



EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

Summer is here - AA is 81 years old!

Delegate

Hello everyone and greetings from New York and the 66th General Service Conference. The week has been filled with fun, fellowship, service, love, emotion – and the list goes on. It has been a rewarding experience of which, in my life, has no equal. We closed the Conference on Friday night with emotional farewells from the Panel 65 Delegates and will hear farewell messages from the outgoing Trustees' at the closing brunch on Saturday. We did good work this week but much is left to do. I'm eager to pass on much exciting news to you when I'm given the opportunity to share my report on the Conference.

On Friday, prior to the start of the Conference, I attended the 11am open A.A. meeting at GSO. It was held in the chapel rather than in the usual GSO Boardroom because of the large number of people that attend during Conference week. It was a joy to start this experience with a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. I spoke with two college students that were there as part of a class assignment. They expressed their appreciation for being allowed to attend and left with a positive impression of A.A.. One of the students said "Wow, you're really nice people!" I don't think we could have a better endorsement. There was also a meeting of the Serenity Group Monday through Friday mornings. The Serenity Group only meets five times a year during Conference week.

Saturday was our trip to Stepping Stones, Bill and Lois' home, and where Bill did much of the writing of our Big Book and the 12 and 12. We all had pictures made while sitting at the desk where Bill wrote. Lois called Bill's studio "Wits End." Bill just called it "the shack." I called it a piece of A.A. history.

On Sunday the Conference began and continued through late Friday night. I'll share that week with you in my Delegate's report. It was an incredibly busy week with little time for anything but Conference business and I am eager to share that experience with you. DCM's if you haven't already done so, please schedule a time when your District would like to hear my report. If possible, joining with another District would help me greatly.

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I am looking forward to visiting with everyone and, as always – Call me, we'll have coffee.

Jim H

Delegado Informe

Hola a todos y saludos desde Nueva York y la 66^a de la Conferencia de Servicios Generales. La semana ha estado llena de diversión, compañerismo, servicio, amor, emoción, y la lista continúa. Ha sido una experiencia gratificante de los cuales, en mi vida, no tiene igual. Cerramos la Conferencia el viernes por la noche con despedidas emocionales de los delegados del Panel 65 y escucharemos los mensajes de despedida de los Custodios salientes en el almuerzo de clausura el sábado. Hicimos un buen trabajo esta semana, pero mucho queda por hacer. Estoy ansioso por pasar muchas noticias emocionantes para ustedes cuando me dan la oportunidad de compartir mi informe sobre la Conferencia.

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Deadline:**

**Midnight –
Friday,
June 17th**

Trusted Servants Reports

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Delegate Report...

El viernes, antes del inicio de la Conferencia, asistí a la reunión abierta de las 11:00 am de la OSG. Fue *sostenido* en la capilla en lugar de en la sala de juntas de la OSG habitual debido al gran número de personas que asisten durante la semana de la Conferencia. Fue una alegría para iniciar esta experiencia con una reunión de Alcohólicos Anónimos. Hablé con dos estudiantes universitarios que estaban allí como parte de una asignación de clase. Expresaron su satisfacción por poder asistir y quedan con una impresión positiva de A.A... Uno de los estudiantes dijo: "¡Wow, son gente realmente agradable!" no creo que podríamos tener un mejor endoso. También hubo una reunión del Grupo Serenidad de lunes a viernes por la mañana. El Grupo Serenidad sólo se reúne 5 veces al año, durante la semana de la Conferencia.

El sábado fue nuestro viaje a Stepping Stones, a la casa de Bill y Lois, y donde Bill hizo gran parte de los escritos de nuestro Libro Grande y los Doce Pasos Y Doce Tradiciones. Todos teníamos fotos hechas mientras estábamos sentados en el escritorio donde Bill escribió. Lois lo llamaba El Estudio de Bill "La Inteligencia final." Bill sólo lo llamó "la choza." Yo lo llamé un pedazo de A.A. la historia.

El domingo la Conferencia comenzó y continuó hasta tarde en la noche del viernes. Esa semana compartiré con ustedes en mi informe del Delegado. Fue una semana increíblemente ocupada con poco tiempo para algo excepto el negocio de la Conferencia., y estoy ávido por compartir esa experiencia con ustedes. MCD's si todavía no lo ha hecho, por favor programe una tiempo cuando su distrito quisiera escuchar mi informe. Si es posible, unir con otro distrito me ayudaría mucho. Me gustaría visitar con todos y, como siempre

Estoy deseando visitar con todos y, como siempre, llámenme, vamos a tomar un café.

Jim H

Chair

But we aren't a glum lot. If newcomers could see no joy or fun in our existence, they wouldn't want it. We absolutely insist on enjoying life... We are sure God wants us to be happy, joyous, and free. (Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 132-133)

It's finally here...the Area 46 State Convention! I hope you're able to join in the fun. If you weren't able to attend the Area Convention this year, I hope you'll be able to attend next year.

Speaking of next year's convention, Area 46 is in need of a district to host the 2017 Area 46 State Convention. Bids to host the convention will be accepted at the Area Assembly in September. If your district is interested in hosting the convention, please call me with any questions you might have.

There will also be a call for bids at this September's Assembly for a district to host the 2017 September Area Assembly. As of now, I'm not aware of any districts preparing to bid for this Area Assembly. If your district hasn't already considered hosting the 2017 September Area Assembly, please discuss it at your next district meeting. I'd love to hear from any district considering bidding.

