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AGENDA for AREA 46 ASSEMBLY

December 1 – 2, 2018 • District 10 – Carlsbad

New Mexico State University • 1500 University Dr., Carlsbad NM 88220

FRIDAY, Nov. 30 1st United Methodist Church 207 N. Halagueno

6:00 pm.....refreshments and fellowship (No business will be conducted on Friday)

7:00 pm.....Speaker meetings (English and Espanol)

SATURDAY, Dec. 1 New Mexico State University

7:30 am Registration opens – Please gather in main meeting room by 8:15 so that Assembly can begin on schedule

8:30am CALL TO ORDER

8:45am COMMITTEE MEETINGS: GSR Orientation,, Corrections, Finance, Accessibilities, Website, Bilingual

9:35am 10-minute break

9:45am COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Bridge the Gap (BTG), *El Farolito*, Finance, Public Information (PI), Young People, Grapevine/La Viña

10:35 am 10-minute break

10:45am COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Archives, Service Forum 2019, Cooperation w/ Professional Community (CPC), Literature, Treatment Facilities, Area 46 Convention

11:35am 10-minute break

11:45 am MEETINGS: GSRs, District Committee Members (DCMs), Area Trusted servants, Past Delegates

12:35pm Lunch Break

1:45pm CALL TO ORDER – Business Meeting

2:00pm INTRODUCTIONS– Area trusted servants, Past Delegates, Districts (DCMs, GSRs & others), visitors.

2:45pm SECRETARY'S REPORT: Summary of Minutes – September Assembly – District 5 Ruidoso

2:50 pm TREASURER'S REPORT (while 7th Tradition basket is passed)

3:10pm REGISTRAR'S REPORT

3:15pm DELEGATE'S REPORT

3:20pm ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

3:30pm 10-minute break

3:45pm ANNOUNCEMENTS

4:00pm OLD BUSINESS

Area 46 Convention Report: June 7-9, 2019 – District 2, Santa Fe

Area 46 Assembly Report: March 30 & 31, 2019 – District 9, Grants

Area 46 Assembly Report: September 7 & 8 2019 – District 3, Belen

4:25pm NEW BUSINESS*

Bids for Area 46 Convention June 5-7, 2020

Bids for Area 46 Assembly December 7 & 8, 2019

Presentation of 2019-2020 *El Farolito* Editor (Area Chair)

Motion to accept 2019 budget (Finance Committee Chair)

Motion to host 2023 SW Regional forum

Area 46 Service Forum Report

Other new business

5:30pm Dinner Break

7:00pm Fellowship, Fun & Dessert Hosted by District 10 and YPAA Committee

7:30pm SHARING SESSION **TERESA J** Area 46 Delegate & SWRAASA attendees "What we Saw, Heard and Felt"

SUNDAY New Mexico State University

8:00am CALL TO ORDER

8:10am VOTE on previous day's bids and motions

8:30 am ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORTS** (includes Committee, GSR, DCM, Trusted Servant, and Past Delegate meetings)

Vote on candidate for SW Regional Trustee

10:00am Ask It Basket, and Sobriety Countdown

11:00 am Adjourned until March 30 & 31 – District 9 Grants

Planning Meeting for the next Assembly will be held on February 2, 2019



*HOW TO MAKE A MOTION:

- 1) Any voting member can make a motion. If you need assistance preparing a motion see any Area trusted servant, past Delegate, or DCM.
- 2) Motions should be written out and given to the Secretary when the motion is made. (Include your name and voting position with the motion)
- 3) If your motion will require Area funding, include as part of the motion the costs and where the funding will come from (see Finance chair for help)

****COMMITTEE CHAIRS WILL SUBMIT ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORTS TO THE *EL FAROLITO* EDITOR.**

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AGENDA PARA LA ASAMBLEA DE ÁREA 46
1 y 2 de diciembre, 2018 • Distrito 10 – Carlsbad
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VIERNES (1st United Methodist Church, 207 N. Halagueno)

- 6:00 pm Compañerismo y *Refrigerio* (Ningún negocio se llevará a cabo el viernes)
7:00 pm Reuniones de Oradores (inglés y español (La reunión en español es sostenido en la misma Iglesia y mismo tiempo.)

