. At our Bilingual meeting the 2 points that stood out was 1) the benefits we have had holding the meetings participation in one big group setting and joining in (hybrid) and 2) the need of a women's interpretation team for the upcoming Women's International Convention in Santa Fe in February 2022. Ideas of how to assemble the team were suggested and will be explored in the next few months. As my service with this Committee comes to its end I think back at all that it has thought me and how now all that knowledge is being helpful with my first grade daughter. The love, service and tolerance I have gained, has helped me work with her in her school work during this new way of technology learning. Using the theme of our

past Convention has made it easier to embrace her new school year. I am in gratitude with being in Service and I am here ready to serve our new Panel Elected.

Thank you.

In Love and Service

Al G. Bilingual Chair.

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We opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Thanks for being here and your interest in the El Farolito! Contributions for the ELF should be mailed to PO Box 72508, ABQ, NM 87195-2508. I'm still getting forwarded envelopes from several groups. Mailing list totals – 368: email total – 6. Contributions for August – 328.84. The Financial status – as of 8/31/2021 our beginning balance was 1317.35, with 328.84 as income, 1.35 expenses (returned ELF'S,) leaving an ending balance of 1646.19. The printing check for September \$364.39 had not been posted as of 8/31.

The printing costs come out of the previous months' expenses, as that is when they are printed, even though on the Excel sheet, they are listed as that month expense.

Please ask your groups and districts to host a mailing party. A team of 5 can get the job done in about 2 hours. It's a great time for Fellowship, service, and fun! I'm able to travel anywhere in the state on generally the last weekend of the month for the mailing.

Also, please ask for submissions of personal experiences in AA, or a short summary of how one got here. What was it like to do a certain step or tradition? Is there something great

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about your Home Group? Submissions should be 300-800 words and stay within the Tradition 'guidelines'.

As there were no questions, or suggestions, we closed with the Serenity Prayer.

In Grateful Service,

Debra K. El Farolito Editor

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CPC

Buenos Dias le de Dios/May God Grant you Good Days! Another awesome Area Assembly thanks to the hard work of Assembly Tech Team and a BIG Thank You to District 4 for hosting the virtual gathering. I am happy to report on the CPC Committee that took place on September 11th. We had 14 participants attend the committee meeting. I presented the CPC Toolkit in efforts to provide Districts an understanding how and why AA works. AA has always valued friends in all professional fields. These associations have been mutually beneficial and completely in keeping with the AA Traditions. If you would like a copy of the CPC Toolkit, please contact me and I will be happy to email you a copy.

Why do we do CPC Service Work? Many professionals have not had the opportunity to find out how the A.A. program works. There are

a great many misconceptions about A.A. in the professional community. Unless we work with these professionals many practicing alcoholics may never find us. The CPC committee is prepared to meet any group or professionals or individuals that would need the information for use in their contact with the suffering alcoholic.

For more information on CPC, I welcome you to join the Area 46 monthly CPC Committee via Zoom on the first Monday's of each month from 6pm to 7pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact me at cpc@nm-aa.org.

In the Spirit of Service,
Lawrence M.

Grapevine/La Vina

On September 11th, 2021, at the virtual Assembly, the GV/LV Committee met via zoom at 8:55 a.m. It was great to see all the smiling faces at the committee meeting. There were 15 in attendance. I announced some of the new items of interest for GV/LV such as the change to the Preamble, the new GV Book, Prayer and Meditation which became available September 3rd, 2021, the You Tube Channel and the Instagram account. If you are interested in learning more about any of these topics, information and links can be found on www.aagrapevine.org.

I also encourage everyone to please submit stories, jokes, and photographs to the Grapevine and La Vina (www.aagrapevine.org or www.aalavina.org) they appreciate our submissions and are always in need of them. Remember Grapevine

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and La Vina are written by Alcoholics for Alcoholics. You can also purchase subscriptions for Grapevine or La Vina online. GV/LV are in need of support over these pandemic times. The magazines are terrific gifts for newcomers, sponsees, sponsors, correctional facilities, treatment facilities and they make great twelfth step tools. This is our meeting in print or the International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous. As always, I suggest GV/LV reps host a writing workshop or grape a thon. We also discussed some of the issues surrounding motivating people to be of service. It seems to be an ongoing topic these days.

