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Assembly in Santa Fe a Great Event

Delegate

Thank you District 2 for a great Assembly! I know it's a lot of hard work and it showed. I think everyone enjoyed the Traditions workshop on Friday night, I know I did. I love Assemblies for the opportunity to share, to learn and enjoy the fellowship we crave.

Saturday nights sharing session went from a simple explanation of the "Never-Ending Conference Process" to a Q&A session that went beyond my wildest dreams! The questions that were asked were insightful and showed that our effort to involve the membership in the Conference process seems to be working. I'm so grateful for everyone's participation. I'm also grateful for the involvement of our past Delegates in the effort. Their experience is such a valuable resource to the Area. I recently spoke with two Delegates of the SW Region that expressed their admiration of the participation of our past Delegates. I really want to thank the Ad Hoc Assembly Development and Fun Raising Committee for their invaluable help with the sharing session material.

Also on Saturday night we previewed a short video about what it's like to be young in AA. The video was produced by our young people here in New Mexico. I was just overcome with pride and gratitude for the beautiful work these guys are doing. I don't think it has a title yet but we'll be looking for a response from GSO about using the video.



I was pleased that the 2016 Final General Service Conference report came in time for the Assembly. Some 450 copies of the report were shared with the Area Trusted Servants and the DCMs. The DCMs were given copies for distribution to every registered group in the Area. The report provides a complete record of reports, discussions, workshops, and actions. It is not a verbatim account, but no significant aspect of the Conference is omitted.

This month Teresa and I will be attending the SW Region AA Service Assembly (SWRAASA) in Rogers Arkansas. The service Assembly is sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, the Grapevine Board and General Service Office and Grapevine staff members stay in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants and newcomers throughout the A.A. service structure. We'll report back to you.

If you have questions, comments, or just want to talk . . . Call me – We'll have coffee

Jim H

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Trusted Servant Reports

Delegado Informe

¡Gracias Distrito 2 por una gran Asamblea! Sé que era un montón de trabajo duro y lo mostraron. Creo que todos disfrutamos del taller de Tradiciones el viernes por la noche, yo también lo disfruté. Me encanta Asambleas para la oportunidad de compartir, aprender y disfrutar del compañerismo que ansiamos.

El sábado por la noche sesión compartida pasó de una simple explicación del “Proceso de la Conferencia Interminable” a una sesión de “Preguntas y Respuestas” que fue más allá de mis sueños más salvajes! Las preguntas que preguntaron eran profundas y mostraron que nuestro esfuerzo para involucrar a los miembros en la Conferencia proceso parece estar funcionando. Estoy tan agradecido por la participación de todos. También estoy agradecido por la participación de nuestros Delegados Pasados en su esfuerzo. Su experiencia es un recurso tan valioso al Área. Recientemente hablé con dos Delegados de la Región del Sudoeste que expresaron su admiración por la participación de nuestro Delegados Pasados. Realmente quiero agradecer al Comité de Levantamiento de Diversión y desarrollo de la Asamblea Ad Hoc por su inestimable ayuda con el material de la sesión de compartimiento.

Me complace que el informe Final de 2016 de la Conferencia del Servicio Generales llegó a tiempo para la Asamblea. Aproximadamente 450 copias del informe fueron compartidas con Servidores de Confianza y MCDs.

Some 450 copies of the report were shared with the Area Trusted Servants and the DCMs. Los MCDs recibieron copias para su distribución a cada grupo registrado en la Área. El informe proporciona un registro completo de informes, discusiones, talleres y acciones. No es una cuenta literal, pero ningún aspecto significativo de la Conferencia es omitido.

Este mes, Teresa y yo asistiremos a la Asamblea Suroeste de Servicios Generales de Alcohólicos Anónimos (SWRAASA) in Rogers Arkansas. La Asamblea del Servicio comparte, y sesiones informativas diseñadas para ayudar a la Junta de Servicios Generales, Servicios Mundiales de A.A., Junta Corporativa y la Oficina de Servicios Generales el Grapevine y miembros del

personal se quedan en contacto con los miembros de A.A., servidores de confianza y los recién llegados a lo largo de la estructura de servicio de A. A...

Si tiene preguntas, comentarios, o sólo quiere hablar... Llámeme – tomaremos un café. Jim H

Chair

*There is action and more action. "Faith without works is dead." . . . To be helpful is our only aim. Reprinted from *Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 88-89, with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.*

Another great Area Assembly! Thank you District 2 for hosting. I am so humbled to see the great service work that is being done by the groups, GSRs, DCMs, and Area Committee chairs all around New Mexico. What a powerful experience to see so many people working together to carry the message of recovery to those who still suffer. And I am inspired by our delegate and the many people who are helping our groups become more connected to the important work that is done by the General Service Conference. We are Alcoholics Anonymous.