SÁBADO (New Mexico State University)

- 7:30 am **El Registro se Abre** – Por favor júntese en la sala de reuniones principal hacia las 8:15 de modo que la Asamblea pueda comenzar en el horario
- 8:30 am **LLAMADA AL ORDEN**
- 8:45 am **REUNIONES DEL COMITÉ:** RSG Orientación, Accesibilidades, Bilingüe, Correcciones, Finanzas, Sitio Web
- 9:35 am *Descanso de 10 minutos*
- 9:45 am **REUNIONES DEL COMITÉ:** Uniendo Las Orillas (ULO), *El Farolito*, Finanzas, Grapevine/La Viña, Información Pública (IP), Los Jóvenes
- 10:35 am *Descanso de 10 minutos*
- 10:45 am **REUNIONES DEL COMITÉ:** Archivos, Cooperación con la/Comunidad Profesional (C.C.P.), Literatura, (Centros de Tratamiento, Área 46 Convención, Foro del Servicio 2019
- 11:35 am *Descanso de 10 minutos*
- 11:45 am **REUNIONES:** RSGs, Miembros del Comité del Distrito (MCDs), Servidores de Confianza, Delegados Pasados
- 12:35 pm *Descanso Para Almorzar*
- 1:45 pm **LLAMADA AL ORDEN** – *Reunión de Negocios*
- 2:00 pm INTRODUCCIONES – Servidores de Confianza, Delegados Pasados, Distritos (MCDs, RSGs y otros), Visitantes
- 2:45 pm INFORME DEL SECRETARIO: Resumen de Minutos – Asamblea de septiembre – Distrito 5 Ruidoso
- 2:50 pm INFORME DEL TESORERO: (mientras la canasta de la Séptima Tradición se pasa)
- 3:10 pm INFORME DEL REGISTRADOR
- 3:15 pm INFORME DEL DELEGADO
- 3:20 pm INFORME DEL DELEGADO SUPLENTE
- 3:30 pm *Descanso de 10 minutos*
- 3:45 pm **ANUNCIOS**
- 4:00 pm **VIEJO NEGOCIO**
Área 46 Informe de la Convención: el 7 - 9 de junio de 2019 – Distrito 2, Santa Fe
Área 46 Informe de la Asamblea: el 30 - 31 de marzo de 2019 – Distrito 9, Grants
Área 46 Informe de la Asamblea: el 7 - 8 de septiembre de 2019 – Distrito 3, Belen
- 4:25 pm **NUEVO NEGOCIO ***
Ofertas para la Convención del Área 46: junio 5 - 7, 2020
Ofertas para la Asamblea: diciembre 7 - 8, 2019
Presentación de *El Farolito* Editor de 2019-2020 (Por el Coordinador del Área)
Moción para aceptar 2019 Presupuesto (Por el Coordinador del Comité de Finanzas)
Moción para recibir el 2023 Foro Regional del Suroeste
Área 46 Informe del Foro del Servicio
Otros nuevos negocios
- 5:30 pm *Descanso Para Comer*
- 7:00 pm **Compañerismo, Diversión & Postre** Recibido por Distrito 10 y YPAA Comité
- 7:30 pm **SESIÓN DE COMPARTIMIENTO** Teresa J. Área 46 Delegada y SWRAASA asistentes "Lo Que Vimos, Oímos y Sentimos"



DOMINGO (New Mexico State University)

- 8:00 am **LLAMADA AL ORDEN**
- 8:10 am **VOTAR** en las ofertas y mociones del día anterior
- 8:30 am **INFORMES DE REUNIONES DE LA ASAMBLEA**** (incluye Comité, GSR, DCM, Servidor de Confianza y Reuniones de Delegado Pasadas)
- 10:00 am Voto por candidato por Custodio Regional Sudoeste
Preguntas de Canasta y Conteo Regresivo de Sobriedad
- 11:00 am **Asamblea se aplazó hasta 30 -31 de marzo, 2018 – Distrito 9, Grants**

La reunión de planificación para la próxima Asamblea será sostenida el 2 de febrero de 2019

*** HACIENDO UNA MOCIÓN:**

- 1) Cualquier miembro votante puede hacer un movimiento. Si usted necesita ayuda, ver a cualquier servidor de Confianza de Área, Delegado o MCD.
- 2) Las mociones deberían ser escritos y dados al Secretario(a) cuando la moción es hecha. (Incluya su nombre y posición con la moción de voto)
- 3) Si su moción requerirá la financiación del Área, incluya como la parte de la moción los costos y donde la financiación vendrá (ver al Coordinador de Finanzas para ayuda)

**** COORDINADORES DE COMITÉS PRESENTARÁ INFORMES DE SU REUNIÓN A LA ASAMBLEA AL EDITOR DE EL FAROLITO.**

Officers

Delegate...

