



EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

Taos Assembly A Great Success

Delegate

Hello Everyone,

Thank you District 14 for your warm hospitality at our March Assembly. I'm always overwhelmed by the love and commitment each of you show at our Area Assemblies. This small fraction of AA's representing the whole of Area 46 confirms that the message of hope is alive in New Mexico and I am very grateful to have each of you in my life.

The pre-conference Assembly, organized by the ad-hoc Assembly Development and Fun Committee, allowed me to feel the pulse of the Area on the General Service Conference agenda items. I realize that not much time was allowed for review of the agenda topics and background material. The short span between when I received the material from GSO and it was distributed to the Area member's left little time for review. I'm learning from the experience and, with input from you and the Committee, I hope next year will be a bit smoother. The Saturday night Sharing Session was one of the most heavily attended in recent memory! The Sharing Session gave everyone another look at the agenda material. I hope that the Assembly was as informative for everyone as it was for me. I think I am a much better prepared Delegate for it.

The weekend after the Assembly I, and our Alternate Delegate Teresa, traveled to the Southwest Regional Delegates Assembly (SWRDA) in Oklahoma City. There we met with current Delegates, Alternates, Past Delegates and current and past SW Region Trustees. It was an incredible opportunity to hear of so many experiences at the General Service Conference. On Saturday we participated in a mock Conference. Each in-coming Delegate was given an agenda item from a previous conference. The items were discussed in "committee" and reported to the assembly much as it happens at the Conference.

As soon as I return from the Conference I will have my Delegate's report ready to present to the Districts in Area 46. DCMs please let me know a good time to present my report to your District. Think about combining with other Districts to help me with scheduling with individual Districts.

I'm just starting on my journey as Delegate and your overwhelming support humbles me. Thank you. As always my contact information is in this *El Farolito*. Call me - We'll have coffee. - Jim H.

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Delegado Informe

Hola a Todos:

Quiero dar las gracias al Distrito 14 por su cálida hospitalidad en nuestra Asamblea de marzo. Siempre me siento abrumado por el amor y compromiso que cada uno de ustedes demuestra en nuestras asambleas de área. Esta pequeña fracción de AA que representa la totalidad del Área 46 confirma que el mensaje de la esperanza está vivo en Nuevo México y estoy muy agradecido de tenerlos a cada uno de ustedes en mi vida.

La pre-conferencia de la Asamblea, organizada por el Comité Temporal ("Ad Hoc") de Desa-

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rollo y Diversión de la Asamblea, me permitió percibir el estado de ánimo del Área relacionado a los temas de la agenda de la Conferencia de Servicios Generales. Me doy cuenta de que no se permitió el tiempo suficiente para revisar los temas de la agenda y el material sobre los antecedentes. El corto lapso desde cuando recibí el material de GSO hasta que fue distribuido a los miembros dejó poco tiempo para revisarlo. Estoy aprendiendo de la experiencia y, con el aporte de ustedes y el Comité espero que, durante el próximo año, el proceso resulte menos complicado. ¡La Sesión de Compartimiento de la noche del sábado fue una de las que contó con más asistencia de miembros, hasta el momento! El Compartimiento de la Sesión permitió que cada uno pudiera ver otra vez el material de la agenda. Espero que la Asamblea fuera tan informativa para todos como lo fue para mí. Creo que soy un Delegado mejor, y más preparado, gracias a ella.

El fin de semana después de la Asamblea, nuestra Delegada Suplente Teresa y yo viajamos a la Asamblea Regional del Sudoeste de Delegados (SWRDA) en Oklahoma City. Allí nos reunimos con los Delegados Actuales, Suplentes, Delegados Antiguos, Actuales y Custodios Regionales de la Región Suroeste.

Fue una oportunidad increíble el oír tantas experiencias en la Conferencia de Servicios Generales. El sábado participamos en un simulacro de la Conferencia. Dieron a cada Delegado actual un tema de una conferencia anterior. Los temas fueron discutidos en "comité" y se informaron a la asamblea, tal como sucede en la Conferencia.

Tan pronto como regrese de la Conferencia tendré preparado mi informe de Delegado para presentarlo a los Distritos del Área 46. M.C.D.'s: favor de dejarme saber cuándo será un buen momento para que yo le presente mi informe a sus distritos. Piensen en combinarse con otros Distritos y eso me ayudará a preparar mi horario con los Distritos individuales.

Estoy comenzando mi jornada de aprendizaje como delegado y el apoyo contundente de ustedes me hace más humilde. *Gracias.*

Como siempre, mi información de contacto está en El Farolito. Llámenme. Nos tomaremos un café.
Jim H.

Chair

When brimming with gratitude, one's heartbeat must surely result in outgoing love, . . . (As Bill Sees It, p. 37).

After every Area assembly I invariably find myself profoundly grateful for having received the gift of sobriety and overflowing with love for my fellow alcoholics, those who also have been blessed with sobriety and those who are still out there desperate for hope.

Thank you, to all of the AA members, GSRs, DCMs, Area committee chairs, officers and delegates who made the Assembly in Taos so productive and fun. A very special thank you to District 14 for hosting the assembly – due to your hard work and great planning the assembly ran as smooth as a Southern drawl.

On March 13th, Michelle B., the Area archives committee chair, Eloy and I attended the District 9 business meeting in Gallup. Michelle gave District 9 some information about how the Area can support their District as they work to preserve their history. Eloy and I got to know District 9 and its trusted servants a little better. What an active and vibrant bunch of sober alcoholics! Thank you District 9 for welcoming us – it was great to see you all again!

While it's not usually the job of the Area chair and alternate chair to visit the Districts, Eloy and I are planning to visit as many of the Districts as we can during this rotation in order to get to know you all better. But don't worry, we'll give you fair warning before we show up on your doorstep.

I just love being of service, so if you have questions, need help or support, please don't hesitate to call or drop me an email.

Your grateful servant, Teresa J.

Trusted Servants Reports

Alternate Chair

First off I would like to thank District 14 for hosting our March Assembly at Taos. You did a good job and it was a great venue to have it at. It was a pleasure seeing a lot of old friends and meeting new ones. The first assembly of Panel 66 is done and I think it went off without a hitch. I was only able to attend one committee meeting at this assembly but I hope to attend more in September. I did manage to attend the DCM meeting as Teresa J. and I will try to rotate attending the DCM meetings so we can serve the Districts better. Teresa and I will try to get to all the Districts to see where we can be of service. DCMs if you would like us to come and visit, maybe your considering hosting a Convention or Assembly and would like a little help and that is what we're here for. Even a workshop gives a call.

Tradition Four -Every group manages its own affairs as it pleases except when AA as a whole is threatened. Yours in Service, Eloy M

Registrar

We had over 200 people register at the March Assembly. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated, attendance was up from a recent normal of around 150 – 160 people at assemblies. I hope that the enthusiasm shown here at the beginning of the rotation continues. Welcome to all of the new people in service, we are glad you are here.

Late in February, the directory information was downloaded from the National Database, and our Area 46 Directory was created, both in English and in Spanish. Electronic copies were distributed at the beginning of March to those requesting an electronic copy. Those requesting a CD version or a paper copy had their copies delivered at the Assembly on March 5th.

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

The rest of March was dedicated to reviewing the registration forms from the assembly, and updating the database with new information received at the March Assembly.

If you are a new GSR, or if you start a new group, 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

Secretary

What an amazing, exciting, energetic Assembly we just finished. I have the luxury of enjoying a few days after the Assembly at a friend's home here in Taos so I'm typing all my reports looking out at the snow capped mountains and tonight I will venture into town for a women's meeting. No TV, no internet, no distractions just a few days alone for reflection before returning to the "real" world and submitting all these reports. What a gift.

