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Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

September 9, 10 & 11, 2016 • AREA 46 ASSEMBLY • District 2 – Santa Fe
Institute of American Indian Arts • 83 A Van Nu Po, Santa Fe NM 87508

FRIDAY

7:30 pm Meet and greet (with dessert potluck) (No business will be conducted on Friday)
8:00 pm Traditions Workshop Hosted and presented by District 2

(Building 4, IAIA campus)

SATURDAY

(Building 5, IAIA campus)

8:30 am CALL TO ORDER
8:40 am COMMITTEE MEETINGS: GSR Orientation, Cooperation w/ Professional Community (CPC), Corrections, Grapevine/La Viña, Special Needs, Website
9:30 am 10-minute break
9:40 am COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Bridge the Gap (BTG), *El Farolito*, Finance, Public Information (PI), Young People, Assembly Development & Fun (ad hoc)
10:30 am 10-minute break
10:40 am COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Archives, Bilingual, Finance, Literature, Treatment Facilities, Area 46 Convention
11:30 am 10-minute break
11:40 am MEETINGS: GSRs, District Committee Members (DCMs), Area Trusted servants, Past Delegates
12:30 pm Lunch Break

1:45 pm CALL TO ORDER – Business Meeting
2:00 pm INTRODUCTIONS – Area trusted servants, Past Delegates, Districts (DCMs, GSRs & others), visitors.
2:45 pm SUMMARY OF MINUTES – March Assembly - District 14 Taos
2:50 pm TREASURER'S REPORT (while 7th Tradition basket is passed)
3:05 pm REGISTRAR'S REPORT
3:10 pm DELEGATE'S REPORT
3:25 pm ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT
3:30 pm REPORT ON PRE-CONFERENCE SURVEY – Assembly Development Committee
3:40 pm 10-minute break
3:50 pm ANNOUNCEMENTS
4:10 pm OLD BUSINESS
1) Area 46 Post-Convention Report: June 2016 – District 15
2) Area 46 Assembly Report: December 3 & 4, 2016 – District 10, Carlsbad
3) Area 46 Assembly Report: March 4 & 5, 2017 – District 12, Albuquerque
4:20 pm NEW BUSINESS*
1) Bids for Area 46 Convention June 2-4, 2017
2) Bids for Area 46 Election Assembly September 9 & 10, 2017
3) Presentation of 2017 draft budget
4) Motion to invite Al-Anon to participate in 2017 Area 46 Convention
5) Motion to change dates of March Area Assemblies
6) Discussion on holding an Area 46 service assembly
7) Other new business
5:30 pm Dinner Break



7:00 pm Fellowship & Fun (ice cream social and games) – Hosted by District 2 and the Young Peoples' committee
7:30 pm SHARING SESSION – The year-round conference process – Jim H, Area 46 Delegate.

(Building 5, IAIA campus)

SUNDAY

8:00 am CALL TO ORDER
8:10 am VOTE on previous day's bids and motions
8:30 am ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORTS** (includes Committee, GSR, DCM, Trusted Servant, and Past Delegate meetings)
10:00 am Ask It Basket and Sobriety Countdown
10:20 am 15-minute break
10:35 am ELECTION for position of Area Treasurer
11:00 am Adjourned until December 3 & 4, 2016 – District 10 Carlsbad

* HOW TO MAKE A MOTION:

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

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

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October Issue Deadline: Midnight – Friday, September 23rd

AGENDA para la ASAMBLEA de ÁREA 46
9, 10 y 11 de septiembre, 2016 • Distrito 2 – Santa Fe
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VIERNES

(Edificio 4, IAIA campus)

7:30 pm Conocer y saludar (con la cena de postre)

(Ningún negocio se llevará a cabo el viernes)

8:00 pm Taller de las Tradiciones

Organizado y presentado por Distrito 2

SÁBADO

(Edificio 5, IAIA campus)

8:30 am LLAMADA DE ORDEN

8:40 am REUNIONES de COMITÉS: R.S.G. Orientación, Cooperación con la Comunidad Profesional (CPC), Correccionales, Grapevine y La Viña, Necesidades Especiales, Sitio Web,

9:30 am *10-Minutos de Receso*

9:40 am REUNIONES de COMITÉS: Uniendo Las Orillas (BTG), *El Farolito*, Información Pública (PI), Los Jóvenes, Desarrollo de la Asamblea y la Diversión (*ad hoc*)

10:30 am *10-Minutos de Receso*

10:40 am REUNIONES de COMITÉS: Archivos, Bilingüe, Finanzas, Literatura, (Centros) de Tratamiento, Área 46 Convención

11:30 am *10-Minutos de Receso*

11:40 am REUNIONES: R.S.G.s, M.C.D.s, Servidores de Confianza, Delegados del Pasado

12:30 pm *Almuerzo*

1:45 pm LLAMADA DE ORDEN – Junta de Negocio

2:00 pm INTRODUCCIONES: Servidores de Confianza del Área, Delegados del Pasado, M.C.D.s, R.S.G.s, otros y visitantes

2:45 pm RESUMEN DE MINUTOS - Asamblea de marzo - Distrito 14 Taos

2:50 pm INFORME DEL TESORERO - (mientras la Séptima Tradición se pasa)

3:05 pm INFORME DEL REGISTRADOR

3:10 pm INFORME DEL DELEGADO

3:25 pm INFORME DEL DELEGADO SUPLENTE

3:30 pm INFORME SOBRE LA ENCUESTA DE LA PRE-CONFERENCIA – Comité de Desarrollo de la Asamblea

3:40 pm *10-Minutos de Receso*

3:50 pm **ANUNCIOS** – Eventos de A.A.

4:10 pm **VIEJO NEGOCIO**

1) Informe de la Convención del Área 46: junio 2016 – Distrito 15

2) Informe de la Asamblea: diciembre 3 y 4, 2016 – Distrito 10, Carlsbad

3) Informe de la Asamblea: marzo 4 y 5, 2017 – Distrito 12, Albuquerque

4:20 pm **NUEVO NEGOCIO ***

1) Ofertas para la Convención del Área 46: junio 2 - 4, 2017

2) Ofertas para la Asamblea de Elección del Área 46: 9 y 10 de septiembre, 2017

3) El borrador, presentación de presupuesto 2017

4) Moción para invitar Al-Anon para participar en la Convención del Área 46 en 2017

5) Moción para cambiar las fechas de marzo Asambleas del Área

6) Debate para tener una Asamblea de Servicio en Área 46

7) Otros nuevos negocios

5:30 pm *Cena*

7:00 pm COMPAÑERISMO Y DIVERSIÓN (juegos y helado social) – Patrocinada por el Distrito 2 y el Comité de los Jóvenes.