I can't believe it's already time for another assembly! Since our last assembly, I've attended SWRAASA, the National A.A. Archives Workshop, and the Area 46 Assembly planning meeting, given 4 delegate reports, and spoken at the Area 46 Convention fundraiser hosted by District 2. I've had a conference call with our Regional Trustee and the other delegates of our region to find out what happened at the October Board weekend. After the October Board weekend, I also spoke with the chair of the Trustees Committee on Archives to find out what they are working on and passed that information along to the Conference Committee on Archives. I've also been in communication with Greg T., General Manager of the General Service Office, to try to get clarification about the status of a 2014 request by our Spanish-speaking groups to correct numerous mistranslated words and phrases in the current Spanish Big Book. Finally, I got to work with the GSO Publishing Department to come up with and implement a plan to update the Navajo Big Books that were sold to in New Mexico earlier this year. My expenses have been \$800 for Travel to SWRAASA, \$105 Travel to the Sep-

tember Assembly and \$182 for Delegate expenses (travel expenses to give delegate reports minus contributions from districts).

I need to inform you about a large project that the Board of Trustees worked on over the past 2 years – a “Communications Audit.” The General Service Board contracted with a consulting firm to evaluate how well A.A. communicates internally and to the public. The Board received a comprehensive report that included several hundred pages of information. The Board has released a condensed version of this report (36 pages) to the membership. You are welcome to download a copy of this report from the Area 46 website; the “Communications Audit” can be found on the Delegate's webpage at nm-aa.org/trusted-servants/delegate/

I will have a lot of information to share with the groups at the December Assembly. I hope to see you there!

Your grateful servant, Teresa J., Area 46 Delegate

Delegada...

¡No puedo creer que sea ya el tiempo para otra asamblea! Desde nuestra última asamblea, he asistido a SWRAASA, el Taller Nacional de Archivos de A.A., y mi presente al reunión del Área 46 s de planificación de la Asamblea, dado 4 informes de delegado, y también me pidieron que hablara en el Área 46 Convención de recaudación de fondos organizada por el Distrito 2. He tenido una conferencia telefónica con nuestro Custodio Regional y los otros delegados de nuestra región para averiguar qué pasó en el fin de semana de la junta de Servicios Generales en el mes de octubre. Después del fin de semana de la junta de Servicios Generales en el mes de octubre, también hablé con el Coordinador del Comité de Custodios de Archivos para averiguar en qué están trabajando y ha transmitido esa información al Comité de la Conferencia de Archivos. También he estado en comunicación con Greg T., Gerente General de Oficina de Servicio Generales, para tratar de obtener aclaraciones sobre el estatus de una petición de 2014 por nuestros grupos de habla hispana para corregir numerosas palabras y frases mal traducidas en el Libro Grande actual. Finalmente, conseguí trabajar con el departamento editorial de la OSG para poner en marcha e implementar un plan para actualizar el Libro Grande de Navajo que se vendieron en Nuevo México a principios de este año. Mis gas-

tos han sido \$800 para viajar a SWRAASA, viajes de \$105 a la Asamblea de septiembre y \$182 para gastos del Delegado (gastos de viaje para dar informes del delegado menos contribuciones de distritos).

Necesito informarle sobre de un gran proyecto que el Comité de Servicio Generales ha trabajado durante los últimos 2 años – una “Auditoría de Comunicaciones”. La Junta de Servicios Generales contrató a una empresa consultora para evaluar lo bien que A.A. se comunica internamente y al público. La Junta recibió un informe exhaustivo que incluía varios centenares de páginas de información. La Junta ha publicado una versión resumida de este informe (36 páginas) a los miembros. Puede descargar una copia de este informe del Área 46 sitio web; la “Auditoría de Comunicaciones” puede ser encontrado en la página web del Delegado en nm-aa.org/trusted-servants/delegate/

Tendré mucha información para compartir con los grupos en la Asamblea de diciembre. ¡Espero veros allí!

Su muy agradecida sirviente, Teresa J., Delegada del Área 46

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Alternate Delegate...

The diversity of our Area is well reflected in the service activities that we see. Whether it be in the big city, or the small rural community, or the pueblos out west, or the Spanish speaking community, or whether it be a specific segment of our Fellowship or a segment that cannot get to meetings such as treatment and correctional facilities, when any one, anywhere reaches out for help, Area 46 tries to carry the message of recovery from alcoholism to them. You all should be proud of what you do here in Area 46 for the person who still suffers.