I wish to thank John T. for his service to Area 46. John had to step down as Area treasurer. More details are provided in the Treasurer's Report. Finally, Eloy and I went to Las Vegas in April to participate in a Traditions workshop. What fun! Thank you District 6 for inviting us and making us feel so welcomed.

I'm here to be of service to all members, groups and districts in Area 46 and I just love to be of service! So if you have any questions, need help or support, please don't hesitate to call or drop me an email.

Your grateful servant, Teresa J.

Alt-Chair

I hope this report finds everybody in good spirits and health. I had the opportunity to go to a few district meetings this past month, mostly to visit and see where I can be of service. At a couple of districts I sat and listened to discussion on the upcoming bid for the 2017 convention. Remember, districts having a venue is a must when putting in a bid for the Convention. Also, remember to just follow the guide lines as written in the AIP. I hope to see you at the state convention at Ghost Ranch.

Yours in service , Eloy M

Tradition 5 The ability of each AA to identify himself with and bring recovery to the newcomer is a gift from God .

Tradition 6 We could not be all things to all men. We saw that we could not lend the AA name to any outside activity.

Treasurer

As of April 30, the total loss from budgeted activities was \$880 for 2016. The Area began the year \$396 above reserves. So, we were \$484 below reserves on April 30.

I'm afraid I must inform you that John T. had to step down as Area treasurer in order to fulfill work and family obligations. John has served Area 46 and AA faithfully for many, many years. I hope we will see John back in Area service soon.

I asked Kurt K. to serve as Interim Area Treasurer and he graciously accepted. Kurt served as the Area Finance Chair in the last rotation; so he knows all of the current Area financial policies and procedures and thoroughly understands the budget. I know from working closely with Kurt that he acts not only in service to the Area but in stewardship of our groups' contributions.

A 3rd Legacy election will be held at the September Area Assembly to fill the position of Area Treasurer for the remainder of this rotation. If you are interested in standing for election in September, I recommend you read the AIP, talk to past Treasurers (you can call me), talk to your sponsor, and pray. All past DCMs as well as Area committee chairs and officers from the 2014-2015 rotation are eligible to stand for election to this position.

If you have any questions about the election, please call me. Area finance questions can be directed to Kurt, Interim Area Treasurer, or Ruth, Area Finance Committee Chair.

Your grateful servant, Teresa J., Area Chair

NOTE NEW MAILING ADDRESS

Send contributions for the Area to:

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Registrar

It has been a quiet month for registrar activities. Perhaps 1-2 new groups and several new GSR's to set up in the GSO database system.

On May 6th, GSO established to cut off date for entries into the National Directory. If you submitted your information to me after that date, you probably will not make it into the 2016 National Directory if you selected "Yes" include me in the directory.

Thank you to those who have responded to the May *El Farolito* request to determine contact information for some of our "Unknown" groups.

I hope to see many of you at the State Convention at Ghost Ranch in June.

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

Service Committee Reports

Bi-Lingual

By Invitation the Bilingual Committee attended the District 2 Business Meeting in May, 2016. It was a very informative meeting. They were interested in the Bilingual Committee work, and will be getting a representative for this District.

The Bilingual Committee is looking forward to translate at the 4th Annual New Mexico Roundup of Alcoholics Anonymous. They were also interested in the two Spanish Groups in Santa Fe and a member of one of the Spanish-speaking Groups was there and gave the information about that Group.

This Committee will meet in the Oficina Intergrupar, 3000 Second Street NW in Albuquerque. Any member of Alcoholics Anonymous interested in attending is welcome.

We hope that our efforts will lead to unity. We give an ear to those who come to us with their thoughts, needs, ideas and solutions in regards to the Area and its Committees, Groups, Districts and their Committees.

COMITÉ BILINGÜE

Por la Invitación el Comité Bilingüe asistió al Distrito 2 Reunión de negocios en mayo de 2016. Fue una reunión muy informativa. Estaban interesados en el trabajo de Comité Bilingüe y estarán obteniendo un representante de este Distrito.

También estaban interesados en los dos Grupos de español en Santa Fe. Un miembro de una de las reuniones de habla español estaba allí y dio la información sobre ese Grupo.

El Comité Bilingüe traducirá en la 4 ° Rodeo de Nuevo México Anual de Alcohólicos Anónimos el 20 y 21 de mayo 2016.

Esperamos que nuestros esfuerzos nos lleven a la Unidad. Escuchamos a aquéllos que se acercan a nosotros con ideas, necesidades, sugerencias y soluciones con respecto al Área y sus Comités, los Grupos, Distritos y sus Comités.

Este Comité se reunirá en la Oficina Intergrupar. Cualquier miembro de Alcohólicos Anónimos interesado en asistir es bienvenido.

En Servicio, Ana G.

Bridge the Gap

Not a lot to report this month! BTG must be running smoothly on the District level. I have received a few phone calls and emails. I was invited to a District meeting to share about BTG to try to stir up some interest in a committee Chair, however I wasn't able to make it.

If your District has someone who is interested or if you are interested in more information on Bridge the Gap, please feel free to contact me and I will give you more information. It is a very rewarding committee, also if you are interested in hosting a workshop please let David, Paul or myself know!

We would love to come share on BTG, Corrections and Treatment!

In Love and Service,
Nicole R.

Corrections

Since it's been slow I've been going through the box of stuff that Eloy (past corrections chair) gave me at the December 2015 Assembly. A couple of things became apparent. One thing is that many have gone before me and that I am blessed to be a small part of the service structure of Alcoholic Anonymous. Another is that Bridge the Gap, Treatment and Corrections work together in a special way. Nicole and I will have already done our first workshop by the time this is printed. Her and I are both eager to serve and looking forward to Roswell on May 21st. Hopefully we will be asked to do more.

