



# EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

## Trusted Servants

### Chair...

Lately, I've been thinking a lot about our Three Legacies. According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, a legacy is "something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past." A.A.'s Three Legacies – Recovery, Unity and Service – have been passed, one alcoholic to another, from our founders to us. In July, the DCM of District 5, Royce S. passed away. He was a beautiful soul who I feel blessed to have known. It fills my heart to know that Royce's love of sobriety and of A.A. will not die with him – it lives on through the countless people he helped into Recovery and Service.

Speaking of Service, the Area 46 New Mexico A.A. Service Forum was absolutely outstanding! It was reported that more than 180 members registered on the day of the event. A whole day of talking about A.A. service...what a treat! I sincerely hope our G.S.R.s will make sure this event continues into the future either annually or every other year.

If you are interested in learning even more about General Service, the Southwest Regional Forum will be held in San Antonio on October 20-22. You can find out more about the SWRF online at [swrforum.org](http://swrforum.org)

Our next Area Assembly is an election Assembly. The area delegate, alternate delegate, chairperson, alternate chairperson, treasurer, registrar and secretary for the 2018-2019 rotation will be elected. Following the election, the area chair-elect will begin selecting our next area committee chairs. If you would like to stand for election or to be considered as an area committee chair, I'd encourage you to contact the people currently holding the positions you are interested in. I also recommend that you read the Area Information Pamphlet (AIP).

I'd love to hear from you! Drop me an email ([chair@nm-aa.org](mailto:chair@nm-aa.org)) or give me a call any time.

Your grateful servant, Teresa J. Area 46 Chairperson

### Registrar...

#### Service, Future, Rotation.

As we finish each rotation in any service position, I have always found it beneficial to invest a little bit of time in reflection upon the rotation past. What benefits from this service are there for us to be grateful to our Higher Power? Gratitude is so huge in our recovery, let us stay vigilant to keep count of the blessings and rewards that our Higher Power sends our way in service. What did we learn from this rotation? What did we contribute to this rotation? What blessings did we receive from this service work? What spiritual progress came our way from serving in this position?

After we ponder what has been so wonderful about a current Service position, we can then look forward and ask for guidance about what next with a truly grateful heart. Where can we be most useful to AA? What service position are we capable to fulfill? What is of interest to us? What else can we contribute? Where can we contribute?

Rotation is another key of success for AA as a whole, but it is also a contributor to our individual recovery and spiritual growth. Willingness to serve and give back to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous is an expression of our gratitude. It is a spiritual growth oppor-

tunity. We are fast approaching the Election Assembly in September in Las Cruces, and now is an opportunity to begin Prayer and Meditation on what next.

If you are considering standing for Registrar, let me offer some experience around the position. It is a wonderful playground to meet and get to know a wide variety of people from all around our Area. As you perform the data entry into the GSO database with the names of new GSR's, you begin to associate a name with a group. When you get to the Assembly, there is a natural curiosity to match the name with a face. One begins to get a sense of how significant AA is around the state, and yet still find that appreciation for the oneness of our community known as the Fellowship of AA. It is so rewarding to meet so many people in service. There are many tasks to perform, from Assembly Agendas to prepare and send, to coordinating information with the El Farolito each month, to creating the Area Directory in March of each year, to data entry in GSO database. There are many more, but the idea is that there is service to perform nearly every week. The rewards and joy of service are worth the effort of the position. If you are considering Registrar, please feel free to contact me for more detail about the position.

In Love and Service, Bill L. Area 46 Registrar

# Area 46 Trusted Servants...

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# Committee Reports

## Bilingual...

Greetings to All,

The Bilingual Committee ensures that Area documents Events are provided in English and Spanish so anyone can participate in AA service. The committee is continually in need of English/Spanish, Spanish/English, participants. Please contact me at [bilingual@nm-aa.org](mailto:bilingual@nm-aa.org) if you are interested in volunteering as an interpreter, we hope that our efforts will lead to unity.

Our activities up to July have been a wonderful experience: Tom H. has interpreted for a La Viña Workshop that took place in February sponsored by District 17 and our

### COMITÉ BILINGÜE

Saludos a Todos,

Asegura que los documentos del Área y los Acontecimientos del Área sean proporcionados en inglés y español por tanto cualquiera puede participar en el servicio AA. El comité continuamente necesita a participantes inglés/español, español/inglés para la interpretación. Por favor póngase en contacto conmigo en [bilingual@nm-aa.org](mailto:bilingual@nm-aa.org) si está interesado en ser voluntario como intérprete, esperamos que nuestros esfuerzos nos lleven a la unidad.

Nuestras actividades hasta julio han sido una experiencia maravillosa: Tom H. ha interpretado para un taller de la

March Assembly in Carlsbad and Area 46 State Convention in June. We diligently worked with the AD HOC Committee on Area 46 Service Forum that recently took place July 15<sup>th</sup>, thanks to Tom H., Wanda C., and Virginia G., for all their efforts. It was an awesome event and all the Sessions we participated in, were a success.

We thank you again for the opportunity to serve you,  
With affection and love for the service,

Ana G.

Viña de la que tuvo lugar en febrero, patrocinado por el distrito 17 y nuestra Asamblea del marzo en Carlsbad y el Área 46 Convención Estatal en junio.. Diligentemente trabajamos con el Comité Ad Hoc en el Foro de Servicio del Área 46, que recientemente tuvo lugar el 15 de julio, gracias a Tom H. Wanda, C. Virginia G., por todos sus esfuerzos.