We sold out of the English AIPs I brought with me. I thought 100 would be sufficient. I ended up giving someone my personal copy and will be mailing two. Luckily, I have a bunch in my storage unit. If you didn't get one and you need it send me an email secretary@nm-aa.org and I'll arrange for you to get it and I will bring a supply to the Convention and the next Assembly planning meeting.

I want to thank everyone who helped me through this first Assembly. Camille, a new GSR from D2, got to do Area service on Sunday morning by passing out the bid slips, Michelle B for the loan of her mini paper cutter so I didn't have to use scissors to cut up those tiny strips of paper, Ellen R for showing me one more time how to work the recorder, Dylan for

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bringing me water on Sunday morning so I could take my antibiotics on schedule, Teresa and Marsha for coaching on the Sobriety Countdown and to all of you for love and hugs and enthusiasm for this program. (and the incredible baked goods) I can guarantee you that I would not have noticed or appreciated these small gifts when I was drinking.

Expenses: Travel and lodging for the Assembly \$125.24, printer ink and paper \$33.99 and printing of Spanish AFI \$126.18. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service and I will see all of you soon but until then keep on trudgin'. Rosie F Area 46 Secretary

Treasurer

Here is the most current Area 46 bank balance as of March 18th, 2016:

We had Area Assembly Traveling and supply costs totaling \$3,775.74. We also paid out \$1,150 for travel expenses for our Alt. Delegate and Delegate to SWRDA in Oklahoma City.

We collected a total of \$880.35 from the 7th Tradition at the Taos Assembly; \$125.50 from AIP sales and 7th Tradition groups totaled \$1,643.23 for the period of 3-3-16 to 3-18-16. Next month I will give a quarterly treasurer's report with group donations YTD, etc. Thank all who contributed. Keep sending your donations. Grateful servant, John T.

HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING OR EVENT?

WHILE WE MAY NOT HAVE ROOM IN THE PRINT VERSION

WE ABSOULTELY HAVE ROOM IN THE WEB VERSION

EL FAROLITO,

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are gratefully accepted. elfarolito@nm-aa.org*

Service Committee Reports

Archives Committee

The Area Assembly in Taos was fabulous! There were 25 attendees from 11 districts at the archives meeting on Saturday. Thanks to all who attended, whether by intent or invitation. I appreciated you all.

We discussed the Conference Agenda Topic of how to encourage more group histories. One suggestion provided by Jay's time in Akron was to make a list of the 10 oldest groups in the Area. (stay tuned...)

One person asked why we need the group histories. We discussed the importance of having a record for when we are no longer here. Some also suggest I could email all the registered GSRs, requesting a group history.

Next I asked, "Do you have a plan?" I shared my plan, and Olivia's, Area Archivist, to take the oral history of an old-timers in the next few weeks.

"Do you have the necessary resources?" I had copied an article by the first archivist at GSO, Nell Wing, and a group history guideline from Area 58, Salem, Oregon. I also had extra copies of the items from GSO. I was asked for the workbook in Spanish. I wasn't aware of the need, but will track down asap.

I asked each archives chair to set a goal for the next three months, such as one group history and one long-timer every other month. I also suggested they ask friends or sponsees to join their committee.

One person asked if I'd attend the group's celebration of old-times meeting in Hobbs. Another asked if I could present the AA myths. I would be thrilled to go to any district for an archives workshop, presentation or discuss. Just contact me and we can set a date!

I have continued working on the archive files located at Central Office in Albuquerque with Olivia. If you want to know if your group history is on file, please let me know.

My expenditures for filing supplies was \$124.19 and travel of \$100. Thank you for allowing me to be of service – Michelle B

BiLingual Committee

En la junta del Comité Bilingüe asistieron 15 personas incluyendo dos Delegados Pasados.

Se distribuyó una hoja con cinco preguntas. Estas preguntas abarcaron el por qué existe un Comité Bilingüe y sus funciones.

A raíz de las repuestas a estas preguntas se formó un Sub-Comité de tres personas.

En la Asamblea en septiembre, 2016 se hará una prepueta acerca de un Libro De Trabajo/Páginas Amarillas como los Libros De Trabajo de otros Comités, y sus Páginas Amarillas para los Coordinadores del Comité Bilingüe.

Gracia, respetuosamente Sometido por Ana G., con Cariño y Amor al Servicio

Coordinadora del Comité Bilingüe.

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In the meeting of the Bilingual Committee 15 persons attended including two Past Delegates. A sheet was distributed with five questions.

These questions covered why there is a Bilingual Committee and its functions. A Sub-Committee of three people was formed as a result of the answers to these questions.

At the Assembly in September, 2016 a proposal shall be made for GSO to create Guide Lines/Workbook for the Bilingual Committee Chairperson. The Guide Lines/Workbook will be similar to the ones other Area Committee Chair Persons receive from G.S.O.

Thank you, respectfully submitted by Ana G., with affection and love for Service, Bilingual Chair

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Bridge the Gap Committee

We had an amazing committee meeting in Taos, a huge thanks to all who joined! We had over 40 people in attendance! We started out with a brief history of why BTG is important and what we do as a member of AA when we reach out to newcomers. We also discussed explaining to the patients or inmates why they are filling out the cards and what BTG is and what we do, it is important that they know why we are asking for their information.

A question about the suggested sobriety time was brought up about being on the BTG contact list, which is a very good question. My suggestion to all the chairs was to use your judgment, we want to spread the message not the mess. I am very grateful that I was given the opportunity to do service at early sobriety.

I would like to say a special thank you to District 6 BTG Chair Caroline for telling me about the International BTG Conference, I love this Committee and how AA as a whole is the same anywhere we go. Also anyone who emailed me and didn't receive a response, webmail was down for a little bit and I didn't receive some of the emails. Please resend them, I promise I am not ignoring you! If your district would like the BTG card template let me know and I will email it to you!

We ended the meeting with a discussion on trying to put together a BTG workbook similar to the one that Corrections and Treatment has. It would be very helpful for our committee to have a tool like that. This would be something that our Delegate could take back with him and maybe bring to New York for the future!

BTG committee spent \$75.54 out of it's \$80.00 supplies budget getting cards made. I should be good for the year! Please let me know what I can do for you! I am here to serve! In Love and Service, Nicole R.

CPC Committee

The pre-conference assembly was unique in that we had several agenda topic items to discuss through out all the committees. At the CPC committee meeting we had 22 people with 10 districts represented. Opened with the serenity prayer and introductions. We broke out into four groups with a different agenda topic each. Group #1's topic was "Three talks to the medical society by Bill W." Proposed to retire the pamphlet due to the length and it being outdated and suggested they archive it.

Group #2 had the pamphlet "If you are a professional". Proposed text was voted against due to it being redundant to text already in the pamphlet. Suggesting an # at the bottom of the page to refer to the pamphlet "The AA member medication and other drugs" Group #3 took the pamphlet "Is there an alcoholic in the work place". Adding the text suggested was agreed on, making availability of AA resources known. Group #4 discussed the pamphlet "How AA members cooperate with the professionals". The text to be added to the pamphlet was voted unanimously for in the two areas they were able to discuss. We did not have enough time to cover all the topics with this group. We discussed whether AA members should take as prescribed by their doctors, and the conscience was yes.

In the meeting was presented the outline for the court classes District 8 has been doing for 3 years. Hoping for some feedback and possibly doing some workshops on this topic. Finding avenues into the court system can be difficult, yet possible if we just keep trudging along. I am looking forward to meeting with a group of professionals in Albuquerque, name, date, time and place will be announced when the details are worked out. If your district would like to put on a work shop please let me know!! Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Mikel W.

\$175 to report for travel expenses to assembly. \$20 to planning meeting. \$195 total. How can I best serve you ??