Here are the times, dates and locations for the up coming volunteer training for the state:

- Hobbs will be June 4th 9:00am-1:00pm Lea county Correctional Facility 6900 W Millen Dr. Hobbs, NM 88244
- Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility September 17th 8:00am-12:00pm at University Presbyterian Church 2010 E. Wisconsin Ave. Las Cruces, NM 88001
- Central New Mexico Correctional Facility December 11th 1:30pm-5:30pm at Open Door Church of God 17 El Cerro Loop Los Lunas, NM 87031
- Roswell Correctional Facility October 15th 10:00am-2:00pm 578 W Chickasaw Rd. Hagerman, NM 88232
- Guadalupe County Detention Facility October 8th 8:00am-12:00pm Catholic Center 439 S 4th St. Santa Rosa, NM 88435
- Albuquerque area June 4th 8:00am-12:00pm New Beginnings Church 3601 Montgomery Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109

If I can be of service in any way please contact me.
Love and Service, David D. Area 46 Corrections Chair

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Service Committee Reports

Grapevine

As of this month I only have 3 district Grapevine Reps. on file. If you interested in becoming a Rep. or are already hold this position and your Info hasn't reached me yet, please contact me.

I am still available to have a "Writing for the Grapevine" workshop. It is up to the districts to host and coordinate this event. Please talk to your GSR's and or DCM's to get the ball rolling. The contest for 2016 is called "Grow your Grapevine" you are provided with a card with a list of activities to achieve. You can play as an individual or as a group. To receive the activity card or any other GV products and service log onto www.aagrapevine.org.

The new 2017 calendars and pocket calendars are out for sale. I will keep a few of these on hand at all times. You can always call me or e-mail for any products, activities card, calendars etc.

Gratitude in service, Area 46 Grapevine Rep....Alice M...505-362-4032
grapevine@nm-aa.org

Literature

I attended the District 11 & District 3 District meetings on May 14th in an attempt to fill the Literature Chair position for those Districts. Thank you to Tomas C. who had to step down as District 3 literature chair due to job schedule change. If your interested in volunteering please step up. Our belief is every group can be a mini Central Office having books to purchase at meetings in case a trip to Central Office is not possible or your area doesn't have a Central Office. A Literature Chair for your district or group can have literature available & coordinate literature inventory.

Thanks to Abq. C.O. for donating nearly \$40.00 of pamphlets for our Area 46 BTG committee.

Manuel P, Area 46 Literature Chair

Public Information

I have a couple of failures to report. There was a Longest Walk 5 - War on Drugs & Domestic Violence event with a march that came through Pueblo's in New Mexico. I believe there was an addition to the event in Pojoaque Pueblo that included recovery organizations such as Al-Anon. I only found out about it about a week before the event.

I tried contacting Pojoaque Pueblo, the Dist. 15 DCM and a few people I knew in the area but could get no details on the event. One of the counselors I had talked to in Pojoaque let me know after the fact that the event had happened and as far as I know AA wasn't represented. I feel this was a missed opportunity to present what AA is and how we can help to this area of Native American Community.

Another event is the Gay Pride Parade in Albuquerque. I have been informed that we had a table at the event in past years that was co-sponsored by a couple of AA groups in Albuquerque. I had made some attempts at contacting two other groups in Albuquerque to see if they would like to co-sponsor a booth with us but haven't had any luck yet thought I did make contact with an individual that promised to pass the information on to one of the groups and let me know what they decided. This event will be on June 11.

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Public Information...

The third event I am trying to track down is a September event in Albuquerque as part of Recover Month. The Nation Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration sponsors recovery month to increase understanding of substance abuse and mental health issues and celebrate people in recovery. I had been approached at the Albuquerque Health Fair with information that there was going to be an event and that they wanted us to participate but the suggested table price was high at \$400. However this was preliminary information before the event was organized and I left my contact information and received contact information as well. I haven't been contacted with any further information and the contact information is not active. The E-mails bounce and the phone number goes to someone else's phone.

The real answer to these kinds of issues is to have more people involved with PI who can provide help in getting information and in-site into other avenues to pursue to obtain information. I have a very small pool of names or people who are willing to help with the PI Committee activities and only a small portion of the state is represented.

On the positive side I have met with and talked to 3 individuals about how to approach PI activities at a group level and talked to several people at the Red Road about supporting PI activities in their communities.

Yours in Service, Mike D

Special Needs

Special needs is not just about wheelchair bound people, but also about people with other disabilities such as physically disabled, deaf and hearing impaired, blind and visually impaired, learning and reading impaired, seniors and homebound. Others include those with language barriers and single parents requiring childcare.

How we serve these people is to provide interpreters for meetings and events, as well as Braille AA literature, audio material, programs for special needs, and rides in special cases. We encourage wheelchair accessible meetings/events and big book tape study meetings in each district. The list goes on: assist the physically disabled at events; encourage groups to provide childcare; update special needs information in meeting directories (and on-line); bring meetings into homes, hospital or long-term care facilities; encourage districts and groups to support meetings in special needs facilities; provide literature and workshops on special needs; explore other special needs; and work with GSO and other districts and areas.

As you can see special needs has a very broad range of responsibilities. The Area Special Needs Committee suggested each district's help in the form of a designated individual who carries the message to the groups within each district. This is a big job but together we are confident that everyone who needs and wants the message of hope that Alcoholics Anonymous offers will have the chance to hear it.

