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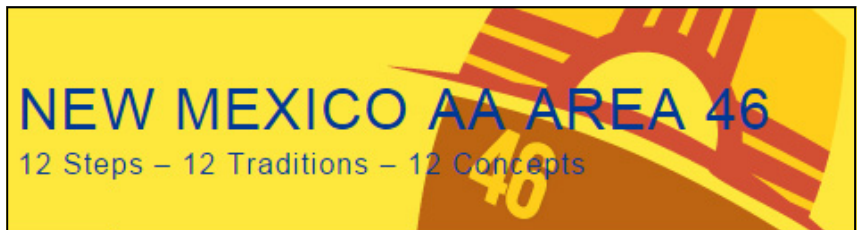
Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

## New Website is Launched!

Have you ever noticed that plans have a way of changing? The old website took its last breath during the evening of June 25<sup>th</sup>. The outage caused by some type of critical database errors was discovered early on Friday June 26<sup>th</sup>. After a number of discussions a decision was made to go ahead and launch the new web site that the programmer had been working on. This site only became available for review on June 10<sup>th</sup> and had not gone through the testing process that was intended. Overall the new site functioned very well, although some of the recent content and meeting changes had not been incorporated into the databases yet. There is still work to be done in terms of giving DCM's and web reps editing access to the site but I hope that has been completed shortly (by the time you read this if you are reading this in the printed Elf)

**Tom C. and Kossi K. were instrumental in all phases of this frantic transition and have my deepest gratitude.**

Overall there has been a lot of positive feedback on the website appearance and the feedback is greatly appreciated. Please email me with any suggestions, revisions or noted errors at [webchair@nm-aa.org](mailto:webchair@nm-aa.org).



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This brings me to the final item – EMAIL. We have also completed the transition to the new domain. The domain is NM-AA.org. Please use only the email addresses sent to trusted servants, Committee Chairs, DCM's and Web Reps or that are listed in the most recent issues of *El Farolito*. The previous variations may or may not work (most of them don't) so if you send something to an old address it will likely not get there. Please check your mail settings if you have set up an email client or address book and replace all old email addresses. Likewise do not reply to an old email that you may have saved so you would not have to hunt for the address. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Finally, this transition did not go as smoothly as I had hoped for but in the end the Area has a solid website with enhanced usability and functions. The Logo used was used as a placeholder during the programming phase so it was not selected group conscious. I apologize if this has created any harm and would be very willing to revisit the choice in the future if it is desired. Right now I would like to focus on function and content and leave some of the aesthetic issues for later. Besides, it will give something for the next Web Chair and Committee to discuss.

All Trusted Servants, Committee Chairs, DCM's and Web Reps should have received a couple of emails from me in the past month, please contact me if you have not.

Brett B. - Area 46 Web Chair

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## *Delegate Report*

It's been a great summer so far. I know many of you participated in the International Convention in Atlanta and, from what I heard, it was outstanding. The speakers from Area 46 received glowing praise. I wasn't able to go myself but I know our Area was well represented.

Since I wrote my last *El Farolito* report, I've had the chance to visit District 16 in Columbus, District 6 in Las Vegas, Districts 12 and 17 in Albuquerque, District 15 in Los Alamos, District 14 in Taos, District 9 in Gallup/Zuni, and District 5 in Ruidoso. I've been welcomed with warm hospitality and lively discussion everywhere I went and I thank you for that. I've got a few more reports coming up in August, including one at NMCYPAA in Roswell (3-4 pm on August 15). I know NMCYPAA will be a blast and I'm honored to be included. Most of all, I appreciate your willingness to engage in the issues affecting the future of Alcoholics Anonymous.

One of the things we've talked about is whether AA is growing in terms of membership or not. If AA is leveling off, why is that and is it something we should try to change? Please let me know if you have any thoughts about this issue, since I think it's an important one for our fellowship.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the September Assembly in Belen. I'll be giving a report on the Conference during the lunch break on Saturday, in case you missed it. Plus, Yoli F, our new Southwest Regional Trustee, will be on hand to meet everybody and share her story. This will be an election assembly, so make sure your group is represented!

In grateful service,  
Jen N

## *Delegado Informe*

Ha sido un gran verano hasta ahora. Sé que muchos de ustedes participaron en la Convención Internacional en Atlanta y, por lo que escuché, fue excepcional. Los oradores de la zona 46 recibieron brillante alabanza. Yo no era capaz de ir yo mismo, pero sé que nuestra área fue bien representada.

Desde que escribí mi último informe de El Farolito, he tenido la oportunidad de visitar el Distrito 16 en Columbus, Distrito 6 en Las Vegas, los Distritos 12 y 17 en Albuquerque, Distrito 15 en Los Álamos, Distrito 14 en Taos, Distrito 9 en Gallup / Zuni, y el Distrito 5 en Ruidoso. He sido recibido con una cálida hospitalidad y un animado debate donde quiera que fue y le doy las gracias por ello. Tengo unas cuantas más informes que vienen en agosto, incluyendo una en NMCYPAA en Roswell (3-4 pm el 15 de agosto). Sé NMCYPAA será una explosión y me siento honrado de ser incluido. Sobre todo, agradezco su voluntad de participar en las cuestiones que afectan al futuro de Alcohólicos Anónimos.