7:30 pm SESIÓN DE COMPARTIMIENTO – El proceso de la Conferencia de todo el año – Jim H, Área 46 Delegado

DOMINGO

(Edificio 5, IAIA campus)

8:00 am LLAMADA DE ORDEN

8:10 am VOTAR en las ofertas y mociones del día anterior

8:30 am INFORMES DE REUNIONES DE LA ASAMBLEA ** (Comités, R.S.G., M.C.D., Servidores de Confianza, Paso Delegados)

10:00 am PREGUNTAS DE CANASTA y CONTEO REGRESIVO DE SOBRIEDAD

10:20 am *15-Minutos de Receso*

10:35 am **ELECCIÓN** para la posición de Tesorero del Área

11:00 am **Asamblea se aplazó hasta 3 y 4, de diciembre 2016 – Distrito 10, Carlsbad**

– La Reunión de Planificación para la próxima Asamblea será sostenida el 15 de octubre, 2016 –



*** HACIENDO UNA MOCIÓN:**

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

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

Trusted Servant Reports

Delegate

Last month I wrote about how we need to increase our funding of GSO. At the District 13 picnic, my buddy Tom pointed out the one sure way to increase contributions was to increase our membership! Membership has steadily declined over the years so what are we doing to keep the new-comer active in our home groups? Remember your first meeting? What was it that kept you coming back? Are you extending that good experience to the new-comer? What about those with some length of sobriety that were once active but have since dropped out of service to, and participation in, your home group? Have you called them up and asked "Hey Buddy, how are you doing? Come see us. We've missed you." The solution to many of these problems is simple and I challenge you to pick up your Big Book, RIGHT NOW, turn to page 151 and read "A Vision for You." Here are all the good things about our program of recovery summarized in 14 pages. Share this with that new-comer or remind old timer of what they are missing. Show them how we have created the fellowship that they crave.

I'm still available to share my experience at the General Service Conference with you. As always my contact information is in this *El Farolito*. Call me - We'll have coffee. – Jim H

Delegado Informe

El mes pasado escribí sobre cómo tenemos que aumentar nuestros fondos de GSO. ¡En el Distrito 13 picnic, mi compañero Tom indicó que una manera segura de aumentar contribuciones era aumentar nuestra membresía! Membresía ha declinado constantemente durante los años así que, ¿qué estamos haciendo para mantener el recién llegado activo en nuestro grupo base? ¿Recuerda su primera reunión? ¿Qué fue lo que mantuvo usted volviendo? ¿Que se está extendiendo esa buena experiencia para el recién llegado? ¿Y qué de aquellos con duración de sobriedad que eran una vez activos, pero han dejado desde entonces el servicio y participación en su grupo base? ¿Los han llamado y ha preguntado "Hola Compañero(a), ¿cómo le va? Venga a visitarnos. Le hemos echado de menos". La solución a muchos de estos problemas es sencilla y le desafío que usted recoja su Libro Grande, AHORA MISMO, Volver a la página 151 y lea "UNA VISIÓN PARA TI". Aquí están todas las cosas buenas acerca de nuestro programa de recuperación que se resumen en 14 páginas. Comparta esto con ese recién llegado o recuerde al veterano de lo que se está perdiendo. Muéstreles cómo hemos creado la comunidad que ansían. Todavía estoy disponible para compartir mi experiencia en la Conferencia de Servicios Generales con usted. Como siempre, mi información de contacto es en *El Farolito*. Llámeme - tendremos el café. – Jim H

Alternate Delegate

I hope everyone is enjoying the New Mexico's version of summer, wherever you are in the state. I enjoyed seeing everybody at the planning meeting last month and happy being back in the swing of Service in AA. I had to take a little time off for a hip replacement in May, I am moving around quite well now and ready to take on a plethora of service activities that Fall brings.

I have been working with the South West Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (SWRRASA) on the Traditions presentation with my fellow Alternate Delegates from our Southwest conference and an opportunity to lead a SWRRASA session on Workshops. It will be held in Rogers, Arkansas at the Embassy Suites October 21st through October 23rd 2016.

As members of South West Regional we are asked to participate in our Service Assemblies in order to share and bring information between the ten other areas in the South West Region. We were asked by the SWRAASA Committee to have 3 Trusted Servants committee members of our Area to present at the October Service Assembly as well as two Spanish translators. Although the Delegate and Alternate Delegate are already funded in this the 2016 budget, other participants had no financial support this year as the Area 46's budget did not include any funding to send any additional participants. This SWRRASA 2016 absorbed our participation obligation and I will be able to present the Workshop Session.

I hope this lack of funding will be addressed in future Area 46 budgets as this is an invaluable opportunity to gain information to bring back to our Area that is designed to connect us with AA members, trusted servants and newcomers throughout the Service structure. I remember several years when we had the opportunity to host SWRRASA in Area 46 and the excitement it brought to our area from the planning stage, organizing translation and the presentations. This is an amazing opportunity to share information with other Areas to bring in new ideas of service and ways to support the message of AA in our Area. One of the most valuable resources of any organization is the experience of others in the same worthy cause of serving the AA message.

Teresa F Area 46 Alternate Delegate
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Supplies	SWARDA	Assembly Tvl/lodging	Plan mg Travel	SWRRASA
\$10	\$675	\$ 129	\$27	\$667

Chair

Our Twelfth Step - carrying the message -is the basic service that AA's Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence.

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So what do Area Assemblies have to do with carrying the message? Everything! The first Area Assembly I attended made no sense to me at all. After a couple of Assemblies, I began to feel more comfortable. More time passed and, just because I am me, I became restless and a little disgruntled. Why was I giving up my valuable sittin' around time just to listen to a lot of boring reports?

Then a miracle happened! I finally saw that the Area Assembly was not a place to pick up reports to take back to my group. The Assembly is a place to exchange ideas about how we carry the message in our communities. I stopped taking back reports to my group and started sharing ideas. I stopped attending Assemblies and started participating in them. And that has made all the difference.

I have no expenses to report since the last Assembly.

Your grateful servant, Teresa J.

Alternate Chair

I hope everyone is in good health and spirit. I Visited a few districts since the convention just to be of assistance and answer question. I hope to get out and visit the more districts before the end of the year. Maybe a workshop on Traditions or any other subject. I am looking forward to seeing as many of you at the Assembly in Santa Fe Sept 10 - 11, If your GSR can't make it please send a replacement every group has a right to a vote and representation.

Yours in service Eloy M...expense to date \$ 120.00 travel to assembly

Tradition 9 - AA cant be dictated to - individually or collectively. Absence of coercion works because unless each AA follows suggested steps to recovery he signs his own death warrant. Same condition applies to the group.