Fue un acontecimiento increíble todas las Sesiones en las cuales participamos fue un éxito.

Les agradecemos de nuevo la oportunidad de serviles,  
Con Cariño y Amor al Servicio, Ana G.

Ana G.

## Bridge the Gap...

Greetings Area 46,

As you all know the September assembly is fast approaching. This is a voting assembly, we will be electing new Trusted Servants. Committee chairs will also be rotating out at the end of the year, so now is the time to start asking questions if there is a position you are interested in. Grab one of us and ask away, we would love to tell you about our position and the love and light it has given us to serve.

I will be the first to admit that I was fearful to put my name in the hat for an area service position, but I am beyond grateful for this opportunity and glad that my higher power had a different plan than I did and that I had a push from a few people to do it. Thank you for allowing me to serve and keeping me sober.

In Love and Service, Nicole R.

## Corrections...

Greetings area 46

I was unable to attend the service forum held July 15th in Albuquerque. I spoke with friends that were there and it sounded like it was well attended with lots of information and excellent fellowship. Hopefully it turns into an annual event.

There is still plenty of Service Work available for anyone wanting to take a meeting into a corrections facility. Feel free to contact me and I will put you in touch with the right people. I was able to supply CYFD with the some literature from

world services for their work taking meetings into the juveniles in Albuquerque.

There are still funds available for anyone that needs literature for Corrections work. Contact me with a list of what you need and a good mailing address.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Las Cruces for the September assembly. As always if there's anything I can do for any of you feel free to contact me anytime.

Love and Service David D.

## ***Grapevine...***

The area has become very busy with functions and fellowship. I would like to thank the committee that put together the first NM Service Forum. What a great success it was. I was grateful to be a panel speaker on Literature and how it impacted my sobriety.

The grapevine has been very busy trying to keep up with the demand the our two new publications. " Our Twelve Traditions " and " Making Amends ". The past 2 years went by quickly. Our trusted servants will be looking to fill the committee chairs in the spirit of rotation, my term as your GVR will be coming to an end.

If you are interested or know of someone who would like to be considered for the position let me know so I can pass the word on. I want to give a great big shout out to the Cosmopolitan Group for having their meeting room pictured in the July issue of the Grapevine.

Hope to see everyone in and around our local and area functions. Just look for the purple Hat

Blessed in Sobriety Alice M. Area 46 GVR

## ***Literature...***

We are saddened by the news AA, and our Area lost friends of Bill W.'s, great trusted servant's and personal friend's, Royce S., District 5's DCM from Alamagordo, most recently from the Brownbaggers in Albq., and Andy from the Foothills in Albq., they will be missed, our deepest condolences go out to their families. All three passed sober.

We apologize to our District 2 DCM again, she had a presentation for the service forum on the concepts, she asked us to order her flyers on the concepts in advance, we ordered her pamphlets to use on the Concepts, and without checking the box when they arrived, we found out the day of the event, we received the wrong material; she handled it with class, and took charge, (for after all God gave us brains to use unlike me) she went to a copy place, made copies of a flyer she had, and even left us with the extras

as free literature. Thank you.

We sold \$155.00 in literature at the service forum, or should be said, took in \$155.00. We'll be making a \$155.00 order soon to have a full inventory by September's assembly, we have approx. \$25.00 in the change box.

We had a \$20.00 donation with no purchase, and a \$5.00 donation with no purchase, and so many that did purchase Literature that replied, "just keep the change as a donation", you all know who you are and we thank you.

Our Alt Chair ordered a window curtain of the concepts, and that will be included in this order.  
In Loving Service, Manuel P., Area 46 Literature Chair...Easy does it

## ***Public Information...***

For the past couple of months I've been trying to obtain information on Health Fairs in New Mexico. I've been contacting a number of employers to find out if they have health fairs and if they are interested in having AA attend.

I have several that have internal health fairs, basically to explain benefit options and am still communicating with them to see if they would like us to be a part of their Health Fair. A couple have told me that they do not want any outside attendees so they are not an option and a few are undecided so I will keep my lines of communication open and see what happens. I did find out that the Isleta Casino will be having one but don't have a date yet. The City of Albuquerque Employees Health Fair will be Oct.

27 from 7 am until 2 pm in the Albuquerque Convention Center.

I have been trying to find out if there will be a Celebrate Recovery Event at the Civic Plaza but haven't been able to reach my contact from last year to try to find the new contact person. Last year it was hosted by Molina Health Care and was planned to rotate to another health care provider as host this year. So far I haven't been able to reach anyone involved with the event.

If anyone has any information on health fairs please contact me.

Yours in Service, Mike D. Area 46 PI Chair

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## ***Special Needs...***

Meeting the challenge in the area of Special Needs and Accessibilities: A.A. members in regions around the country have formed committees addressing how best to pave the way for A.A. members with special needs to reach and participate in A.A. meetings, or to arrange to have A.A. meetings brought to them. These committees work with local A.A. groups to find ways to make their meetings available to all who want to attend.