Congratulations to Kurt K. who was elected to serve as our Area treasurer for the remainder of this rotation (2016-2017). Kurt has been serving as our interim Area treasurer for the past several months and has been doing an outstanding job of it. We are blessed to have such an able and conscientious trusted servant looking after our accounts.

Speaking of filling trusted servant positions, the *El Farolito* editor rotation ends at the end of this year. This is an appointed position. Anyone interested in serving as *El Farolito* editor for the next rotation (2017-2018) please contact me for more information. The appointed editor will be presented at the December Assembly in Carlsbad. Please help spread the word.

Drop me an email at chair@nm-aa.org or call me any time. I'd love to hear from you, answer your questions, help you out in whatever way I can or just hear how things are going.

Your grateful servant, Teresa J.

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Secretary

Great Assembly. Thanks D2. After 6 months of no assigned job duties as Secretary it gets a little busy during the Assembly and shortly thereafter. The minutes have been posted to the website, sent to the bilingual chair Ana G for translation so they can be posted to web and they have been emailed to trusted servants. Trusted Servants report has been sent to Elf and emailed to Trusted Servants. Ask it basket Questions will be posted to the website shortly. Expenses \$90.42 for lodging and \$50.28 for supplies which should last through December Assembly. Thanks for the opportunity to be of service, Rosie F. Area 46 Secretary.

Summary of Minutes Area 46 Assembly Sept 10 – 11 2016 Santa Fe New Mexico

Assembly was called to order at 8:30 a.m. with prayer and readings from AA literature

Morning breakout meetings were held for all standing committees, GSRs, DCMs, Trusted Servants, Past Delegates.

1:45 Call to order and reading of AA literature in both languages.

Introduction of all present. The book for presentation on Sunday morning to the youngest in sobriety was passed while introductions were made.

Summary of minutes of March 2016 Assembly were presented by Rosie F area secretary Motion to approve Jay M El Farolito editor second Nicole R D4 report accepted

Treasurers Report was presented by Kurt K interim Treasurer. Motion to approve Rob H D14 second Christoph D14 report approved

Registrars report: Explained unknown groups List on table in main area If you see one that you know is active see Bill L to make updates. Forms are available on website for change in group info, new group. .

Delegates Report Jim H He passed out conference reports to DCM for each District during introductions. Sharing session tonight will be on Never Ending Conference Process as well as a showing of the Young People's video that has been submitted to GSO. Thanks to the Ad Hoc Assembly Development Committee for their work in preparing the flow chart and narrative for the Conference Process. He has driven 6300 miles in state so far this year delivering Conference Report. The report is also available nm-aa.org if you are unable to attend in person.

Alternate Delegate Report: Teresa F says she's been chasing Jim H for 6 years (but not in a bad way) She and Jim will be attending SWRAASA Oct 21 – 23. The budget this year did not allow us to send other presenters or translators. Please look for ways to save and hopefully reinstate this item. She will be presenting workshop on workshops and with other Alternate Delegates will be presenting on Traditions.

Report on Pre Conference Survey: Jaclyn S, Assembly Development and Fun ad hoc committee chair. Of those responding feedback was very positive. The 4 major areas of concern were 1) need background info sooner 2) provide more info on how the process works 3) limit duplication of discussion of agenda items between committees 4) March Assembly too soon after getting info.

Announcements of upcoming events were made.

Comite de Pro Convenciones Edwin with Eloy translating Many of our local members attended the National Convention in Dallas along with 4500 other recovering alcoholics. Area 46 hosted this Convention in 2009 and they will bid again in 3 years and would appreciate the same support. Also thanked Teresa J and Ralph T for attending their State Convention over the 4th of July weekend.

2016 Convention Report: Melissa R., DCM D15, thanked everyone who helped and everyone who came. 342 people registered including 128 day trippers. In addition to the seed money the District returned \$4758.52 to the Area (funds in excess of seed money and expenses)

Assembly Report: Dec 3 & 4 Carlsbad. David L (D10). Will be held at NMSU . More hotels built since last Assembly, prices are better, and those on Pierce St are closest to site. The committee will not be coordinating the Christmas on the Pecos. Call Jim H or go online if you want to book this individually.

Assembly report: March 4 & 5 2017 Mark B presented report: Assembly will be held at El Dorado High School in Albuquerque. Also APS is now an option for other AA events. Paul co-chair unable to attend today

NEW BUSINESS

Bid for Area 46 Convention: D5 to be held at Ruidoso Convention Center June 2 – 4 2017

Bid for Area 46 Election Assembly: Sept 9 – 10 2017 Lisa D4 Las Cruces

Presentation of 2017 Draft Budget Ruth G, Finance Chair. Thanks to Teresa and Kurt for their help. It is a conservative budget. This budget will be voted on at the December Assembly please take it to your groups. At the moment \$577 above Prudent Reserve but disbursements will be made for this Assembly

Motions were presented. Teresa J explained that today is the day to ask questions at the mic as on Sunday only discussion will be in the event of a minority opinion. Motions with voting results in Sunday business

Sunday September 11

8AM call to order with prayer and readings

Bids: D5 to host June 2017 Area 46 Convention (in Ruidoso) accepted

D4 to host Sept 9 & 10 Area 46 election Assembly (in Carlsbad) accepted

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Secretary Report...