Eloy

Registrar

ARE YOU "UNKNOWN"?

If we do not have any contact information of any kind for your Group, the Group is listed as "Unknown". I have been trying to work with the DCM's and the unknown groups to see if they would like to provide a primary contact. By having a contact on file with us and GSO, your group will receive all communications from GSO and from Area 46. You will receive things like a quarterly BOX 459 Newsletter from GSO, you will get the Area 46 *El Farolito* Newsletter every month, and any number of other communications to better help your group be "Informed". If you are not receiving these things from GSO and Area 46, please see me so that we can get your group's contact information. I have posted a list of the "Unknown Groups"

Do you visit the Area 46 Website? The Registrar's page has a number of helpful documents posted there for your convenience. The Downloadable PFD Group Information Forms and New Group Forms on the Area 46 website were all reviewed and modernized. 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

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Expenses since March are \$94.00 for postage to mail Area Assembly Agendas and Flyers and another \$70.58 for envelopes and name badges and supplies.

In Love and Service, Bill L Area 46 Registrar

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

Treasurer

Last month we did quite good in the amount of group contributions. I hope this can continue for the rest of the year. It really helps us help you in carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. We are grateful for the groups making these contributions. We are always glad to be of assistance to any group that requests our help.

We are at this time of the year where Ruth G. (financial chairperson) and myself are putting together the budget for the year 2017. With what I have seen so far it looks like the budget might be close to being the same as that of last year. I would encourage all groups and AA members to help us in this endeavor by either sitting in on the committee meeting this September or by email to either Ruth or myself and share your thoughts and ideas.

The contributions and expenditures are listed in the table that is also submitted and if you have any questions about income and spending just get hold of me and I will be glad to answer them.

Travel expenses to assemblies and planning meetings: \$195
Yours in service, Kurt K.

Finance

It's been a slow start for the Finance Committee. Our Treasurer, John T. resigned due to conflicts with his business. Kurt K. graciously agreed to step into that position and has been awesome about helping me to understand what I'm supposed to be doing. With Kurt's help I am putting together the 2017 budget to present to the Assembly. I would like to remind everyone that the Finance Committee's duty is to prepare and present the draft budget so that the GSR's and DCM's can present that draft budget to their groups. I am still in the learning phase but will get answers to any questions you may have. Voting for approval of the proposed budget will be at the December Assembly.

My expenses to date are \$117.00. Ruth G.



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Service Committee Reports

Archives

It was great to see other Area trusted servants at the planning committee for the September Area Assembly in Santa Fe. While there, I spoke to Ana and Tom of the Bilingual Committee about documents in the archives that were in Spanish from the 1940s. This week I had the honor of presenting copies of documents from the 1940s to the Bilingual Committee. They were excited to read some of their history and piece together the correspondence in our files and how they relate to early AA meetings in New Mexico. I look forward to their translations.

At the March Area Assembly, I presented the Archives goal from GSO, which was to encourage more group histories be collected. At least three people have contacted me for group history information and I've been invited to hear about the Old Timers group history in October, when it will be presented. It's exciting to hear that others are interested in preserving the history of AA in New Mexico. I will have copies of the "Oral History" packet at the assembly in Santa Fe next month, and look forward to discovering more ways to encourage others to pursue this activity. I met with the Archivist, Olivia, to discuss our path forward in the next few months. We have ideas of how to organize the Archives Room located at Central Office in Albuquerque so the files will be more accessible to visitors and research. We are excited to implement our ideas and continue to improve the archives for Area 46.

I incurred \$34 for copies requested by District 5 since the last Assembly. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Area Assembly in Santa Fe! And as always, I'm available to visit, present or play JeopAArdy – just ask!
Gratefully yours in Service, Michelle B

Bi-Lingual

One of the things we would like to see happen is that every Group have a Bilingual Representative, and how it is that we can be of Service to any Group that requests our help.

Effective Group Support requires planning, communication, participation and information. It is our collective responsibility as a Community and one in which every service body has its part to play. We provide these services so that our groups and members can more successfully carry the message of recovery and so that our program of recovery can be made more available to Alcoholics everywhere, in their "language." This focus shapes a great deal of our work for all A.A. members. The Bilingual Committee has for many years committed to helping members come together to better understand how to support each other and how the Bilingual Committee can help. Several dramatic results of participation have been seen so far this year. At the most recent Bilingual Meeting - August 18, 2016 we had Michelle B. Area 46 Archives Chair accompanied us, we came together to share and learn from each other about how to serve more effectively in our Hispanic Archives. It is a great example and reminder that together we can carry the message much more effectively than any of us can alone.

As your Trusted Servant of this Committee my budget has been: Travel for March, Assembly \$150.00 - \$25.00 Committee Expenses (Flyers), with a total of \$175.00 for the month of March, 2016. Submitted with affection and love to Service Ana G. Bilingual Chair

COMITÉ BILINGÜE

Una de las cosas que nos gustaría que suceda es que cada grupo tiene un representante bilingüe, y cómo se hace que podamos servir a cualquier Grupo que solicite nuestra ayuda.

Grupo efectivo apoyo requiere planificación, comunicación, participación e información. Es nuestra responsabilidad colectiva, como una comunidad y uno en el que cada cuerpo de servicio tiene su papel que desempeñar. Ofrecemos estos servicios para que nuestros grupos y miembros con más éxito puedan llevar el mensaje de recuperación y para que nuestro programa de recuperación pueda ofrecerse más a alcohólicos en todas partes, en su "idioma". Este enfoque da forma a una gran cantidad de nuestro trabajo para todos los miembros de A. A... Durante muchos años el Comité Bilingüe ha comprometido a ayudar a los miembros unirse para entender mejor cómo apoyar unos a otros y cómo puede ayudar el Comité Bilingüe. Varios resultados dramáticos de participación se han visto hasta ahora este año. En la más reciente reunión del Comité Bilingüe, jueves, 18 de agosto de 2016, nos acompañó Michelle B., del Archivos del Area 46, nos acompañó para compartir y aprender unos de otros sobre cómo servir más con eficacia en nuestros archivos hispanos. Es un gran ejem-

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Bi-Lingual...

plo y recordatorio de que juntos podemos llevar el mensaje mucho más efectiva que cualquiera de nosotros puede solo.

Como su Servidora de Confianza de este Comité mi presupuesto ha sido: Viaje para la Asamblea de marzo, 2016 en Taos, NM \$150.00 - \$25.00, Gastos del comité (volantes), con un total de \$175,00 para el mes de marzo de 2016.