We encourage Groups and District to complete the "Special Needs Survey" in efforts to assess how well special needs is being addressed. You can download a copy (both Group and District) surveys and/or complete the survey online from the New Mexico AA Area 46 website's Special Needs page. We suggest that you share your findings with the Area Special Needs Committee.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions and know that myself and committee members are available to speak at your District or provide a workshop.

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



Treatment

I am heading to District 7 for a workshop with Bridge the Gap, and Corrections on the 21st of May 2016. We will have a report on the workshop next month. I sent out an email to all the districts asking for any information on treatment activity, new facilities or facilities that have closed but I did not hear back from any one yet. I hope to hear back from some of the districts. If you are interested in or participate in treatment work or have any information on new facilities, or facilities requesting AA to take meetings in, drop me an email at "treatment@nm-aa.org" so I can update the list. Please contact me anytime if you would like any information on treatment or help with workshops etc.

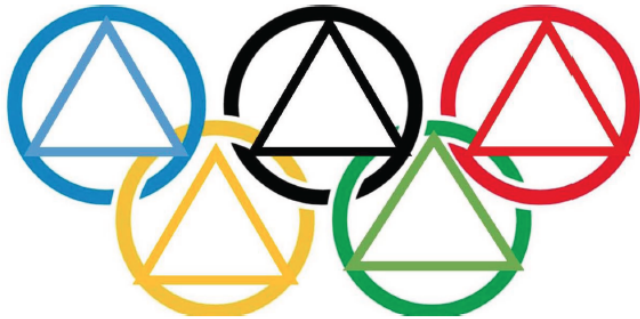
"According to the A.A. 2014 Membership Survey, 32% of our members cited treatment facilities as a factor most responsible for them coming to A.A. Carrying the message to alcoholics in treatment is basic Twelfth Step work - sharing experience, strength and hope - giving it away in order to keep it!" (Treatment Committee Workbook)

In Service, Paul P Treatment Chair

YPAA

It's been another fun month for the Young Persons committee. We are busy as always trying to find ways to be of service in the Area. We have a wonderful committee full of eager and willing members that have developed several projects to keep us busy and sober. Our sub committee to develop a pamphlet that talks about anonymity and social media has met twice and I have learned a lot. We still need all the input we can get so feel free to contact me if you want to help.

Winning at the Game of Life



**2nd Annual YPAA Picnic
Including Games & Speaker Meeting
June 25 - Noon to 3PM**

**North Domingo Baca Park
7521 Carmel Ave NE - Albuquerque**

**Burgers, Dogs and Drink Provided
Bring a Side Dish or Dessert to Share**

We are NOT a Glum Lot

We are all excited for the convention coming up, and you can expect to see us there with some games. We are planning our second annual AA-Athlon picnic/BBQ in conjunction with some of the area young peoples groups. It will be June 25th at North Domingo Baca Park, and there will be kickball, along with other games, BBQ, and a speaker. We are still meeting at least once a month and would love to have anyone join us. We have yet to have anyone join us via online video call but always meet at a location that would accommodate this. Let me know if you would like to try this. You can visit our page on the Area website to keep up on the Committee's activities, and find out our next meeting time and location. We have started posting the minuets from our meetings there so check them out. I want to thank everyone on the committee for all their hard work and the area for all the support.

God Bless, Mike L.



Service Committee Reports

Web

When the Twelfth Step is seen in its full implication, it is really talking about the kind of love that has no price tag on it. (12th Step Twelve pg.106)

The website is becoming more accurate and user friendly. I want to encourage the districts to continue to send me their meeting changes, additions, and information regarding meetings no longer in existence. If there is something that you would like to see added or easier to find let the web committee know.

The Website Committee can also be of service in the Area's technology needs. Do you need help creating a PowerPoint, spreadsheet, or help editing your Committee or District page? It is the goal of the website to help facilitate service work in a way that allows trusted servants to do their jobs better.

Our Delegate Jim H. is currently in possession of the Area 46 projector. He will be using it to present his report on the General Service Conference. If anyone needs it before let me know and we can try and arrange it.

I have been busy helping update the information for the Area 46 Convention, created a special needs survey, and forwarding more information email requests to trusted servants. Oscar D. has been fantastic as a bilingual liaison. He is working with me on translating all the website orientation information into Spanish.

If I can be of service to you or your district let me know.

In love and Service, Ally T. Area 46 Web Chair
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Ad Hoc Assembly Development and FNM Raising

Kristina Flanagan, DCM District 2 and valued member of the Ad Hoc committee, shared an article with me entitled "The Never-Ending Conference Process" which proposes a monthly (!) calendar of GSR responsibilities with regard to the General Service Conference. Having experienced our first Area Pre-Conference Assembly where we examined some of the agenda topics which were to be considered at the Conference, I was interested in the recommendations in this article for May and June where the focus turns to the outcome of the Conference.

In our Area, it is customary for the Delegate to visit all of the districts and give a Conference report. Our delegate, Jim H., has already begun this process and gave his report to District 18 on May 14. Once you know the date on which the delegate will report to your district, invite members of your group to attend the presentation. This can be an excellent opportunity for you to spread the word about what general service is and does!

The article recommends that GSRs attend their district meeting with a copy of the Conference Agenda Topics in hand so items can be checked off as the Delegate gives his report. Ask about the outcome of agenda topics that may not have been mentioned in the report. If there was no decision on a topic, that can in effect be a decision, or it can mean that that the item will be considered at the next Conference.