SWRAASA was held October 5, 6, & 7 in Branson, MO. New Mexico had 8 people in attendance, and all our presenters did a wonderful job representing Area 46. Saturday evening at the December Assembly, all those who attended will share our experiences.

The New Mexico AA Service Forum (NMAASF) will be held in 2019. Planning continues. Planning meetings will be

held the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Bernalillo United Methodist Church, 136 Don Andres, Bernalillo, NM 87004 at 7:00 PM.

Every 22 years, the SW Regional Forum comes to Area 46. The last one was in 2001. The next one is in 2023. As with a lot of things in AA, they go slow, and need to be planned early. Area 46 will need to confirm that we will take our turn in the rotation for 2023 at our December Assembly. There are actually a couple of things that need to be accomplished in 2019 if we are going to present our bid in 2020 as required.

District 1 had the Service Structure 101 workshop on November 3rd. For now, it looks as if the last of the Delegate's reports for the 68th Conference are finished – just in time to start working on the 69th Conference agenda.

In Love and Service, Bill L, Alternate Delegate

Chair...

Greetings Area 46, I hope this report finds everyone in good health and Spirits. First off, I would like to do a special shout out to Jay M, who is leaving us for health reasons and moving to Phoenix, Arizona. Jay came to New Mexico from Akron, Ohio. At that time, Area Chair, Theresa F. was looking for someone to become El Farolito Editor. Jay contacted Theresa and became Editor for two years. When Jay rotated out and Jeffrey rotated in, Jay stayed on doing administrative duties.

Thank you Jay, and safe travels. In speaking with you, I

know you will find a way to be of service in Arizona.

Now speaking of El Farolito as I write this report, I do not have a commitment yet for a new editor. Jeffrey rotates out on December 31, 2018. I hope I will have good news at the December Assembly.

Until then, may God Bless You and safe travels, Eloy M

Alternate Chair...

I am excited as I write this. Some of you will have received you El Farolito shortly before leaving for the December Assembly and some of you will be picking up a copy at the Assembly.

I will be traveling with 2 service sponsees and sharing a room. What a great opportunity for a road trip and an opportunity to share our experience, strength and hope with each other. We'll be at the Friday night meeting and up at the crack of dawn for a full day of meetings and fellowship. With careful planning and sharing expenses I feel like I have also been a good steward of the Area Finances. I should come in about \$3.00 under my budget for the year.

I'm hoping to attend as many of the committee meetings as

possible and looking forward to the evening sharing session. Who knows there might be some good ideas for topics to incorporate into our NMAASF scheduled for those fortunate to have attended SWRAASA.

Lastly, I'm excited to find the restaurant that Jim Hollen recommended 2 years ago. I wasn't able to leave the site that year as I was busy typing bids and motion and making copies for Sunday morning. But my friends brought me back a rib eye. The memory lingers.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this amazing fellowship. Rosie F, Alternate Area Chair.

Registrar...

Hello All, The assembly in December is coming up and I am looking forward to it. I sent out the agendas and flyers at the end of October and so I hope all are prepared.

If you are a GSR and have not been receiving information from GSO or not been receiving emails from the area, please shoot me an email so that I can make sure all the information on you is correct.

Expenses: Service Expenses- \$122
Travel to Planning Meetings- \$50
Travel to Assemblies-

Yours in Love and Service, Kurt K.

**January Edition Deadline: Midnight – Saturday
December 15th**

Treasurer...

Greetings! I look forward to seeing you all at the December Assembly. We will be passing the 2019 budget and have tried hard to make it work for 2019.

Income this month included Group contributions and Area planning meeting 7th tradition. This Month we had expenses for the planning meeting with a bulk of our expenses coming from travel to 2018 SWRAASA. Each year our budgeted expenses grow and we are forced to cut down or find ways to fund all the service activities. However, our income does not seem to be growing along with it.

I want to thank all the groups that continue to send in contributions however small or big.

When groups give to Area 46 they are helping support the area in making service work. These activities include workshops in different districts, outreach services, and allowing our trusted servants to travel to places, along with many more.

Please consider giving to the Area if your group does not already. We only exist because of the support from across the state and all the money given is spend to continue to offer services.

It is an honor and privilege to be of service to the groups and districts of Area 46.

All Accounting records are accurate and complete as of 10/31/18 and have been submitted to the Area Chair and Area Finance Chair for review.

