



EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

Coming Events:

April 8, 2017 Fund Raiser, AA Service Forum, 6pm potluck dinner, 7pm speaker...Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Bernalillo.

May 6, 2017 9th Year Anniversary Potluck, Singleness of Purpose...5:30, Rio Vista Church, ABQ

May 12-14, 2017 SE New Mexico Men's AA Conference, Carlsbad, Second Annual...contact David L. District 10

May 13, 2017 Area 46 Delegate Report, 2-3pm, Nativity Church, ABQ...see Flyer, page 15

May 26-28, 2017 4 Corners Summit for Young People in AA at Lake Powell, Wahweap Campground...see Area 46 Website

June 2-4, 2017 Area 46 Convention, Living the Dream, Ruidoso, MCM Elegante...see flyer, page 15

June 17, 2017 Extending the Hand of AA Workshop, District 2, Santa Fe, Friendship Club, 1:30-3:30

July 15, 2017 Area 46 Service Forum, 2 speakers, 12 workshops, Nativity Church, ABQ



Trusted Servants

Chair...

"When brimming with gratitude, one's heartbeat must surely result in outgoing love . . ."

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Once again I am "brimming with gratitude" after experiencing another Area 46 Assembly. Seeing over 200 former drunks get together to share with each other about how we can carry the message to the those who are still without hope – how can I be anything other than grateful to be sober and thrilled to be of service?!

A very special thank you to District 12 for hosting the Assembly! The school suited our needs perfectly and the hospitality was terrific!

I hope you feel that you got to discuss the General Service Conference topics that were most important to you and your group. I'm especially grateful to our Area delegate, Jim H., for everything he did to get the Agenda topics out to the Area committee chairs and GSRs as quickly as possible. I'm also grateful to the Area committee chairs for reading all of the background materials for their Agenda topics. They all put in the extra effort so that they would be ready to help lead discussions and answer questions. Last but not least, I so appreciate the Assembly Development Committee and the DCMs for helping us all better understand the pre-conference process. I think we're all grateful that starting next year we will have three more weeks to review the Agenda topics and discuss them with our groups before the Area Assembly!

We have a lot of activities going on this summer. Whether you'd simply like to attend or if you would like to also help with some of the service of putting on the events, keep an eye on the Area 46 website, nm-aa.org, and *El Farolito* for information about upcoming events. The Area 46 State Convention in June and the New Mexico AA Service Forum in July (both hosted by Area 46) are shaping up to be spectacular events. Give me a call sometime. I just love being of service! Your grateful servant, Teresa J.

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**May, 2017 Deadline for
El Farolito Contributions:**

April 21
Mailing party in
Farmington, Dist 8,
April 29...

Alternate Chair...

Greetings Area 46, I hope this report finds you in good health and spirit. Thank you district 12 for hosting Area 46 March Assembly you guys did a great job. It was nice seeing a lot of old friends and meeting new ones, I am truly blessed.

Having it been a Pre-Conference Assembly most of the Committee chairs discussed topics that would be discussed at the General Conference in New York; attended this year by our Delegate Jim H. Safe travels Jim and thank you !

I went to Sunrise Catchers group anniversary and the

District 13 workshop on The Steps, Traditions and Concepts this past Saturday March 18 and again ran into a lot of friends. I love the Fellowship !

So DCM's and GSR's, if you have a upcoming events please make sure to get them into our website. DCM's think about a workshop we can do in your district; I am available and at your calling. Yours in Service, Eloy M. 4th Tradition -Every group manages its affairs as it pleases except when AA as a whole is threatened.

Registrar...

As one of the people who helped start this movement, I thought for a long time that I ought to be able to manage it from New York. But I soon found that I could do no such thing. Neither could anybody else at A.A.'s Headquarters. The groups said to us, "We like what you are doing. Sometimes your suggestions and advice are good. But whether to take you or leave you alone is going to be our decision. Out in the groups, we are going to run our own show. We are not going to have a personal government in New York, or anywhere else. Services, yes. But government, no."

Hence, A.A.'s Tradition of group autonomy. It didn't take long to formulate that one. They told us just what they wanted, and that included the right to be wrong.

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Again, we had over 200 people register at the March Assembly. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated. This attendance was up from a recent normal of around 150 – 160 people at assemblies. I hope that the enthusiasm shown here in the middle of the rotation con-

tinues. Welcome to all of the new people in service, we are glad you are here.

The cutoff date for the National Directory is coming up in May, so I have time to update any new information that comes from registration at this assembly before the National Directory is printed.

Don't forget to make your plans to attend the first ever New Mexico AA Service Forum, coming July 15th. This should be an excellent opportunity to share and learn about a wide variety of service oriented topics and gain more exposure to all the benefits of participating in our service structure, in order to help carry the message.

Please visit the Registrar's Web Page at nm-aa.org and download a Group Information Change Form, or a New Group Form, and have a look at the guidelines for naming a group. Please submit your completed information to Registrar@nm-aa.org

In Love and Service, Bill L Area 46 Registrar

Treasurer...

Hello All, what a great assembly we had. It was good to see everyone again. Our seventh tradition for the weekend came out to be \$702.16.

In February, we had contributions of \$2066 which gives us a total this year of \$4640. We had budgeted expenses this month of \$2654 which gave us a total of \$2868 total expenses this year thus far.

I sent a check out to the General Service Board for \$6358.52 which \$1600 was out delegate contribution and

the rest was the convention overage per the AIP since we didn't need to add anything to our prudent reserve. With these expenses, we have so far spent \$2987 more than we have had come in, which at this moment we are \$955 below our prudent reserve.