Keep track of all the Conference Actions. Your group members will be interested in hearing the outcome of any topics they discussed and/or which the GSR reported on during the GSR Sharing Session at the March Assembly.

This is the first time we have had an opportunity to participate in the Conference process from start to finish. Let's keep that good energy going!

In grateful service, Jaclyn S., Chair

District Reports

District 2 - Santa Fe

Hello! I'm Kate T., the new *El Farolito* Representative for District 2, and I am so grateful to be of service. This month we had the honor of members from New Mexico's Area 46 Bilingual Committee (Ana and Tom) and District 17 (Maria G.) join us. It was both informative and inspiring to hear what these groups offer. Ana and Tom shared that the primary goal of Area 46 Bilingual Committee is to promote communication, to unite the English and Spanish speakers of NM, and to encourage all to relate to one another, particularly when it comes to the area assemblies and conventions. They offer interpreters for both English and Spanish meetings, and shared of a recent success when Tom translated a Spanish workshop for seven English-only speaking attendants. Maria G. is the public relations coordinator for the State Hispanic Convention happening July 1-3 in Albuquerque. She cordially invites all to come participate, and translators will be available non-Spanish speakers. This interaction generated the question as to whether a formal service position should be appointed for a District 2 Bilingual Representative to work directly with District 17.

Our Special Needs Chairperson, Maureen, announced that if anyone needs a meeting brought to a hospital, home, etc., simply call the central office and the her group will be happy to do it. District 2 is sponsoring the 81st anniversary Founder's Day picnic on June 12, 1:00-6:00 PM at Hyde Memorial State Park (just past the ranger station). Bring your favorite side dish and join us for food and games for the whole family!

In service, Kate T.

District 3 - Belen, Los Lunas, Socorro

In April, we were presented with an invitation to join the nearby Albuquerque Districts in putting in a bid for the 2017 State Convention at the next Assembly. After some discussion at our District meeting, we decided that a joint bid for a 2018 Convention would be better and we will be exploring that option with them. We would still like to see a Convention in the Albuquerque area though, and now that the idea has been planted, we can use the extra time really look at everything that needs to be done. Thank you to the districts who invited us to join them, it does take a team to pull it all together! I do believe that this will eventually come together and we can take our turn, in hosting a good Convention.

We will be joining these districts in hosting a potluck/get-together to hear Jim H's Delegate Report in the near future. When a time and place has been set up, we'll let our groups know with a flyer and hopefully, with the flyer in the *El Farolito* also. Stay tuned for that! We also have another opportunity to host an *El Farolito* labeling/ mailing party if we choose to. The months that need to be filled are from August 2016 to January 2017. That will be brought up at the next district meeting for discussion.

At the District level, our Committee Chairs are staying busy. They're keeping up with any changes that come along, coming up with new ideas to address these changes, and keeping us informed of the latest information from their committees. They really are dedicated Chairpersons and they keep the ball rolling. Thank you, to every one of them! These members who chose these positions, help keep Corrections meetings going, they donate books and literature to the facilities on a regular basis, steer newcomers to the nearest meetings as a part of Bridge the Gap...so many important things that gets the message out to those who are still suffering. And as a district, we have 4-5 groups that continue to take meetings in Turquoise Lodge on a monthly basis. It's a good reminder for many of us and reminds us to stay humble.

When it comes to service work, I think a lot of us owe the old-timers in our home groups a big thank you! They were the ones who encouraged service work and let us see what it's all about. Funny how they knew it would benefit us! This isn't something I normally think about, but when you have to put it in writing, what your district is doing, etc...well, this is what comes out. Thanks for letting me share that, I think it's good to thank these people when we get an opportunity. To all the service people at Area, District, and group levels...thank you!

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District 2...

And in closing, as a reminder to our district folks...our June District Meeting will be hosted by the Round Up Group, at the Community Bible Church, 1467 Hwy 314 NW, Los Lunas on Saturday, June 11th. Potluck at 1:30pm and Meeting at 2pm. Hope to see you all there.

Grateful for this sober life and in service, Carmen O. – District 3 El Farolito Rep

District 6— Las Vegas, Clayton, Raton

This month I have little new to add to last month's report, except we had a problem with the treasurer's report (which has been resolved) and Michelle B., Area Archivist, visiting us. She told us of her involvement with archives and asked us about sources of information for the Area's Archives. We told her of Bob J., one of Happy Hour's oldest members, who did at least some archiving for us. Paul H. from Land of Enchantment meeting told her of a member in Raton who would be a good source, and we mentioned a few others a few others. Michelle's report was interesting and encouraging. Thanks, Michelle!

Tony and I and maybe some others here will be manning an information table at the local Recreation center at a health fair sponsored by Alta Vista Regional Hospital. We will display the Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions and have a rack or two of literature to share and even some smaller books.

A bunch of us plan to attend the Area Conference at Ghost Ranch. It will be great to mingle with our friends from other parts of the state. I expect each of us will learn much to share when we get home.

Speaking of mingling, do come to our annual picnic at Storrie Lake just off 518 between Las Vegas and Mora. Jim H. will be giving his delegate report, and we usually have a good pot-luck and fun with games and music.

June 26th we will be having our turn preparing the July issue *El Farolito* for mailing. Drop by, if you can and lend a hand or cheer us on. We'll be serving refreshments and offering conversation. It's not difficult to do if you are in the area.