Birthdays: District 8: Daybreak Group Annette M. 19 years - Rick G. 28 years - Hi-Nooners Group Roger H. 20 years

District 9: From Spiritual Awakenings in Fort Defiance, AZ: Cindy D. with 28 years on March 25 - Kelly B with 2 years on March 28th - Myron E. with 25 years on February 25th...From Wings of the Storm in Gallup: Chet with 33 years on March 15 - Maria with 11 years on March 19th

Service Committee Reports

Corrections Committee

The March Assembly in Taos was fabulous, thank you Dist. 14.

Area 46 has a strong and active Correction Committee and I feel blessed to be a small part of a great whole. At the meeting there were 36 members representing 10 Districts. I asked for a show of hands and was impressed to learn that two thirds of the members in the room were actively carrying meetings into jails or prisons.

There is a need for books to be taken in, old Grapevines are perfect and free. Your group or district may take up a collection and the Correction Committee has some money. Let me know if you need help with books or how to get them in.

Training for volunteers for the NM Dept. of Corrections was held in Albuquerque and in Hobbs on Saturday March 12th. I attended the one in Hobbs where we meet the new warden. It was well attended and hopefully we will have some new volunteers coming with us soon. The state training must be attended if you are to be approved to go into a state prison. Each jail has it's own policy. If you have any questions or any problems getting in please contact me by phone or email. I have a good relationship with the local Chaplin here in Hobbs and some what of a connection with the new state Chaplin.

March was a Pre-Conference Assembly. Through out the Assembly we focused on trying to give our Delegate to the General Service Conference in New York a general feeling of the memberships views of the numerous topics he will be looking at in April. I feel this was a great ideal and that we are blessed, each of us being a small part of a great whole.

If you have any questions, requests for a workshop or need help getting into a prison or jail please call or email.

David D. Corrections Chair Area 46

**May Issue Deadline:
Midnight - Friday, April 22nd**

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Grapevine Committee

I would like to thank all who attended the area assembly in Taos this March. It was a very busy and successful weekend. Along with area Grapevine business we discussed items going to New York with our Delegate.

Out of the 3 topics given we chose item B: 4 books are in consideration for publication. The books in review are: 1. Young and Sober II 2. Atheist and Agnostics in AA. 3. Step 4 And 5 4. Beginners II. Out of the 4 books, the Atheist and Agnostic in AA was the major focus of discussion. Background information supports the idea that this publication is needed and important to reach out to an increasing membership in this area. The committee agreed that all books mentioned would be a nice addition to the GV collection, but the Atheist and Agnostic should be the main focus for approval.

On to area 46 topics; the first item I wanted to get feedback on, was having a "Writing for the Grapevine" workshop. The response was all in favor for this project. I will move forward on getting as many districts as possible to get involved, and finding a facility. More information will be available as things come together. Ideas were tossed around as to how to get more exposure and involvement in promoting the GV. I encouraged those in attendance to take what they have learned and share this with their home groups and districts. Other ideas for their groups are: take pictures of room of their home group, submit jokes, stories, give a grapevine to newcomers. I reminded everyone that enthusiasm is a key to creating involvement.

Being a GVR is a great way to increasing your growth in sobriety and service work. Hope to hear from anyone who would like to get involved or just want to know more. Please e-mail me or call for any GV needs.

Gratitude in service, Alice M 505-362-4032

Finance Committee

This Assembly was the first time Area 46 has ever held a pre-Conference Assembly; it was an awesome experience! The purpose was two-fold; to assist our Delegate when he goes to New York and to get an idea of what it feels like to be assigned to a committee instead of choosing a committee. There were about 30 people at the Finance Committee – which is a very good turn-out. I think it gave all who attended some idea of what the Finance Committee actually does in the Area.

One of the Agenda topics we discussed was whether the Delegate's fee should be raised. We couldn't come to a consensus because there were no guidelines as to the amount it should be increased. The required delegate fee is currently \$1,600, which the Area pays in full. Additionally, we send the overage from the State Convention to help defray the total expenses of the Conference. This year our total contribution to GSO for the delegate was \$2067. We had quite a lively discussion about the total cost of the 2016 Conference and why the fees keep going up.

As part of our regular committee business we are exploring ways to pay expenses like the Website fees without having to use a personal credit card. We are also looking at adjusting down the prudent reserve and will present our findings at the September Assembly.

Finally, I want to thank the members of the committee that have attended the meetings in the past and continue to do so. I appreciate all of you and your patience as I learn the ropes in this new position. Huge thanks also to the past delegates who continue to help with Finance and correct me with love and patience.

In grateful service, Ruth G., Finance Chair

Birthdays: El Centro Group: Michael S. - 15 years - Group 63 Birthday: Billy J. 3-11-14 2yrs, Nick G. 3-13-15 1yr, Casey B. 3-19-14 2yrs, Jim L. 3-12-15 1yr, James E. 3-10-15 1yr and Henry G. 3-10-16 24hrs

The One Step at a Time Group in Rio Rancho, District 18: Pauline C., April 2, 1999 17 years sober.

Serenity Group/ Alamogordo: Vick 18 Years - Susie 18 Years - Bob M 7 Years - Tommy P 5 Years - Heidi S. 2 Years
Cory F 2 Years - Daniel G 1 Year

Service Committee Reports

Public Information Committee

We talked about the KOB Health and Wellness Fair on Jan. 23 & 24. The first thing we ran out of besides schedules was the “Problems Other than Alcohol” pamphlets. We talked about what we could do to direct people to NA for help with drug related problems. It was decided that giving a telephone number would not indicate an affiliation with NA.

General Service Conference items: Comprehensive Media Plan – making use of google, twitter, and linked-in in PI and CPC work. We decided that we agreed with the need for social media guideline and a plan for their use and decided that we should pursue the use of social media as long as all concerns about following our traditions were evaluated.

Review PSA Doors distribution and tracking information. Committee liked the “Doors” PSA. We asked the question, “How does Centralized distribution affect remote communities?”

Review the 2012 Policy on Actors Portraying AA members in AA Produced Media. Agreed with policy as it stands but suggested that actors should not be recognizable.

Review the contents of the PI Workbook and Media Kit. No changes were deemed necessary. Several other items were looked at but we had insufficient time to make any recommendations on them. Yours in Service, Mike D. PI Chair

Special Needs Committee

Another great Area Assembly! Thanks to my fellow members here in District 14 for hosting the Assembly. We had 15 members attend the committee meeting and begin with some history on how the Special Needs Committee became a standing committee and thanked the Ad Hoc Committee for their service in making the committee a reality.

In February, all DCMs were emailed the Special Needs Toolkit for review and to be used as a resource guide. Other members can download the toolkit and inventory sheets from the NM AA website, on the Special Needs page. It's suggested that each District and Group complete the Special Needs Inventories. This would help assess how well special needs are being addressed. Other pertinent questions came up and how can we address them:

What happens if someone is deaf and needs an interpreter is not allowed in a closed meeting?

What if a deaf member would like the district to pay for an interpreter and the district cannot afford to pay?

What if someone in a wheel chair cannot attend a meeting because the building is not ADA compliant?

The purpose of these questions are not intended to stir up controversy; is merely provides Districts and Groups the opportunity to discuss and seek solutions in efforts to ensure access to a meeting.

Special Needs Goals for 2016:

Provide technical assistance to Districts and Groups

Participate in District workshops

Encourage each District and Group to complete the Special Needs Inventory and share with the Area

We were short on time with regards to Pre Conference Questions; however, a handout was giving in efforts to obtain input from members which will be forward to our Delegate. The questions will be posted on the NM AA website.