Una de las cosas que hemos hablado es si AA está creciendo en términos de pertenencia o no. Si AA se está estabilizando, ¿por qué es eso y es algo que debemos tratar de cambiar? Por favor, hágamelo saber si usted tiene alguna idea acerca de este problema, ya que creo que es muy importante para nuestra comunidad.

Tengo muchas ganas de que todo lo ve en la Asamblea de septiembre en Belén. Voy a dar un informe sobre la conferencia durante la pausa para el almuerzo el sábado, en caso de que no. Además, Yoli F, nuestro nuevo Custodia Regional del Suroeste, estará a su disposición para satisfacer a todo el mundo y compartir su historia. Esta será una asamblea electoral, por lo que asegúrese de que su grupo está representado!

En servicio agradecido,  
Jen N

# Area Trusted Servants Reports

## Chair

I hope everyone is enjoying the New Mexico's version of summer, wherever you are in the state. I hope that I will be able to see everyone at the Assembly planning meeting, held Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Valley of the Shepherd. As we have a new website up and running, I am excited to learn in our workshop from Brett B., our website chair, how to use it effectively. I want to thank Brett and Tom C. for their commitment to this new website project in this rotation. We will also be discussing, at the Assembly Planning meeting, how to encourage and nurture those individuals that want to serve our AA Fellowship.

One of the most valuable resources of any organization is the experience of those who have gone before. Because of the wise and spiritual principle of rotation, we in Alcoholics Anonymous are blessed with a constantly vital and always growing pool of people whose primary aim is to offer the message of AA.

I think one of the most exciting aspect of rotation is not just giving up the title of a service position. Rotation means truly letting go of the control and the actions. It means allowing the entire service structure to operate with God leading the way by expressing Himself in our group conscience. The benefits of rotation is beyond our imagination because it means allowing the entire service structure to operate with a Higher Power leading the way in our group conscience.

I recall a quote from a talk given Loren B, Panel 51 Delegate from Montana, she gave this talk at the 52nd General Service Conference in April 2002. *"The benefits of rotation are very real and practical, God has in store for us will be better than anything we could have planned for ourselves. We may not know what God has planned for us, but we'll never find out if we are not willing to let Him guide us further down the path. By rotating out of a service position and truly letting go of the job, we open ourselves to an ongoing spiritual awakening."*

These points are practical illustrations of the kinds of careful discrimination and soul-searching that true leadership must always try to exercise. I appreciate this expression of my own feelings regarding the benefits of allowing a Higher Power to lead the way.

Looking forward to seeing you all in September in Belen.

Teresa F  
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## Upcoming Area Events

Area Assembly September 12, 13 District 3 Belen /  
Area Assembly December 5,6 District 8; Farmington  
Area Assembly March 5, 6 District 14 Taos

## Registrar

You should be reading this shortly before you get either an email or snail mail from me with the Agenda and other information for the September election Assembly to be held in Belen Sept 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>. I've noticed that a lot of folks refer to this as a voting assembly but in fact they are all voting assemblies. We vote on motions at every assembly, but this is the one where we elect our Delegate and other trusted servants. Please plan on attending.

The description in the Area Information Pamphlet (AIP) says the registrar will provide the agenda to all voting members of the Area 30 days prior to the Assembly. This means that the ones going snail mail should be in the mail by August 10<sup>th</sup> and the emailed ones no later than August 12<sup>th</sup>. There are 355 active registered groups in the Area (state) plus the Trusted Servants and Past Delegates. Of those about 90 do not have access to email and will receive the information by good old USPS and the balance by email. To make things interesting we have made the switch from the old website to the new and my address book made the trip but lost the categories which gives me a chance to double check everyone's email by District. The good news is that this all happened when I was in a position to get help from Tom and Brett in getting this set up. The even better new is that it will be in good shape for the November mailing for the December Assembly and for the person stepping up to this position for the 2016-2017 rotation.

If you are eligible to stand for this position at the September Assembly please consider it. I have loved it. (and occasionally hated it. Ask Tom about my threat last week to eat cookies and smoke cigarettes) Send me an email at [registrar@nm-aa.org](mailto:registrar@nm-aa.org) with your contact info and I will call you and we can talk about it.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. Keep on trudgin' till I see you in Belen.

Rosie F

### Envelopes Returned in July

Live and Let Live Group  
Saturday Solutions Group

Questa  
Santa Fe

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# Trusted Servant Reports

## *Treasurer*

28 groups contributed to Area 46 in June. Group contributions year-to-date are 21.6% lower in 2015 compared to 2014. You might recall there was a 39% difference at the end of the first quarter, so the situation has improved since that time; but we are still not quite out of the woods. Kurt and I will have more information available regarding our projections for the Area's ability to meet its budget obligations this year at the Assembly in September.

Expenses in June included the purchase of a projector which will be used for Area workshops, Assemblies and Conventions. Thank you to Brett B., Website Chair, for doing the research and purchasing the projector and necessary accessories. Expenses this month also included transportation expenses for our Area Archivist, Olivia O., to attend the National AA Archivist Workshop in September. Both of these projects were approved by the March Assembly.