Carrying the message to special needs populations can be a challenge — one A.A. members have always been willing to accept — with the goal of including all alcoholics in the wonderful experience of be-longing to a group and partaking in the full range of benefits of membership in A.A. Some A.A. entities are attempting to meet this goal by forming Special Needs Committees. Currently, there are some 200 such committees throughout the U.S. and Canada A.A. .

Area 46's Special Need Committee has developed a Toolkit in efforts for each District and group to discuss and conduct an inventory of special needs in your community. A preliminary scan of Districts in New Mexico are showing many district requires the need to raise awareness and build capacity for Special Needs; therefore, we hope this toolkit would help assess where your District/Group is and what steps need to be taken to help better carry the message to the special needs populations. To access a copy of the toolkit, please go to Area 46's website and you can download it from the Special Needs page. If you have any questions, please contact me.

In the spirit of service, Lawrence M., Area Special Needs Chair

## ***Treatment...***

I have just a few notes on treatment this month. If your group or District is interested in taking on a treatment commitment please let me know! If you want to know more about treatment there is a lot of literature available on the GSO website. Or you can call or send me an email anytime if you have anything you would like to discuss.

I was recently contacted by a facility in Albuquerque looking for AA to take a meeting into their facility and it looks like they have a group willing to take on that commitment, so that is great. Many of the people in the facility are not able to go to meetings outside of the facility, so it is good that we can carry the message into the facility.

That's it for now, I hope to see you all at the next assembly.  
In Service, Paul P., Treatment Chair

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Thank You.*

**September 2017 Deadline  
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***Can your district  
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## YPAA...

Hello Area 46, Hope everyone is doing well? I am excited to report that the Young People's Committee will be holding a workshop hosted by District 9 next month on August 26<sup>th</sup>. This event will be held at the "Day at a Time Club" in Fort Defiance. We will begin at noon with a pot-luck. This will be followed by a panel discussion on young people's meetings, and how to keep young people

engaged and involved in AA. We will have 4-6 speakers and finish with questions after. We will be car pooling from Abq if anyone wants to join us please contact me. We are all excited about this event and all of the fun stuff going on this summer.

God Bless, Mike L.

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

I am thrilled to report that over 180 people attended our first Area-sponsored Service Forum held in Albuquerque on July 15! AAs from every corner of our state and almost every district were present.

Teresa J., Area Chair, opened the event with an excellent and informative talk explaining why service is the key to good sobriety and so much more, why we have the Service structure that we do and how it works. After that we broke into several sessions of workshops on a variety of fascinating topics.

The panelists, who included past and present GSRs, DCMs, Area Trusted Servants and past Delegates from Farmington to Carlsbad, Raton to Las Cruces and many points in between were well prepared on their assigned topics and deftly fielded questions from the audience.

Besides the workshops, two "open mike" sessions were held where attendees could ask questions or comment on the event or workshops they had attended. My favorite comment came from a young woman who confessed that she had voted against the Service Forum when it was proposed at the December Assembly, but she did attend and said she had learned a lot about service and hoped that Area 46 would sponsor more such programs in the future!

When a Higher Power is in charge, great things always happen. The day before the Forum we were notified that our afternoon speaker, Harold C., a past delegate from

Oklahoma, would not be able to attend. We decided to call upon the rich experience of our past Delegates who agreed to help. They formed a panel and talked about how they got into service, what kept them involved, and shared some of the gems from their experience. This was one of the highlights of the day.

We asked attendees to complete a short exit survey to get feedback about their experience. Although only 58 people turned in a survey, *every single responder* said that he or she had learned something new at the Forum, that the event had helped them either in their recovery or in their service work, and that we should definitely hold this event again! We hope the Area responds.

Thank you to all members of the Assembly Development Committee who have worked on this project for over six months and have devised a blueprint we can use for future service events. Thank you to my co-Chair – George B., our subcommittee Chairs and their committees: Program-Kristina F., Hospitality- Debra K., Registration and Finance – Melissa S., Printing – Jim H., and Facilities – Danny F. Thank you to our workshop panelists and moderators, our Past Delegates and to everyone who got out of bed on a Saturday morning to attend this event.

Service is the key and it rocks!

In grateful service, Jaclyn S., Chair

***Please sign up!***

***El Farolito is holding "Mailing Parties" to tape, label and stamp each of the 450 or so copies for mailing.***

Thanks to Rick and Moose for being the July Mailing Party, and thanks to Prasoon for letting us use the Friendship Club., it took 4.5 hours

***Can your group or district help? It takes little time.***

# *District Reports*

## ***District 1 Santa Rosa, Portales, Clovis, Tucumcari...***

It's finally time for District 1's UTE LAKE RE-TREAT! Come to the Civic Center in Logan on the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in August (11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>) and be prepared for food, meetings, free time, fellowship and raffles. Registration is \$10 and we have some amazing speakers lined up from all over New Mexico. For more information a flyer is available through the Portales website [aapor-ales.org](http://aapor-ales.org).

We also have Portales' September Picnic at Oasis State Park coming up. It will be September 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 1pm. That flyer will be available on the Portales website in the near future.

Our next District meeting will be held Saturday, August 5th at 1:15 pm at the Clovis Fellowship Group, 1119 Thornton St, Clovis NM. This month Clovis will not have a speaker meeting, but Lamplighters in Portales will have their speaker on August 18<sup>st</sup> (third Friday of the month) at 7:30pm located at C.O.C. Student Center, 207 S. Ave K, Portales, NM.