We ended the meeting discussing moving on in service not out. If anyone is interested in being a committee chair, speak with the newly elected Area 46 Chair and let them know your interest. The Delegate gave a short talk on choosing a position to stand for and mentioned standing for a position one is able to do rather than standing for a position because of the desire to just have the title. I always try to remember that service is about giving back to the program that saved my life! The job descriptions are in the Service Manual and the AIP.

My congratulations to the newly elected Area 46 Officers!

My deepest gratitude to Area 46 for allowing me to be of service.

In Love and Service,

Maddy L

Area 46 Grapevine/La Vina Chair

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Literature

There were 8 people that attended the Literature Committee meeting.

There was a discussion of some new books now available, a commemorative book that was meant to be available at the World Convention last year but is now out for sale.

I showed an image of the placard for sale of the AA Preamble that has been revised, replacing the phrase 'men and women' with 'people'.

There was a discussion about AA Literature for sale on various retail websites, this includes Amazon, Barnes & Noble and maybe a dozen more. Amazon has both the print versions as well as electronic versions such as Kindle and Google Play. Amazon does show the seller as AAWS, so they are getting money from the sale, but I am sure Amazon is taking a bit of it. One advantage is they do not have a minimum order to get a break on shipping. I realize World services needs to do this, but it does make it harder for a small remote group to get just a few books and again I would like to remind groups to get together with other groups and bundle the order.

We talked a bit about some of the changes that happened at the Conference this year and while there is a lot that happened, the best way to learn about it is to watch our delegate Bill in his video report that is posted on nm-aa.org.

One thing I was happy to learn is that the Cuba group is trying to reconstitute itself with the help of District 18. I am grateful to hear this as I will soon be a member of that group!

The Literature Committee does meet on Zoom on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, except this month.

We then closed with the Responsibility Statement.

Dave F.

Litrature Chair

PI

Hello Everyone!

Jerry, here, to give you the written form of my Assembly Report, I had called meeting to order at 10:55 a.m. with a Moment of Silence followed with the Serenity Prayer. Sarah F., the former CPC Committee Chair, read the Twelve Traditions. and we later started talking about the PI/CPC Presentation given by Lawrence M. and myself in Roswell at the District 7's invitation. There was a nice turn out for the presentation and dinner. I then gave out some of the post cards to two of the District Representative present there from Districts 7 & 14.

I later explained my plans for sending out and delivery of the remaining packages for the Districts in the Area, either to their District P.I. Chairs, Representatives or DCMs. I also explained my reasons for the late start in proceeding with the delivery, in that, the Covid-19 Pandemic had hit too close to home and that I too had to isolate, as a preventive measure.

I had also made my announcements for the committee for the following events that I wish to "Carry the Message" at.:

October 19th - UNM Psychology Class Presentation, at the Psych Classroom/Admin. Department, time to be determined.

October 22d - Pueblo of Laguna Benefits Fair 2021, Place is to be determined (TBD) from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

TBA - Albuquerque Celebrates Recovery, A Virtual Event pending scheduling with other entities.

TBA - New Mexico State Police requested a Presentation possibly with P.I., CPC, BTG, Treatment & Correction Committees pertaining to DUI Classes and new Cuba A.A. meetings.

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We ended the meeting at 11: 40 a.m. with the "Responsibility Statement."

Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 46!A

Jerry F., Area 46 P.I. Chair

Treatment

Greetings:

The Treatment Committee met September 11th with 14 in attendance, including our Delegate. We opened with the Responsibility Statement and the AIP statement on duties of the Committee Chair. Chair thanked the Conference and our Delegate for their continuing efforts to produce materials that may be comprehended by the alcoholic who is still suffering. Chair reported on the Committees substantial involvement in the AH-CAB as well as ongoing work in the distribution of those materials. Encouraged participation in the virtual monthly meetings (except Assembly months) as participation has waned. Discussion on positing either a list or link to State licensed treatment facilities as a tool for District Treatment Chairs. It was the Chairs desire to expand discussion on this issue as it has implications to endorsing outside parties. Discussion on the potential of having a guidance statement on our website like those provided for running as Assembly, Service Forum, or Convention. Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.

Jeff B.

Treatment Chair

Young People

Hi Area 46,

I'm Lindsay and I'm an alcoholic. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Area 46 Young People in Service Committee Chair.

In our committee meeting at the September 2021 Area Assembly, we talked about this month's special section in the Grapevine called "Young & Sober!" featuring stories of experience, strength and hope by AA members who came into AA and got sober at an early age. It also features stories of hope by members during the current COVID-19 crisis. And in other Grapevine news that may be of interest to young AAs, there are now Instagram accounts run by Grapevine and La Viña which can be respectively found under the Instagram handles [@alcoholicsanonymous_gv](https://www.instagram.com/alcoholicsanonymous_gv) and [@alcoholicosanimos_lv](https://www.instagram.com/alcoholicosanimos_lv).

We debriefed on the recent Traditions Workshop that our committee put on as a virtual Workshop this past month in lieu of the annual 3 Legacies Workshop. It was mentioned during our committee meeting that it would be great to have more young people-oriented workshops in the future that are virtual and can connect young people in AA throughout the state.

We had discussion about the young people's meetings throughout New Mexico that are currently online or in a hybrid format, and we plan to compile a list of those meetings that are currently online so that our district young people chairs can help get newcomers plugged into more young people-oriented meetings than are currently available in-person in their districts. This updated list of New Mexico young people's AA meetings will be available on our web page soon and will be

distributed to our email list. Anyone who wants to be added to the young people in service committee email list can reach out via email to ypaa@nm-aa.org with their contact info to get these kinds of updates.

We have an announcement from our friends at NMCYPAA, the New Mexico Conference of Young People in AA, which will be hosted by Carlsbad this year, in Queen, just 45 minutes outside of Carlsbad, October 1st through October 3rd. This will be a kid-friendly event with food and meetings all day. The website to register and find more details is nmcypaa.org.

Another topic that we discussed was helping young people's meetings get started and spreading the word about new or under-attended young people's meetings in several Districts. If you'd like to be a part of that continuing discussion about how we can be of service here, our next meeting is going to be October 31st, a Sunday, at 7pm, online (Meeting ID: 920 6507 8359 Passcode: YPAA).

In Love and Service,

Lindsay M.,

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

ALL QUOTES USED BY PERMISSION

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Technology

Another Successful Virtual Assembly

The Assembly Tech Team produced another successful assembly. This one was especially important since it was our Panel 72 Area 46 election assembly. A huge thank you to the tech team for faithfully serving at assemblies. We have such a great team and work so well together!

Thank you also to Bill L., our Panel 70 Delegate for presiding over the elections. From a technical perspective voting went very smoothly due to Bill's preparation and Tech 12's technical skill.

Technology Committee Meeting Highlights

Website – The new website is working well. The newcomer and CPC pages that are optimized for search engines are working. So far, we have had 10 alcoholics ask to connect with an A.A. member through the "Contact Area 46" form. We have also had four large organizations in New Mexico request a CPC presentation!

Area 46 Mailbox Management – If our overall mailbox size is too large it can affect the functioning of the website and the ability for servants to send/receive email. All Area 46 trusted servants (officers, committee chairs and D.C.M.s) have an area 46 email address. We need to manage the size of our mailboxes better. This means regularly cleaning out old mail in our mailboxes. This includes the "sent" folder which is often overlooked.