Sometida con Cariño y Amor al Servicio por: Ana G.
Coordinadora del Comité Bilingüe, Área 46

Bridge the Gap

Not a lot to report this month, however when this Elf comes out we will all be in Santa Fe! Can not wait to see you all there! If your District is interested in hosting a BTG, Treatment and Corrections workshop please let us know. I know District 4 is interested they just have to get with us and decide on a date. Workshops can help with people already involved in service and also spark interest in others. See you all very soon. Please let me know how I can be of service.

In Love and Service, Nicole R.

CPC

I'm back in action from a minor set back and some personal things happening, very grateful for the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous and the support I have received.

Locally in District 8 CPC has been active. We are now doing a panel meeting every quarter for a group in IOP. The first one was last month with about 40 people present. Also August 26th we have been invited to attend a both at an Alcohol Awareness fair in Dulcie NM which is part of D-8. One other district has been reporting some activity with a group of nurses and the medical profession.

The Assembly is coming up and I would still like to find a co-chair for CPC and discuss what the roll of the CPC committee is, how do we work together with other chairs to carry the message to the professionals. How the Traditions work in different situations. also on the agenda "What are your districts doing? What kind of obstacles have you ran into? And How can I be of service?"

Please think these over for a great discussion at the September Assembly!! Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Mikel W Area 46 CPC Chair \$175.00 expenses to report and no expenses since last assembly

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Service Committee Reports

Corrections

The workshop in Laguna was well attended. It was a gathering of AA members that are freely giving back what was freely given to them. Taking meetings into both Zuni and Laguna Detention Centers. This is a place where the message must carry weight and depth and I believe their message does. I am blessed to have been asked to be a part of it. Another blessing was to have Diana and Joseph T. there to help. Living 5 hours away, as I do it is nice to have someone like Joseph step up to be the co-chair. He has been working Corrections around Albuquerque for a while and his input is greatly appreciated.

Here are the times, dates and locations for the upcoming volunteer training for the state: Albuquerque Sept. 10th 8am- 12pm God's House church 2335 Wyoming Blvd. NE...Las Cruces Sept. 17th 8am-12pm University Presbyterian Church 2010 E. Wisconsin Ave.

I started with a corrections account of \$345.53, I received \$219.31 in donations, I have spent \$282.52 on books and shipping. There is \$282.32 in the corrections account. My expenses are: Travel to 1 Assembly \$174.82, Travel to 2 planning meetings \$174.49. Looking forward to doing more workshops anytime and to the Assembly in Santa Fe. David D. Area 46 Corrections (575) 441-5679

Grapevine

I want to extend my availability to visit your group or function. No gathering is too small.

The August issue of the *Grapevine* has an excellent story of a member's experience being an area GVR. Her story was inspirational and informative. I encourage everyone to read it. If you don't have a subscription, get one you won't be sorry. The *Grapevine* has released a new book. "Our Twelve Traditions" it is a collection of stories from AA members writing about their experience with AA's Twelve Traditions. I attended the State convention in ghost Ranch this June, where I had: *\$12.50 in product sales + \$10.00 in donations for a total income of \$26.50...* I purchased 5 2017 Grapevine wall calendars \$9.00 each + \$7.50 S & H for a total of \$52.50...* I submitted to travel expenses since our last assembly.

grapevine@nm-aa.org or www.grapevine.org...Grateful to be of service...Alice M...Area 46 GVR

Literature

Funds remaining for 2016 travel expenses is \$325.00 to attend the September assembly in Santa Fe & December assembly in Carlsbad.

Approx. \$30.00 cash on hand & the remaining literature budget is currently all in inventory. We're fully stocked at this time. We ordered pamphlets from p-1 thru p-83 whatever was needed to fill the racks, and some extras. We have large print books and regular sized books on hand for the Sept. assembly. We will be taking 10 preordered soft cover BB's for district 6 and we also, upon request, ordered 150 circulares de servicio y Armor pamphlets ordered by the bilingual committee. Thank you for the pre orders it helps us insure we'll have what your group or district needs.

We also supplied the pamphlets, carrying the message for special needs & the deaf alcoholic to have available for the special needs & deaf alcoholic workshop on the 27th of Aug. Looking forward to seeing you all in Santa Fe at the Sept. assembly.

Manuel P, Area 46 Literature Chair

Special Needs

In each newsletter I have been sharing on different topics related to special needs and accessibility. This month's will be on Sign Language Interpreters:

If there is a need for an interpreter try to arrange to have a sign language interpreter at the meetings that deaf alcoholics attend. The deaf member may be able to bring an interpreter. If not, try to make arrangements through a local agency or check with your local special needs committee, intergroup or central office, general service district or area committee to see if they have any experience with the situation. Qualified interpreters are professional people who charge fees for their services. Experience suggests that most groups will

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agree to have a non-AA attend its closed meetings to act as interpreter for the deaf alcoholic. Professional ASL (American Sign Language) interpreters adhere to a strict code of ethics, which assures the confidentiality of the AA meeting.

Some AA groups cover this expense. Sometimes an agency will take care of the expense. On occasion, local area committees, districts, and central/intergroup offices have authorized payment for interpreters. Professional interpreters who are also AA members sometimes are willing to volunteer their services. Occasionally advanced students of interpreting will do the job at no fee for the experience gained. Be careful of placing too much reliance on volunteers, as deaf members rely on these services and there should be stability in whether the meeting is interpreted or not. Experience shared with G.S.O. Indicates that numerous areas have formed Special Needs Committees and this experience seems to indicate that these committees can be a partial solution to funding the cost of signers. Groups are encouraged to contribute and designate funds for these committees. Sometimes a group will pay half of the cost for interpreters with the fund providing the other half. Whatever arrangements are made should be based on a group conscience decision arrived at after full discussion at a business meeting. The interpreters should be introduced to the group before meetings.

I am looking forward to the September Area Assembly in Santa Fe. Please consider attending the Special Needs Committee in efforts to share how your group addressing those with disabilities and special needs. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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

Treatment

Treatment has not had much activity since the last assemble although I have had several people contact me asking for information on any openings for treatment work in the area. I also had a call from someone that has emailed all of the treatment facilities in their district asking if they had any need for AA to take meetings in. They were disappointed they did not have any call backs. I have found that I have better results if calling the facilities rather than emailing. I have called most of the treatment and rehab facilities around the state to verify they are still active and will be updating the treatment facility list on the website soon. As always I would like to hear from anyone with information on new facilities or facilities that have closed, or requests for AA to take meetings into detox or rehab. Please contact me at "treatment@nm-aa.org" if you would like any information on treatment, have interest in participating in treatment work, or help with workshops etc. See you all at the Assembly!