I am looking forward to serving the Area and grateful for the support by Marcus B. in the Hobbs and George M. from Gallup. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

In the Spirit of Service, Lawrence M.

Treatment Committee

This is the first report from the Treatment committee after the Assembly in Taos. First I would like to thank everyone that attended the Treatment Committee meeting. We had a large gathering with over 40 people in attendance. To start the meeting we updated the list of facilities around the state and the list of people interested in working on the committee or wanting to stay updated on treatment related news.

Before moving into the sharing session we had introductions and I was very encouraged with the number of people taking meetings into the facilities around the state. All the Area committees were presented with topics to discuss at our meetings that would be on the agenda at the General Service conference. The main topic we discussed at the Treatment meeting was removing the terminology "Special Needs" from the Treatment/Special Needs Committee literature. This was also discussed at the evening sharing session.

After a very good exchange of opinions on the "Special Needs" subject we answered a few questions on dealing with discussions on the of topic of drug use at treatment facilities and using that as an opportunity to present ideas on "Singleness of Purpose" and the awareness that sobriety has to include sobriety from drugs and alcohol. Another person in the meeting brought up the topic of language. It was pointed out that people taking meetings into treatment facilities are representing AA and that we can express our ideas while being respectful of the clients and the facilities that allow us to take meeting in to their clients.

I would like everyone to please take a look at the list of treatment facilities on the New Mexico AA website <http://www.nm-aa.org>. If you have any information on new facilities, facilities wanting AA to take meetings in, or any meetings that are no longer active drop me an email at "treatment@nm-aa.org" so I can update the list. If you would like any information on treatment or help with workshops etc. please contact me anytime.

In Service, Paul P. Treatment Chair

Web Committee Report

"Let us remember that great legion who still suffer from alcoholism and who are still without hope. Let us, at any cost or sacrifice, so improve our communication with all these that they may find what we have found - a new life of freedom under God." AA Co-Founder, Bill W., 1961

It was wonderful seeing you all at the March assembly in Taos. Thank you District 14 for hosting! The website committee had 20 people at its committee meeting in Taos. We spent most of our time discussing the committees conference agenda topics. We shared experience and were able to provide the delegate with the committee's recommendations.

The Nm-aa.org website is functioning well. We are averaging about 4500 visitors a month which is nearly double what it was a couple some months ago when the new website launched!

I wanted to welcome all the district website reps and members of the web committee. If you are in a district that does not have a web rep, I would encourage you to consider creating a service opportunity.

The goals for the next 6 months are to:

- Continue to make the meetings database as accurate and up to date as possible

- How can you all help? email me meeting changes for your district so we can get more accurate information for those coming to our website.

- Improve accessibility for all visitors and translate more documents for the Spanish speaking community. Having trouble locating something? Send me an email.

- Develop a system for large files to eliminate any issues sending large attachments via email

I recognize that some of you may have questions and need help with things like email and editing committee pages. Please

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Service Committee Reports

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don't hesitate to ask if you have any issues at all with the website. I want to make your job as smooth as possible so I am personally committed to helping you or if it is beyond my scope getting you any help with technical issues along the way.

In love and Service, Ally T. Webchair webchair@nm-aa.org Expenses: Travel to Assemblies: \$110.56. Website Hosting Fees: \$160.88...Total travel & Website: \$271.44

YPAA Committee Report

Thank you for all of your support, and special thanks to all who attended the YPAA committee meeting at the area assembly in Taos. At the meeting we discussed the current projects of the committee including: Second Annual 3 Legacies Workshop, Video Project, Camping trip, AA-athlon, organizing activities at the state convention, and developing Saturday evening activities at area assemblies.

This assembly the Committee developed and distributed a sobriety scavenger hunt to fill out during the dessert potluck. The committee was asked their opinion on having members attend our frequent meetings in Albuquerque via online video call. There was a group consensus that members of the committee should be allowed to attend and vote at committee meetings in Albuquerque via video call. There was also discussion about the committee taking on a project to make a pamphlet / workshop / power point explaining guidelines to maintaining anonymity on social media. The group's consensus was that it would be a big project, but a great opportunity for the committee.

Our next meeting will be held March 29th at Fiestas restaurant in Albuquerque, please join us. If you would like to join via video call, or if you have experience with the different video call platforms and would like help please contact me.

God Bless, Mike L.

DCM Report

There were 15 DCM's in attendance. We began by going around the room with introductions and everyone shared briefly about what was going on in their district. There were of course a wide range of experiences shared particularly in regards to district participation. Some shared that their district meetings have a lot of member participation with a lot of service experience, while others shared there was little participation and experience. The need to follow Traditions came up, particularly Tradition 5 in regards to our primary purpose. We also discussed our responsibility to maintain a safe environment at our meetings in order to allow everyone to participate and contribute the best way they can. Finally, we recognized that there exists a possible need to encourage our groups to take ownership of their AA service structure; that their District, their Area, and their trusted servants exist to serve them. In other words, we can let folks know that "You can help me to do service for you." In Service, Christoph E. DCM D14

Isleta Group - Sobriety Birthdays

Phillip 30 days - Jimmy 60 days - Bob 1 year - Mike 2 years - Ralph 28 years - Roselle 35 years - Florieno 42 years

ISLETA GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS: -Memorial Day Picnic : Sunday May 30, 2016 (after the noon meeting)
Food, Music and Fun

ARID Ruidoso NM: Fred G. 02-09-80 36yrs. - Priscilla 02-01-86 30yrs. - Gene C. 02-17-86 30yrs. -
Jake W, 02-27-87 29yrs. - Gretchen 02-25-88 28yrs. - Doris 02-14-97 19yrs. - Bryan 02-19-87 19yrs. -
Walt 02-05-03 13yrs. - Estaban 02-07-03 13yrs.

Ad Hoc Assembly Development & FNN Raising Committee

Judging from the 86 evaluations which were returned to us following the March Assembly, our Area's first pre-conference adventure was a huge success! Our committee thanks all of you who took the time to respond to our questionnaire as this will greatly help us in preparing for the Pre-conference in 2017. While we are still reviewing your narrative comments, we can highlight some of the answers which have been quantified.

60% of those responding to our questionnaire were GSRs, 15 % were DCMs, 7% were visiting AA's. 47% of all respondents had had an opportunity to discuss the Conference Topics before the assembly.

All attendees were invited to attend a specific committee meeting at the assembly. 49% of respondents attended that meeting, 51% did not. 63% of those responding rated the discussion in their committee meetings "very valuable". 69% found the Saturday night Sharing Session "very valuable". The Sunday morning committee reports were rated "very helpful" by 73% of responders.

Regarding the GSR Sharing session, 45% reported their group provided feedback to the Delegate. 94% felt they now have a better understanding of the General Service Conference, 98% better understood the agenda topics, and 95% better understood the purpose of a pre-conference assembly.

While the standing committees were discussing conference agenda topics, 23 people were meeting with the Assembly Development Committee to contemplate ideas for future assemblies. Most people supported our proposal to increase service learning opportunities, but felt that our assembly agenda is currently very full. They were, however, willing to consider such things as arriving at the assembly early on the Friday before or staying after the conclusion of the assembly on Sunday, adding a workshop to the state convention, or scheduling a separate event in order to support a service workshop.

More will be revealed as the committee ponders these topics. If you have an idea or would like your feelings to be known, please email us at dandfr@nm-aa.org.

In grateful service, Jaclyn S., Ad Hoc Committee Chair

District Reports

District 2 - Santa Fe

We at District 2 thoroughly enjoyed the spring assembly in Taos. Getting together in service and fellowship to carry on the business of AA is always inspiring.