The Technology Committee discussed possible solutions to better manage the size of our mailboxes. Starting with the next rotation it was suggested that the Tech Committee remind trusted servants to clean their mailbox once per quarter. This way, the task is not so overwhelming at the end of a rotation.

Hybrid Assembly Planning – A subcommittee created to design and implement a plan to produce hybrid assemblies met on September 20. A "practice" hybrid assembly is planned the day of the December assembly planning meeting in October. This committee is working diligently to make sure we have a successful hybrid assembly in December.

Website Traffic Statistics – to view the website traffic statistics shown during the Tech Committee meeting at the assembly, please visit the [Tech Committee news feed](#) on the Service Site.

New Website: Focus for October

There are many new things to see and do on new website. For the next few months, I will share with you different aspects of the website.

How to use the New Website as a Public Information Tool

There is a page on the service site that outlines some of the ways you can use the Service Site as a Public Information tool. Please visit the page – you just might learn something new!

<https://nm-aa.org/service/website-tutorials/using-the-public-site-as-a-service-tool/>

Technology Committee Meetings

The website committee meets at 7PM on the third Monday of each month (except for assembly months). Please join us on Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/92963734742> | Meeting ID: 929 6373 4742.

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

In Gratitude and Service,

Kerri K., Area 46 Technology Chair

OUR THREE LEGACIES

UNITY, SERVICE, RECOVERY

OCTOBER

STEP 10

CONTINUED TO TAKE PERSONAL

INVENTORY AND WHEN WRONG,

PROMPTLY ADMITTED IT.

TRADITION 10

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS HAS

NO OPINION ON OUTSIDE ISSUES:

HENCE THE A.A. NAME

OUGHT NEVER BE DRAWN

INTO PUBLIC CONTROVERSY.

CONCEPT 10

EVERY SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY

SHOULD BE MATCHED BY AN EQUAL

SERVICE AUTHORITY, WITH THE SCOPE

OF SUCH AUTHORITY WELL DEFINED.

District 4

October we celebrate you, District 4!

Dennis	P.	10/28/17	4	years
Ernie	A.	10/12/97	24	years
Ingrid	S.	10/07/78	43	years
Leah	V.	10/5/98	23	years
Michelle	A.	10/16/19	2	years
Bart	B.	10/22/19	2	years
Beverly	M-R.	10/24/84	37	years
Lance	R.	10/26/86	35	years
Elena	M.	10/5/2012	9	years
Jerri	K.	10/6/1984	37	years
Sharon	A.	10/11/1987	34	years
Lucia	H.	10/23/2000	21	years

We are a fortunate community and I am so grateful to be of service, Molly, District 4

District 8

Greetings from the Four Corners and District 8,

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

D8 is planning a Memorial Picnic for those lost this past year on October 9th at Civitan park. All are welcome to attend.

Four Winds Recovery center has re-opened to in-person meetings once again and volunteers are encouraged until a rotation among groups can be re-establish. Meetings are on Wednesdays 7pm. COVID protocols are enforced for meetings.

Attendance to all meetings have been growing with few Zoom participants attending.

Current district positions available are the following; Men/Women's & Juvenile Jail Reps and Archive rep. For more information on these positions please contact the following email address: district8@nm-aa.org

District 8

Birthdays:

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

Errol L: September 17 –

10 years

Michael W: September 9 –

18 years

Freddie D: September 13 –

11 years

John H: September 15 – 13 years

Mark M: 5 years

Marvin C: 4 years

Tyler: 1 year

Nick: 11 years

Guy: 11 years

Chris: 1 year

Kerry: 5 years

With hugs & service,

Errol L.

District 9

Oh heyyyy!!

Congrats to the newly Elected Trusted Servants for Area 46 ☺

As rotation is nearing, we at District 9 will be looking for new faces to join us.

I started my Service work at 3 months, today I'm still a Service Junkie. I had an amazing journey being the DCM, all of it done in quarantine though ☺. Looking forward to our Sobriety Gathering set for Oct 1-2. We have some awesome speakers lined up. When the event hits the El Farolito, it'll already be over. Guilty. We started late ☺.