If you have any questions or need to find out more about our finances at the area level, feel free to get hold of me either by email or by phone. Yours in Service, Kurt K.

El Farolito is holding "Mailing Parties" to tape, label and stamp each El Farolito for mailing.

Thanks to the District 11 for hosting the April Mailing Party.

Secretary...

What a great Assembly this past weekend. Thanks to D12.

I don't submit a report monthly as this service position is only busy 3x a year. The week before an Assembly I read my job description, gather my supplies and get ready. The week after the Assembly I do the minutes to post on the web, summary of minutes to be published in the El Farolito, minutes of the Trusted Servant's meeting, Ask it Basket for Elf and website and post bids and motions to the website, write this report and when all that is done I start updating the AIP to post on the website. Also many of these items go to Ana G our bilingual committee chair to be translated for our Spanish speaking friends. So, If you're thinking of standing for this position at the September election Assembly that's an overview. I'm enjoying this position and it has given me the time to be involved in other areas of service at my group and District level as well as working with newcomers and service sponsees.

I had a conversation with several people at the Assembly who were curious as to whether they could attend T.S

meeting. and Past Delegate meeting even though they don't "qualify". The answer is yes you can. My very first Assembly someone took me to the Trusted Servant's meeting and I was impressed with the hard work, dedication and love of this program I saw there. I still am. We don't make decisions at that meeting but we talk about areas of concern in our committee assignments, discuss motions that might be coming up from our committees. At this Assembly we talked about the upcoming service forum, should Special Needs change their name to Accessibility, is D19 moving to Texas and if so who deals with paperwork and redrawing the map.

If you want to know more, give me a call or send me an email. My expenses \$77.75 printing voting procedures and printer ink so I can print out all these reports and bids and motions for Sunday morning. No travel expenses. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. Rosie F Area 46 Secretary

Committee Reports

Archives...

The archives committee had the highest attendance yet – I counted 32, although only 25 signed in. There were 11 districts represented. We opened with the serenity prayer, followed by introductions.

We discussed General Service Conference topics: New publication entitled "Unity in Action: Bill W's General Service Conference Talks" and retiring the pamphlet "Three Talks to Medical Society by Bill W." Tim T, D12, shared a site: AAhistorylovers.com. Jay M. shared he had read all the talks and they were great and worth reading. I'm forever grateful Jay attends my sessions – he keeps me on track and reminded me we needed to vote. Twenty-four voted in approval of such a publication. Jay explained it would "take a while" and then be sent to literature for their approval.

We discussed retiring the pamphlet, a topic in conjunction with CPC. Only 6 people chose to vote and it was split 3 for and 3 against. However, I believe more than a few people will be reading the pamphlet to see why it is being considered retiring.

I had made copies of the group histories located in the Archives' file for the Districts and handed them out. I've

already had one district add to our collection and providing copies of ones we didn't have. Another gentleman approached me later because his history was not included in his district's copies.

Olivia, Archivist, had suggested we hold a contest for which district can gather the most group or individual histories between now and the State Convention. Someone said it wasn't fair because some districts just had a few groups – they said there had to be math (!!). In general, attendees thought it was a good idea. Olivia and I will work out the details and send it to all the district archive chairs and DCMS, as well as the people who attended the session.

AA Grapevines from the Archives will be available for a suggested donation of \$2 each, to provide us the means to purchase archival materials. Since the Carlsbad Area Assembly, we have collected over \$300.

I'm always willing to bring AA history to your district or group by playing JeopAArdy – I've learned a lot from the few games I've played along while hosting! Thank you for the privilege of being of service.

Gratefully yours in love and service, Michelle B.

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El Farolito

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Bridge the Gap...

Greetings Area 46, what an amazing assembly! We had 37 people in the BTG committee meeting. We opened with the Serenity Prayer. Our committee was given a shared topic with corrections, which was Corrections Correspondence Service. I began by reading the back ground material provided to us and then I asked if anyone in the room had ever participated in it or knew anyone who had. Only one person had, so we discussed ways to get people involved and some suggestions were taking it to district and asking GSR's to take it back to the groups. Also offering district P.O. Boxes as a safe place for correspondence to be sent.

We moved on to discussing BTG. I started out by introducing District 11's new Chair, Heather! Welcome! We talked about how to find a contact on the BTG list by using the list, AIP and Google. We also talked about the importance of explaining to people what BTG is and what we do and why we ask for their information. As always I want to thank you for letting me be of service and keeping me sober for one more day.

In Love and Service, Nicole R.

CPC...

Attending and participating in the March Assembly was truly inspiring. In the way that the Pre-Conference Assembly has developed from the work and efforts of the Assembly Development and Fun Raising committee.

The CPC Committee had seven Agenda topics for discussion. Breaking out into a few small groups, we took each topic to form a group conscience decision. Time was running short and the discussion lengthy, we had to stop for each group to give a report that was latter passed to our Delegate. Working with this committee is an honor, how we can come together with the principles of the Program to do the work we do. I want to thank all of you who were there and participated.

"Today, the vast majority of us welcome any new light

that can be thrown on the alcoholic's mysterious and baffling malady. We welcome new and valuable knowledge whether it issues from a test tube, from a psychiatrist's couch, or from reveling social studies. We are glad of any kind of education that accurately informs the public and changes its age-old attitude towards the drunk. More and more we regard all who labor in the total field of alcoholism as our companions on a march from darkness into light. We see that we can accomplish together what we could never accomplish in separation and in rivalry." (Grapevine, March 1958)

Thank you for your service,
Mikel W. Area 46 CPC Chair.