"Since one of the ways A.A.'s co-founders helped maintain their sobriety was by carrying the A.A. message into hospitals, many other alcoholics have discovered the great value to their own sobriety of working with suffering alcoholics in treatment settings and correctional facilities!" (A.A. in Treatment Settings Brochure)

In Service, Paul P Treatment Chair

Web

"For in AA the whole is truly greater than the sum of all its parts. The infusing power of the group, of our fellowship, draws something more out of each of us than any of us by himself can supply." (AA Comes of Age Pg. 277)

The Purpose of the Website Committee is to maintain the Area 46 website as a vital means of electronic communication. This carries The AA Message by providing a resource for information about A.A. and by maintaining information for locating A.A. meetings in New Mexico. It Serves as a Communication tool that provides information about Area activities and events and exchanges information about opportunities for involvement in Area activities.

The committee is growing bigger every month we added two new web chairs from District 7 and 12. District Web reps provide important function of updating their districts web page, providing meeting changes, and helping to maintain the flow of information from all over area 46. If your district is interested in filling or creating this position. I have posted the tutorials for email and editing web pages online on my committee page. I will also make myself available to anyone who may want one on one assistance with navigating the area webpage at the assembly.

Lastly, I want to tell the area that as Web-chair I am a guardian of the Traditions online. The Internet is a marvelous thing and has been a source of information for many newcomers who may know nothing of the AA program. I am often asked what is and is not appropriate

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content to put on the Area 46 website. I have learned from my own experience that anonymity serves many purposes as a spiritual principle. It encourages the Alcoholic to approach us for help by offering assurance of confidentiality. It is suggested we not use last names, photographs, or personal information that may have the unintended consequence of breaking anonymity.

2016: Travel to Assemblies: \$110.56 - Website Hosting Fees: \$160.88 - Domain Registration Fees: \$12 - Total: \$281.44

UPPA

I am excited to give you our very special pre assembly report. If you are unfamiliar with our committee we have been a standing committee for two years now. Our goal is to create service opportunities, in particular, for young people. It is truly a blessing and an honor to have been a part of this committee. This year we have completed our second annual three legacies workshop, and our second annual AA-Athlon picnic. We have been able to provide activities at the last assembly, and this one, as well as the area convention. We started a sub committee to make a pamphlet regarding anonymity and social media, and we created a video directed at young people in AA for GSO.

With the help of the districts we were able to raise the funds for these projects at our three legacies workshop earlier this year, so the only Area money we have used so far is the allotted funds for travel to the area assembly. I hope to see you all in Santa Fe for a great assembly. We will be discussing most of these projects at our committee meeting. We will also be discussing how to better serve our District Committee Chairs, so please come with any ideas you might have. I want to thank the area, and I want to thank my wonderful committee. You guys are my family and I love and appreciate you all so much.

God bless, Mike L.

Ad Hoc Committee on Assembly Development and Fun-Raising

Our committee has been meeting throughout the summer considering ways we can make the General Service Conference a "process" throughout the year, rather than just an "event" at our Pre-Conference Assembly in March.

For those who prefer visuals, we are developing a diagram or "Process Map" (thank you, Ally!) which shows graphically what happens throughout the year. We are also working on a written narrative (thank you, George!) which verbally describes the year long process. We hope to have these in final form by the September Assembly. We are thrilled that Jim, our Delegate, will be attending our next meeting and will make the Conference Process one of the subjects of the Saturday evening Sharing Session at the Assembly.

We continue to work on the possibility of a Service Assembly for our Area and have come up with some possible topics which we will share with you all in September. We will be seeking your feedback about this idea and encourage anyone who has an idea for a topic to send us an email at dandfr@nm-aa.org or come to our committee meeting at the Assembly!

Looking forward to seeing you all in Santa Fe! In love and service, Jaclyn S., Chair

District Reports

District 3 - Belen, Los Lunas, Socorro

Our district picnic with District 13 at the Oak Flats picnic area in August was good, with plenty of good food and fellowship. Jim H. also give us his Delegate report after the picnic. Despite the rain and hail that came a little later, it was a very nice day! Thank you to all the people who grilled, brought food, etc... It was a nice change of scenery for us. There drive there was very nice!

There's not a lot to report on...our District meeting minutes has the motions that will be presented at the Assembly and other information for the District. Our District Website Chairperson is looking for ideas on improving our district's page on the Area's website. Please send your ideas to Web3@nm.aa.org. This is a good chance to spruce up our page and to be a good source of information to individuals who go online for information on meetings, etc.

Our next District meeting will be Saturday, Sept. 17th, hosted by the Sunrise Catcher's group, at the Isleta Club. Potluck at 1:30pm and meeting at 2pm. This is the 3rd Saturday in September, due to the Assembly date. We will go back to the 2nd Saturday after this month.

In service and gratitude, Carmen O., District 3 El Farolito Rep

District 6 – Las Vegas, Clayton, Raton

Hi everyone. This has been a quiet month for us, but we are planning a second District pot-luck picnic for Saturday, September 24th. This will be held in Las Vegas at South Pacific Park. Since there are no reservations for park locations there, we'll be setting up starting at 7AM. We will provide the usual hot-dogs and hamburgers and coffee, and we will be delighted to get help from early comers! After fellowship before lunch, during the meal we hope to get 12 group members to each take one of the steps and speak on it for just five minutes. Something of a challenge, I expect. We'll also have another 50-50 raffle the same as at the last picnic. Meredith will provide us with a Flier for the picnic.

Meredith has come up with a CD from GSO with brief PSA's on it to be used in connection with the radio dissemination of our hot-line number. She is checking with GSO as to how to share it with the several radio stations serving our area.

We are also setting up our usual Thanksgiving Gratitude pot-luck dinner for November. We want to hold it again at Faith Hall at 8th and National in Las Vegas on or near Thanksgiving day.

Meredith and Gray recently went to the San Miguel Detention Center to bring a meeting to the newly formed women's group a meeting. They were told the women were "not interested," so they asked if the men might be interested. As it happened, the men were, and they had a good meeting. They need more volunteers to help with meetings, which are every other Sunday. Each new volunteer is required to be cleared and to participate in an orientation session. Meredith will be picking up a fresh supply of paper-back Big Books (to give to inmates at the Center) at the Area Assembly.

We might be losing some of our District Committee members due to changes in their lives. I hope any District 6 group member with at least a year of sobriety will come to our meetings (first Tuesday of the month in Las Vegas at 310 Mills at 6 PM) and consider becoming part of our team. Of course, everyone is welcome at our meetings. So come and participate!

Groups reporting at our latest meeting indicate that they are doing OK. We had no direct reports from El Grupo del Valle, In the Solution, ESP or Land of Enchantment, but hearsay indicates they are doing OK, too.