In love and service, Ally T, Area 46 treasurer
Treasurer@nm-aa.org

Date(s) - 01/26/2019
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Location

St. Michael's Church

Categories

Following the lead of the recent GSO publication "Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare", Districts 12 & 13 will present a workshop. To quote from the publication, "Safety is an important issue within A.A. — one that all groups and members can address to develop workable solutions and help our meeting safe based on the fundamental principles of the Fellowship." The workshop features Madeleine P (Portland, OR) and panelists, and will conclude with an Ask It Basket. Save the date for this important discussion on Jan. 26, 2019.

Safety in AA Meetings...Workshop

January Edition Deadline: Midnight – Saturday December 15th

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Committee Reports

Cooperation with Professional Community...

Dear AA Friends, about 60 years ago Bill W. spoke about how, when we come into AA we are pretty darn sick people. Many of us need doctors, lawyers and psychiatrists etc., as well as AA. He spoke about how we AAs need to learn to cooperate with the various professionals out there that interact with, treat, and care for us. For years many of us hid from them, lied to them, took advantage of what they had to offer, right? So now, how do we cooperate with them? How do we appreciate their contribution and educate them on what AA is? That is the challenge of CPC, and that is what many of our CPC District Chairs and committees are doing in their districts. If you know a professional you would like informed about AA, and would like assistance, contact your District CPC chair or DCM. Please don't hesitate to contact me for any questions or assistance.

Here are a few things that are happening in our area:

This month our newest CPC chair, Simón, D-14, is out there speaking to a group of doctors in Taos. He's encountering some misconceptions and is finding ways to communicate and educate them on what AA is, and is not.

We attended the Presbyterian Medical Services Board Review

and they continue to be receptive to AA and are open to cooperation at the local community level. They were provided with schedules and AA fact sheets. If you have a PMS clinic in your area and would like help communicating about AA with them, let me know.

D-18 is meeting with the new Sandoval Therapy Center in Rio Rancho about ways we can cooperate together.

Lori P. in D-15 has regularly scheduled meetings with her CPC committee about new ways to get the word out to professionals (doctors, teachers, judges, therapists) in their district.

Martin in D-18 is continuing to work with Santa Ana social services to bring a meeting there on Thursdays at 6:30 at the senior center. Who says service is always easy?

Collaboration between CPC, Corrections, Public Information, Bridge the Gap and Treatment Chairs is so important. They are linked and can support carrying the message well together. Each one can only do so much; together we can do a lot. I look forward to being part of that over this next year.

In grateful service, Sarah F., CPC chair Area 46, cpc@nm-

Finance...

Financially speaking, 2018 has turned out to be a healthy year for Area 46. Our budget for 2018 proved to be sufficient for doing what we needed to do to carry the message of AA. As always, we could have never funded this work without the consistent financial contributions from all the AA groups in the area. I thank you for your service and direction.

Since the September Assembly, I have been fine tuning the 2019 budget. I have communicated with most of the Trusted Servants to get their input regarding expenses and have made changes accordingly. One concern that came up at our assembly planning meeting in October was the expenses for traveling to assemblies. There were some who felt the current amounts need to be increased. As I mentioned in last month's report, there are several factors that can seem to throw these figures off. To get some reality on this, I spent some time charting mileage to possible assembly locations, figuring real life fuel costs, and collecting average lodging costs throughout the state. I crunched all

the figures and found that the average travel costs are all below what we currently budget.

Another issue I have been looking into is our assembly hosting costs. I have a concern that the seed money provided to hosting districts (that is not expected to be returned) isn't covering the full cost of the assembly and the districts are having to cover the shortfall. I'm currently gathering financial information from past assemblies. Along those same lines, I'm also questioning why the 7th tradition collected during the assembly goes to the area treasury and not to the hosting district. I have to wonder where the responsibility lies there...

I have examined the treasurer's report and reconciliation for the month of October and have found it to be in order.

In service, Christoph, Chair Finance Committee

Grapevine/La Vina...

We were asked to set up a Grapevine table at the Traditions Conference, Oct. 27th, ABQ, we did, and sold \$92.00 in Grapevine literature, 1 subscription, & 1 Frente y Frente book; we also attended the Newcomer workshop Nov. 3rd ABQ, and sold \$52.00 of Grapevine Literature, and 1 subscription. We placed an order for 25, 2019 wall calendars, we sold 9, 2019 wall calendars at one AA meeting alone; there's a discount for 25 or more ordered, seems people like the wall calendars much better than the pocket planners.