Motions:

- 1) To allow Al-Anon participation at 2017 Area Convention. passed no opposition
- 2) Beginning in 2018 that the date of the March Assembly should be changed from the 1st weekend in March to the last weekend. 2 opposed. no minority opinion. motion passes
- 3) To allow El Farolito to sell one or two-year email subscriptions to the El Farolito. 8 opposed. minority opinion expressed. motion to revoke passes. revoke taken. motion passes.
- 4) For \$250 one-time allotment to Literature committee. one opposed. no minority opinion. motion passes.
- 5) Change to AIP in 2 places to be consistent with the vote of the December 2014 Assembly regarding the date of the return of Seed money from the Convention Committee to the Area. 0 opposed. motion passes.

Committee, GSR, DCM, Trusted Servant and Past Delegate reports were presented. Committee reports will be published in the October El Farolito

Drawing for Grapevine door prize was held. Ask it Basket questions were answered (these can be found at nm-aa.org) Sobriety count-down. The signed Big Book was presented to Casey with 11 days be Rebecca S with 40 years.

Election for Area Treasurer: The past delegates organized and ran the election procedure. Kurt K. (D2) was elected by acclamation. Literature reported sales of \$369.75, AIP contributions of \$69.00, & 7th Tradition Sat \$369.75, Sunday \$368.14. Final count of registered attendees 104 voting and 62 non-voting

Adjourned until Dec3rd Carlsbad.

Respectfully submitted , Rosie F, Area 46 Secretary

Registrar

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the assembly in September. We had 166 people register. The spirit of service is alive and well in Area 46.

There were a number of new GSR's in attendance at the assembly, and for all of them who registered, or completed a Group Change form, thank you, and please know that I have updated your information.

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

In Love and Service,
Bill L

El Centro: Stacy O. 7 Years; Ernest V. 17 Years

Ruidoso, ARID group: Jennifer C 8-03-81 35yrs; Larry M 31yrs; Milton T 8-21-86 30yrs
JR C. 8-08-88 28yrs; Kris T 19yrs; Mary Ann 8-27-12 4yrs; Joey P 8-26-13 3yrs
Tim M 8-18-14 2yrs; Theresa 8-03-15 1yrs; Tammy 8-18-15 1yrs

Serenity Group / Alamogordo / August Birthdays: Roger D 35 Years; Colleen 19 Years;
Cindy 10 Years; Valencia 2 Years; Gene H 1 Year; Kevin H 1 Year; Tammy C 1 Year



Birthdays

Past Delegates

Past Delegates' Meeting

After catching up and chitchatting for a bit, we discussed a few more weighty matters.

Many of us have items of personal significance - first edition big books and the like - and we talked about how we might pass these on so that they could be used and appreciated by the fellowship.

We talked about the importance of archives and how to foster interest in AA history. As Betty often says: "Know what you belong to."

We discussed how, as past delegates, we can continue to be of service without drifting into "bleeding deacon" territory.

Ways that PDs have stayed involved behind the scenes include:

Sponsorship - three legacy and service.

Participation in workshops.

Participation in committee work at the district and area levels.

Recognizing that some things are better left unsaid.

Letting the fellowship know that we're here and we're happy to be put to work.

Ray R. expressed his intent to put in his name for Trustee-At-Large and we all gave him our blessing.

Thanks for the opportunity to be of service. Jen N.

Trusted Servants

26 in attendance including several visitors.

Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer... Eloy asked if any Committees would be introducing motions this afternoon as a result of their committee meetings. These were discussed. .

Lawrence M no motion at this point but would like to plant a seed for expenditure of \$1000 for equipment for the hearing impaired to be used at Assemblies and Conventions. Also discussing name change from Special Needs to Accessibility. This would be consistent with changes implanted at this year's Conference

Ally reported that It is her responsibility to maintain the integrity of the website. There are tweaks and precautionary measures being taken to insure better security of the website. She asked that individuals use their area email only for AA business.

Eloy reminded all that their full committee reports should be submitted to the Elf. Deadline is Sept 23 at midnight.

We prayed we left and went to lunch. ..Respectfully submitted Rosie F Area 46 Secretary 9/21/16

Birthdays

District 4...