Turning it over, Mary M, District 6

District 7 - Roswell, Artesia

Well, as usual I have been so busy, that time and communication has been almost non existent as far as new news. Everything here is picking up a bit after meeting being down in attendance for the summer. We have had VERY hot weather this summer and are ready for the arrival of fall.

Remain grateful in all situations and live God and your fellow sister and brothers in recovery.

Service in AA, Cheryl W District 7

District 8 - Farmington

District 8's annual picnic was held on August 7, and it went fairly smoothly for the scant planning that went into it. Thanks to Rick G., our speaker who shared his experience, strength, and hope. Contact me if you're missing two nice teaspoons in a plastic bag.

Discussion occurred of moving the district meeting to The Well. GSRs should take this info back to their groups to see how their group consciences vote. Rent for the evening's meeting at The Well would be half of what we pay at the current location (\$5 vs. \$10). Patrick O. had to step down as representative for the men's jail meeting. Please pass the word that we are in need of all jail representatives (men, women, and juveniles). The jail administration requires two years of sobriety, and they will waive presence of previous felonies if the two-year requirement is met, dependent, of course, on passing the background check.

Area 46 CPC representative, Mikel W., hosted an information class for clients at a local outpatient clinic. Topics included What is AA?, Sponsorship, and The 12 Steps; because of client interest, just the first two were addressed.

Yours in sobriety, Andrea G

District 9 - Grants, Gallup, Zuni, Laguna

Greetings from District 9. On August 5th, 6th and 7th, the Spiritual Awakenings group, in conjunction with the Day At A Time Club, from Fort Defiance, AZ hosted a Sobriety and Family Wellness Campout at Wheatfield's Lake. The weekend started Friday night with some needed and appreciated rain with a small but very dedicated group of people who set up canopies, tents, tables and chairs and unloaded all the supplies for the weekend followed by an AA meeting. Saturday dawned clear and beautiful. There was great food, great fellowship, great meetings throughout the day, and some fun games for all the kids who were in attendance. Saturday night was a delicious dinner with over 100 people well fed followed by a campfire meeting. Sunday dawned equally as beautiful with a great sunrise meeting. Camp was taken down just as the clouds moved in. **Thank you** to all the volunteers who made this happen. And we are all looking forward to next year!

Save the date for the 2016 District Nine Sobriety Gathering, October 7th, 8th, and 9th of this year, to be held at the Sacred Heart Catholic School, 405 Park Avenue, Gallup, NM 87305. More information will be available soon on the District 9 Page of the AA New Mexico Website. Points of contact are: Jerry F. at (505) 240-5643 or email: web9@nm-aa.org, and Tony C. at (505) 495-4207 or email: devildawgtony@gmail.com.

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

District 10 - Hobbs, Carlsbad

Hello everyone can you believe it is September already? You know what that means... THE TUMBLEWEED is here!! Look on the web or in this copy of the elf for registration information we will see you there!

Also Scott C. spoke at another smash hit, second Saturday Happening, Thank you Scotty we all love you!

Now over to David L. from Carlsbad. A few things happened in July over in Carlsbad, first off The Carlsbad group had a 4th of July potluck after the noon meeting. I heard it went well and all had fun. On July the 23th our very own Jim H. Area 46 Delegate gave his report to his home district. He gave an excellent presentation, and all who attended left feeling well informed on what when on at this year's General Service Conference. Thank you Jim for doing a great job in representing our Area at this year's Conference. To finish of the month, the Singleness of Purpose Group (SOP) had their 5th Saturday potluck and speaker meeting on July 30th. As always the food was great and enjoyed by all. Daniel S. (who is heavenly involved in NMYPCAA) came down from Las Cruces and shared his Experience Strength and Hope. As one of our old timers in our district says, "He gave an excellent AA talk." It is really inspiring to see younger AA's carry the undiluted Message of Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you Daniel for coming down and sharing with us.

Love and Service, Jason O.

District 12 - East Albuquerque

Greetings, from District 12. We are busy in preparation of hosting the March 2017 Assembly. We have secured a location and are finalizing the contract with the facility. We have started to have planning meetings, and Paul G., is serving as the Assembly Coordinator. We will provide more information in the fall as we will have scheduled meetings and a list of all the Assistant Coordinators.

Our committees are busy in their respective areas, we just filled the Young People Chair and are very excited to have the chair filled. Our Treatment Chair and Bridge the Gap chair have been working together on sending out information. The current Treasurer for the District is still serving as the Archive Chair, and is receiving group histories. He has created a binder with many of the groups history within District 12. He is willing to share his vast knowledge of the process with the anyone that may be interested in filling this need in District 12. We are fortunate in our group to have many people willing to take on responsibility. We are fortunate to have Alice M., the Area Grapevine Chair still willing to provide assistance to anyone interested in taking on this rewarding experience at the District level.

The following positions are available for District 12: Archives; Literature; Special Needs Web Chair; Grapevine

All of the positions require a minimum of two years continuous sobriety. For more information, if you are interested in any of these service positions please feel free to attend the District 12 meeting which is held the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Heights Club.

End of Summer Sobriety Fest 2016 will be held at the Heights Club, 8520 Marble Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112 on Saturday, September 24, 2016 starting at 5:00 PM. Advance Tickets on sale at the Heights Club.

Gratitude is a verb, grateful to be of service, Janet F., District 12, Secretary

District Reports

District 11 - West Albuquerque

Welcome to District 11. We are a very active district and strongly supportive of service and recovery. Please contact us or join us at the next District meeting if you would like to participate.

Area 46 Delegate Report - Area 46 Delegate Jim D. came to Albuquerque and gave his annual Delegate's report at our District's Monthly Meeting on 8/13/16. It was a fantastic presentation on how the GSO Conference operates to help carry the message. Thank you so much for visiting Jim!

District Picnic: District 11's Annual Picnic (8/6/16) went off without a hitch...fantastic time for all! We are all looking forward to next year's picnic and the fellowship and fun that is bound to happen! Thank you to all who helped and participated!

26th Annual Traditions Conference: The 26th Annual Traditions Conference is coming along well. Saturday, Oct. 29th at Nativity Church Parish Hall, 9502 4th St. NW. Just about all chairs are filled. Volunteers are always needed. 2nd Thurs of each month is the meeting at St. Michaels. Planning meetings scheduled 9/8, 10/6. Past Delegate Jen N. from Carlsbad will be the keynote speaker. See attached flyer for details. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact the Traditions Conference chair, Terry P. at tspecos@msn.com. Dawn Patrol will be having their annual picnic on August 21st from 10:00am – 2:00pm at Hartnett Park, 6718 Rio Grande Blvd. NW (Corner of Los Chavez and Rio Grande). 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.