At our last district meeting, we had a visit from David, Kenny and Jeffrey from District 15. They discussed the upcoming 2016 state convention at Ghost Ranch in June. New auction items such as paintings, art, jewelry, books, sports memorabilia, etc. are still needed. Contact David to donate your items at: dleyba@santafe.nm.gov

In other news, Joost, our Alt DCM, is working on creating a workshop around the 7th tradition along with working with Sarah to create an upcoming sponsorship workshop. Stay tuned for more info.

In love and service, Analee

District Reports

District 3 - Belen, Los Lunas, Socorro

Greetings, from District 3. We held our March District meeting and we would like to thank Michelle B. – our Area 46 Archives Chairperson for her visit and sharing her information on Archives with us. She had copies of some “guidelines” that our groups could follow to record our group’s histories. Having her visit our district meeting was a good reminder to do this since we have quite a few groups who have been around for 20+ years and counting. We have a group in Socorro that has been together for over 30+ years actually. We also have new groups that have formed and they would also benefit from recording information about their groups as well.

On the District front: We have quite a few District Trusted Servants who are really active in their new positions. It’s really nice to see and hear about their new ideas and how they’re keeping the ball rolling. Having these kinds of dedicated people really is a big part of carrying the message of AA; especially to future new-comers. We really need to thank these people, whether it’s at the District level, the Area level, or the group level. These volunteers (past and present) are the core of the fellowship that makes it all work. If there’s anyone out there who is thinking about service work, I’m sure that that some of the committees could use a hand, somewhere. Please think about it, and when you are ready, let your GSR know that you’re willing to help. Thank you!

There was some very good reports about the March Assembly, from our district members who attended. And even though this was a little different from other Assemblies, all in all, it sounded like it was a good experience. There was one member who actually said that they were “fired up” for service work now, so congratulations to the Area for pulling this all together! I’m sure Jim is happy with the results also. Congratulations, again.

In closing, as a reminder, our April District 3 meeting will be held on Saturday, April 9th – hosted by the Rio Amigos Group in Belen, at the Belen Community Center.

In Service and Gratitude, Carmen O. – District 3 El Farolito Rep

District 5 - Alamogordo, Ruidoso

I just wanted to tell everyone about some really awesome upcoming events happening in our area. First off, Fellowship, Recovery, Experience, Strength and Hope or F.R.E.S.H. group will be having a fund raiser/speaker marathon on April, 16 2016 at group 63 here in Alamogordo at 850 Wright Ave. They will be taking donations for plates of food, most likely brisket and fixins', plus a panel of speakers that will really blow your mind. It's going to be a lot of fun so come support them.

Coming up in July is Full Moon Madness, starting on the 23rd at 5:00pm until 10:00pm if not camping. It will be held at White Sands National Monument. Park fee is \$3.00 for the day, \$6.00 for overnight. Royce S. from group 63 will be hosting this event. There is going to be a pot luck, so if you can, bring a covered dish, if not don't worry about it, we got you covered. There will be brisket provided by District 5, drinks provided by District 4, music, meetings and a ton of fun for the whole family. Remember we are not a glum lot! If you have never experienced White Sands during a full moon you should really come check it out, it is beautiful. Plus if you have never been around a bunch of drunks during a full moon then come and see why we call it "Full Moon Madness". Luke R. District 5, group 63.

Area 46

2016 AA Convention

June 3, 4, 5 Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, NM

National and Local Speakers...Hiking with Box Canyon Meeting

Workshop "What's In It For Me?...Campfire Meetings

Alcathon Meetings...AA Theater Show...Hospitality Room...

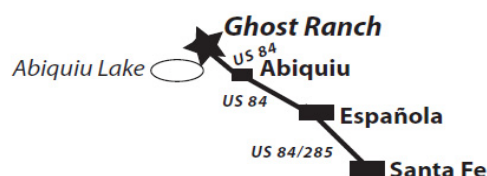
Volunteer Coop Day Care Facility

Friday Night and Sunday Morning Free Meals...

PATHWAY TO SERENITY

Yoga and Movement Session

Landscaping Drawing Session



Shuttle Service From Santa Fe (Friday and Saturday)-Return Shuttle(Sat. & Sun.)

For Info Dave L...505.660-7693 Jeffrey H...505.603-9913 Registration Kenny H...505.501-2774

District 6— Las Vegas, Clayton, Raton

Hi, all. We'd like to invite you to two events currently being planned here. Of course you are welcome to any meeting we have at any time. Thanks to Mario V. our schedule is posted on the Area Website now.

In this issue we are including fliers for the following events. Mario will also post those on our website. April 24th we will be having a potluck/workshop on the Traditions. Theresa J. and Eloy M from Area will be talking about each tradition and discussing them with us. If you can't bring food to this or any event, fear not. There is usually more than enough for all.

Also, we invite you to our summer picnic at Storrie Lake Park Saturday, June 18th. Jim H, Area Delegate, will be there to give his delegate report and get our feedback. We plan to have a morning meeting, potluck lunch, followed by Jim's report, and if you bring your instruments and we'll have music, too.

Sunday, June 26, I think, we are having our *El Farolito* mailing party at Highlands Happy Hour group's meeting place at 310 Mills Ave. in Las Vegas, NM. We plan to label, stamp and sort the July issue after the noon meeting there. We'll have light refreshments available for members who come to help.

We are considering the information, questionnaires and other material Area has sent to us regarding people with special needs (those who can't walk, see well, hear well, et al.). We are starting to learn more about these needs and how we can help alcoholics with such needs to attend meetings or otherwise have difficulty availing themselves of AA's benefits.

Some people who bring AA into the detention center or who are court appointed to attend meetings are concerned by the lack of understanding some of the inmates and court appointed people show about the importance of anonymity. Some greet the AA members they have met loudly in a way that indicate they are fellow alcoholics. We are urging that anyone doing such 12-step work, including people leading meetings, stress the need for anonymity to those they are trying to help.

Live and let live, Mary M.

District 8 - Farmington

Several new developments are happening in District 8. The DWI Court program is beginning in April and will follow along the lines of Drug Court. Planning meetings will be held and the process started. A new Drug Court series began on March 12; if you would like to participate in that or in the new DWI Court program, please contact Ron H. The meetings are at 5:30 Friday evenings at The Well.

On May 14, an Emotional Sobriety workshop and potluck will be held, also at The Well. More information will be forthcoming. The Aztec Group held a potluck and seminar on protocol for the district hot line. The 20 or so people who attended gained some good information about how the hot line works. The cell phone for the hot line is passed from group to group a month at a time. District 8 is in still need of representatives for women's and juvenile jail and for young people. Remember, you can't keep it unless you give it away.

Andrea G., District 8 Elf Rep.

District 17 - North Linguistic

Saludos departe de el distrito
#17.

Nuestra ultima Reunion fue el 03/12/16 a las 4:00 pm En
el #3000 2nd st NW ABQ 87107

Nos gustaria agregar esta Informacion
Mesa de servicio
MCD : Ofelia M
Secretario: Rigoberto S
Tesorero: Ramiro C
Correccionales: Fernando G
La Vina:Edwin L

El companero Edwin del Grupo Amistad de los Lunas celebrara
su 28 vo Aniversario de sobriedad el dia 7 de abril 2016 a las 7:00
pm

Ofelia M.

District Reports

District 9 - Grants, Gallup, Zuni, Laguna

Greetings from District 9. We hosted a very successful Workshop in Zuni on Steps One, Two and Three at the end of February. It was held for newcomers but everyone benefited from the experience, strength and hope of each other and a delicious potluck lunch.

Our March District Meeting was graced by Teresa, Area Chair and Michele, Archive Chair for NM. We were offered support for workshops, history gatherings and given a great summary of the role of Archives. Thank you to both of these ladies for traveling all the way from ABQ to offer their support.