The saga of securing general liability insurance for Area 46 has finally ended. After a thorough search, I ended up purchasing a policy from the same company that has been providing our general liability policy for at least the past 8 years. The issuing company was able to put me in contact with a local agency which could sell us a policy. Our coverage is exactly the same as before and the price was the same as well.

In grateful service, Teresa J.



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*for the Area to:*

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# Service Committee Reports

## Literature Committee

I will be making a literature order in the next couple weeks, so if you have a special request for literature, pamphlets or other group items, please contact me.

I am also available for workshops or other AA events. I would love to attend. What a summer so far....the State Convention in Hobbs was great, then spent a long weekend in Minnesota for my oldest brother Tom's retirement party (and 22 years sober) and then we were off to Atlanta for the International Convention, celebrating 80 years of our beloved Fellowship.

Gloria and I had the opportunity to hear several of our New Mexico natives speak and others from other states and countries at the International. We registered early and were able to stay close to the event, which was very convenient. I walked out of my room one morning and ran into my service sponsor, Ralph T. walking down the hallway! He had just got done speaking and was on his way to hear his wife Gwen speak.

I felt real small and insignificant at the Georgia Dome with 60K sober AA's (great for my ego deflation) and then felt the warmth and closeness of the Fellowship sitting with my 48 year old cousin Steve Z. from Wisconsin who just celebrated 26 years free from alcohol! I ran into him five years ago in San Antonio, and hadn't seen him since he was 22 and sobered up. (figure that)

We spent a lot of time just visiting, meeting new people, eating with people from all over the world, and attending a lot of functions. One of my favorites was a play put on by sober *Grapevine* representatives from New Jersey. The play was a tribute to "the Fab Four" "The Magical Misery Tour" and they were renamed "the Bottles." Hilarious!

I love Alcoholics Anonymous and the people in it. I found that service work comes in all forms, shapes and accents. Even if I don't understand them, nor them me, the language of the heart is universal, and hopefully, forever.

TYFLMBOS, John T.

## CPC Committee

The Area 46 CPC Chair (Brian V.) worked the CPC Desk at the AA International Convention on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 5:00 in Atlanta, Georgia; many people came by and discussed CPC issues.

The Area 46 CPC Committee will be participating in the District 17 Corrections Workshop on Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 2PM to 5PM at the Isleta Club in Albuquerque. The Area 46 CPC Committee will participate in the District 12 "I Am Responsible" workshop on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 2PM to 5PM at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Albuquerque. The Area 46 CPC Committee will be participating in the Commission on Lawyer Assistance Program Conference (COLAP) on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

If you are A.A. member, and, are interested in participating in Area 46 CPC activities please contact the Area 46 CPC Chair.

### El Farolito,

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**All AA groups who want to receive El Farolito may do so by contacting the editor.**

# Service Committee Reports

## Archives Committee

I had the opportunity to attend the International Convention in Atlanta July 2-5. What a spectacular event these International Conventions are. We closed the Friday Night meeting with 50,000+ members holding hands and praying. Spiritual experience to say the least.

The Archives Committee had our archives display set up at the convention in June. We had an opportunity to exchange some information with the Archivist from Area 66 in Texas. He had a wealth of presentations that were already put together, which he shared with us. Our Committee will re-format the title pages to reflect Area 46, but the outcome is that we now have 10 or 15 presentations available to offer to put on for Districts. Anything from AA Timeline, to Big Book History, to "Myths" and various other presentations. We hope to have them catalogued and prepare a Flyer/List of presentations available for your District to be ready for distribution at the upcoming September Assembly. If your District has an event coming up and would like an Archives presentation, or want to

have fun with JeopAArdy, please contact Area 46 Archives Chair at [ArchivesChair@nm-aa.org](mailto:ArchivesChair@nm-aa.org).

We set up our Archives Display at the District 14 Workshop in Taos on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was a wonderful event and a lot of fun was had by all. We were asked to present the AA JeopAArdy game. It was a lot of fun and good friendly competition. Our Delegate, Jen, was also in attendance and gave her Delegates Report. (She did pretty good at the JeopAArdy trivia) Thank you District 14 for including Archives in your planning.

We have been invited to participate in the NMCYPAA State Convention in August in Roswell. Other districts have expressed interest in having workshops as well. Archives has been active and the Districts are making use of the Area resources. Thank you to all who are making use of the available support from the Area Archives.

If you have an opportunity, please visit the Area 46 website/Archives page and read through some of the interesting New Mexico history.

Thank you to the districts that have contributed to the Travel Fund for our Area Archivist to be able to travel to Akron for the National AA Archives workshop. In addition to the partial funding approved by Area 46, we have received additional contributions of \$306 to support our Archivists Travel.