Join us for the 26th Annual Traditions Conference



Saturday, October 29, 2016

Sponsored by District 11

“We are but caretakers to preserve the spiritual quality of our Fellowship”

-The Language of the Heart, pg. 124

8:00 am Registration, fellowship, breakfast

9:00 Tradition Panel Speakers

12:00 Potluck Lunch *please bring a dish to share*

1:00 Traditions Main Speaker:

Jen N. from Carlsbad, NM

2:00 Door prize drawings and closing

Spanish and ASL translation provided



Nativity Church Parish Hall

9502 4th St NW at Alameda, Albuquerque

District 14 - Taos, Red River, Embudo

This is it, Taos Mountain Fiesta month! September is finally here, and on the weekend of the 16th-18th, we look forward to seeing hundreds of people from all over the region, rejoicing and celebrating sobriety and unity with speakers, food, music, and much more. Important information is available now and always on the Taos Mountain Fiesta website:

<http://taosmountainfiesta.org>

District 14 also would like to encourage GSRs and other members of the Taos AA community to attend the Area Assembly, this September 11-12, in beautiful Santa Fe, NM. The assembly will take place at the Institute of American Indian Arts: 83 A Van Nu Po, Santa Fe NM 87508. This link will get you the information you need to attend, including the flyer and agenda:

<http://www.nm-aa.org/events/area-46-assembly-september-9th-11th-2016/>

District 16 - Silver City, Demming, Columbus

The Duster Group in Deming will be hosting the District Mtg. September 17th at 10:30 am. The address is 118 Spruce Street. This will be a potluck.

At this time El Farolito could really use some financial support from the groups in our district. If you enjoy reading ELF and keeping up with the times in our Area, please consider supporting.

Service in sobriety, Jan

District 17

OFELIA M: MCD.

Hola saludos del Distrito 17

Nuestra Ultima junta fue el 13 de Agosto 2016 Informamos aserca de la proxima Asamblea, del Area 46, el 9,10,y 11 de septiembre y por este motivo no tendremos junta este mes., la proxima junta del Distrito 17 sera el 8, de Octubre. 2016

Como de costumbre a las 4:pm. Felicitamos al grupo Reconocer por su 3 vo Aniversario que se celebro el 14 de Agosto . El Distrito 17, y la oficina intergrupar estuvimos ahi asiendo Unidad en Roswell NM. MUCHAS 24 hrs Y ASTA PRONTO.

El Farolito Committee

From the Editor

If you review in the printed ELF the financial report we have a challenge. We had 2 large expenses in August, \$225 to the bulk mail account and a surprise when I found the rolls of 10 cent bulk mail stamps in 3000 were no longer made, the minimum was 10,000. Thus we had \$1,225 in expense in one day.

That is why we are back to a 16 page ELF and it breaks my heart. I will not print 20 pages unless the checkbook balance is above the \$2,500 prudent reserve. We need help. I have lined up an donor to pick up the printing cost this month who wishes to remain anonymous (He is a member of AA) That is a significant donation for which I am grateful. We still need help, that donation just keeps the balance at \$1,269 instead of dropping to \$700 or so.

Under no circumstances will we come to the Area for financial help. So DCM talk to your groups. Groups who have asked for multiple copies that do not donate enough to support the extras will no longer receive them after this issue. We are happy to offer an email subscription for \$3. We will send any group the PDF version that they can use to print as many copies as they want. Because it is 16 pages and an Assembly issue, a report on a district 9 correction workshop and an article on group conscience had to be left out. In addition, there is not room for birthdays. They will be in the web version and I will endeavor to get them in the October issue.

I have also added a subscription form to the back page. Support the ELF getting back to 20 pages by subscribing. I also added the Sub Exp. date to the mailing labels for those who do subscribe. In Service, Jay M

Birthdays

Spiritual Awakenings, Ft. Defiance, AZ

Angel R. One year on July 13; Anthony M. - 18 years on July 3; Calvin U. - One year on August 4
Brian M. - 3 years on August 18; Jeffrey F. - 17 year on August 22;

From Wings of the Storm in Gallup:

Dee - 7 years on August 29; John - 7 years on August 30; Cynthia - 1 year on August 2; Amy 1 year on August 30; Y.B. - 27 years on August 7; Stella - 44 years this month

From Zuni 4th Dimension: Duran G. - 5 years on July 7; Darrell - 5 years on August 16

B-Hill Group's August Birthdays are:

George --3 years; Michael E. ---3 years; Joel J. ---36 years

El Centro Group Birthdays for July 2016

Brenda F. - 1 year; Henry L - 11 years; Stacy - 21 years; Bellina - 30 years; Cary C. 40 years

Cosmopolitan group August Birthdays.

Jonathan, 18m; Bill 2yrs; Kate 29yrs; Ray 32yrs; Tuesday

ARID Ruidoso Group Birthdays celebrated Saturday 7-30-16

Bobby J. 07/06/87 29yrs.; Archie B. 07/29/94 22yrs.; Matt S. 07/09/02 14yrs.
Kenny R. 07/07/13 3yrs.

Isleta Group Sobriety Birthdays

Kenny 30 Days; Luanne 30 Days; Jason 90 Days; Lori 90 Days
Dolores 1 Year; Fred 1 Year; Joseph 2 Years; Miles 4 Years
Tino 5 Years; Dennis 12 Years; Daniel 15 Years; Stacy 21 Years
Theresa 28 Years; Bellina 30 Years

Lunch bunch birthdays

May - Tammy 7 yrs

June - Diego 24 yrs; Margaret 11 yrs

July
(None)

August - Kami 11 yrs; Don 11 yrs;

September - Sandy 36 yrs; Omar 2 yrs; Harry 13 yrs; Tony S. 21 yrs; Jim W. 23 yrs; Dave 28 yrs

DISTRICT NINE CORRECTIONS WORKSHOP

June 23, 2016 District Nine hosted a workshop on corrections at Laguna Pueblo.

David D. Area 46 Chair for Corrections helped organize the event. Joseph T., Co-Chair

for Corrections, the Northern Region, assisted. More than twenty people were in attendance, the panel was chaired by Jerry F. from Laguna.

David D. opened the discussion by telling his story that led to his being passionate about taking meetings to those who are incarcerated. This led to interesting and heartfelt discussion which centered around why attendees felt that service work in the institutions was so important. Many of those who spoke had gotten the program when it was brought to them while they were serving time. The discussion included the importance of Bridge the Gap, a program which helps connect those leaving prison with someone in AA, on the outside, to guide them to meetings.

Discussion also spoke of how to become certified to take meetings into correctional institutions, and difficulties that may arise with staff and inmates. Also we discussed, at times volunteers can become discouraged and not appreciated for service offered. The consensus was there are those success stories that do continue following the AA principles which make it all feel worth it to continue carrying the message.