Some of our Groups are back to

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physical meetings and others decided to stay Virtual. Please check nm-aa.org for a complete listing. Our District Meetings are still held on the Zoom platform too. Just biding our time but adhering to Covid restrictions.

Birthdays:

John M. 1 year, Aug 10

Chastity J. 5 years, Sept 6

Congratulations!

In Love & Service,

Lennie H.

El Farolito Rep.

District 11

District 11's monthly meeting is October 9th at the Mesa View United Methodist Church on 4701 Montano Road NW. Zoom is also an option.

The annual Traditions Conference hosts a speakers panel from the extended Albuquerque area. Each person shares the experience, strength and hope they draw from the Traditions. The theme this year is Preservation of the Fellowship (12 & 12 page 130). It will be held on October 30 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church at 601 Montano Road NW. Please plan to attend, you won't be sorry, and if you're looking for service, contact D11tradABQ@gmail.com to see where you can lend a hand.

Speaking of service, October is election time for our trusted servants. DCM, Alternate DCM, Secretary, and Treasurer positions are open as well as our committee chairs.

District 11

Terms begin in January, 2022. Jerry K at Jerrykayaa@swcp.com will send you a copy of the job descriptions. I hope you will consider running.

Did you know that your group can receive a complimentary subscription to EL Farolito? All you have to do is let Debra (elfarolito@nm-aa.org) know your meeting wants a subscription. 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 Debra.

Now for what I think is possibly the final word on the books. District 11 has 19 meetings. We will be receiving about 224 books: 89 cloth, 61 paper Twelve and Twelve, 69 Big Books, 5 Experience, Strength and Hope. A guiding distribution principle is: through AA, not to AA. Next steps for the 224 will be coming soon.

In 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, October 9, 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.

Congratulations to all who were elected at last month's Elections Assembly! Area 46 will certainly be in very good and capable hands.

A special thank you to Barb C., who stood and was elected as our incoming Alt. DCM! We are still in

District 13

need of a new Secretary, among other committee positions. All GSRs, Alt. GSRs, group contacts, or individuals interested in helping provide services to the A.A. communities of Albuquerque (S of I-40 & E of I-25), Tijeras, Moriarty, McIntosh, Willard, Mountainair, and Corona are welcome and encouraged to attend, stand, and be elected. Service positions will rotate January 1, 2022.

District 13 has received its share of books and will begin distribution promptly. We are excited for the opportunity to carry the message to alcoholics who may not have found Alcoholics Anonymous yet.

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

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

In love & service,

Laura S.,

District 13 DCM

district13@nm-aa.org

**WE WILL WANT THE GOOD
THAT US IN US ALL, EVEN THE
WORST OF US, TO FLOWER AND
TO GROW**

District 15

Zozobra's ashes have flown in the wind or washed away with the rain and the time of year arrives when midnight processions give way to candlelight vigils. Fall will be upon us soon with its huge, orange, harvest moons and one community after another will celebrate Fiestas and feast days and dance in public or private in gratitude for what the good Earth has provided.

As an alcoholic in recovery I reflect on my list of harms and work to make any necessary amends before I hole up with friends and family for the cold and dark to come. I want this season to be a joyful gathering with work and socializing among others (in masks) filled with honest communication and acceptance of each other's characteristics in preparation of close quarters later. If I can humbly ask for my Higher Power to manage what I cannot I am much more likely to feel free of insecurity and fear when meeting my fellows. Slowly, but surely, the Ninth Step promises begin to "materialize".

Attending meetings (live and zoom) maintains my connection with the spirit of rotation when I take the time to listen and vote at my group conscience meetings which also is the best way of staying in touch with service leaders. Voting is as much a service as sharing, sponsoring, and committing to service positions. I encourage and remind myself that, though it takes some time, it's a no cost way to participate and lend a hand. Our representatives at all levels need our opinions to do their jobs.