Corrections...

Greetings Area 46, the March Assembly was awesome, thanks Dist. 12 for hosting.

The Corrections Committee meeting had 32 attendees, with 12 districts represented. We began with a prayer and then some pre-conference agenda discussion. We talked of the need for men and women to write to inmates in prison. World Services has the Corrections Correspondence Service. Some members expressed a desire to send in the form. No one at the meeting had any experience in writing inmates.

We then moved on to carrying meetings into remote areas. Some of us have had experience in this endeavor. The Native Americans have been traveling long distances to carry the message, because of the large reservations here in New Mexico. I learned that AA road trips to small town meetings could be considered carrying meeting into remote areas.

Then we moved on to Corrections business. We discussed the many opportunities for service across the area and it was decided that I needed to do a better job of listing them on the Corrections web page. When I got home I

did update the web page, leaving out the phone numbers, but please feel free to contact me with any needs or questions. I also filled out and mailed a Corrections Correspondence form(F-26). In about a week I received a response from Corrections Coordinator in New York. I am now writing 4 inmates in three different states. The letter contains well written instructions on what to do and what not to do.

I then offered to help with any World Service Literature that was needed for corrections work.

The following is what has taken place with the corrections account in 2017.

Beginning balance... \$280 Total deposits.. \$2050 Literature cost... \$948 Balance... \$1382

6 Districts have received literature. Thanks for the donations and the opportunity to serve.

My expenses for 2017 from Area 46 are \$72 travel to planning meeting, \$170 for Assembly.

For the upcoming state training go to cd.nm.gov or give me a call. As always if there is anything I can do for you please call.

Love and Service David D. Area 46 Corrections.

El Farolito...

Greetings! 22 people attended the El Farolito Committee Meeting. We opened with the Serenity Prayer and introduced ourselves.

We discussed the policies of content for the paper version of El Farolito, the email content for the same, and the different web posting version. Of significant interest was the policy of not including the Area Financials in the Web posting..

We are looking for runners to bring the stamped, ad-

dressed, and taped El Farolitos to Jay in Albuquerque, for mailing, usually from Santa Fe.

A person to coordinate the mailing parties is an important position we are looking to fill. Any party people out there?

We are printing and mailing 450 copies of this issue.

Jeffrey H., El Farolito Editor

Grapevine...

Greetings, the meeting was called to order at 9:55 am with the serenity prayer. There were 15 members in attendance with 6 districts represented. Introduction were waived due to the lengthy agenda at hand.

I read the GSO line items assigned.

- Reconsider the advisory action on outside sales
- Discuss GV continued exploration of Instagram.
- Explore Facebook
- Explore Google non-profi

The 2004 advisory action states, Grapevine and La Vina magazine subscriptions are restricted to sales by AA. Grapevine Inc and by trusted AA servants directly. The reasoning behind the possible change is due in part to declining subscriptions sales. The committee members state that this action limits how we can think about solutions to the goals posed to us in the strategic plan. Point of discussion and or questions were. Why is the GV treated different than the BB and or 12x12. Depending on how the board implements the change how will it follow our traditions. Will the GV still be self-supporting.

With the issue of Instagram, Facebook and Google non-

profit, many pros and cons and concerns were mentioned. We as a committee felt that further consideration and continued exploration were key terms used. We are all for moving forward with technology and spreading the message to a broader audience.

We as a group all agreed that given the information at hand today, we were not comfortable making the decision to change. We must stay open minded and willing to listen and accept change for the greater good.

We spent the last few minutes discussing local GV issues. Bottom line we must be more active on our home groups to promote, expose the GV. Until a better way of passing the message of recovery through the GV is implemented we must remain diligent in our quest to reach out to the suffering alcoholic. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am with the 3rd step prayer

There has been price increase on Grapevine products. Please log on to www.aagrapevine.org to get a price list. You can also see what's new and exciting coming up from the GV.

Respectfully Submitted, Alice M . Area 46 GV Rep.

Literature...

Wow! Most sales at an assembly since I've been doing this job, \$591.00. We did have 2 districts purchase a large volume, but we were ready and also had a lot of activity throughout the assembly.

Thank you District 12, and all whom helped unload and set up the display and unload the literature, and my fellow Cosmo group member, and sponsee that helped load it back up and inventory it too. It's a lot of work.

Our break out meeting was very informative, we had a guest, a former delegate, discuss safety in AA to help Jim, our current Delegate for the conference next month. We will have safety in AA booklets provided by GSO, copied and donated by a fellow AA at our table if you are interested in precautions for your group to have a safe, comfortable meeting place.

We passed out order catalogs to everyone and discussed the different literature available to order.

We will be in Ruidoso in June at the State Convention and are ordering lots of DVD's on Bill W. telling his story, and Bill W. discussing the 12 traditions, young people's DVD's etc. We still have to look through the catalog, and determine what else to order, we did sell some Spanish books, but not all, so we'll be light on ordering more for this order. We did get a special order on Spanish prayer cards and will have them soon as well as a large print Spanish service manual. If there's anything your group or district would like to have available please call 505-610-8327 and we'll see what we can do. Of course, try and give us ample time to fulfill the request.

We'll try and get literature out to the committees on no charge bundles of literature. A little above and beyond we've been doing. Looking forward to a good April and May and we'll be looking forward to seeing you all at the state convention in June.,Manuel P. Area 46 Literature Chair

Public Information...

I've been out of action for a while due to family commitments and Health Issues. I'll just catch people up on what's been going on in PI:

We help a PI presentation for Employees at one of the work sites at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

I met with an AA group and gave a presentation on How to get started in PI work.