As sad as I am to see summer coming to a close, it will be nice to see everyone returning from vacation. I am so thankful for my AA family and I hope you are too.

In love and service, Joy H.

## ***District 2 Santa Fe, Eldorado, Pecos, Madrid...***

Hello to all you beautiful people in Area 46 AA and thanks for all your love and service. We here at District 2 (Santa Fe and El Dorado) have been quite busy. In addition to our DCM helping out with the recent Service Forum, she and Joost L. ran a panel on Concepts at the forum which was quite useful to those who attended.

Many of our committee chairs and GSRs were able to attend including Juliette, both Sarahs (corrections), Rachel T, Brian H, Kathleen (CPC-PI), Shelly, Joe L (YPAA in service) and Zach F.; who spoke on a panel on traditions. He did a brilliant job sharing his experience as GSR with applying traditions to an aggressive member in the young people's group here in our district. We are grateful to have so many folks in our District who try to serve AA in our larger area and share experiences that may help others carry the message more effectively in their groups and districts.

We have been struggling a bit with our detox facilities here in town with some hospital and Recovery Center reshuffling but Philip F. our treatment committee chair has been doing a great job communicating with the powers that be. He has gone above and beyond to continue to allow us to have access to treatment facilities for outreach meetings and safe medical detox for our suffering brothers and sisters. At our District meeting he reported the medical detox and meetings that went there were temporarily suspended but in a most recent email that doesn't seem to be the case. Groups carrying service meetings to the

"Formerly known as the Sobering center" Detox center are back in business. Much thanks Philip, your service work is a great inspiration and example of the 12th step, traditions, and concepts in action.

We also had a surprising presentation from Joe L. and Zach F. who had been in Akron Ohio for Founders day in June. After an epic 25 hour "Blue Brothers/Fear and Loathing without the drugs" style road trip back to Zach's hometown and place of sobriety; he got to speak on a 9th step panel, make some living amends with his parents and ex-girlfriends. Yoga Joe got to do headstands at Dr Bob's grave and kneel and say a third step prayer in the surrender room at Dr Bob's house. They had some great photos of original notes in the big book and it truly did look like a deeply connecting experience that any AA may want to put on their bucket list.

In a very beautiful convergence Juanita and Tom U. from Alanon and AA groups in District 2 were the main Alanon speaking couple on Friday night to a packed gym of over 1,000 souls. If you want a copy of their talk please contact Joe L. or Kristina, it may just be the spiritual experience you're looking for...

AA is alive and well in Santa Fe.  
Peace and Love, Joe L., Kate and Kristina

## ***District 3 Belen, Los Lunas, Socorro...***

Greetings from District 3! Our meeting in July was rather small and quick! I am thinking that there was a lot of traveling and vacationing going on, being the middle of summer and all! It has been hot and beautiful and I hope you are enjoying this weather as much as I am!

Our District has a few events coming up: On Sept 30th we will be having our District 3 picnic at Daniel Hernandez Park in Belen. Keep a look out for the flier, it will be making the rounds soon! There is talk of an Intergroup Speaker Meeting being sponsored by At Wits End on, or

around, Oct 21st. And on Oct 14th we will be electing new officers at our District 3 business meeting.

If you know anyone in District 3 who is looking for an awesome way to serve District 3, and give back what has been so freely given to them, then send them on over! We would love to see new members getting involved! District 3 has the following positions open: Archives, Grapevine Representative & Literature.

Be safe, drink plenty of water and stay cool! See you around! In love & service!, Melissa C.

## ***District 4 Las Cruces, White Sands, Berino...***

Hello from District 4...We are all looking forward to hosting the September Area Assembly here in Las Cruces next month. For more information please contact Ron N. , or see other articles in this El Farolito.

Young People in Recovery group celebrated their 16th year anniversary by hosting a delicious lasagna dinner, and a three speaker meeting. If you missed it, you really missed a wonderful sober evening. Thank you to all the members of Young People in Recovery for all you contribute to our sober community!! And Congratulations on Sweet 16! You look marvelous!

District 4 will be holding District Service Elections at the August District Meeting. Please join us on August 27th at 10:30am, at the home of the Downtown Group, 903 E. Piñon, even if you're just curious how the District holds elections. All are welcome! GSR's are especially encouraged to participate. Remember; we are responsible and this is one way to ensure our Third Legacy, and that the members of Alcoholics Anonymous really do run Alcoholics Anonymous.

It is with a very heavy heart that I report the following news that is weighing on many of us today in District 4. George M. has been moved from Memorial Medical Center to Mesilla Valley Hospice. If anyone wants to send cards or treats, please do... I'm sure he'd be happy to hear from all his friends in Area 46.  
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George M., Room 305  
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Las Cruces, NM 88005

On an even more difficult note; our hearts and prayers go out to Kristy S. as our dear brother from our neighboring district 5, Royce passed away very suddenly this past week. Words cannot begin to express our shock and sorrow as so many of us have known him and Kristy as the heart and soul of Step House, which has helped so many of us find a way out from the depths of alcoholism and a clear path to Alcoholics Anonymous through Royce and Kristy's love and service. Our prayers especially to Kristy, Royce's family, and all the guys (past and present) at the Step House as they deal with trying to pick up the pieces of this huge loss.