Giving it away to keep it, Mary M., District 6 *El Farolito* Reporter and Treasurer

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

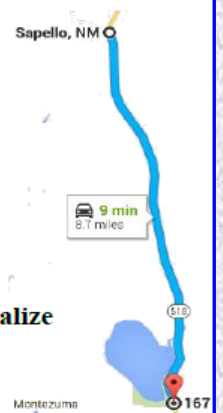
10:00am –11:00 a.m. - Morning Meeting

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



District 8 - Farmington

Two events occurred in the last month. The mailing party on April 30 was a success; six of us helped Jay get *El Farolito* ready to mail in about 1¼ hours. Thanks to all who helped. The Emotional Sobriety workshop was held May 14 at The Well. It was well attended, with an estimated 30 to 35 people from both AA and Al-Anon. A consensus was that more workshops like this will be held.

John T., our district archives representative, will begin to interview old-timers with at least 25 years of sobriety. He will interview one person each month.

Coming up July 22-24 is the annual Friends of Bill W. Campout held in Cunningham Gulch near Silverton, Colorado. Fliers have been distributed, and more information can be had by contacting Rick or Andrea G. Be prepared for cold weather, as the campsite is at 10,000 ft.

Open district positions include young peoples and women and juvenile jail representatives. We are still in need of a coordinator for the picnic planning committee; the picnic will be on August 7 at Kiwanis Park. If you're interested in being of service, come to the District 8 meeting at 7 PM Thursday, June 9, at 865 N. Dustin.

Yours in sobriety, Andrea G

District 10 - Hobbs, Carlsbad

Thanks to Jen and Alan, Dist. 10 had a informative, well attended Traditions Workshop hosted by the Hobbs Original Group. There were members from Carlsbad and Roswell as well as Hobbs. Our two past Delegates did an excellent job of getting us to work together and think with our hearts. The food was fabulous thanks to the fellowship and especially Jesse F. for his almost famous brisket.

The first ever Southeastern New Mexico Men Conference went well. It was held at Washington Ranch in the foot hills of the Guadalupe mountains south of Carlsbad . Great place and a wonderful group of AA members. Thanks to Ralph T., Howard P., Jimmy Jack B. and David L. for being a part of a great time.

Looking forward to Ghost Ranch hope to see some of you there. Love and Service Foghorn Leghorn (Jason O.)

District 11 - West Albuquerque

District 11 would like to invite you to our next meeting, June 11th at 9:10am. We meet every second Saturday at Grace United Methodist church, 420 San Lorenzo NW, Klassen Hall.

At our last meeting on May 14th we welcomed 2 guest speakers. Michelle B. from area 46, Archives chair. She has information to pass on to district 11 archives chairperson. She also suggested ways to get excited about the position. Take pictures of meeting places in district, add up years of sobriety in your home group, a lot of neat ideas. She is willing to speak with interested party to fill this position. 505-660-8846. Manuel P. was our other guest speaker, area 46, Literature chair. He is new to the position but would love to pass on his ideas to a new literature chairperson. 505-610-8327.

So with that being said we are still looking to fill some service positions, these positions are available for a representative. What a great way to do service work and get involved in your very own district 11: Archives; Grapevine; Bridge The Gap; Corrections; Literature; Treatment.

This was really a great meeting, we also cheered on a new volunteer, Terry P. to be the traditions conference chair. The date has been set for October 29th. Negotiations are in the works to have it moved to Shepard Of The Valley.

We have our district picnic coming up in August. We are still needing a chairperson for this event. Great times to be had at Jemez Falls campsite. [8/6/16](#). We are also trying to come up with ideas to help Central Office. Central Office really needs help with answering phones and they also need assistance with donations. Let's all come up with some ideas for fund raising. I would like to personally encourage you to attend our next meeting. It is a great way to know what is going on in your district and meet people who love service work. Hope to see you at our next meeting and thank you again for your service.

District 11, Kathi B El Farolito Rep

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District 14 - Taos, Red River, Embudo

It's June, officially summer, and District 14 is offering gatherings, workshops and service opportunities to the AA community. Below are three such offerings, so mark your calendars!

June 11th the Taos Library Group is hosting its 4th Annual Outdoor Gathering, also known as a Potluck Picnic! This is a Saturday event, from 11:30-3pm at the Kit Carson Park Shelter on 211 Paseo Del Pueblo Norte. Individual grills are welcome this year at the shelter, and the hosts will provide some of the plastic-ware, cups and beverages. The meeting starts around 1:30. Contact Ellen at (575) 776-3265 if you have questions.

June 18th, in the Kit Carson Board room, District 14 offers a Relationship Workshop: "Practicing the Principles in All Our Affairs." This workshop will be led by Jennifer H, and is open to people in or out of relationships. Topics will include finding romance from within the program, A.A./Al-Anon couples, and more. This is another pot-luck lunch event. You can contact Jennifer H. if you have questions, at (575) 770-2596.

On another note, there is an opportunity for service open and waiting for the right people. District 14's Corrections Committee is requesting volunteers to take meetings to corrections facilities. There is an especially urgent call for male volunteers with enough sobriety to lead meetings. This is very important work, and a great chance to offer our message to people in high need. Meetings are on Sunday. Men's groups meet at 10am, and women's groups meet at 3:30pm. For more information about this, or to offer your service, please call Alena at (505) 933-2211.

District 18 - Rio Rancho, Corrales

District 18 is moving ahead. All of the committee chairs and trusted servant positions are generously filled. Many of the District's GSRs attend the District meetings regularly, and all are invited (second Saturday 10:30 am at the Bernalillo United Methodist Church (See June 11th change below)).