With our \$144, from the Traditions Conference and Newcomer Workshop combined sales, we will order a couple of One Big Tent books, also which we sold out on, and some other Grapevine literature; we'll continue to place orders no matter how big or how small the order while no postage & handling costs is in effect till, December 31st.

We continue to update district Grapevine Chairs via email. We must admit sometimes, we wonder if anyone receives them, we inquired, and did get a response from 2 GV Reps, so as in any 12th step work, we'll continue doing our job, cause it helps us stay sober.

We have an over stock of 12 Traditions books, 12 traditions CD's, & Young and Sober books left over from events we were invited to attend; if you need any of the overstocked literature let us know.

We're looking forward to the Carlsbad assembly, and want to wish everyone the happiest of Holidays.

Manuel P, Easy does it

Website...

Hello Area 46! We have some exciting news. There has been discussion as to whether or not we should utilize the 12 step meeting guide app. There were some concerns about affiliation with outside enterprises etc.. Well AAWS has purchased the app; and will be integrating it into its' own website and also

licensing the smartphone app. We still need to make a decision officially as to whether or not we wish to publish our meetings in the app. Look for this motion at the assembly.

For the love of service. Jason O.

District Reports

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

The Downtown Group is sponsoring another fund raiser, a Talent Show to benefit the 2019 State Convention. The event will occur in January 2019. An organizational meeting was held this past Saturday at the Friendship Club.

The CPC/PI Committee (Cooperation with the Professional Community/ Public Information) can use help. They have several potential activities and need help to make them happen. If interested, please contact Juliet or Brian at.

Secretary, Treasurer, and Chair positions are available at Central Office.

This year's Gala will be held at Site Santa Fe on December 16th.

District 2 has the following chairs available: Events and Entertainment,

Young People and Bridge the Gap.

Central Office needs volunteers for the 12th List. This will include getting calls from the answering service during the hours of 12:00AM and 6:00.

If there is anyone that requires a sign language interpreter for a meeting or if anyone needs a meeting at a hospital or at home, please call Central Office and leave a message for Kathleen H., the Accessibilities Chair.

If you are interested in corresponding with an inmate, please contact Joost.

Men are needed for County Jail meetings. If interested, please call Joost.

In Service, Fred D.

District 3 Belen, Los Lunas, Socorro...

Happy Holidays from District 3! We hope you have a safe and sober holiday season.

The Cosmopolitan Group October birthdays included:

Karen S. 6 months

Jarrold M. 1 month

Congratulations and keep coming back! We do it one day at a time.

We have a new website committee chair! Thank you, Kerri, for your service! There are still several District 3 committee chair positions that are open. Any District 3 AA member may participate. These openings include:

Archives- Maintain the history of District 3! Organize, Catalogue, Preserve, and let people know about it

CPC-Cooperation with Professional Community – let doctors, lawyers and others know what AA is and what AA does

El Farolito- Write monthly submissions to the newsletter for District 3 from your computer

PI -Public Information – carry the message to schools, libraries, TV, radio, and more

We encourage you to come to the next District 3 meeting and learn more, or ask your GSR. This is a great opportunity to do some very different kinds of service work. The next District 3 meeting is scheduled for Sat, December 8th, hosted by Cosmopolitan Group at the Rio Grande Presbyterian Church, 600 Coors Blvd NW, Abq. 1:30 pm potluck, 2pm meeting. Come see what happens at a District meeting!

In Service, Dusty S.

District 5 Alamogordo, Ruidoso, Carrizozo...

District 5 met last month and will be having its annual holiday gathering in Cloudcroft on Sunday, December 16th at the Red Brick Schoolhouse, 90 Swallow Place, in lieu of a district meeting in December. Doors will open around 11am and the speaker from outside of the district will be at 1pm (to be announced). The party is a potluck and groups are volunteering to bring various items; District 5 will be providing meat. Bring a

side dish or dessert and come join us! Our normal business meeting will resume at Cree Meadows Country Club in Ruidoso on the 3rd Sunday in January.

We hope everyone has a safe and sober holiday and we look forward to seeing you in the next year.

In the Fellowship of the Spirit, Kelsey F.

District 7 Artesia, Roswell...

WOW, Nothing like winter before fall. Boy it got COLD fast.

Celebrating 22 years for Scott B. Congrats from the Early Birds, and 5 years for our GSO, Ron A, from One Day At A Time Group.

District 7 has been fortunate in having a lot more trusted servants come forward. Let's keep it up.