Ray B. attended the Dec. Assembly for me and also the KOB Health Fair in Albuquerque.

I communicated with several people about the possibility of having a PI workshop.

At the March assembly we worked on answering questions to provide input to our Delegate.

Does your group know that you can make group, personal, and birthday contributions on-line? 12 of 33 did.

Do you think that the current PSA's are relevant and useful? 7 people who were familiar with the PSAs said yes.

Items from the Comprehensive Media Plan:

Table top displays – Yes to use of wallet card and QR codes. Asked if QR codes should be on other pamphlets.

QRs – Yes if they are not set to collect data, possible hacking and IP address security issues.

Cartoons – Yes, a good teaching tool

Pamphlets – How to access? Would they really be accessed? Could they be sent out like the "Tradition of the Day?"

Should the Understanding Anonymity pamphlet be updated? Yes. The proposed questions were good but need to see the final wording.

What does your group think of the focus on You Tube? Should we proceed this way? Yes. Proceed. No additional cost, good to have comments, like a pamphlet. Concerns about account settings to remain anonymous and to prevent guilt by association. Ensure no statements of AA membership. Include a message to explain and promote an understanding of user responsibility.

Should we proceed with the Twitter Implementation Plan? No.

Problems with cost, the system has to be managed, who would manage, and requires user discretion to monitor and censor.

If you have any events coming up that need PI involvement, need a workshop, or anything else PI related let me know. PI@nm-aa.org or my phone # in the ELF (gone a lot so leave message).

Yours in Service, Mike D,

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Special Needs...

Greetings from Taos! Thank you District 12 Members for hosting a great Assembly.

We had 17 members participate in the Special Needs Committee. Committee members found it very helpful to receive a handout on "How to Start an Access Committee" in their District or Group. Some of the suggestions were to develop a 12 month activity plan identifying access needs in their District. Another great example was hosting an ASL meeting by a group to help spread awareness to the deaf community.

There were Pre-Conference Assembly items to discuss related to GSO, updating the Special Needs pamphlet. GSO will be considering changing the name of the pamphlet to "Accessibility for All Alcoholics". There are other minor edits that are being proposed. Overall, it seems that the Committee was okay with the proposed changes and were encourage to contact me or Jim H., Area Delegate with additional feedback.

There was discussion regarding Area 46's Special Needs Committee name and consideration of changing the name to be in line with GSO to Accessibilities. I suggested that we wait for the next rotation due to the fact the Committee

was in its infancy stage and did not want to confuse members by changing the name at this time.

Lastly, there was discussion regarding the purchase of hearing devices for the Area Assemblies. A member, had researched equipment that would be less expensive (i.e., just over \$300); whereas, we were looking at an expense for another device over \$1,000. It seems it would be more cost effective to consider the purchase of the less expensive devices. On Sunday (March 5), I asked the Assembly to please raise their hands if they felt there was a need of hearing devices for those who are hard of hearing. The majority of the members raised their hands. We will proceed forward to raising funds and ask the Area to fund the purchase of the devices, provided the budget allows.

My expense report for this Assembly was only \$36 for mileage. In closing, let me know if I can be of assistance and if your District would like a workshop.

In the Spirit of Service, Lawrence M., Area 46 Special Needs Chair

Treatment...

Hello Area 46, I hope everyone has been doing well! The Assembly was great as usual and I really enjoyed the Treatment meeting and the evening sharing session. The treatment meeting was well attended as always with about 40 people in the room. Since this was a Pre GSO Assembly we spent a good portion of the meeting discussing the topics we were asked to review. The first topic was on revisions to the A Pamphlet "AA for the alcoholic with special needs" which is going to be brought to the 2017 Conference Committee for approval. The second topic was on accessibility of the AA message for Armed Services Veterans.

We discussed the background information and then went into a discussion on any experience people had on the topic. Some of the points talked about were meetings specifically for veterans and meetings at VA hospitals or clinics. The consensus was that everyone thought we should see

what can be done to make AA more accessible but we need more information to determine how that would be done.

After the topic discussions we went into a discussion on issues people were having: where we can get more information on treatment facilities around the state (Check the New Mexico AA website!! www.nm-aa.org). We also discussed CPC and PI helping get out the word on what AA does and what we can offer to treatment facilities in the form of help chairing meetings. Also, we discussed literature, and how Bridge the Gap can help people when they are leaving the treatment facilities and of course how service work helps us too!

All in all it was a very good Assembly. I hope to see a lot of you at the Convention in Ruidoso!

In Service, Paul P. Treatment Chair



Únase a AAs de todo Nuevo México, en el Foro del Servicio del Area 46 para explorar el significado de "Servicio" en AA

— de qué se trata, por qué lo hacemos,
cómo funciona y cómo formar parte de éste —

15 de julio, 2017

— ANOTE LA FECHA —

Young People...

Hello area 46, thank you all for all the help and participation at the assembly. Special thanks to my home district D12 for putting on a spectacular assembly. I know you all worked very hard to make sure that happened.

The committee had a great time with our service forum hidden picture game. Thank you all for your participation and creative additions to the game. The committee had lots of good feedback during our meeting at the assembly. There were questions about how to get young people to stick around and get involved. These questions came from smaller areas without existing young people's meetings.

The committee shared their experiences with starting a YP meeting and the challenges of keeping that supported, and encouraging young people to stay involved in their own recovery. We also discussed the upcoming committee meeting we will be having in Las Cruces. Some members

suggested topics for discussion for this meeting, such as, ways to start and maintain a YP meeting, and how to separate the identity of YP meetings from the YP committee.