Sober at Sunrise: Mary O. 9/1 1 year; Lisa W. 9/5 1 year

Fran 9/9 26 years; Ana Marie 9/13 9 years; Mike A. 9/15 28 years

Granville 9/25 40 years; Jeannie 9/27 1 year Downtown Group --

The Group's 70th Anniversary is September...Raymond 9/1 11 years;

Dennis 9/3 14 years...6:00 Solutions: Lisa E. 9/5 3 years Men's Stag

Jason C. 9/20 21 years; Robert M. 9/2 10 years; Happy Hour Group

Terry E. 9/25 46 years

Service Committee Reports

Bi-Lingual

Nine people attended the Bilingual Committee including two Past Delegates. Jen N. took minutes. One of the questions that kept coming up on how to get participation from all the groups was to have a Bilingual Committee Workshop. It was discussed and will be taken to the Planning Meeting on the 15 of October, 2016.

Will be updating the G.S.R., Orientation packet of the Incoming G.S.R. in Spanish, per Teresa F. our Alternate Delegate for the December, 2016 Assembly.

Thank you, respectfully submitted by Ana G, Bilingual Chair

COMITÉ BILINGÜE

En la junta del Comité Bilingüe asistieron 9 personas incluyendo dos Delegados Pasados, hubo tiempo para que todos participaran. Jen N. tomo nota. Se distribuyó un volante de información. Un punto que se propuso fue de tener un Taller de Información del Comité Bilingüe. Este punto se llevara a la Junta de Planificación el día 15 de octubre, 2016

Se actualizara el paquete de Orientación del R.S.G.s Entrante en Español, por Teresa F., nuestra Delegada Alterna, para la Asamblea de diciembre, 2016.

Gracias, respetuosamente Sometido por Ana G, Coordinadora Del Comité Bilingüe.
Con Cariño y Amor al Servicio

Bridging the Gap

It was amazing to see you all in Santa Fe, we had over 40 people in our workshop. The contact list has been updated and emailed out to District Chairs! We opened with the Serenity Prayer and introductions. I asked for a show of hands for anyone new to BTG, we had several new committee members, which is very exciting. I explained what we do as a BTG committee and we went over the do's, don'ts, and suggested length of sobriety.

We discussed that BTG is basically a 12 step call and it should be treated as such, we are taking newcomers to their first meeting outside of treatment or corrections.

A question was asked what do you do if a person is in a correction facility and has no contact information to give on a BTG card, suggestions were: ask them to give a relatives phone number, or you could give them a meeting schedule for where they will be going and encourage them to get to their first meeting.

District 18 has invited Paul, David and myself to come put on a workshop in December! Please keep your eyes open for upcoming details, also District 4 will be hosting one soon.

Thank you so much for allowing me to be of service and keeping me sober another day. Let me know what I can do to serve you.

In Love and Service, Nicole R.

Isleta Group: Luanne 60 Days; Jason 4 months; Lori 4 months; Mary 6 Years; Billy 7 Years;
Steve 11 Years; Ernest 17 Years; Sally 32 Years

Birthdays

Corrections

Thanks to District 2 for hosting another fabulous assembly. Great venue and wonderful fellowship.

There were 27 members in attendance at the Corrections meeting. Thanks again to Nicole R. and Paul P. (bridge the gap and treatment chairs) for helping me. Without Nicole's notes I would be lost.

The committee discussed the many differences in requirements to get into a county jail. Each jail has different training and background checks and some don't let anyone in. We talked about Bridge the Gap and making sure AA is offered to all those being released.

There was a Dist. Corrections Chair at the meeting with money to be spent on corrections but no place in that District that needed it. The group decided that the right thing to do would be to go back to the group conscience of that District and ask before giving the money to Area 46 Corrections.

The training policy and background checks for the state remains the same for all New Mexico Prisons. The web site is cd.nm.gov click on volunteer services. Each prison is listed at the bottom of the page with contact information and times, dates and locations of training.

Here are the ones remaining for this year: Hobbs Oct. 7th 5:30pm-9:30
6900 W. Millen Dr. Hobbs NM

Central Dec. 11th 1:30pm-5:30pm Open Door Church 17 El Cerro Loop.
Los Lunas NM 87031

Roswell Oct. 15th 10:00am-2:00pm 578 W Chickasaw Rd. Hagarman NM
88232

Santa Rosa Oct. 8th 8:00am-12:00pm Catholic Center 439 S 4th St. Santa
Rosa NM 88435

There is \$282.32 in the Area 46 Corrections account. My travel expenses to date are: Travel to 2 assemblies \$248.82 Travel to 2 planning meetings \$174.49

Looking forward to more workshops and any other opportunity to serve.
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Service Committee Reports

CPC

The C.P.C. committee met with 15 members in attendance and 6 districts represented. We opened with the serenity prayer.

After introductions a discussion was opened on what the C.P.C. role is and working with other committee chairs. We discussed some of the many challenges faced in approaching the professional community. How to find out about events, and learning who to contact in associations for Doctors, Lawyers, nursing, and counseling. Experience has shown "going in through the back door" seems to work best. Once in we can educate the professional and then that may lead to panel meetings, health fairs, and event to be attended. This approach has worked in District 8 as reported last month. We also discussed having better communication between ourselves, deciding to communicate electronically. Alley said she would help us and get back to us. We are willing to attend workshops and looking forward to doing some in the near future.