Early Birds has elected new officers. Kirk (Secretary), Barry P

(Treasure), Penny (GSR), William (Alt GSR).

Our Halloween Party was a blast. We wish we would have had more participants, but the food, raffle, costume contestants and speakers, Bob and Windy B from Hobbs were wonderful. Thank you for all who participated in making it a success.

Blessed [Thanksgiving](#) and a Very Blessed [Christmas](#) to all. Gratefully yours in service, Cheryl W, District 7 Elf Rep

District 8 Farmington, Shiprock, Aztec...

Greetings from the Four Corners and District 8,

festivities ringing in the new year on December 31st beginning at 6:00pm with a pot luck dinner and great fellowship.

News from our group conscience and GSRs

The District 8 Annual Christmas Banquet will be held on December 15th at St. Mary's Church. Tickets are available at the door but look for group representatives to have some on hand at meetings throughout the district. Doors will open at 6:00pm with dinner and music following the dinner provided by "Marvin".

The 4th Dimension Group will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 18th following the noon meeting, with the main dish being provided by the group and everyone is asked to bring their favorite side dish or desert. Come and celebrate giving thanks for the miracle of sobriety in our lives.

Come celebrate New Year's Eve at Arid Acres on the La Plata Highway. Everyone is welcome to join in the

Group Highlights:

No news from any of the District 8 groups this month.

Birthdays: Congratulations to all who are celebrating their sobriety.

High Nooners-

Nannaberh: 1yr, Kimberly B.: 1yr, Pat V.: 32 yrs, Guy L.: 37yrs.

Privileged to Serve in Sobriety, Bruce F.

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

Greetings from District 9, **In Memoriam:** The Wings of the Storm is very saddened to have lost 2 members very recently: Dawn M. and Jennifer H. Dawn was a long-time member of our District and has held various service positions. For many years he had been the Bridge the Gap representative, going out of his way, literally sometimes to Phoenix, to help a suffering alcoholic being released from prison or treatment. Dawn was also the person who kept our District phone and connected newcomers to 12-step volunteers and gave out meeting information. Jennifer had also been with our group for several years and made herself useful in a hundred small ways: putting together newcomer packets, keeping our bulletin board legible, decorating for the holidays, cooking for our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas meetings, and most recently was literature chair. They both are sorely missed. May they rest in peace.

Beverly T.,
El Farolito Rep

Sobriety Birthdays:

Laguna Group

Melcolm C. - 2 years on November 12

Zac G. - 1 year on November 11

James J. - 1 year on November 18

Sam V. - 1 year on November 20

Wings of the Storm

Don L. 3 years on October 15

District 10 Hobbs, Carlsbad, Lovington...

The Holidays are here!!! Ready or not! We much take the time to reach out to one another. Show our love and support especially during the holidays.

November brought us the Annual District 10 Gratitude Dinner hosted by Hobbs Original Group in Hobbs. The food was plentiful and delicious. Ralph T. was he speaker and shared his story of experience strength and hope. He did a wonderful job

of inspiring all.

Carlsbad will be hosting The Ara 46 Assembly December 1st and 2nd.

Sending love, hugs and prayers. Kendra

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District 11 West Albuquerque...

Hello Area 46! Many of us are gathering in Carlsbad for the December Assembly. Thank-you, District 10, for inviting us! 'Tis the season of gratitude and giving--Gratitude for our Program and chances to give back.

More service opportunities at District 11: We need a new Treasurer. Thank-you, Andrea, for serving. And we are looking for a new Secretary. Thank-you, Brenda, and good luck pursuing your Master's Degree! Jerry K., D11 Intergroup Rep, reported that Central Office needs more Desk Workers. These rewarding positions offer three hours of training to volunteers with 6 months of sobriety, a home group, and a sponsor.

The GSO Conference Reports are here and available. Always interesting reading! La Posada needs help

with [Tuesday](#) meetings. Newcomers Workshop was a well attended success! The Pink Cans for collecting pocket change are going well. Proceeds will be used to purchase A.A. literature for folks who are incarcerated.

Holidays are coming! Stay safe, stay sober.

D11 meets the [2nd Saturday](#) at Mesa View Church, 4701 Montano. You are always welcome, and you might especially want to come to our next meeting on [December 8](#), one hour EARLIER than usual, at 8:00AM for our Annual Holiday Breakfast Potluck!

Thank-you for helping me stay sober. With love and gratitude, Beth B., D11 El Farolito Rep

District 14 Taos, Red River, Peñasco...