Memorial Services will be held July 22nd in Alamogordo, and August 5th in Las Cruces. If you want more information, please contact John F..

On a personal note and for the record... Alcoholics Anonymous is not affiliated with any other organization. It is in the spirit of cooperation that I mention the Step House, which is an outside entity apart from but close to AA. Royce was a dear friend to many of us, and a member (in great standing) of Alcoholics Anonymous. Through his work at the Step House, which he founded, he provided quite possibly the most 12 Step work of anyone I've ever had the pleasure to know, second only to perhaps Clancy I, of all the people I've known personally. Also, he sobered up in Las Cruces, and visited us continuously throughout his sobriety, was always willing to help anyone, anytime.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Robin

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## ***District 5 Alamogordo, Ruidoso, Carrizozo...***

District 5, Area 46, and AA as a whole grieves the loss of a beloved member whose life was the embodiment of unconditional love and service to the still suffering alcoholic. Royce S. sudden passing has hit us all hard, but with sadness comes gratitude for the privilege of being able to witness how this program saves and transforms our lives if we are willing to go to any lengths.

I have had the gift of getting to know Royce through the convention process and saw firsthand how much work goes into running a recovery home. It takes a special kind of person who never forgets where he came from to take on all that he did in his dedication to the men at The Step House. He is a true example of gratitude in action in AA and how life can and does take on new meaning as we watch those around us recover. Royce was service personified and his shoes will not be easily filled. His legacy lives on in all those he helped and touched in his time on this planet. Without him in body, we will carry his spirit in our hearts to the still suffering alcoholic.

Due to the loss of our DCM, Royce S., District 5's meeting for July was cut short and postponed until next month. John F., our alternate DCM, will fill in as DCM until October's rotation. The Area 46 Convention held in Ruidoso, NM on June 2-4 hosted by District 5 was a huge

success with over 500 in attendance. We are truly grateful for the service of the convention committee members, the Step House boys, volunteers, speakers, and attendees; it would not have been possible without all the hard work, dedication, and participation. It was truly a blessing to be a part of the fellowship and witness the magic of AA unfold throughout the weekend.

Lincoln County Detention Center Carrizozo has agreed to let AA meetings into the jail once a week. Volunteers are also needed to take meetings in Otero County Detention Center in Alamogordo. Contact Roger D., if interested.

As we all cope with the loss of Royce, it is proof that we are bound together in Alcoholics Anonymous where true and lifelong friendships are tied as we have escaped disaster together and continue to commence shoulder to shoulder in our common journey. I couldn't be more grateful to have known Royce for a short time, and to be a witness to the life he lived. It is our duty to carry out the spirit of love and service which his life exemplified, just like those who came before us and paved the way.

Grateful in the Fellowship of the Spirit, Kelsey B.

## ***District 6 Las Vegas, Raton, Clayton...***

District 6 Las Vegas, Mora, Springer, Raton, Clayton

Hello, from Northeastern New Mexico! We are having a great summer. District #6 is excited about our Annual Picnic at Storrie Lake in Las Vegas on July 22, 2017 from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. Our Raton group, "Land of Enchantment" held their Round Robin on June 17, 2017. We had a wonderful time and the speaker's stories were inspirational. Paul our DCM and his wife did a great job and we are happy to have Paul as our DCM.

We look forward to other Round Robin

Events being planned in the coming months. We did not have our July District meeting due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. We will have our next district meetings on the first Tuesday of each month: August 1, 2017, September 5, 2017, and October 3, 2017 at 6:00 pm located at Highlands Happy Hour (310 Mills Ave in Las Vegas).

We will continue to take meetings to the correctional facility in Las Vegas and are hoping to expand those meetings to outlined areas.

Blessed in Service, Kathleen V.

## ***District 8 Farmington, Shiprock, Aztec...***

First off, I want to thank Area Chairperson Theresa J. for popping in on our June district meeting. I was out of town and missed the meeting. She has agreed to be the speaker for our annual District 8 picnic on August 20, which will be at Kiwanis Park on 30<sup>th</sup> St. in Farmington from 11AM to 3PM. Meat, soda, water, and coffee will be provided; please bring potluck dishes. It is requested that pets be left at home.

It has come to my attention (as schedule coordinator) that some of the meetings via access on cell phones differ from those on the website. Mikel W. and I met one afternoon and went over each meeting, day by day, and found the ones that didn't match. This is something that

our website coordinator, Erny Z., will have to figure out, so in the meantime, it may be best to use the paper schedule or the computer rather than a phone.

The Friends of Bill W. Campout above Silverton, Colorado will probably be in progress as you read this. Most likely, we will have had some rain but lots of fellowship to offset the much-needed moisture.

Service work is one of the legs of our triangle; the next District meeting will be August 10 at 7PM at 865 N. Dustin Ave. in Farmington. Please join us.

Yours in sobriety, Andrea G.

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

Greetings from District 9. The next Gallup Gathering Planning Meeting will be held at the Zuni Recovery Center, on Sunday, August 13, 2017 at 11:00 am, followed by the District meeting at 1:00.

It's here! August 4-6<sup>th</sup> is the Third Annual Sobriety and Family Wellness Campout sponsored by the Day At a Time Club and the Spiritual Awakenings Group of Ft. Defiance. The campout is at Wheatfields Lake in AZ. Great food, great fun, games, prizes and of course, great fellowship are offered.. This is a beautiful setting with a real lake and shade trees and clear and reliable Googlemap directions! No dirt roads. Contact Ambrose K. for more information.