Assemblies are a great place to network and be with the people in the Area in the spirit of service. I am very grateful to be apart of this and to have the opportunity to serve. We should all remember that the road of happy destiny can be long our efforts not seen, It's all Gods work and he is in charge.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Mikel W, Area 46 C.P.C. Chair

Grapevine

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 beginning with the serenity prayer and introductions.

There were 12 members in attendance representing 5 districts. The 1st order of business was a short tutorial on how to maneuver around the grapevine website for specific items. Focusing on resources/gvr in respect to building a GV display. Clicked on the site that gives photos of other area displays. This is an excellent place to get ideas to build a display for your group or district.

I went over a price list of materials, including boards, glue, construction paper, lettering, tape, etc all products that you might need. In conclusion we discussed it could take as little as \$20.00 or as much as \$60.00 and up. Creativity is the key to a colorful display.

We discussed taking GV's to probation offices, Doctors offices or anywhere where there is a waiting room or where life is put on hold for one reason or another. The rest of the session was spent answering questions about GV subscriptions, products, and process of conducting a workshop. I was very excited by the energy in the room. Many thanks to all who attended the meeting.

Meeting adjourned with the serenity prayer at 10.30 am I would like to thank district 2 for a great assembly. Hope to see every one in Carlsbad if not sooner....Grateful to be of Service...Alice M...Area 46 GVR

EVENTS

District 4 Traditions Workshop; Past Delegates Jen N and Alan S. Potluck, October 15 at 1:30. Aric Club; 334 W. Griggs Ave; Las Cruces

SWRAASA; Oct 21-23. Rogers Arkansas ... details see www.swraasa2016.org

District 9 Sobriety Gathering; Oct 7,8,9 at Sacred Heart Elementary School Gallup. \$20 per person, Registration 5pm - 7pm Friday.

Literature

Thank you to District 2 for hosting our September '16 assembly, & their hard work for a very successful Assembly. Thank you also to the Area 46 assembly for passing our motion of increasing the literature inventory by \$250.00. (Only a one time increase inventory is replenished by sales of literature) We will be ordering DVD's, PSA's and mixing up the large & regular sized print books with the extra funds.

We sold approx. \$300.00 in books & pamphlets at the assembly, A \$560.00 deposit was made to our account, & our next Literature order will be over \$500.00 thus no postage fees.

Our break out committee meeting went very well, we had approx. 30 AA's attend. Everyone went away with GSO's phone #, (sorry I don't promote emailing, or texting as much as I'm sure most like these days. I like books not scrolling on my laptop or phone. I like literature on paper & talking to someone when I order literature) & instructions on how to order literature, & how to order free literature also.

Conference approved & non conference approved literature was discussed & it was determined that it's a 4th Tradition issue what a group uses, but the over all consciences was, "when in AA do as AA does", & stick to AA conference approved literature, it also helps keep the sharing to AA "talk".

We discussed utilizing intergroup if a district has one, and that a district literature chairperson can have literature on hand at district meetings for other groups within their district to purchase. We also discussed groups should also have a variety of literature available at their meetings also for group members, newcomers & visitors to purchase at meetings if needed.

We're looking forward to participating in the traditions conference sponsored by District 11, (we'll basically have only literature pertaining to the traditions on hand) & as always we're available for whatever we can help your district or group with. Congrats to Kurt as newly elected treasurer.

Thank you In Loving Service ... Manuel P Area 46 Literature Chairperson

Public Information

We had 21 Attendees at the meeting.

I started with an introduction and what was currently in the works.

The Celebrate recovery Event @ Albuquerque Civic Plaza on 9/15/116

The Isleta Pueblo Health Fair 10/15/16

The Presbyterian Health Fair in Rio Rancho – Nov.

The KOB Health Fair Jan. 28 & 29

We discussed starting a PI Committee News Letter to share PI successes and failure that should be a method of exchanging information state wide on our individual PI activities.

We talked about the need for communications and contacts for PI covering all of New Mexico.

We had a discussion on how we maintained anonymity in PSA's and expanded the discussion to include speaking at non-AA meetings. Mentioned the pamphlet "Speaking a Non-AA Meetings".

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Public Information...

Then we went into a discussion of what people were currently doing as PI activities.

- Distributing Schedule to various places including motels
- Putting literature in libraries and offices
- Providing displays at health fairs – one at the Cibola County Health Fair
- Holding workshops
- District 9's Sobriety Gathering on Oct. 7-9

Since the meeting I attended the Celebrate Recovery event on the Civic Plaza in Albuquerque. It was a first year event that is planned to become an annual event. I had a display and pamphlets and Jeff C. The Outreach Chair from Central Office brought another literature Rack and more literature. We had help from Paul C. from District 13 who brought along a few others, and from Ann B. from District 18.