It's a snow day near the deadline for the Elf report so I guess I'll try to get some thoughts down on paper. Recently have heard comments that the Elf reports are "dull, boring, and glum." Is anyone out there reading this? Suggestions on how to spice up the report would be greatly appreciated. Personally, since I'm a bit of a service junkie, I don't agree with that idea. Service work is being willing to unlock the door, extend a hand or hug, listen, share, and compromise. I guess that's not exciting but sure brings peace and satisfaction.

Our district will host its annual Christmas Day dinner and plans are in the works for a mini-alkathon for New Year's Eve. Since this is being written before the Thanksgiving Dinner, I

can only predict that it was well attended and that the message of recovery was passed on (based on previous years of experience).

This December is the half way mark of our rotation. It's gratifying to see the progress made on the PI, Literature, Corrections, and CPC committees and the chair-people's growth. Thanks to the treasurer, our District now has a budget in place to encourage the committee chairs to explore and take action.

Blessings as you go through this month- consider gifting yourself with service!
Ellen R, DCM

District 16 Bayard, Columbus, Deming, Silver City ...

Hey there from District 16!! The Bayard Group is having its annual holiday celebration [December 10th 2018](#) at the Bayard Community Center. The Bayard Group will provide the main course and paper goods. The celebration will start at 5:00 pm followed by an open speaker meeting, Paula S is the speaker! Bring a dish.

The next District 16 business meeting will be in Columbus sponsored by Columbus Group [December 8th, 2018](#) at 10:30 at

100 East North Boundry. Lunch at Pink Store, after meeting (valid Driver's License to cross border).

The LCOP is hosting a Christmas party [December 22, 2018](#) at 206 W Pine, starts at 12:00 food at 12:30, Speaker meeting, use back door.

Grateful to be of service, Erma L

District 18 Rio Rancho, Bernalillo, Placitas, San Felipe & Jemez Pueblos ...

Greetings from D-18. The November meeting was well attended. The Many Paths to Spirituality can be a Fun workshop; it was a success! Many thanks to all who attended and helped out.

D-18 is hosting the Service Forum in 2019, and there are many opportunities for service work. The planning committee meets at 7 pm every 3rd Thurs of the month at the United Methodist Church in Bernalillo. Please attend if interested or contact Jeff B. or Bill L.

GSRs mostly reported meetings are going well. Michelle said the date for the Children of Chaos' annual Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner will be 3/16/19. Dan from the Phoenix Group reported they have a speaker meeting on Weds at 6pm at the Mesa Club. Mike D said the Jemez Springs group has been reading

from the Grape Vine Books like Emotional Sobriety II and it has been going well.

*****Wanted members to carry the message into the Sandoval County Detention Center*****

Please contact Clarence P. for more information or to join the D-18 Corrections committee. Needed men's and women's volunteer coordinators and volunteers. We are responsible...

Our next district meeting will be held on December 8th, 2018 at United Methodist Church, 136 W. Calle Don Andres, Bernalillo, NM 87004 at 10:30am (snacks provided).

Susan D., District 18 ELF Rep.

El Farolito...

It has been a great time in my life. Attending my home group meetings, La Buena Vida Group, 6pm, San Pedro Community Center, Espanola, though less than desired. Putting together this newsletter has been an honor. Working at a recovery center since April, has given me contact with hundreds of future AA members, though myself over worked.

Working with Jay has been comforting, organized to the hilt and wise. Our friends at Cloudbridge Printing have shown us quality printing at ABQ prices. Beth B. has been wonderful. Mailing our newsletter and attending last minute mailing parties. Thanks to the Heights Club for let-

ting us use their facility many times. Susan D has helped on a regular basis to find groups and districts to sponsor mailing parties.

If you are reading this, you probably have given or have started to give a large portion of time and love to helping alcoholics. Your quality of sobriety is now less rated by how often you have a meltdown . Rather, you might have so little time for that, as God is working in your life.

Love, Jeffrey H.

Safety in AA Workshop

Saint Michael's Church, Albuquerque, 2pm to 6pm, January 26, 2019

Following the lead of the recent GSO publication "Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare", Districts 12 & 13 will present a workshop. To quote from the publication, "Safety is an important issue within A.A. — one that all groups and members can address to develop workable solutions and help our meeting safe based on the fundamental principles of the Fellowship." The workshop features Madeleine P (Portland, OR) and panelists, and will conclude with an Ask It Basket. Save the date for this important discussion on Jan. 26, 2019.

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