We were able to discuss one of the GSC agenda items regarding the pamphlet titled "Too Young". The consensus of the group was that the pamphlet was ineffective and at times offensive, but did have some relatable information. The group did feel that the pamphlet should be retired.

We tried to discuss the item regarding adding YPAA to the GSO service structure. The group was confused about how that would work and what the purpose of this would be. We did not have enough time to discuss this further or other agenda items.

My expenses for the assembly were \$11.59. Hope everyone has a great summer, and hope to see you all around at the different events and meetings. God Bless, Mike L.

Ad Hoc Committee: Assembly Development & Fun Raising...

Thank you, District 12, for hosting and helping our second Pre-Conference Assembly to be a success! There was great discussion before and during the Assembly about the agenda topics and many people took the microphone to share insightful comments with our Delegate.

Sixteen people attended our assembly committee meeting. We had a lively debate about the two agenda topics assigned to our committee. The first was a proposal to allow regional service committees to bid to host the General Service Conference in alternate years, instead of holding the Conference in Rye, New York. Our meeting overwhelmingly favored this proposal. It would offer the same benefits as rotating the venue of area assemblies around our state. It would save money, and would afford the Conference attendees an opportunity to experience AA in different locales around the United States and Canada.

The second topic, from the International Conventions/Regional Forums Committee, asked us to discuss ways to encourage interest in regional forums and attract first-time attendees. Our group felt that AAs need more information about what a forum is and how it differs from an assembly; publicity is not enough. Those who had attended a forum said it was necessary to experience a forum to appreciate the benefits. We recommended that AAs who have attended a regional forum contribute articles describing their experience to local and area newsletters.

We then moved on to discuss the Service Forum which our Area is sponsoring on July 15, 2017 in Albuquerque. It will include 2 speakers and 12 workshops. We reviewed some of the topics and announced that we will be seeking AAs experienced in service from around the state to serve on panels and lead discussions.

Finally, we spent some time discussing the fact that the Assembly Development Committee, as an Ad Hoc Committee, will "sunset" at the close of this rotation. Many attending our meeting expressed appreciation for our work and hoped it would continue. We discussed a proposal that the Alternate Delegate or the Alternate Area Chair assume the duties of Chair of the Assembly Development Committee. In that event, only a small budget would be needed to cover such things as supplies and copying costs. We hope to have a firm proposal to submit at the September Assembly.

In loving service, Jaclyn S., Chair



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At Area 46's Service Forum to

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July 15, 2017

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District Reports

District 1 Santa Rosa, Portales, Clovis...

DISTRICT 1 IS UP AND RUNNING!

-In an attempt to reunite and activate District 1, a meeting was held at the Fellowship Group in Clovis on March 18th with representatives present from groups in Clovis, Portales, and Tucumcari. We voted on a new District 1 DCM, Alt DCM, Secretary and Alt Secretary. Our next meeting will be held on April 8th at 1:15pm, located at the Clovis Fellowship Group, 1119 Thornton St. Clovis, NM.

If you are a GSR, Alt. GSR, or Secretary of a group in Clayton, Santa Rosa, Ft. Sumner, Melrose, or another town you believe to be in District 1, please contact our DCM Dick P., or our Alt. DCM Andrew N. so we can get your groups information and help you get connected.

LADIES RETREAT

-The 13th Annual Ute Lake Ladies Retreat is April 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. Registration is \$25 and includes meals, drinks, and a T-Shirt. For more information Margaret C. or Sharmon L.

OTHER EVENTS

-On April 8th, Cindy H. from Alamogordo will be the speaker at the Fellowship Group in Clovis. Potluck begins at 6:30pm followed by the Speaker meeting at 7:30pm.
-On April 21st (3rd Friday of the Month), Lamplighters has

a speaker meeting located at C.O.C. Student Center, 207 S. Ave K, Portales, NM 88130 beginning at 7:30pm.

LOOKING FOR A MEETING

-Clovis: Open meetings every day 12-1pm and 7:30-8:30pm at Fellowship Group, 1119 Thornton St.
-Portales: Meetings in Portales are humming, seven days a week. Please visit our website, designed and tended by Michael O. – thank you Michael! aaportales.org You will find meeting schedules, the Daily Reflection, literature, a help line and much more. Separate men's and women's meetings are held on Mondays, and the rest of the week there are open and book study meetings. We are very happy that the hand of AA is extended to all who need it, and we invite members interested in taking on service commitments to step forward. We need you!
-Tucumcari: Meetings held on Sunday (audio meeting), Monday (Big Book), and Wednesday (12x12) at First Christian Church, 1701 South 4th St. from 7-8pm.

For more information on meeting times and locations please visit nm-aa.org

In love and service, Joy H. District 1 Secretary

District 2 Santa Fe...

Greetings from District Two AA in Santa Fe. Last month we had a lovely "informed group conscience" that took place, in which we shared ways to encourage interest in the regional forums that take place throughout the country every year. Do you know what a regional forum is? Most (dare I say all of us) at the district meeting had never heard of these events. What we learned is they're weekend sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, the Grapevine corporate board and 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. They are always free to attend and there is one coming to San Antonio on October 20-22, 2017! Visit www.aa.org/pages/en_US/what-are-regional-and-local-forums to learn more.

We also learned that a new newsletter will be circulating Santa Fe AA! It's called "The SantaFeAAan" and it's coming in April. It will be a bi-monthly publication and you're encouraged to submit stories, events, service opportunities, and

ideas to SantaFeAAan@gmail.com. Very exciting indeed!