Grants women's prison has gone through changes, including a new warden. Volunteers have fallen off, but fortunately Y. B. has stepped up to the plate to re-energize taking meetings into Grants. She has been provided information on past service from Carol M. who for many years carried the torch. Y. B. is very enthusiastic about creating an active group of volunteers. For women who wish to serve in this capacity, please contact Y.B. c/o district9@aa-nm.org

The Laguna Corrections Workshop was very inspiring. I hope this article peaks the interest of some of you to get involved with corrections service, carrying to inmates, the message of AA recovery and hope.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana T.



GROUP CONSCIENCE

On July 24, 2016, Downtown Lunch Bunch, held its group conscience, attended by about 20 people.

Group conscience is a vital part of an AA group because its where God's power takes over, and guides us through decision making to reach consensus.

We discussed numerous topics. One was to consider alternatives to close the meeting with prayer's other than the Lord's Prayer, such as the Serenity Prayer, 3rd step, and 7th step prayers.. This topic could have been potentially divisive, since the Lord's prayer has become a tradition, however, there were those who expressed that the Christian overtone was not inclusive and could be an issue for those who are Jewish, other non- Christian religions, agnostics and atheists.

Guess what? The meeting did not turn into the Jerry Springer show. Everyone who wished to express his/her opinion spoke. There was rebuttal, discussion, and with respect from all, there was resolve. Consensus: the chair person will select the prayer at each meeting

I thought, Wow! I really do love my group, the program, and the privilege of experiencing group conscience in action!

Diana T. GSR

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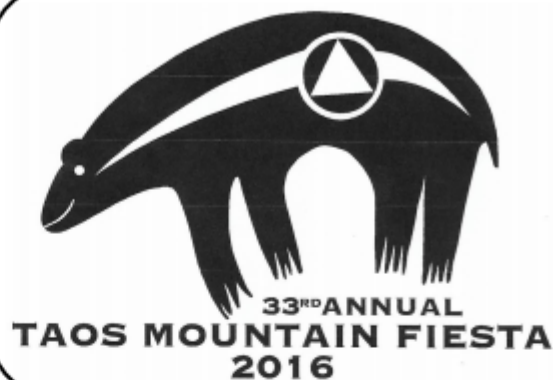


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SEPTEMBER 16-18, 2016

Main Speakers

Deb M.	Taos NM
Doug R.	Tujunga CA
Tom D.	Albuquerque NM
Mick B.	Studio City CA
Jorge G.	Alamogordo NM
Daniel & Kirstin K.	Las Cruces NM (YP)
Beverly B.	Lewisville TX (Al-Anon)



Registration	\$18
Banquet	\$25
Fiesta T-Shirt	\$15
Fiesta Coffee Mug	\$ 8

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Taos, NM

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Alcathon Meetings
Al-Anon Meetings and Events
Hospitality Suite
Emotional Sobriety Workshop
12-Step Yoga

Lodging: Sagebrush Inn & Suites (Discounted Rates* from \$82 to \$129)

1508 Paseo del Pueblo Sur, Taos NM 87571

Reservations: Call (575) 758-2254

Or online through www.taosmountainfiesta.org

**For Discounted Rates book by Aug 16 and mention "Taos Mountain Fiesta"*

(Clip here and mail)

Mail-In Registration (Must be postmarked by September 9, 2016)

Register by September 1 and receive five free Art Raffle tickets!

of Registrants _____ x \$18 = \$ _____

Saturday Night Banquet _____ x \$25 = \$ _____

Fiesta T-Shirt* _____ x \$15 = \$ _____

Fiesta Coffee Mug _____ x \$ 8 = \$ _____

-----OR-----

Fiesta Package _____ x \$60 = \$ _____

\$66 Value

Includes Registration, Banquet, T-Shirt, Mug*

Optional Donation/Scholarship \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make Checks/Money Orders Payable To:

Taos Mountain Fiesta

PO Box 750

El Prado, NM 87529

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____ Phone () _____

Special Needs Request: _____

(Every effort will be made to accommodate requests)

***If Ordering T-Shirt(s):** T-Shirt 1 T-Shirt 2

Style (Men's or Women's): _____

Size (S-M-L-XL-XXL-XXXL): _____

Color (Gold or Black): _____

Add me to the 2017 Fiesta Email List: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I'd like to volunteer. Contact me by: ☐ Phone ☐ Email

On-Site registration will be open from 4pm-9pm Friday September 16th and 8am-5pm on Saturday September 17th

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Zozobriety!

September 30-October 2, 2016

A weekend sobriety conference in Carrizozo, New Mexico

Located in the Old Nike Bar (Highway 380 and B Ave.)

Speakers, meetings, fellowship and fun



Nike Bar, Carrizozo, NM

Friday, 5-8 PM Registration and fellowship

8-10 PM Introduction and speaker sign-ups

Saturday, 10-12 AM 12-minute speakers

Noon -2PM Lunch

2-4 PM 5-minute step speakers

4-8PM Break

8-10 PM 12-minute speakers

Sunday, 10 AM-Noon 12-minute speaker

Noon Close

\$15.00 Registration at the Door

DISTRICT 9

SOBRIETY GATHERING

October 7th, 8th & 9th, 2016
Sacred Heart Elementary School
405 Park Avenue, Gallup, NM 87301



On-site Registration: 5pm-7pm, Friday October 7, 2016
8am-5pm, Saturday, October 8, 2016

Donations: \$20 per person, includes T-shirt souvenir

POCs: Jerry F. at (505) 240-5643, web9@nm-aa.org ,
or Tony C. at (505) 495-4207

Albuquerque's Intergroup
Cordially Invites You and Your Family to the

Annual Central Office Picnic



Saturday, August 20, 2016

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Please bring a side dish and
something to sit on.**

**Alvarado Park
2000 Alvarado NE
Albuquerque, NM**



Albuquerque Intergroup Special Needs Fundraiser

Carrying the A.A. Message to the Deaf Alcoholic

**Saturday, August 27th
at 5:00 – 7:30 pm**

Potluck at 5pm, Speaker at 6pm

RAFFLE and 50/50 RAFFLE at 7pm

(Contact Alaina to donate raffle items 505-615-8231)

Held at St. Michael & All Angels Church
601 Montano Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107

The AA Tradition: *“We Alcoholics see that we must work together
and hang together” (BB pg.561)*

ANNOUNCEMENT

ISLETA GROUP 70TH ANNIVERSARY

6:00 POTLUCK

7:30 SPEAKER MEETING

9:00 – 12:00 DANCE

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!!!

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