In Love and Service, Bill L, Archives Chair

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Cosmo Group: two celebrants for June  
Cecil with 34 years and  
Kate C with 9months

Steve D 10 yrs 6-21 WOTS Gallup;  
Tony C 4 yrs 6-28 4th Dimension Grp  
Zuni  
Lennie J 3 yrs 7-26 Home Group Gallup

B-Hill Group in Bloomfield, NM:  
Joel J (Aug 17 '80)  
Michael E (Aug 28 '13)  
Brent H (Aug 23 '06)

Isleta Group:  
Lynnette 30 days  
Mike 30 days  
Angel 30 days  
Jessica 90 days  
Daniel 14 years

El Centro Group:

Mark G. 4yrs  
Michelle E. 12 yrs  
Bill D. 28 yrs  
Cecil R. 34 yrs  
Jackie B. 40 yrs



## *Treatment Committee*

I was grateful to represent Area 46 by volunteering at the International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. It was great to connect with the GSO Staff and meet other Treatment Chairs from around the United States. What a joy to hang out with thousands of fellow AAs at the convention. I want to thank those who kept me in your prayers and those who attended my share on Emotional Sobriety. What an experience to share my experience, strength, and hope at the International Convention.

Now for some information on Treatment and Upcoming Workshops:

Treatment Committees are formed to coordinate the work of individual A.A. members and groups who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics in treatment and outpatient settings, and to set up means of "bridging the gap" from the facility to an AA group in the individual's community. According to GSO, a treatment committee functions typically within a district level or it may serve within the structure of a central office/intergroup. Prior to forming these committees, this Twelfth Step service is sometimes handled by an individual group or member. As AA groups grow in number in a community, experience suggests that a committee works more effectively.

If you are interested in learning more, you may want to attend a workshop, hosted by **District 17, Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Isleta Club, 1829 Isleta Blvd. SW Albuquerque from 1:30pm to 6:00pm. Other topics presented by CPC, PI, Corrections, and Bridging the Gap.** You can also download the flyer from the NM AA website to get more information and help get the work out.

**District 12 is hosting a workshop "I Am Responsible" to include Treatment, BTG, Corrections, CPC, and PI on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 5pm at St Mary's Episcopal Church, 1500 Chelwood Park, Albuquerque.** Please contact District 12 for more information. Please feel free to contact me with any questions and/or if you need assistance.

In the spirit of love and service, Lawrence M.

## *Finance Committee*

The assembly is fast approaching and I am now in the process of putting together the draft budget for 2016. This is quite a challenge for me. I will be reaching out to all the trusted servants for their input on what might be needed for their committees.

I will also be asking anyone for their input on what they have seen in the past and might want it to look like in the future. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to get in contact with me so that we can discuss it.

Yours in Service, Kurt K.

## *YPAA Committee*

The committee has been working on a YPAA informational pamphlet for Area 46. This document was presented on June 9<sup>th</sup> and following a final review, the pamphlet and a Power Point Presentation will be sent out to GSRs in Area 46.

Start spreading the word about the NMCYPAA Rosswell, which will be held August 14-16 (see [www.nmcypaa.com](http://www.nmcypaa.com)). The committee has finally completed the best practices document and will have that available for groups soon. As always thank you for this opportunity to serve if I can be of assistance to your group of district let me know!

In love and service, Ally T

## *PI Committee*

Hey guys, isn't the new website awesome!? Anyway... The PI committee is looking forward to presenting information at the Isleta club for the District 17 workshop on August 22 and District 12 service workshop on August 29 at St. Mary's Church. In the mean time, I believe we have an upcoming Health Fair in October. I will be soliciting volunteers to represent AA Public Info at the booth.

We continue to provide books and literature to people and places where the AA message can be carried. Your generous donations of time and service are always appreciated. I ask those interested in PI to invite me to participate in health fairs, service workshops and district events. It is a pleasure to serve.

In service of AA, Tom C

# District Reports

## *District 5 - Alamogordo, Ruidoso*

What an exciting month for District 5. We celebrated AA's 80th birthday with the showing of 'My name is Bill W'. Hosted by Group 63, the movie was shown at a local theater, free admission and free popcorn. How blessed to walk into a theater and know that whoever I sat down next to was going to be a friend. Our district picnic was on June 21, in Cloudcroft. Great food. Great fellowship. Thanks to all who worked hard to put it together.

Our district meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Info in *El Farolito* and website. We do not have a current elf chairperson. I will be filling in for now.

In service, Patience B DCM district 5

## *District 14 - Taos*

The Taos Mountain Fiesta will be held September 12-14, 2014 at the Sagebrush Convention Center. Volunteers are needed and you can sign-up on the registration form or email [tmfiesta@yahoo.com](mailto:tmfiesta@yahoo.com). The website is now updated at [taosmountainfiesta.org](http://taosmountainfiesta.org).

We are now carrying meetings to women in jail and the response has been positive. Corrections has expressed interest in having us carry meetings to juvenile detention. In addition, issues of The Grapevine are now available at the jail and there is a desire to have literature as part of the DWI program.

There is a Solution Group held a picnic on June 13 and despite the wind and rain there were 45 attendees. The wind and rain did not put a damper on the good time had. District 14 held a delegate workshop and roughly a dozen attended.