We also want to announce a very, very tiny AA meeting which occurs in Lukachukai, AZ. Although it is not technically in our district, we try to support this small group of

2-4 people who are very isolated but very dedicated. They are very faithful in showing up to be there for the next suffering alcoholic and have been so for several years. They also host a fabulous AA campout. This the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Roundup beginning Friday afternoon on Aug 18<sup>th</sup> and ending on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>. There is great fellowship and great food and probably the most beautiful setting for a campout I have yet attended here in the southwest. It is located in the Chuska Mountain Range and accessible from Navajo Route 12. If you are heading north, the entrance to the campsite is a right turn just past the Wheatfields' Chapter House. Follow our AA symbols to the campsite. Please contact Courtney for more information.

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

## ***District 10 Hobbs, Carlsbad, Lovington...***

Amazing few months! Sorry about the missed deadline last month but here is an update.

In Hobbs we celebrated the 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hobbs Original Group! Jesse F. made his infamous brisket and we herd from Stuart S. who gave a glimpse into the fellowship 30 years ago. What an amazing speaker and full of jokes ;-). It was a great time.

The NLG hosted Dagmar the Magnanimous! Who took us on a journey around the world with her story. If you haven't heard her yet... I highly recommend boking her.

That's all for now, Love you all! Love and Service..  
Jason O.

## ***District 11 Albuquerque West...***

Hello everyone!

Thank you to those that attended/participated in our district meeting on Saturday 7/8.

I missed that meeting due to excessive swelling of my leg from a three week old total knee replacement. The swelling was suggestive of a possible blood clot. After spending a very FUN night at Lovelace ER, I was discharged Saturday morning at 0630 receiving report of negative on all labs, x-rays and Doppler exams.

Kudos go out to the following:

Henry for notifying me ahead of time he would not make

the district meeting and would have more to report in July...Chris; alternate DCM for chairing the meeting...Heather for acting as secretary taking and emailing the minutes to me...Brenda for printing the agendas...Rosie for volunteering to write this month's El Farolito report...Beth for volunteering to be the future El Farolito chair for D11...Please view the attached agenda for July 8th, Minutes and a flyer submitted by Heather.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the D11 Jemez Falls picnic August 5th and the next district meeting Saturday August 12th.

Yours in Service, Deb W.; D11 DCM

## ***District 14 Taos ...***

### **34<sup>th</sup> Taos Mountain Fiesta Registration**

For 34 years Taos Mountain Fiesta has been welcoming friends from around the world for a few happy, joyous and spiritually free days in beautiful Taos, New Mexico. This year's festivities will again be located at the luxurious Sagebrush Hotel and Conference Center on September 15, 16 and 17, 2017.

National speakers include, Jack M. of Pleasanton, Ca; Young People's speaker, Crystal G. from Baton Rouge, La., Al-Anon speaker, Ajit S. from Tustin, Ca. and Spanish speaker, Antonio C. from Albuquerque, NM. Top notch entertainment will also be featured, as well as a scrumptious banquet, an art raffle and much more. **Registration has already begun on [TaosMountainFiesta.org](http://TaosMountainFiesta.org).** Hotel rooms are already going fast, so don't be slothful. Go to the website for lodging recommendations.

## ***District 15 Española, Los Alamos, Abiquiu, Chama...***

District 15 is excited about the Rio Bravo Campout on the Rio Grande in Pilar, NM. A joint campout with District 14, this is the fourth annual campout on the Rio Grande. This will be on the busy weekend of August 4-6, 2017. See the event flyer on Area 46 website, under events.

District 15 voted to contribute \$200 towards food and miscellaneous items for the campout.. The district also voted to contribute \$100 to El Farolito.

Jeffrey, District 15 ELF Rep.

## ***District 17...***

Greetings on behalf of the District 17:

I am working with a contact in Las Cruces, NM, District 19. We are also working and participating with Grupo Reconocer in Roswell, N.M., in its sixth Group Anniversary. It will be held at the Serenity Club: 1000 Bland Ave., Roswell, N.M., beginning at 2 p.m., 7/23/2017.

We are also planning a "Service Workshop" on November 4, 2017 more information, further on. I'm visiting groups leaving bulletins of the Hispanic National Convention which will take place 1, 2 and 3 of September, 2017, in Baltimore, Maryland.

In the Spirit of Service, Antonio M.C.D.

### **DISTRICT 17, NUEVO MEXICO**

#### **Saludos de parte del Distrito 17:**

Estoy trabajando con el contacto de sur en Las Cruces, NM. También estamos trabajando y participando con el Grupo Reconocer de Roswell en su sexto Aniversario del Grupo. Se llevara a cabo en el Serenity Club: 1000 Bland Ave., Roswell, N.M., dando inicio a las 2 de la tarde.

También estaremos Planificando un "Taller de Servicio" para la fecha 4 de noviembre, 2017, más información, más adelante, y estoy visitando los Grupos dejando Boletines de la sede Convención Nacional Hispana que se llevara a cabo 1, 2 y 3 de septiembre, 2017 en Baltimore, Maryland.

En el Espíritu de Servicio, Antonio M. C. D.