The Zuni Sacred Woman's Group has returned. They meet Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 7 p.m. At the Zuni Christian Reformed Church Library in Zuni. Please consider a travel meeting to offer your support for this small but great group of ladies. Contact Raelynn C. for more information: 505-906-7600.

Save the date for the District 9 Sobriety Gathering Weekend October 7-9th, 2016.

And last, but not least, Tohatchi is hosting their annual Men's Retreat for alcoholics. This group of men have been meeting for many years. Last year over 50 men arrived from Texas, California and other areas around the country for a weekend of food, fellowship, sweat lodge and good AA. There is a lot of great sobriety in this group and newcomers are more than welcome. The retreat is the weekend of May 13, 14 and 15. Lodging is in your own camper or in one of the Tohatchi Mission's trailers, opened up in service for this important weekend. Contact Walt L. for more information: 505-898-7271.

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

District 10 - Hobbs, Carlsbad

Exciting month for District 10! It was amazing to see such support from our district at the assembly. Carlsbad, Roswell and Hobbs were all represented and represented well!

On march 26th The Carlsbad Group put together an egg hunt and potluck. Emily W. spoke and celebrated her one year anniversary. Thank you Emily it takes a little courage and a lot of gratitude to carry the message like you do. A little further south The Hobbs Original Group's 2nd Saturday Happening went excellent! Sondra J. outlined her struggle towards admission and towards glorious recovery over the last 17yrs. Thank you Sondra we look forward to seeing you again.

The NLG hosted yet another fantastic third Friday speaker meeting. It was well attended and full of laughs. Look out this month for the Traditions workshop in Hobbs. Hosted by the Hobbs Original Group; former delegates Jen and Allen will be shedding light on what makes our wonderful fellowship tick. We Will be having BBQ at 11:30 with the workshop after. We look forward to seeing you there.

Just around the corner is the South-East New Mexico Men's AA Conference...May 13, 14, & 15, 2016...Washington Ranch Carlsbad, NM See you there.

Thank you for my life! Love and Service, Jason O.

District 11 - West Albuquerque

We are happy to announce that we keep filling service chair positions. Our newest is Special Needs- Melissa. Thank you to Melissa for your service. We still have more positions open....Archives, Grapevine, Bridge The Gap, Corrections, Literature, Treatment.

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What a great way to be of service. Please join us for our next meeting April 9th at 9:00am. We meet at Klassen Hall Grace United Methodist Church. 420 San Lorenzo NW in ABQ. Please stay tuned for more information about our district picnic. We voted 8/6/16 at Jemez Falls campsite. We are also working on a place and time for a traditions conference.

Hope to see you at our next meeting and thank you again for your service. District 11, Kathi Briones El Faralito rep.

District 13 - Albuquerque (S of 7-40 & E of 7-25), Tijeras, Moriarity, McIntosh, Willard, Mountainair, Corona

We had a very productive District 13, March 2016 meeting. Charly B. of the Estancia Valley Group gave a thorough presentation of Concept III. DCM, Paul C. produced a compressive summary of the Taos Assembly and e-mailed it to District 13 Committee members. Alt. DCM, Jason T. shared about his experience with the Archives Committee at the Taos Assembly.

Speaking of Archives we were very pleased to have the new Area 46 Archives Committee Chair person Michelle. B. attending our meeting. She expressed the importance of dating material properly in order to assist the area in a well-organized Archives office. District 13, along with Districts 11, 17, and 18 are very interested in hosting the June 2017 Convention. We are in the process of going through the details as to make a well-prepared bid at the September 2016 Assembly in Santa Fe. We are still in need of chair positions for Corrections, Archives and Grapevine Committees. Please join us for our next committee meeting on Sat. April 9th, 10 AM at ST. Thomas of Canterbury Church, located at 425 University Ave NE, 87106. Website <http://www.nm-aa.org/districts/district-13/>

Grateful to be of service, Oris S. District 13, Secretary

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March District 13 DCM Report:

The Area 46 Assembly was in Taos, NM on March 4, 5, 6. The Assembly was a first of it's kind for Area 46 in that the Ad Hoc Committee suggested the GSR's and DCM's be assigned committee meetings to attend, just like the Delegate when the Delegate attends the General Service Conference in April. The idea behind this was to give GSR's and DCM's the feeling the Delegate gets when the Service Conference meets.

I was assigned to go to the Bridge-the-Gap Committee meeting, which I did. I also attended the Treatment Committee with Paul P. as the new chair. This was a good meeting as he had information for the GSR's and DCM's to discuss involving the Delegate's trip to General Service Conference. I attended the Ad Hoc Committee on Assembly Development and Fun-Raising. The other committee meeting I attended was the DCM's meeting, where I asked some direction for a situation we have in our district. I received the exact information I suspected I should be following, which is AA can only take an AA meeting into a long term assisted living facility, no matter what the facility asks for, as in Central Office received a request for an AA group to bring a nondescript meeting into their facility.

The Assembly was asked to have a District bid for the 2017 Area Convention. None applied. I spoke with District 11 Alt. DCM, District 18 DCM, and Timothy M (our bilingual chair) spoke with the District 17 DCM about possibly getting together to bid in September for hosting the 2017 Convention. Discussion will be held with each District and between Districts/DCM's about the feasibility of this venture. My expenses were \$213 for the Assembly for room and transportation, which Casey has already reimbursed me the \$150 maximum allotted for DCM reimbursement.

Thank you for allowing me to be of Service! Paul

District Reports

District 14 - Taos, Red River, Embudo

There is much to report from District 14. Firstly, congratulations to everyone for a great regional assembly last month. We were warmly thanked by the Area 46 Assembly Development team for a terrific assembly with "excellent sites and amenities." Thanks to everyone involved for your service! Meanwhile, the Taos Mountain Fiesta continues to build momentum. This year's festivities will again be located at the luxurious Sagebrush Hotel and Conference Center on September 16, 17 and 18, 2016.

National, local, regional, youth and Hispanic speakers will be featured, as well as top notch entertainment, a scrumptious banquet, an art raffle and much more. **Registration begins May 1, 2016 on Taos Mountain Fiesta.org.** Hotel rooms are already going fast, so don't be slothful. **Deadline for hotel registration is August 16, 2016 at 5pm.** Book your rooms by calling the Sagebrush at (575) 758-2254 or (800) 428-3626 and be sure to mention Taos Mountain Fiesta. You can also book online at sagebrushinn.com.

District 14 Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) is actively working with Taos County DUI compliance to facilitate resources to their clientele. This includes informing on what Alcoholics Anonymous is, how we help the struggling alcoholic, and what sponsorship entails. Taos County DUI compliance would like to see more meetings offering stamp validation on court cards. This offers credible confirmation of AA meeting attendance, while maintaining anonymity at our level. Please consider providing a stamp at your meetings when proof for court compliance is required.

There is also a call for "low key, off schedule" meetings for professionals. This would be for a select demographic of "high profile" professionals (i.e. school teachers, public servants, medical staff, law enforcement officers, etc.). Currently, many of these professional types are traveling to Santa Fe to attend meetings, telling of sufficient need for closed, non-publicized anonymous meetings geared toward professionals. If anyone has suggestions on how to provide such a meeting (time and place), or would like to help organize and facilitate, please contact Patrick T. CPC chair @ 575.779.4282

District 18 - Rio Rancho, Corrales

District is new compared to most others in the area and we are happy to announce that most of our GSRs are first timers, as are most of our Trusted Servants, myself included. We are all learning our new positions and reinventing the wheel or not, as to our activities and budgets...so we can utilize our funds to best spread the great fact (pg. 63 BB of AA) of the Program of AA. We have volunteer groups lined up for our intergroup events and picnics. Now all we need is more able bodies! We are gathering our opinions from our home-groups for the proposed changes for Jim H., though the time is short, we hope to get some reflections back to him before the Conference. We will be having Jim H. to give a Delegate's report at our May 14th District Meeting. That is the second Saturday. At 10:30am. (Address Below) We have some extra seating. Thank you Sarah F. Debbie K., Jenn B., Glenn O., Steve G., Jon N., Clair, Matthew M., Ray R. Pauline W., Ray B., Jeff B., Donna B., Dominic T., and all the GSRs and Alternates for your service to District 18.