We had a very successful Intergroup speaker meeting headed by *One Step At A Time* and the *Women's Group* in Rio Rancho. With the raffle and the 7th tradition they raised over \$1200 for central office. Congratulations to all who participated. (And the potluck was great). There were two wonderful speakers Debra K and Jim H who carried the message very powerfully.

We're looking forward to our Founder's Day picnic in June (include flyer info). We will hold the June district meeting at the picnic location at 9:30 this one time. Bring your family and join in the food, music and fun. Location: 500 Jones Rd. Off Corrales Rd. (Downtown) Corrales, NM

Pot Luck at Noon **Speaker: Roger L. at 1:00 pm**

There is a Solution Group is sponsoring with grillin' burgers, hotdogs, H2O, coffee, and the Solution Band. You bring light hearts, a side dish, your juice-harp, loved ones, and fine singing voice.



For information and to volunteer contact Shirley at 615-7050

District 18 **2016 Founder's Day Picnic** **Saturday, June 11th** **11:00 am to 3:00 pm**

At the Corrales Recreation Center, West Soccer Field.
Jones Rd. Off Corrales Rd. (Downtown) Corrales, NM



B i r t h d a y s

District 8

Aztec Group

Ron H. 29 years April 29

Hi-Nooners Group

Becky C. 1 year June 1

El Centro Group's Birthdays for the Month of April.

Oran - 3 months

Brenda - 9 months

Zelda - 1 year

Mark G. - 5 years

Hobbs

Jack 30yrs

Justin S. 4yrs

Christa L. 1yr

Rusty T. 8yrs

Rick C. 13yrs

Ruidoso ARID group birthdays for April

Jenny 2yrs

Bud 3yrs

19TH ANNUAL

2016

@ WHITE SANDS NATIONAL MONUMENT

Full Moon Madness

* \$3.00 Per Person
(National Park Fee)
6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

* \$6.00 Per Person
(If camping)
6 p.m. - 10 a.m.

POTLUCK & OPEN A.A. MEETING

MEAT & DRINKS PROVIDED

*PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH OR DESSERT

DRIVE NORTH UNTIL YOU SEE
THE SIGNS AND FRIENDLY FACES.

Saturday July 23, 2016

GROUP AREA, LOOK FOR SIGNS!!

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From AA History Lovers: An interesting history of how Districts and GSRs came to be

In November 1950 a pamphlet titled "*Your Third Legacy Will You Accept It?*" was published to explain the pending Conference plans and procedures. Bill W also wrote a December 1950 Grapevine article titled "*Your Third Legacy.*" The Alcoholic Foundation invited one Conference delegate from each of the then 48 States and the Canadian Provinces. Seven states with large AA populations were assigned additional delegates.

Delegates were divided into two Panels so that half would be elected and half would rotate in odd and even numbered years. Panel 1 areas were asked to form a temporary committee to organize an election assembly no later than March 1951. Bill W traveled across the US attending over two dozen assemblies electing area committees and Conference Delegates.

Area assemblies were first held just for the election of area officers and a delegate. "Group Representatives" (later called "General Service Representatives") who attended, placed an "A" next to their name on the registration form to indicate they were available to serve on the area committee. The first item of assembly business was to create an area map divided into districts. This determined the number of "Committeemen" to be elected. "Committeemen" later came to be called "Committee Members" and then "District Committee Members" (or DCMs).

The entire assembly voted in the election of Committeemen which ended when a nominee received at least 25% of the votes cast. The first three Committeemen elected automatically became the Area Chair, Treasurer and Secretary in that order. The delegate election required a 2/3 majority of the votes cast. If it could not be obtained, the delegate was chosen by lot from among all the Committeemen whether they were standing for the delegate election or not. Each area determined the number of times to vote prior to settling the election by lot. Needless to say, much has changed since then.

On April 20, 1951 - 37 US and Canadian delegates convened at the Commodore Hotel in NYC as the first Panel of the General Service Conference. Bernard B Smith presided. 15 Trustees and 10 staff members from the NY Office and Grapevine joined the Conference as voting members. On April 23, 1952, Panel 2 (consisting of 38 additional delegates) joined with Panel 1 for the first Conference of all Delegates attending. The 1952 Conference approved a new edition of the Third Legacy pamphlet. It began to call the election guidelines the "*Third Legacy Method of Elections.*" Later a much changed version came to be called the "*Third Legacy Procedure.*"

The 1953 Conference recommended that a pamphlet be developed to clarify the duties and responsibilities related to General Services. It was published in December 1953 under the title "*Your Role in the General Service Conference.*" The pamphlet explained the duties and responsibilities of Group Members, Group Representatives, Area Committeemen and Conference Delegates. It also contained the first structure diagram of the General Service Conference.

The 1954 Conference unanimously approved the renaming of the 15-member Alcoholic Foundation to the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. The renaming took place in October 1954. The Conference also approved renaming the "Group Representative" to "General Service Representative" to be the voice of the group conscience in General Service matters. The General Service Representative was to be listed in the AA Directory instead of the Group Secretary.

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CORRECTIONS

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers are needed to carry the AA message into the New Mexico State Correctional facilities.

Women (or men) are especially needed to carry the message into the NM Women's Correctional Facility in Grants, NM.