Santa Fe has lots of opportunities for service available, here are just a few to consider:

~ Men are needed for county jail meetings.
~ We are in need an Event Entertainment/ Fun-raiser chair person.
~The juvenile detention center needs people to bring meetings in.
If any of these service positions appeals to you, please contact district2@nm-aa.org.

Don't forget that meetings can be brought to homes and hospitals for individuals who cannot make it to meetings. People are eager, ready, and willing, so call the Central Office when in need!

In joyful service, Kate T.

In Albuquerque, at the Nativity Church, what is happening July 15th?

District 5 Alamogordo, Ruidoso, Carrizozo...

District 5 is alive and thriving! We were well represented at the Area Assembly, and had successful State Convention registrations, t-shirt and coffee mug sales; thank you to everyone there for your support.

A big thanks to Phil H. from Alamo Home Group who spoke at our March 19th district meeting. District 5 has speaker meetings at Group 63, Alamo Home Group, Serenity Group, and the District 5 meeting each month; as a district, we are making greater efforts to post speaker meetings within individual groups to promote greater unity with the district between Alamogordo, Ruidoso, Carrizozo, and surrounding areas. Alamo Home Group has created a Special Events Committee to encourage unity and show we "aren't a glum lot" and that "we absolutely insist on enjoying life!" The first event, "the late show," will be on April 7th. Mark M. will be posting speaker meetings, upcoming events, and meeting schedules on our

district website.

Six new women will be taking meeting into OCDC, and more men volunteers are needed. Fresh Group (Young People) meets every Saturday night at 9:03 PM at 903 Delaware in Alamogordo and is in need of support. Definitely a fun meeting to attend if you're in the area!

Area 46 State Convention in Ruidoso June 2, 3, and 4th is coming quick, and early registration is strongly encouraged as well as booking your rooms at the Hotel Escalante as soon as possible. Groups and individual volunteers are still needed to host marathon meetings throughout the duration of the convention.

Grateful to serve as District 5's new ELF rep! In the Fellowship of the Spirit-Kelsey B.

District 7 Artesia, Roswell...

I don't know about the rest of y'all, but we have been about to blow away. Spring has arrived, but I forecast another cold snap.

District 7 is looking forward to hosting the March 2018 assembly.

There is a new group called the Glasshouse meeting at the Serenity Club on Mondays and Fridays at 5:30. The Early Bird Meeting @ 6:00 am is considered by some to be the most powerful hour in AA anywhere you might go.

All the other meetings are doing well. We invite anyone that's in the area, to feel free to come visit us anytime.

We have 6 women who have volunteered to take a meeting into the Chaves County Detention Center, every Friday at 6:00 pm.

We would like to take a moment to Bless each of you with very Happy and Blessed Easter.
Yours in service, Cheryl W. District 7 El Farolito Rep, Roswell

District 8 Farmington, Shiprock ...

There was much talk at our last District meeting about doing more service work in the community. Years ago, we hosted a weekly meeting at the hospital. Each group took the meeting for a month and provided two speakers per meeting to share experience, strength, and hope. That meeting folded when the hospital did extensive remodeling. Now, some interest has been generated about reviving it.

On another front, our PI/CPC representative is working with PMS in Farmington to present the AA program to those in outpatient treatment at the facility. In addition, the seven-week-long information meetings about Alcoholics Anonymous for those sentenced by the courts continue

to be held. All of these could use help from the AA community; remember, service is one of the three legs of our triangle and is just as important as recovery and unity.

District 8 is hosting the mailing party for El Farolito on April 29 at The Well at 1:30. Please help to get our state newsletter into the mail by sealing and adding postage. We will have donuts and coffee for participants.

We need a coordinator for the annual District 8 picnic to be held on August 20 at Kiwanis Park. Some other fun events are in the works, so stay tuned.

Yours in sobriety, Andrea G.

May Issue Deadline: Midnight - Friday, April 21th

District 9 Gallup, Grants, Zuni, Laguna...

Greetings from District 9. Our District Sobriety Gathering Planning Meeting will be on April 9 at the Hozho Center in Gallup at 10:30 a.m. followed by our monthly district meeting beginning at 1:30.

There is another addition to our district: the regular 8 a.m. Sunday morning meeting in Fort Defiance, AZ is now a breakfast meeting. Please bring a side dish or donation if you can.

Coming up: The Spiritual Awakenings group will be hosting a Step Four and Tradition Four Workshop on April 7, 2017 from 6-7 p.m. at their home group in Ft. Defiance,

AZ. This will be a monthly tradition this year on the First Friday of the month as we review our 12 Steps and 12 Traditions.

We are still having speaker meetings every Saturday at 7:00 p.m. at Wings of the Storm in Gallup; a monthly potluck-speaker meeting on the last Friday night of the month in Zuni at 6:30 p.m. at the Tribal Center; and the 3rd Friday of the month at Fort Defiance. The speaker for Ft. Defiance on April 21 is Emma M. from Zuni, potluck at 6 p.m.

In gratitude and service, Beverly T., El Farolito Rep

District 11 Albuquerque East ...

Hello from District 11!! We meet every 2nd Saturday in the library of Shepherd of the Valley church 1801 Montañito Rd NW . We begin at 9:30am and everyone is welcome. We love visitors. Please enter on the north side of the church. Our March 11th meeting was attended by seventeen members. Stu G. became our new Corrections chair during that meeting. He attended the March Area Assembly and has interacted with Dave D at the Area level. The Assembly was well attended by D11 members at both the district and group levels.

The Intergroup meeting held on February 18th was a huge success. The event was well presented, had a good turnout, amazing food and raffle items raising a total of \$670 to benefit central office.