Scott

## *District 16 - Silver City, Deming*

The District meeting for September 19<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by the Duster Group in Deming at 10:30 am. The address is 118 E. Spruce St. Nominations will be taking place for District trusted servants for the following two year term. Voting will take place in December. Also, thank you to the Borderline Group in Columbus for hosting the June District Mtg.

Dick S. has provided a new meeting list at the area web site: <http://www.newmexicoaa.org>. Any mistakes or corrections should be sent to Dick S. at [imtdick@centurylink.net](mailto:imtdick@centurylink.net). The hotline is still up and running. Volunteers are on a monthly basis. To volunteer, contact Bob S. at [bobbyluna100@gmail.com](mailto:bobbyluna100@gmail.com). If you wish to contribute to the phone line service send contributions to Central Office at PO Box 2912, Silver City, NM 88062.

Once again, our District AA meetings need your support. Help out your fellow members around the District especially our smaller meetings. Hope you are having a safe and fun summer.

Service in Sobriety, Jan W.

## *District 8 - Farmington*

Sober Summer Greetings;

Lots of activities going on here in the 4 Corners this year. We have our monthly December 5th-6th 2015 Area Assembly planning meeting on July 25th at 9AM at the Well Recovery Club, 309 W. Animas, Farmington.

Then our Annual District Picnic is on Sunday, August 9th at Kiwanis Park, 3540 E. 30th Street, across from Conoco-Philips, in Farmington. This is open to all who wish to attend, including family, friends and kids. Just leave the pets home, please. This year the picnic is being hosted by the Aztec Group, but all the help and side dishes are most welcome. Contact Charlotte A. at 505-320-6584 for more information.

There will be games, food, speaker, 50/50 and a raffle for a beautifully bound 2nd Edition Big Book. The raffle tickets are \$5 each, and raffle tickets will be sold up to 15 minutes before the speaker meeting, and raffled off immediately after the speaker.

Tickets then for the 1st Edition Big Book will go on sale immediately after the raffle. They also will be \$5 each. Both proceeds from the Big Books are to help finance a noted Christmas Banquet speaker, etc. The Christmas Banquet will be on December 19th, St. Mary's Parish Hall, 20th Street and Farmington Avenue. The 1st Edition Big Book will be raffled off after the speaker. Banquet tickets will be \$20 each with children under 8 free.

Get your raffle tickets and get a chance to own a piece of AA history. Contact Debi M. at the Well (505-592-1112) or from your home group.

TYFLMBOS, John T.

## *District 11 - West Albuquerque*

Things are going well as we trudge the road of happy destiny...

The annual District 11 Traditions Conference is coming along well. The date for the Conference has been finalized...October 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:30am – 2:00pm! The next planning meeting will be held on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Nativity Church at 9502 4<sup>th</sup> St. NW. The rest of the scheduled planning meetings are as follows: September 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm; October 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm. What a great opportunity for younger sponsees to become better acquainted with service work! Please contact Miguel V at (505) 328-0768 if you are interested in helping out.

NMCYPAA is putting on a conference titled "On the Wagon for Keeps" on August 14-16 at the ENMU Roswell Campus. For more information, please visit [www.nmcypaa.com](http://www.nmcypaa.com). Elizabeth reports that Central Office has filled several of the open positions to answer the phones, but could still use some help. Six months of sobriety is required. The topic for this month's *Pass It On* is: "What Tradition has meant the most to you?" Elizabeth will edit your article...just send it in to [evemerson@comcast.net](mailto:evemerson@comcast.net)

The date for the annual District 11 Jemez Falls Picnic has been set for August 8<sup>th</sup>. Mark that on your calendars, as this is an incredibly fun and fulfilling annual event. Planning is coming along well.

The Long Term Sobriety Workshop held last month was a resounding success. There were a total 53 people in attendance. There were 31 people who signed in...with a total of 731 years combined sobriety! Great job Chris S.

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# ***District News***

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## ***District 11...***

It has been decided that this workshop will become another annual event for District 11.

Joseph reports that the Los Lunas Correctional Facility meeting had 25 attendees last month. If you are interested in helping Joseph out with this rewarding service position, please let him know. Joseph also attended the Corrections Meeting at the International Conference and has many exciting ideas and opportunities planned.

Elaina A. has stepped up and accepted the role of District 11 Bilingual Rep. Welcome aboard Elaina, and thank you for your service! The Serenity Group will be celebrating their 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm. The Serenity Group meets at St. Michaels Episcopal Church, just west of 4<sup>th</sup> Street on Montano Rd.

District 11 has several open service positions, and could use your help in carrying the message. Service is a vital component to staying sober, and helping others. I am grateful for that opportunity.

Yours in service, Kevin C.

## ***District 12 - East Albuquerque***

Greetings from District 12, we are happy to be back in the groove with the ELF and reporting recent developments and upcoming events.

District 12 will have just recently finished up a Albuquerque Central Office Speaker Meeting and Raffle by the time this edition of the ELF is published. Many thanks to Alice M. and the numerous volunteers from around the district who helped put that event together. The district is also working to finish preparations for a "I am responsible" seminar featuring panel discussions on sponsorship and service on Saturday Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2-5PM, St. Mary's Church, 1500 Chelwood Ave. in Albuquerque. See the flyer on Albuquerque and Area 46 websites for more details.