There was no PI expense for the Assembly as I had points for a free motel stay so I did not incur an expense.

Yours in Service, Mike D Area 46 PI Chair

Special Needs

Another great Area Assembly thanks to District 2 for doing an amazing job! The Special Needs Committee meeting was well attended as new folks got to obtain an understanding of the committee goals and objectives. There was discussion on the "Toolkit" and got positive feedback as it is a helpful tool for Districts and Groups. We continue to encourage groups to complete the survey. Members gave some great examples related to challenges in their groups in terms of accessibility for those who are deaf and find it difficult to have a translator sign during a meeting. In addition, there was discussion regarding taking the message to the homeless.

We had an update on the purchase of equipment and hope that the Area would consider of these hearing devices for those with hard of hearing at Assemblies and the State Convention. It was bought up at the committee to consider changing the committee name from "Special Needs" to "Accessibility," which GSO has changed that name and seems to be a better fit. More information to come as the proposed name change develops. We are open to provide any technical assistance and/or provide workshops. Lastly, Districts and Groups are encouraged to complete the surveys to inventory how well they are addressing accessibility to those with special needs. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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



Treatment

The Treatment meeting at the September 2016 Assembly was very well attended. We had 48 members in that signed in at the meeting! It is good to see so many people in the Area either involved in treatment work or interested in what we do. We started the meeting with introductions and had two districts with new treatment chair people who attended. After the introductions we passed out the A.A in Treatment Settings brochure and the list of facilities that are on the New Mexico website so we could update the list with new information.

I opened the discussion talking about how I started working in treatment and how it has benefited me and I also let people know that I felt it was a good way for us to give back to the community, I was once told that maybe this was a way for me to make amends to all the people that I had wronged in some form that I would never see again or remember.

We opened the meeting up for questions and discussed many of the issues people have encountered at treatment facilities. One of the big issues that are ongoing is how to carry the message in a facility that has alcoholics as well as people with addiction to drugs. Many see this as a negative but we should use this as an opportunity to explain our singleness of purpose. Many groups take different types of meetings into treatment facilities so we discussed the difference between taking meetings in from the outside and actually having a registered AA group holding the meetings in a facility. We also discussed the importance of consistency and how groups maintained consistency by communication and having several people that work together to make sure our commitments are met. Another topic discussed was how groups around the state acquire literature for the groups they take meetings into.

Overall it was a very productive Assembly and meeting. The Area Bridge the Gap and Corrections chairs and I will be doing two workshops before the end of the year, one in the southern part of the state and one in Rio Rancho more information will be coming. I spoke to several individuals from various districts, which either had people willing to go into treatment facilities as well as several people that knew of facilities looking for people so we will try and make those connections soon. I will be updating the list of treatment facilities on the New Mexico AA website soon, so drop into the New Mexico AA website and take a look!

In Service, Paul P...Treatment Chair

YPPA

Hope everyone is doing well and gearing up for autumn. We all enjoyed ourselves at the assembly and I want to give a big thanks to Oskar and all the folks at District 2 for hosting a great assembly. The Young Persons committee was fortunate to get to participate in the assembly in a couple of ways. We have committed to bringing an activity to the assemblies that we enjoy before the Saturday evening sharing session. This assembly we developed a game we call "Blind Mans Big Book". I want to thank Joe and Zack for all their help with the game. We look forward to our next opportunity in Carlsbad. Hope you all will join us in playing whatever game or activity we come up with. We also got to share the video we made for GSO. Thank you all for your positive feedback. We will keep you up to date on GSO's decision on how they will use it.

At our committee meeting we discussed the committee's purpose as outlined by the AIP. We discussed what challenges and successes we are having at our young people's meetings around the state. We discussed service opportunities for groups. We also talked about ways our service structure can strengthen the unity of our fellowship across the state. We discussed strategies for district committee chairs as well as ways for the committee to serve districts outside of the Albuquerque area. We were unable to discuss with great detail all the activities of the committee to date, but it was pointed out that our webpage is kept up to date with all the committee activity.

I want to thank everyone who participated and helped at the assembly, and continues to contribute to our committee and fellowship. Please email or call me for any reason.

God bless, Mike L.

Ad Hoc Committee on Assembly Development and Fun-Raising

Thank you, District 2, for hosting an exciting and productive September Assembly! The Development Committee was very busy. 17 people attended our committee meeting on Saturday. Everyone was brought up to date on our activities since the March Assembly. We talked about changes we will try to make for the Pre-Conference in future years, some ideas for a Service Assembly and we discussed whether our groups would be better informed if our GSRs had advance notice of motions before they are asked to vote on them at an assembly.