Our upcoming events are: El Farolito mailing par-

ty, Saturday 4/1 @9:30am located at the Loma Linda Community Center. Collaboration with D18 for the Delegate's Report is scheduled for Saturday May 13th @2pm located at Nativity Church. D11 will have the Jemez Falls picnic August 5th so watch for the flyer. It has two co-chairs that are planning lots of great things to make this an enjoyable event.

Discussions are underway for the planning of the Traditions Conference and possibly another Long Timers workshop. At present our groups are thinking of other events D11 would like to consider presenting. We are not a glum lot!

Here's wishing you another 24 hours of sobriety D11.

District 14 Taos ...

Believe it or not, District 14 has already begun the count-down and preparations for The Taos Mountain Fiesta, weekend of September 16th. The Taos Mountain Fiesta Committee is an independent group responsible for the many logistics and specifications of this annual event. Though existing as a separate entity from A.A, they do work closely with District 14. With that in mind, there are many service positions open. Please use this page to offer support: <http://taosmountainfiesta.org/contact/>

If you have plans to visit Taos, and enjoy smaller sized meetings, there are groups in our district having expressed the need for support. Locals are also encouraged to try these meetings out: Talpa Linger Longer Group (Mondays), Wednesday Night Stag Group, Forever 11 (Thursdays), and the Taos Group (Fridays). For details on these and all our local meetings, please visit this website: NM-aa.org.

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elfarolito@nm-aa.org or mail PO Box 35876 Albuquerque, NM 87176

District 18 Rio Rancho, Bernalillo, Corrales ...

We had a particularly fruitful District meeting in March with 19 attendees representing 13 different groups. Some GSRs, some visitors, others committee chairs, the unity was undeniable to this alcoholic. On the heels of the March Pre-Conference Assembly in Albuquerque, everyone came together to participate in the AA Service Structure of the Conference.

The District itself will be hosting and planning its Intergroup Speaker Meeting this year with most of the key committee positions being filled.

We are an active district and always have a position for a recovering alcoholic in search of service work!

What's going on in District 18?

The In The Book Vagabonds travel to a different group every month. This month they will be visiting the Thinking Straight Group at the First Assembly Church, 274 Camino Don Tomas in Bernalillo on Wednesday, March 15th at 6:00pm.

In support of New Mexico Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (NMCYPAA): The A Athalon planning meeting will be held March 23rd, 7:00pm at Choice Steel, 119 Coles Rd., Albuquerque.

In support of the NM AA Service Forum: Fundraising event, Saturday, April 8, 6:00-7:00pm potluck dinner; 7:00-8:30pm speakers; 8:30pm 50/50 raffle. Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church Social Center 301, S Camino Del Pueblo, Bernalillo.

Intergroup Speaker Meeting. Details to follow.

The Fourth Dimension and Children of Chaos are hosting a Meditation Workshop on May 13, 3:00-5:00pm. For more information contact Brent at Brent.AA.NM@gmail.com.

The Founders' Day Picnic will be held in June. Details to follow.

Save the Date! NM AA Service Forum will be held at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church (Nativity Church) 9502 4th St NW, Albuquerque on July 15th.

NMCYPAA 2017 will be held July 28-30 in Rio Rancho. See <http://host.nmcypaa.com/> for more information.

December Assembly, December 2-3, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church (Nativity Church), 9502 4th St NW, Albuquerque.

If you are interested in volunteering for any event or just interested in seeing what goes on at a district meeting please join us on the second Saturday of every month at 10:30am, at the United Methodist Church, 136 W. Calle Don Andres, Bernalillo. We *almost* always have goodies and *always* have coffee!

In Love and Service, Debbie K.. District 18 Alt. DCM

Birthdays!

District 2, Wednesday Night Speaker Meeting birthdays:

Mitch M. January 9, 11 years

Marlena, March 15, 7 Months

District 8, BIRTHDAYS for March 2017

Daybreak: Andrea G., 32 years; Annette M., 20 years

BIRTHDAYS for April 2017

Daybreak: Rick G., 29 years

District 9, Birthdays for the month of March:

4th Dimension - Zuni, NM

Vonda B. - 7 years

Raelynn C. - 7 years

Keith B. - 5 years

District 18, April birthdays for One Day At A Time - Bernalillo are:

Alan M. 04/03/1988 - 29 yrs, Hugh H.

4/20/1997 - 20 yrs, Pauline C. 4/02-1999 - 18 yrs

Finance...

The Finance Committee met in Santa Fe in February. We would like to work up to the September Assembly regarding changing prudent reserve to a static figure instead of being a percentage of the budget. Hopefully a static number will make it easier to plan the budget in the future.

We also discussed that at present there is nothing in the AIP that states Area 46 is obligated to send anyone other than the Delegate and Alternate Delegate to SWRAASA. Sending 5 people to SWRAASA can run from \$3400-\$4000. Do we go into the prudent reserve to send 5 people to SWRAASA? Area 46 does not have a written obli-

gation to send anyone other than the Delegate and Alt Delegate to SWRAASA; SWRAASA guidelines state that it is desirable to fund up to 5 people. Further, there is nothing in the AIP that says it is mandatory to have attendees submit a written report. For future budgeting should the AIP be amended to show that we can draw out of the prudent reserve to send extra people to SWRAASA?

My heartfelt thanks to the Finance Committee as we tackle some big questions.