United Methodist Church, 136 West Calle Don Andres, Bernalillo, NM, (Turn West at **Abuelita's** New Mexican Kitchen)
In service, Linda G.



From the Editor

The Area Assembly was outstanding. We had 20 in attendance at the committee meeting and a proposal was made to have the Committee structured much like the Archives Committee by adding an Editor / Alt. Chair, non-rotating position. The term would be two years with the main rotation so the Committee would always have someone with one year of experience. While the Editor position would be non-rotating he/she would still have to stand for disapproval every two years so the Area always has a say. The need for the change was obvious this year as we did not publish for 3 months and did not publish a January issue because I was in the hospital. The motion will be made, assuming the Committee is still unanimous in their support, at the next Assembly.

Jeffrey H. is being trained in putting together the ELF and is interested in rotating in as the next Committee Chair. We also discussed the financials and the need to publish 20 pages. I had a huge struggle getting everything in this issue, we had to do some cutting which I hate to do. The cost difference between 16 and 20 pages is about \$75 more per month. The groups and Districts will vote with their contributions if they feel 20 pages is valuable. So far we are able to support the additional pages.

We then went to the Conference items and discussed encouraging interest in Regional Forums and attract first time attendees. Many of the ideas in the background material was great, but we concluded it comes down to sponsorship. My service sponsor dragged me to my first one and after that I was hooked. We followed with the suggested themes for the 2017 General Service Conference.

We have mailing parties scheduled through 6/26 and need the remainder of the rotation so have your District step up if you have not hosted yet. 10 people can do it in an hour.

My expenses so far are \$201 for Assemblies and travel.

These are the Groups who have donated to the ELF in 2016

Aztec Group	Aztec	Jemez Springs	Jemez Springs
Brown Baggers	Albuquerque	LA Womens Group	Los Alamos
Circle of Love	Albuquerque	Laguna Group	Gallup
Cloudcroft Group	Cloudcroft	Live and Let Live	Santa Fe
Dawn Patrol	Albuquerque	Los Mesilleros	Mesilla
Daybreak Group	Farmington	Lunch Bunch	Roswell
District 11	Albuquerque	Pecos Group	San Jose
District 9	Mail Party	Questa Crossroads	San Luis
El Centro Gr	Albuquerque	Ruidoso Arid Group	Ruidoso
Foothills Group	Albuquerque	Serenity Group	Alamogordo
Fourth Dimension	Farmington	Sober at Sunrise	Las Cruces
Group 63	Alamogordo	Spiritual Awakening	Ft Defiance
Hi Nooners	Farmington	Sponsorship & Growth	Albuquerque
Home Group	Gallup	TGIF Taos	Taos
Into Action Group	Taos	Twelve Squared	Carlsbad
		Women's Gratitude	Albuquerque

District 18 Intergroup Speaker Meeting
And Central Office Fundraiser

May 14, 2016

Our Lady of Sorrows Church Center
301 S Camino Del Pueblo
Bernalillo, NM 87004

Potluck starts at 6:00pm

First Speaker at 7:00pm
Second Speaker at 7:45pm

Fundraising Raffle at 8:30 pm

All proceeds will be donated to Central Office

Please bring raffle items with you to the event a few minutes early so we can get them set up in the raffle.



The view from the Taos Assembly

TRADITIONS WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 23rd

Potluck @ 11:30AM

Workshop @ 1:00PM

Hobbs Original Group

218 W. Dunnam
Hobbs, NM 88240

Jen N. and Alan S. (Former Delegates)
Will be examining Traditions
5 and 7

For more information, e-mail
OwsleysSalvation@Gmail.com

District 10 Traditions Workshop

🕒 April 23, 2016 👤 web2 💬 0 Comments

Date/Time

Date(s) - Sat April 23, 2016
All Day

Location

Hobbs Original Group

Hello Everyone!

The Hobbs Original Group is honored to be the location of a traditions workshop, hosted by Jen and Allen, former delegates. The event will start at 11:30 with Barbeque prepared by Jesse F. At (or around) 1 o'clock the workshop will begin. We will be focusing on tradition 5 and 7! Great combination. Thank you everyone for helping put this together and we look forward to seeing you all there!!

May 6-8, 2016



All AAs, Al-Anons
and Alateens welcome!

Speaker & Marathon Meetings

Friday Night Dance -- Raffles

Full Al-Anon &
Alateen Program

Pow Wow—Saturday Night
Everyone Welcome

Opening Ceremony

Friday Morning 9:00 a.m.

Catered Meals Available

MEAL PURCHASE HELPS PAY MEETING

ROOM RENT (7TH Tradition)

Saturday Banquet

Friday Dinner

Breakfast (Fri-Sun)

PLEASE PURCHASE MEALS
WHEN YOU REGISTER

March 31, 2016

Hospitality Room with free
coffee and snacks

Mail-In to Register

Early Registration

Discount Ends

March 31, 2016

23rd American Indian Red Road AA Convention

Crowne Plaza Hotel

1901 University Blvd. NE

Albuquerque, NM 87102

(I-25 & I-40 at Menaul)

reserve by 3/31/2016 for discount

Room Rates Per night—Single/Double

\$83.00 + \$10.79 (13% Tax) = \$93.79

Swimming Pool-Outdoor Courtyard-Free Parking On-
site Café & Restaurant

ROOM RESERVATION GUARANTEE

All reservations must be guaranteed by a major credit
card. Cancellations must be received by 6:00pm on
the day of arrival, to avoid billing.

CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT TIMES

Check-in time 3:00pm, Check-out time 12:00pm. Front
desk can check luggage for those arriving early when
guestrooms are unavailable and for guests attending
functions on departure day.

Reservations (866) 384-4934

Group Code: "AIR" NM American Indian

Make reservations by 3/31/2016 to receive conven-
tion discount rate. Rates cannot be changed upon
check-in or at checkout times for guests who fail to
identify their affiliation at the time the reservation.
After the cut-off date reservations will be accepted on
a space available and rate available basis.

For More Information:

www.nmredroad.org

redroadarchives@gmail.com

Stella A. (505) 261-4482

2016 Convention Registration

Pre-Registration AA/Al-Anon Must be received before March 31, 2016. After March 31, onsite registration is \$30	\$25.00	_____
Registration Alateen Must be received before March 31 for printed nametag.	\$10.00	_____
Friday Dinner	\$25.00	_____
Saturday Banquet	\$25.00	_____
Friday Breakfast	\$17.00	_____
Saturday Breakfast	\$17.00	_____
Sunday Breakfast	\$17.00	_____
Order total:	_____	_____

Nametag #1 AA Al-Anon Alateen (Circle)

Nametag #2 AA Al-Anon Alateen (Circle)

For additional names—please add another sheet

I want to volunteer to help with:

- ☐ Registration Table ☐ Hospitality/Coffee Rooms
☐ Marathon Meetings ☐ Al-Anon/Alateen Meetings
☐ Greeter ☐ Cleanup Sunday Afternoon

Billing Name (Required For Credit Cards)

Address (include ZIP)

email

Phone (needed for volunteers)

PLEASE MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION

**2016 NM American Indian Red Road
Convention
PO Box 35604
Albuquerque, NM 87176**

AA District 6 Annual Picnic



What: District 6 AA Annual Free Picnic

When: June 18th From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Storrie Lake River Ground Shelter

Events

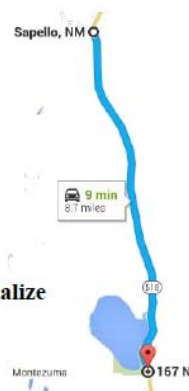
10:00am –11:00 a.m. - Morning Meeting

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Cook, Eat and Socialize

1:00 p.m. - Speaker Jim H.