In other District news, we have a couple of Committee Chairs open on Public Information and Corrections, but are otherwise looking forward to having a strong turnout at the September Assembly in Belen. District 12 volunteers will once again host the Heights Club Thanksgiving Feast, details to be worked out with The Heights Club in time for the next issue.

Hope to see you all in Belen in September. Yours in service, Milt B.

***From our Readers***  
~~***From our Readers***~~

Thanks for all you do! We also saw Home Groups Anniversary in the El Farolito! Woo hoo..ya'll Rock..I sent in some bdays too..hope you got them as well...thanks again!

Lennie GSR Home Group, Gallup



Jay, I am not smart enough I guess to not have memorized which districts are which. I've lost interest in the past in reading district news since I didn't know where the area was. Can one of the significant towns be listed next to the numbers? When I know it's Las Cruces, I am interested, etc. etc.

Haven't seen your most recent online newsletter yet. Looking forward to reading it. I'll have an article for you for the next paper. Thanks! you are doing an awesome job!

Elizabeth E. District 11 archives, intergroup member at large, etc,etc.

*Ed: Thanks Elizabeth! What a great idea! From this point on I will list the city(s) next to the District number.*

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My short report on the on the convention in Atlanta "Unbelievable! So many people from so many different places all carrying the same message of recovery and to be a part of it was just outstanding! It was a very spiritual weekend."

Thanks, Martha G....District 3

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***Alan S. passed on this article that Loraine S, Panel 24 delegate wrote for El Farolito. This is being re-printed in tribute as she passed away in June with over 50 years of sobriety. She was also one of the three past delegates instrumental in creating the Albuquerque Central Office.***

With infinite care, our founders created a world service structure which will insure unity and continuity for as long as we are willing to work to preserve it.

One of our co-founders, Bill, often used the words, "The future belongs to you." These words were specifically spoken at the General Service Conference in 1962. At that time the Conference gave its final approval to the Twelve Concepts for World Service. Bill also said, on that occasion, "since all my main service tasks are now complete, it seems right that my primary and long-held responsibility for our world operations out to end with this session. This should be the final step in placing AA wholly on its own.

In 1946 an earlier action had given us the Twelve Traditions which tell us how AA groups and individual members can relate to each other and to AA as a whole. The Twelve Concepts, then, provide us with a beautifully simple pattern for the functioning of our service structure and for the relationship of all its parts to the whole. They show us precisely how each part - our groups, the General Service Conference, our Board of Trustees, and our service organizations and committees - relate effectively to the others.

Is it not our responsibility to become comfortable enough with these Concepts to be able to picture the whole pattern, and understand the lines of communication so clearly set forth? Only through our own knowledge and understanding of the principles contained in the Concepts will we be able to communicate their importance to others. It should not be necessary to memorize the Concepts, but we surely ought to understand each one well enough to discuss it, its application and its importance to the future of Alcoholics Anonymous.

As Bill explains in his introduction to the Concepts, "They detail the experience and reasoning on which our operation stands today. The Concepts aim to record the *why* of our service structure in such a fashion that the highly valuable experience of the past and the lessons we have drawn from that experience can never be lost or forgotten."

Lorraine S., Metropolitan Group. Sobriety date: March 3, 1965



# News from around the state



## A.A. District 17 Workshop

### Taking the Message

Treatment Facilities

Cooperation with the Professional Community

Panel Discussions - Área 46

**PLACE:** Club Isleta . 1829 Isleta Blvd. SW . Albuquerque, NM

**DATE:** Saturday, August 22 2015

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

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The purpose of the Bridging the Gap program is to provide a hand, reached out in the spirit  
of our Twelve Steps of Recovery,  
to assist the newcomer to find the same help in staying sober that we ourselves found.

## NMCYPAA 2015 Roswell

ENMU-Roswell Campus, Roswell New Mexico

Aug 14, 2015 to Aug 15,  
2015

**All Day**

## District 18 Interactive Corrections Event

Rio Rancho United Methodist Church, Rio Rancho NM

Aug 22, 2015

**9:00 am - 10:30 am**

## District 17 Workshop

Isleta Club, Albuquerque

Aug 22, 2015

**1:30 pm - 6:00 pm**

## Sept 12 & 13, 2015 Area Assembly, Belen D-3

Belen, Belen New Mexico

Sep 12, 2015 to Sep 13, 2015

**All Day**

## Taos Mountain Fiesta

Sagebrush Inn, Taos NM

Sep 18, 2015 to Sep 20, 2015

**4:00 pm - 11:00 pm**

## 28th Annual AA Women's Sobriety Fest

Nativity Church, Albuquerque NM

Sep 26, 2015

**All Day**

## Have you heard about Mountains of Hope Convention in ABQ?

Hello, Here is some information regarding this Alanon/  
Alateen Convention with AA Participation. There will be  
11 AA meetings along with an AA speaker. This year's  
speaker is Ilse G. from Albuquerque. Please join us for  
another great convention!