Thanks for letting me share.

Carlota R, D15 ELF Rep

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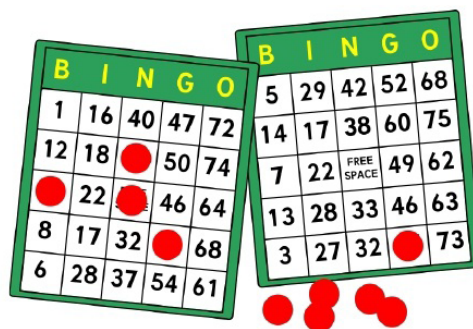
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A NEW LIFE HAS
BEEN GIVEN US OR,
IF YOU PREFER,
'A DESIGN FOR LIVING'
THAT REALLY WORKS.

HELP WITH STEP THREE

I struggled with Step Three. Here is something I learned that made a difference for my sobriety and it may for you also. These thoughts are generated from William James, *Varieties of Religious Experience*, the only book referenced in the Big Book of AA.

You do not have to define a power greater than yourself or have proof of its existence to have faith that it works in your life. You simply have to have faith that power is there.

To give you an example of that, imagine that you have a road you must follow and suddenly you come to a chasm three feet across and a thousand feet deep. In order to jump across it you must first have faith that you can do so. Without that faith you will never attempt to go ahead. And it is only AFTER you have had faith and made a successful jump that you know that faith was justified. This is a case "where a fact cannot come at all unless a preliminary faith exists in its coming". And so, it is with a power greater than yourself, it cannot become real in your life until you first have faith that it will.

So, you say to yourself 'Well wait a minute there. It's one thing to have faith in myself to jump a chasm, it's entirely another to have faith in something I can't define.' Yes, it is. The jump is just an example of how faith is sometimes required before an event can be true.

Trust the thousands of us who were like you that made a leap of faith beyond ourselves and found it justified. All we have to do is be willing to have faith.

Martin W.

SOUTHWEST

G.S.O. VIRTUAL REGIONAL FORUM

October 8-10, 2021

You are invited to the Southwest Regional Forum!

PURPOSE OF REGIONAL FORUMS

Regional Forums are hosted by the A.A. General Service Board and "open" to all A.A. members or to anyone interested in A.A.

Regional Forums are designed to enhance communication and participation between A.A. members, the General Service Board, and staff and directors from the General Service Office and AA Grapevine. The Southwest Regional Forum offers a virtual meeting place to ask questions and spark new ideas to help carry the A.A. message of hope to the still-suffering alcoholic.

PROGRAM

This Forum provides unique opportunities for A.A. members throughout the Southwest Region to share their experience, strength, and hope. Over the weekend your Regional Trustee Jimmy D. will moderate the event. You will also hear from:

- ▶ General Service Office General Manager
- ▶ General Service Board Trustees (including your GSB Chair and Treasurer)
- ▶ AA Grapevine, Inc. Publisher and Staff
- ▶ A.A. World Services, Inc. Director
- ▶ G.S.O. Staff
- ▶ Your Region's Delegates — presentations and workshops
- ▶ Past Trustees Sharing Session on Sunday morning

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Several sharing sessions will allow you to comment and ask questions of the Board and Staff. A sample program is posted on www.aa.org under the Regional Forums tab.

- ▶ Registration is free. That's right — **FREE!**
- ▶ Registration opens: September 13, 2021
- ▶ Registration will be available the same day as the event.
- ▶ You can register online at www.aa.org.
- ▶ Starting September 13, 2021, you can click on the "Regional Forums Information" on the main webpage, scroll down to the Schedule, and click on the "Registration is open" link.
- ▶ All registration information is confidential and will not be used for anything except communicating about the event and sending the digital Final Report.

For more information, please contact James H., Regional Forums Staff Coordinator, at regionalforums@aa.org or call (212) 870-3120.

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OCTOBER 1 & 2

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