At the business meeting Saturday afternoon, we summarized the results of the evaluations which were completed after the March Pre-Conference Assembly and the work the committee has done to address some of the problems which were identified. In that vein, our committee introduced a motion asking that the dates of the March Assembly be moved from the first weekend of March to the last weekend of the month beginning in 2018. This will provide more time for our groups to study the conference agenda topics and background material, and offer input to our Delegate. Our motion passed!

In response to many requests for a description of the entire Conference process, our committee developed a chart which depicts the Conference process throughout the year and a narrative description of the process. We were proud to have our Delegate use these in his excellent presentation on the Yearlong Conference Process during the Saturday evening Sharing Session.

Our committee asked the Assembly for feedback about the possibility of an Area-sponsored Service Assembly during the summer of 2017. The sense of the Assembly was that we should go forward in developing a specific plan to be presented at the December Assembly.

Thank you to our Young People's Committee for leading an AA version of Blind Man's Bluff which all participants and on-lookers enjoyed

Respectfully submitted, Jaclyn S.

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



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District Reports

District 2 - Santa Fe

Greetings from Santa Fe AA! We want to first thank everyone for travelling to our town and participating in the Area Assembly. It was a great success with over 340 people in attendance.

At our September 13 meeting the District Two GSR's gave their experience with making announcements to their groups. Some of the suggestions were: keep them short; pick just one or two items a week which might interest the group; create an announcement sheet on Google Docs for people to sign up to receive; send a calendar of events around with the phone list; make things funny; and make announcements at the start of the meeting. If other districts have suggestions, we'd love to hear them!

If anyone in Santa Fe needs a meeting brought to a hospital room or home, please call Central Office to arrange a meeting through the Accessibility Committee.

Lastly, "An AA Group" is hosting an anniversary retreat on October 7-9, and all are welcome. We will go through the steps with Bob O. and Mike S. at the Santa Fe Salvation Army, flyers are available on santafeaa.org website by clicking on http://santafeaa.org/news_events.html

In joyful service, Kate T.

District 3 - Belen, Los Lunas, Socorro

Greetings, to Area 46 and District 3. Not a lot to report on but the Isleta Group celebrated their 70th Anniversary in September. Congratulations! Our District Committee Chairs are continuing to stay as busy as possible but there's always a need for volunteers to do service work. All it takes is asking our GSR's or our district people what we can possibly do to help. It would be very much appreciated and the benefits to our sobriety is also a plus!

Our district website chairperson and DCM attended a Website Workshop and they now have the know-how and ability to make any changes/corrections or additions to our district's Area website page. Some ideas are: Group Anniversaries/Celebrations, events, workshops, etc...please take a look at our page on the Area website and let the website chairperson know what you think. The District 3's Website Chair can be contacted at Web3@nm-aa.org

As a reminder, our October District meeting will be hosted by the Sunrise Catchers Group, on Saturday, October 8th at the Isleta Club. Potluck at 1:30 and Meeting at 2pm.

And, as always, in gratitude and service, Carmen O. – District 3 El Farolito Rep

District 4 - Las Cruces

We hope you can join us for the following events in and around District 4.

Traditions Workshop (potluck)
October 15th, 1:30pm
Arid Club, 334 West Griggs

Old-Timers Roundup (potluck)
November 13th, noon - 4:00pm
Arid Club, 334 W. Griggs

Sober at Sunrise is hosting the 2016 New Year's Eve Party, Meetings, Dance, Raffle, Potluck. Raffle donations being requested now. Gilbert V. 575-805-1658. Sept 9 & 10 2017 (voting) Area Assembly is being hosted by District 4. More will be revealed.

District 8 - Farmington, Shiprock

The October 13 meeting of District 8 will be held on a trial basis at The Well at 7 PM. We are considering moving to The Well and will see how the meeting goes. Please inform GSRs and any others interested in attending the meeting.

District 8 DCM Debbie M., Area 46 CPC representative Mikel W., and District 8 PI representative Ron M. attended an Alcohol Awareness Fair in Dulce on August 26. Debbie will return to Dulce and help to set up an AA meeting there

Dirk D. has stepped up as representative for the men's jail meeting; thank you for your service, Dirk. Please pass the word that we are still in need of jail representatives for 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

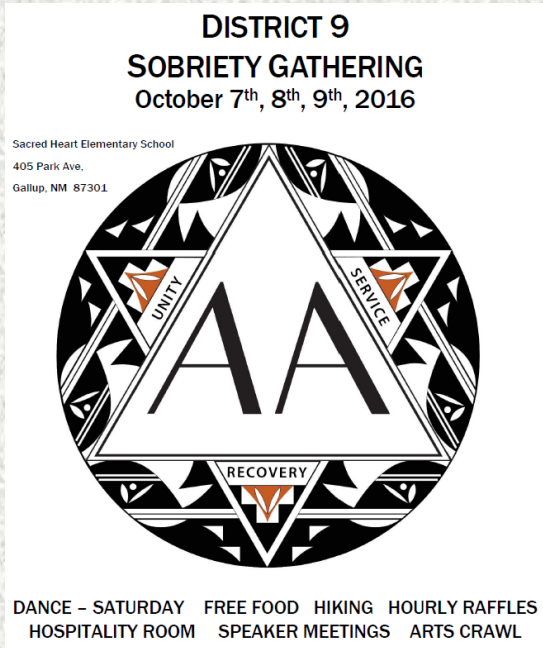
Force Fellowship is moving October 1 to New Covenant Methodist Church, 4600 College Blvd. in Farmington. The meeting time is still 8:30 PM.