## ***District 18 Rio Rancho, Bernalillo, Placitas ...***

The Mid-Summer Night's Dream truly is a sweet dream. District 18 held its July meeting and all the committees are still busy and active. Thank you to each member of every one of our Committees for carrying the message.

District 18 Young People's Group, Children of Chaos bid on and received the 2017 NMCYPAA State Convention. It was held in Rio Rancho July 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. How do you not love all the crazy fun that these young kids are up to? Thank you to the D-18 Young Peoples Groups for all of their hard work in putting on a State Convention.

August will have a lull in planned events, but the Fall will bring another workshop and December will bring an Area 46 Assembly to District 18. Planning is in process for both, and there are many activities to participate in. District 18, along with the other Albuquerque Districts are planning for the 2018 State Convention. There are always

many needs for volunteers for such an event.

All the District committees remain engaged in the effort to carry our message. Many thanks to all who endeavor to help the next suffering alcoholic. If you feel compelled to get involved, every committee could always use volunteers, particularly our Corrections Committee. They need male volunteers to take meetings into SCDC on Tuesday evenings. If you are available to help carry the message behind the walls, this is an excellent service opportunity.

D-18 is an active District and we invite you to join not only for events, and to volunteer, but also please come to the District meetings the Second Saturday of every month, 10:30 AM, at the United Methodist Church, 136 W. Calle Don Andres, Bernalillo, NM 87004. (Snacks provided)

In Love and Service, Maddy L. District 18 ELF Rep



## Area 46 Election Assembly\*

### September 9-10, 2017

Hosted by District 4 – Las Cruces

\*In addition to the regular business of the Assembly, elections for the 2018-2019 rotation will be held during this Assembly.

Location: Columbus Conference Center  
(at America's Best Value Inn & Suites)  
901 Avenida de Mesilla, Las Cruces NM 88005

Directions: Exit #140 off I-10, then northeast onto Avenida de Mesilla/NM 28.  
Conference Center is on the right, enter from Hickory Drive.

### Hotel Information

(The following is a list of facilities at or near the Assembly location)

<u>Hotel:</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Price given when called</u>
<u>America's Best Value Inn &amp; Suites</u> (Host/Site Hotel) 901 Avenida de Mesilla	(575) 524-8603	\$54
<u>Days Inn</u> 755 Avenida de Mesilla	(575) 526-8311	\$54
<u>La Quinta Inn &amp; Suites</u> (behind host/site hotel) 1500 Hickory Drive	(575) 523-0100	\$62
<u>La Quinta Inn Las Cruces Mesilla Valley</u> 790 Avenida de Mesilla	(575) 524-0331	\$55
<u>Hampton Inn &amp; Suites</u> 1641 Hickory Loop	(575) 541-8777	\$109
<u>Springhill Suites</u> 1611 Hickory Loop	(575) 541-8887	\$99
<u>Drury Inn</u> 1631 Hickory Loop	(575) 532-4100	\$110

# BIRTHDAYS

## B-HILL GROUP, BLOOMFIELD

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Julian M. 4 years  
Willie 11 years  
Greg J. 14 years  
Bobi J. 24 years

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Michael E. 4 years  
George 4 years  
Joel J. 37 years

## One Day At A Time District 18

Carleen R. 6/11/2002 – 15 years

Maddy L. 6/27/1985 – 32 years

Andrea T. 6/29/2011 – 6 years

Mark F. 6/30/1996 – 21 years

### District 4 Birthdays:

Charles 6/5/2015 2 years  
Barbara 6/17/2000 17 years  
James W. 6/19/2013 4 years  
Willy 6/20/2011 6 years  
Mike K. 7/1/2015 2 years  
Bill B. 7/7/2014 3 years  
Paul R. 7/10/1988 29 years  
Bob 7/12/2009 8 years  
John W. 7/20/1985 32 years  
Gilbert 7/22/2008 9 years

### Cosmopolitan Group

Melissa C. 1yr  
Cruz G 14yr

### One Day At A Time – Bernalillo.

Koren Q. – 8/18/2000 – 17 years

Nick G. – 8/26/1986 – 31 years

### Birthdays:

#### Wings of the Storm, Gallup:

*We are celebrating a belated triecta:  
Gilbert S. and Terry both on May 14 with 31 years  
and Tom on May 23<sup>rd</sup> with 31 years! Looking forward  
to this trio celebrating a hundred years of sobriety soon!*

Jennifer: June 30 - 6 years

Jerry: June 13 – 9 years

Robin C: June 30 - 30 years

Jamie: June 14 - 2years

Steve D: June 21 – 12 years

#### Spiritual Awakenings Group in Ft. Defiance, AZ

Shannon H. - June 2 -11 years

Elvira S. - June 29 - 2 years

#### Zuni:

Robert W: June 20 - 12 years

Tony C: June 28 – 6 years

Duran G: July 9 – 6 years

#### Home Group, Gallup:

Lennie J: July 26- 5 years

#### Laguna Group:

Floyd C: July 3 - 8 years

Erin G: July 9 - one year

### Isleta Group Sobriety Birthdays June 2017

Cynthia	4 Months
Scott	9Months
Nawii	18 Months
Lenore	2Years
Daniel	10Years
Dave	24 Years
Theresa H	29 Years

### ARID Group Ruidoso

Bobby J. 7/16/87 30Yrs.