In service, Ruth G. Finance Chair

Isleta Group February 2017 Sobriety Birthdays

Dorothy	6 months
Matt	1 year
Todd	3 years
Singh	27 years
Ralph T	29 years
Roselle H	36 years
Florencio L	43 years

NMCYPAA Spring Fling Throwback Dance Party

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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A PRESENTATION OF WHAT TOOK PLACE AT THE 2017
AA GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE.**

*Our Area 46 Delegate, Jim H. will report on the Conference, and
how it supports our primary purpose of carrying the message to the
alcoholic who still suffers.*

When: Saturday May 13TH, 2017 at 2 PM

Where: Nativity Church, 9502 4th St. NW, ABQ NM 87114

What: This is a Dessert and Beverage potluck, so please bring one of these if you can. Coffee will be provided.

Districts 11 & 18

For additional questions/concerns please contact:

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district11@nm-aa.org

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District 4...

Greeting from District 4 El Farolito Rep
I know this is March, but apparently, for me, it's amends month.

First, let me just say that to all of District 4, I humbly offer amends for missing the last two El Farolito deadlines

The consequence to my missing the deadlines is that the District news is not getting from the District to the Area as well as not getting to the Las Cruces group members who don't get to attend District or Area meetings. Also, the Birthdays aren't listed in the latest El Farolito. It was suggested that perhaps I put the information out through the District Newsletter, I thought District 4's website would be more appropriate. My next deadline is April (for the May ELF), and I will include all the February, March and April Birthdays that were not included in the prior months. If you have a birthday or your group has an anniversary, please email me the information. I am truly grateful for your understanding and willingness to allow me the opportunity to stay sober and make these amends. ALSO, and especially ---

I would like to offer an amends to Bob E for not including his Anniversary in the January Area 46 EL Farolito. Bob celebrated 43 years of continuous sobriety on January 29th. Not sure what happened or why his wasn't included...

On both counts, I offer my humble apologies.

Our district is currently below it's prudent reserve. The prudent reserve for the District (per the original group conscience) is \$500. Over the past several months the district has tried to get by and we have had to dip into our prudent reserve. As of the March meeting District 4 has \$100 left in the reserve and that isn't enough to meet the financial commitments, obligations, and responsibilities for April. We have cut spending including letting go of the District storage space to save money. If individual members or the other groups in Las Cruces could help the District out as soon as possible, that would really be appreciated. District 4 is supported by the groups in Las Cruces, and is responsible to those it serves. We pay for schedules, phone service, once per month meeting space, and other expenses to serve the groups. For more information on District 4, please talk with your group's GSR, and/or attend the monthly meeting to gain more information on how District 4 serves the still suffering alcoholic and the groups in Las Cruces, and the treasurer's report on income and expenditures.

These are just a few opportunities to be of service at the District level:

Please join us at the next District meeting (April 23) or contact the following people...

Women's Corrections, contact Theresa V. (575) 642-4334 or tcv359@msm.com (1-year continuous sobriety re-quired)

Adolescent Female Unit @ Mesilla Valley Hospital, contact Camille L.: (575) 521-4667

Men's Corrections, contact Rey "with an E": rey-david767@gmail.com

February Birthdays:

Kathleen F.	February 2, 2003	14 years
Chad N.	February 4, 2013	4 years
Mike P.	February 4, 1999	18 years
Maura E.	February 14, 2016	1 year
Jay G.	February 19, 2013	4 years
Jack H.	February 24, 1997	20 years

March Birthdays:

Nicky W.	March 1, 2016	1 year
Billy S.	March 1, 1995	22 years
Joe	March 1, 1984	33 years
Alice P.	March 3, 2012	5 years
Kim M.	March 6, 2010	7 years
Steve E.	March 6, 1984	33 years
Andrea B.	March 7, 1996	21 years
Aimee S.	March 8, 2006	11 years
Mary G.	March 12, 2012	5 years
Sherrell G.	March 13, 1987	30 years
Billy K.	March 16, 2015	2 years
Julio R.	March 16, 2000	17 years
Matthew	March 16, 1990	27 years
John E.	March 19, 1994	23 years
Jerry L.	March 19, 1968	48 years
Jack W.	March 23, 1974	43 years
Marilyn F.	March 31, 2011	6 years
Tom N.	March 31, 1981	36 years

April Birthdays:

Valerie M.	April 1, 2013	4 years
Jeannie H.	April 1, 1982	35 years
Rose H.	April 22, 1994	23 years
Caroline P.	April 25, 1982	35 years
Faith S.	April 26, 1982	35 years
Sammie	April 27, 1961	56 years

Thanks for letting me be of service—Robin,
robin12192@hotmail.com

May Issue Deadline: Midnight – Friday, April 21th



**Singleness of Purpose
9th Anniversary Potluck**

**Saturday, May 6
5:30 pm Potluck – 7:00 Open Meeting
Rio Vista Church, 8701 Golf Course**

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South-East New Mexico Men's AA Conference
May 12, 13, & 14, 2017
Black River Center for Learning
1159 Black River Village Road
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Make plans to attend the 2nd Annual SE New Mexico Men's AA Conference to be held at the Black River Center for Learning. This oasis in the desert offers canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, 2-swimming pools, and fishing, and is located 23 miles south-west of Carlsbad, NM. This years keynote speakers are all from Oklahoma: Joe L., Petey P., and Brad B.

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- ♦ **NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 1ST, 2017.**
- ♦ **DIRECTIONS:** From Hwy. 62/180, 19 miles south-west of Carlsbad, look for Black River Village Road and turn east, travel 4 miles to the Black River Center.
- ♦ **NO CREDIT CARDS - Checks or Money Orders only please!**
- ♦ **RESERVATION INFORMATION: JIMMY F. _____!**
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