July 31- Aug 2 at MCM Elegante in ABQ

Speakers, Dessert Social and over 60 Al-Anon, Spanish  
and AA meetings throughout the weekend!

Online Registration! - [www.nmal-anon.org](http://www.nmal-anon.org) --> Upcoming  
Events



DISTRICT 11

# ANNUAL PICNIC

JEMEZ FALLS PICNIC AREA

**AUGUST 8TH 2015**

**SATURDAY ALL DAY**

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FAMILY , NEWCOMERS AND SPONSEES ARE WELCOME .  
CARPOOLING IS ENCOURAGED. GREAT AREA FOR HIKING.  
HORSESHOES ETC.

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8:30 am Breakfast courtesy of El Centro

12 pm Potluck lunch Meat provided by District 11 . Bring a favorite side dish,  
dessert, chips or beverage.

1:30 pm Gratitude meeting.

> Directions From the Jemez Ranger Station go 7 1/2 miles north to the junction  
of State Rds 4 and 126 at La Cueva. Follow State Rd 4 approximately 6 miles east  
( between mile marker 31 and 32) . From the turn-off continue approximately 1  
1/4 miles to Jemez Falls Group Area south of the Family Campground.

# I Am Responsible

When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that I am responsible.

Come to a Workshop examining our responsibility:

- To Newcomers
- In Sponsorship
- Through General Service

**Date:** Saturday, August 29, 2015

**Time:** 2:00pm to 5:00pm

**Place:** St. Mary's Episcopal Church  
1500 Chelwood Park NE  
Albuquerque, NM

**Refreshments will be served!**

Sponsored by District 12

For more information contact:

[District12@nm-aa.org](mailto:District12@nm-aa.org)

# District 18 Interactive Corrections Event!

Saturday, August 22, 2015, 9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

## HOW FREE DO YOU WANT TO BE?

Carrying Our A.A. Message to the Still Suffering Alcoholic

Information about corrections service opportunities

Facility requirements to attend A.A. meetings behind the walls

Speakers sharing experience, strength and hope

Questions and Answer Sharing Sessions

Come join us for coffee and donuts at the

Rio Rancho United Methodist Church

1652 Abrazo Rd, NE.

Same location where In The Book Group Meets on Monday Evening

Abrazo is located off Unser Blvd which intersects Southern and Northern Blvds. If coming from Southern head north and Abrazo and turn left at the third traffic light. If coming from Northern head south and Abrazo is your first traffic light, take a right. R.R. Methodist Church is the church with the giant cross.

**NMCYPAA**  
**"ON THE WAGON FOR KEEPS"**  
**ROSWELL NM**

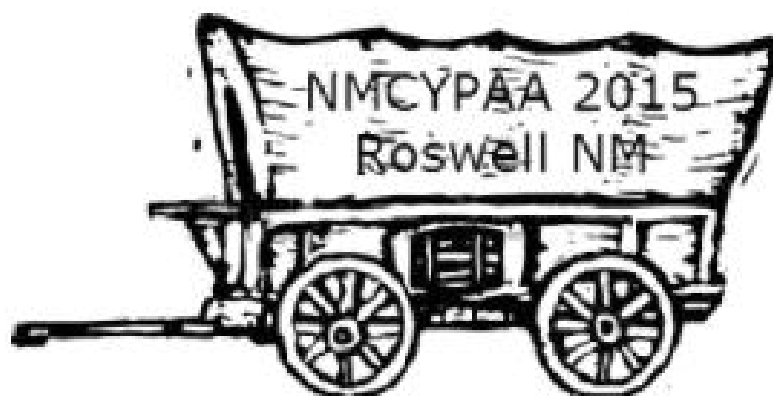
**AUGUST 14, 15 & 16**  
**ENMU- ROSWELL CAMPUS**  
**PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**  
**52 UNIVERSITY BLVD.**

**SPEAKERS:**

JJ- LAS CRUCES, NM  
ASHLEY- HOBBS, NM  
SHEA B- ROSWELL, NM  
LAST SPEAKER TBA

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:**

Holiday Inn Express 627-9900  
Holiday Inn 623-3216  
Comfort Inn 623-4567  
Candlewood Suites 623-4300  
Fairfield Inn 624-1300



<b>Name:</b> _____	<b>Register by 7/1</b>	<b>\$20</b> _____
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Make Checks payable to: Young People's Conference  
Scholarship Donations Welcome

For more information see [WWW.NM-AA.ORG/NMCYPAA](http://WWW.NM-AA.ORG/NMCYPAA)

For Payment and other information contact  
Bill F: 575-317-5176 Ron A: 575-317-3218



**44th Anniversary**  
**of the**  
**Serenity Group**  
**Pot Luck and Speakers**

*Main Dish and Birthday Cake Provided by Group  
Please bring Your Favorite Side Dishes and Salads*

*Monday, August 31, 2015*

*Pot Luck and Fellowship at 6:00  
Birthday Meeting at 7:30*

*at St. Michaels & All Angels Church  
601 Montano Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM*



# El Farolito Committee

## Contributions since the last issue:

We send a thank you post card with each contribution that also acts as a receipt. We believe that the amount of the contribution is not as important as the fact a contribution is being made. A \$5 contribution for one group can be as much of a sacrifice as a \$50 contribution from another. We are deeply humbled and grateful for your support.