Kenny (coach) 7/07/13 4 Yrs

District 14 and 15 Hosts



# Summer Fellowship Campout

August 4,5,6, 2017



## Rio Bravo



*"Let Go and Let God for the Weekend in Pilar!"*

Group Shelter & Campground is located in the

Rio Grande Del Norte National Monument Lower Gorge.

Pot Luck Saturday evening at 6:00pm

Campfire AA meeting at 7:30pm Friday & Saturday night!

AA meetings, workshops and events at the Rio Bravo Group Shelter. More to come!

**Directions:** Rio Bravo Group Campsite and Recreation area are along the Lower Gorge of the Rio Grande River. Located at the intersection of NM68 in Pilar New Mexico and NM570 northwest to the recreation area.

- Day Use \$3.00/day per vehicle to use the area for 30 minutes or more.
- **Camping** There are 7 campgrounds in the Lower Gorge area near the RIO BRAVO group site. **First Come First Serve!**
  - \$7.00/night for one vehicle, \$10.00 for two. Maximum 2 vehicles and 8 people per site. (Additional vehicles may park in day use parking areas at \$3.00/day.) Annual day use passes do not apply to camping fees.
  - RV Sites (Orilla Verde only): \$15.00 per night, includes water and electrical hookups. No sewer.
  - Designated primitive campsites at Orilla Verde: \$5.00/night.

Please be responsible and review the website for information, rules and regulations!

[https://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/recreation/taos/orilla\\_verde.html](https://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/recreation/taos/orilla_verde.html)



## ***El Farolito Editorial...***

### **Royce S.:**

Recently, the world stopped turning for many AA members. Shock, disbelief and more shock rippled, when the word spread of the death of Royce S. from District 5.

It took me two Area Conventions and four Area Assemblies to get to know Royce enough to speak to him one day about 24 hours and a day at a time. Was I too busy during that time period? I know Royce was busy directing The Step House people to help here and there. I got to know one of the step people, Henry, when my serpentine belt broke on my van in a rainstorm and we both got wet fixing it.

After two years as a DCM for District 15 and still uncertain if there were AA meetings in Chama and TA, one of the step people told me, yes. This information was invaluable and our district is hopeful on reaching our neighbors 82 miles away.

**Flier Format for *El Farolito*:** We like to get everybody's flier published. Space is a premium. In this issue we used two full pages. Last issue a full page of information was condensed into less than a quarter page, with some ruffled

feathers. **So, the suggestion is to make a full page but also a half page, horizontal and a quarter page. You can save the file as a .gif, .jpeg, and least favorite .pdf.**

**Your contributions are needed:** We receive amounts from \$10 to \$100. Any amount helps since we touch hundreds of meetings and it all adds up.

"The goal of *El Farolito* is to promote and enhance Unity (The Second Legacy) through interchange of information among Members, Groups, Districts, and the Area Assembly." p.23, #2, *Area Information Pamphlet*. I like to read that. I am a big Unity person. In a big way, to get people off their couches and to a planning meeting, a function, or just the basic meeting. That is how we stay alive, by moving around.

If an inventory were made of *El Farolito*, are we promoting Unity in our reports? What is your meaning of Unity?

Jeffrey H. *El Farolito* Editor

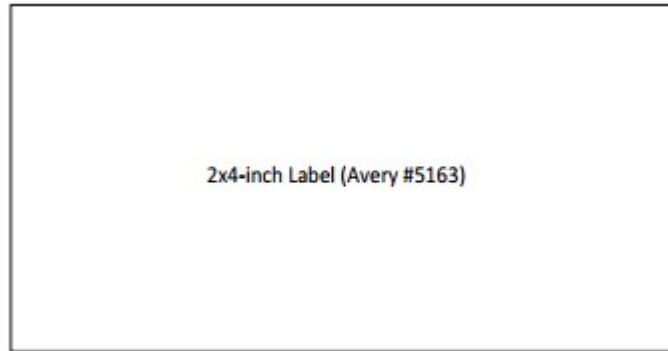
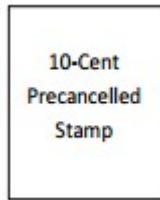
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2017

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Logan, New Mexico

August 11, 12, & 13

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Yucca Motel  
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Village Inn  
(575) 487-2247

Ute Lake Inn  
(575) 487-2445

Budget Inn  
(575) 487-2928

## FRIENDS & FAMILY WELCOME!

Registration fee: \$10 per person - includes Saturday BBQ Dinner

### FRIDAY AUG 11

5:00pm - Registration  
8:30pm - OPEN MEETINGS  
8:00pm - Don G. (Portales, NM)



### SATURDAY AUG 12

9:00am - Eloy M. (Las Lunas, NM)  
10:00am - OPEN MEETINGS  
2:00pm - Megumi R. (Mokiahon, TX)  
3:00pm - OPEN MEETINGS  
5:00pm - Saturday BBQ Dinner  
6:30pm - Raffle Winners Announced  
7:30pm - Countdown  
8:00pm - Kristi S. (Alamogordo, NM)

### SUNDAY AUG 13

9:00am - Rayon S. (Alamogordo, NM)  
10:00 am - OPEN MEETINGS  
CLOSING CEREMONIES  
CLEAN-UP



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