New Mexico State Park Fees

Day-use (per vehicle) \$5.00 - Walk-in/bicycle No Charge



*South-East New Mexico Men's AA Conference
May 13, 14, & 15, 2016
Washington Ranch
Carlsbad, NM*

"OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE"



Make plans to attend the 1st Annual SE New Mexico Men's AA Conference to be held at Washington Ranch located west of Carlsbad, NM Road. This oasis in the desert offers spring-fed ponds, spacious shaded lawns, paved walking trails, 170 acres with hiking trails, abundant wildlife and is located 7 miles west of White's City, NM. The keynote speakers this year are Ralph T. Placitas, NM; Ferlin K. Edmond, OK; and Howard P. Gilbert, AZ.

- ♦ *Conference Registration - \$40.*
- ♦ *Complete meal plans (2-breakfasts, 1-lunch and 2-dinners) are available for the entire conference for \$55.00 per person. Meals are hearty and delicious and chef prepared.*
Meal reservations are non-refundable.
- ♦ *Lodging is available and is recommended - prices are as follows:*
Dormitory style at \$20.00 per person per night on a first come, first available basis. (7 dorms available accommodating up to 70 men).
- ♦ *Total Conference Cost - Registration, all meals and dormitory style lodging is \$135.00 per person for the entire weekend. Other lodging options listed below.*
- ♦ *3 - Cabins are available at additional costs - please call for availability and pricing.*
- ♦ *1- RV Space is available at an additional cost of \$30 per night and includes water, 30 amp and sewer, please call for availability.*
- ♦ ***DIRECTIONS:** From Hwy. 62/180, west of White's City, near mile marker 10, turn west onto Washington Ranch Road, travel 2.5 miles to 18 Rattlesnake Springs Road.*
- ♦ ***NO CREDIT CARDS - Checks or Money Orders only please!***
- ♦ ***RESERVATION INFORMATION: JIMMY F. 575-885-1552.***
- ♦ ***FOR ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION CONTACT:***
David L. - 575-706-1713
Walt A. - 575-302-3767
Jonathan I. - 509-554-2465

NO CREDIT CARDS

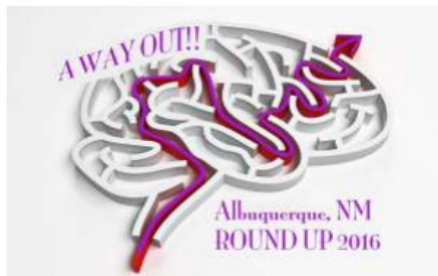
Make Checks / Money Orders payable to: SENM Men's AA Conference

Mail reservations to:

SENM Men's AA Conference, 1903 Sentry Circle, Carlsbad, NM 88220-4178

Complete form below, detach and mail with payment.

**4th Annual
New Mexico Roundup
of Alcoholics Anonymous**
May 20 & 21, 2016



Nativity Church
9502 4th Street, N.W.
(corner of Alameda and 4th Street)
Albuquerque



Visit: www.nmroundup.org for
[more information](#)

Schedule of Events
Friday, May 20, 2016

5:00pm Registration opens
6:00pm Dinner and Fellowship
6:45pm Opening Remarks: Alaina G.
7:00pm Speaker Meeting: Jim M
8:00pm Candlelight closing: Reading
of the Promises

Saturday, May 21, 2016
8:00am Registration, Fellowship and
Breakfast (provided/potluck)
9:00am Speaker Meeting: Debbie D.
10:30am Workshops/Panels
*Principles before Personalities:
Sobriety in the Workplace
*Self-actualization, sobriety and
the 12 Steps
11:45am Lunch (provided)
1:00pm History of Gay AA: Nancy T.
2:30pm Workshops/panels
*Dating and Relationships in
Sobriety
*Prayer and Meditation
4:00pm Drag Queen BINGO
5:00pm Dinner (on your own)
6:15pm Closing Remarks and Sobriety
Countdown
7:00pm Raffle
7:30pm Speaker: Troy B from Texas
8:30pm Dessert, Coffee and Fellowship

Full Name: _____
Name for Roundup badge: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

T-shirt size (if applicable): S M L XL XXL
Blue or Black Shirt:

Scholarship recipients are asked to volunteer for
service during one session.

Are you requesting a scholarship? Yes No

Would you like to be of service? Yes No
How? Set-up During Roundup Clean-up

☐ Early Registration, received before April 1st
(\$15)

☐ Regular Registration, received
after April 1st or at-the-door (\$20)

☐ T-Shirt (subject to avail.) (sugg. donation \$15)

☐ Scholarship fund contribution (opt.) \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

**If you need Spanish translation, ASL
interpretation, or Childcare for the
event, please email Alaina G. at:
specialneeds@albuquerqueaa.org**

Please submit completed form and check
to:

New Mexico Roundup
P.O. Box 8642
Albuquerque, NM 87198

District 4 and 5 19th Annual Full Moon Madness

🕒 July 23, 2016 👤 web5 💬 0 Comments

Date/Time

Date(s) - Sat July 23, 2016

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Location

White Sands National Monument

19th Annual, 2016 Full Moon Madness, July 23, 6-10 pm

Meat and Drinks provided

Please bring covered dish / desert

hosted by District 4, 5 at White Sands National Monument; \$3 / person,
camping available

Registration for 2016 Area 46 Convention

Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, New Mexico June 3,4,5, 2016

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Date: _____

LODGING and MEALS: Single Occupancy add \$50.00

Lodging Type (meals included): Rate (2 nights) # of people total \$

Upper Level room w/ private bath	\$212/person dbl occupancy		
Lower Level room w/ private bath	\$198/person dbl occupancy	None Available	
Lower Level room with semi-pri. bath	\$172/person dbl occupancy		
Lower Level room w/dorm style bath	\$152/person dbl occupancy		

Lodging Type (without meals) Rate (2 Nights)

Campsite-Tent or RV w/ electricity	\$38/site		
Campsite-RV w/ full hook-up	\$58/site		

If not included in your lodging above, will you need meals? Yes ☐ No ☐

Breakfast	Saturday	\$ 9.00	
Lunch	Saturday	\$ 11.00	
Dinner	Saturday	\$ 15.00	TOTAL \$

Friday Evening Dinner and Sunday Morning

Breakfast Provided Free from Hospitality Room

**Mail check or credit card info below to
AA District 15, PO Box 460, Los Alamos,
NM 87544. Or phone in credit card info
to 505.501.2774 or 505.603.9913.**

For art and exercise classes sign up at check-in.

Registration \$15.00	
\$20 after 5/6/16	
Lodging from above	
Meals from above	
T-Shirt...\$15.00	
Men's M _ L _ XL _	
Women's M _ L _ XL _	TOTAL \$

Special Needs: ☐ (check) What provisions needed: _____

VOLUNTEER: ☐ (check)

DAYCARE: ☐ (check) Unstaffed, nice, daycare facility available; suggest parent coop.

Phone: _____ Name: _____

SCHOLARSHIP DONATION: for registration ☐ for meals ☐ for lodging ☐ amount: _____

Card # _____ **Total \$** _____

Name and Billing Address on card _____

CVV (3digits, 4 for AMEX) _____ **Exp. Date** _____