6/24/15	High Noon Group	Albuquerque		7/1/15	Dixon Group	Dixon	
6/24/15	Aztec Group	Aztec		7/1/15	Sober at Sunrise	Las Cruces	
6/27/15	Dawn Patrol	Albuquerque		7/2/15	Sponsorship & Growth	Albuquerque	
7/6/15	Serendipity Gr	Albuquerque		7/3/15	Rebellion Dogs	Albuquerque	
6/30/15	Foothills Group	Albuquerque		7/11/15	ODAAT/Circle of Love	Bernalillo	
7/5/15	Los Mesilleros	Mesilla		7/14/15	Serenity Group	Alamogordo	
6/30/15	New Hope Shiprock	Farmington		7/16/15	Brown Baggers	Albuquerque	



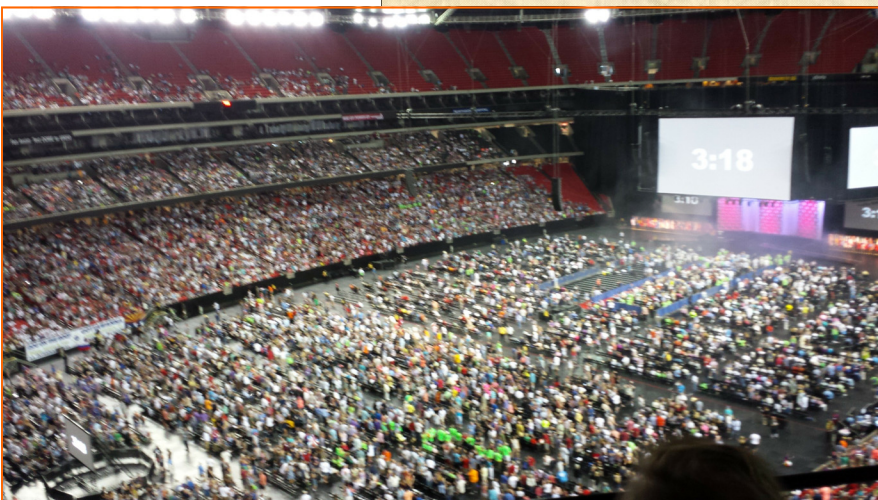
## From the Editor

Not very much to report this month. You will notice that I am listing the city next to the District. This was the result of a suggestion from one of our readers Elizabeth E. It was a great idea and as I have no monopoly on what works, keep the suggestions coming.

I would also love to build a group of "reporters" from around the state who would be willing to write on events, picnics, etc. you have attended. You do not have to have a service position to write for the ELF, so if you attended a great AA function let us know about it.

Finally the International was great, I really enjoyed it, but was also disappointed in some ways. Perhaps it is simply getting too big, to me it did not have the spirituality that I remember in San Antonio or Minneapolis. Maybe it is just me. I did attend the talk on newsletters and two of the three speakers were very good, the other just gave a mini lead and did not talk about newsletters. Oh well.

Thanks to all for making my job easy!



Saturday Night in Georgia Dome

# WHERE DID THE FOUR ABSOLUTES COME FROM?

## The Principles of Jesus by Robert E. Speer

Fleming H Revell Company, 1902.

In this book Speer expands on the teachings of Jesus on many subjects with direct Bible referencing from the many books of the New Testament. Most notably is his chapter on Jesus and Standards. Here Speer outlines what he refers to as the *Four Standards* - truth, unselfishness, purity and love. Speer also contends that these standards were *absolute*, meaning there was no quibbling intended of their interpretation, they were, more or less, requirements. These *Four Standards* would later be expanded upon by Henry B. Wright into the *Fourfold Touchstone*. Frank Buchman was a student of Wright's and was greatly influenced in Wright in his early education. Wright also laid a foundation for the Oxford Group's practice of surrender, guidance, restitution and witness.

Buchman used the *Four Absolutes* as principles of the First Century Christian Fellowship, later named the Oxford Group. Buchman believed that "when a person listens to God and is in submission to the absolutes, God speaks. And when that person obeys the guidance he has been given, God acts."

The Oxford Group where Bill W. first found sobriety prior to meeting Dr. Bob in 1935 and the eventual founding of AA. Both Dr. Bob and Bill, as well as many early AA members attended Oxford Group meetings in the early day. Although ties were eventually broken with the Oxford Group for one of many reasons, some of the principles including the Four Absolutes continued to be taught as viable tools for long term sobriety and a serene life. In his last major talk in 1948, Dr. Bob still praised the practice of the Four Absolutes.

Speer was also a teacher of Samuel Shoemaker's at Princeton. In How to Become a Christian Shoemaker writes: *One of the simplest and best rules for self-examination that I know is to use the Four Standards which Dr. Robert E. Speer said represented the summary of the Sermon on the Mount - Absolute Honesty, Absolute Purity, Absolute Unselfishness, and Absolute Love.*