Volunteer training for men and women will be:

Saturday, June 04, 2016

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

New Beginnings Church

3601 Montgomery Blvd NE

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109

1 year recommended sobriety

3 years off paper

"Remember it was agreed at the beginning we would go to any lengths for victory over alcohol." Alcoholics Anonymous page 76

CENTRAL OFFICE FUNDRAISER

SPAGHETTI DINNER 6pm

SPEAKER MEETING 7pm

50/50 Raffle



NMCYPAA 2016

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Date/Time

Date(s) - Fri August 12, 2016 to August 14, 2016

All Day

Location

Hotel Encanto

NMCYPAA 2016 Convention

August 12th, 13th and 14th

Location: **Hotel Encanto**

Convention begins at 12:00 pm on Friday

Workshops, Speakers, BBQ, Dance and More!

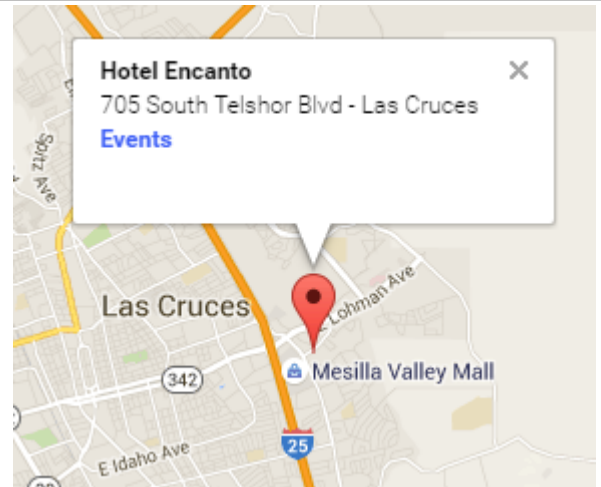
SELF-SUPPORT

The 7th Tradition states: "Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

While contributions cover each group's rent and other expenses, the 7th Tradition is essential at every level of A.A. service. It is both a privilege and a responsibility for groups and members to ensure that not only their group, but also their intergroup/central office, local services, district, area, and the General Service Office remain self-supporting. This keeps A.A. free of outside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose — to help the alcoholic who still suffers.

The amount of our contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that unites all groups around the world.

Service Material from the General Service Office



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

We still need 5 parties to host to complete my rotation

So far, Districts 1, 4, 5, 7, 13, 16 have not hosted

With 10 people or so it takes only about an hour

They have been held at Clubs, after and before regular meetings (with me speaking at some), at special meetings and even at a DCMs home.

It has been an awesome experience to explore my new adopted home state and to meet so many dedicated members of Area 46.

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Sep-15	08/29/15	10
Oct-15	09/26/15	
Nov-15	10/31/15	14
Dec-15	11/28/15	
Jan-16	12/27/15	6
Feb-16	01/30/16	9
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From the Editor

Once again, I continue to trust in my Higher Power and once again He/She came through. I have a basic policy that if we are below our \$2,500 prudent reserve at the time to put together the issue, I will not produce the 20 pages that costs about \$100 more to print and somewhat more expensive to mail than 16 pages. About a week before the deadline, a group who had been having some health issues with their treasurer and was behind in contributions sent a \$300 check. As of this writing, the bank balance stands at \$2,565.66 so you are reading a 20 page issue again. I should also note we have an inventory of bulk mail stamps worth \$189 and a balance at the Post Office for the mailing account of \$192.96 for total on hand assets of \$2,947.41.

This contribution (and all the others) enabled us to a) not have to edit for size, b) be able to carry flyers and c) allowed room for an interesting history of how Districts and GSRs came to be. I think everyone will agree this makes for a far more interesting and valuable *El Farolito*.

As I go to meetings and travel the state, I am often (too often) asked who gets their group's ELF. My answer is their GSR or lacking a GSR their primary contact. Assuming they have one and assuming they have a good mailing address that is where it is being mailed. If the issue is then not getting to the group it is because the GSR is not bringing it in. If you are a GSR receiving your Group's issue that means you have the privilege of reading it first, it does not mean it is your issue to keep!

2016 Groups Donating...Thanks!

Any Length Women's Gr	Albuquerque	Jemez Springs	Jemez Springs
Aztec Group	Aztec	LA Womens Group	Los Alamos
Bayard Group	Silver City	Laguna Group	Gallup
Brown Baggers	Albuquerque	Live and Let Live	Santa Fe
Circle of Love	Albuquerque	Live and Let Live	Albuquerque
Cloudcroft Group	Cloudcroft	Los Mesilleros	Mesilla
Dawn Patrol	Albuquerque	Lunch Bunch	Roswell
Daybreak Group	Farmington	Pecos Group	San Jose
Daybreak Group	Farmington	Questa Crossroads	San Luis
District 11	Albuquerque	Ruidoso Arid Group	Ruidoso
District 9	Mail Party	Serendipity Gr	Albuquerque
Early Birds Group	Las Vegas	Serenity Group	Alamogordo
El Centro Group	Albuquerque	Serenity Group	Albuquerque
Foothills Group	Albuquerque	Serenity Group	Las Vegas
Fourth Dimension	Farmington	Sober at Sunrise	Las Cruces
Group 63	Alamogordo	Spiritual Awakening	Ft Defiance
Hi Nooners	Farmington	Sponsorship & Growth	Albuquerque
Hill Top Group	Gallup	Sun Night Step Study	Las Vegas
Hobbs Original Group	Hobbs	TGIF Taos	Taos
Home Group	Gallup	The Dawn Patrol	Albuquerque
How it Works	Taos	There is a Solution	El Prado
Into Action Group	Taos	Twelve Squared	Carlsbad
Isleta Group	Albuquerque	Women's Gratitude	Albuquerque
Jaywalker	Taos		



BILL W. and Dr. BOB

**Remember June 10, 1935 when one man sat down with another and they with another...
and the miracle began...**