The seven sessions of information meetings for Drug Court attendees began a new cycle on September 16. Please contact Ron H. if you are interested in helping with this vital need in our community. We can't keep it unless we give it away!

Yours in sobriety, Andrea G

District 9 - Grants, Gallup, Zuni, Laguna

You are invited to the District 9 Sobriety Gathering at Sacred Heart Elementary School in Gallup, NM on October 7-9. Attached is the Events Schedule including speaker meetings, hikes, potluck, arts crawl, receptions, panel workshops, and dance. This is a family event. AA, Al-anon, and Ala-teen are welcome.



District 10 - Hobbs, Carlsbad

Hello from district 10!

The tumbleweed went off flawlessly!

Thank you to the committee for all your hard work. We had over 200 in attendance. The speakers were fabulous and the food and venue were to die for. Seeing something like this go on reminds me what it means to be passionate about carrying the message!

Coming up on October 8th the HOG will be having it's 2nd Saturday happening starting at 6 o'clock with a potluck and followed by our former DCM and current Corrections Chair, David D., who will be sharing his experience strength and hope with us at 7.

Also in Hobbs Oct. 22 Scott C. will be having his annual bon fire and step study. It starts at 12:00pm and we go through all the steps in a round robin. The event will be held at 1223 Vera St. In Hobbs. Hope to see you all there!

So let's ask David L. to enlighten us on what's happening in Carlsbad...

Well Singleness of Purpose Group would like to welcome our new GSR Drew and also our new Alt. GSR Charlie. Our past GSR moved out of the state. Drew made his first Assembly in Santa Fe and said he had a great time. The Carlsbad Group is having a potluck and speaker on September the 24th but more on that next month. Have a great week!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Love and Service. Jason O.

District 14 - Taos, Red River, Embudo

We would like to thank everyone involved in the Taos Mountain Fiesta last month. The turn out appeared even greater than in previous years, with every chair full and additional chairs being brought in during speaker meetings and events. Organizers, speakers, service workers, contributors, visitors, local participants—thanks! We'll look forward to doing it again next year.

Barnaby H.

El Farolito Committee

From the Editor

Thanks to everyone for making the Assembly such a success. We had a great committee meeting and went over the financial issues, possible solutions, and voted 21-0 to start to offer email subscriptions. This is a way for \$3 for groups and members can support the ELF without having to pay for a full \$20 mail subscription. Keep in mind the newsletter is fully self supporting, your donations to the Area do not support the newsletter. We will continue to produce only a 16 page issue until the checkbook balance gets back above the \$2,500 prudent reserve. I sent a letter to all groups who are receiving extra issues to let them know if their contributions are covering the cost. At \$20 per issue per year we simply cannot afford to continue to send extra issues that are not paid for.

So help get us get tp prudent reserve! For just \$3 you will receive the issue the same time it is sent to the printer, a full week before it is mailed. It will be an anonymity protected version of the mail version and emailed to you in PDF format.

The web version of the newsletter is also well worth checking out as there is no limit to the number of pages. All of the flyers & announcements are included as well as articles from groups and districts that there was no room for in the mail issue.

Coming soon we will be including service stories. We are all willing to tell our regular AA story and those of us active in service have stories to tell also. This was an idea of Ralph T, a past Delegate and I think it is an excellent one. We hope that people thinking about doing service but hesitant because it is "so much work" or "aw, that is just politics" or whatever excuse is used may change their minds.

In my own case because I was active in service a person I had met invited me to go to the Gathering of Eagles Conference in Texas. There I met Searcy W., who was Ebby T.'s sponsor. Searcy was a good friend of Bill W's and had started one of the first treatment centers so long ago. Ebby was having issues and Bill sent him to Texas. When I met Searcy he was this man in his 80's who drove a Lincoln Continental like he was Dale Earnhart. He had a wonderful archives of letters from Bill and other oldtimers, sponsored actively, and always had his hand out to newcomers. I did not get to spend more than a couple of minutes with him, partly because everyone on the planet wanted to be with him and partly because he intimidated me. I went again the next year and when he saw me across the room he walked up to me, called me by name, and asked how was Akron doing. I was stunned, but he had this gift that once he met someone he never forgot your name. This included every newcomer he had ever met, even if the encounter lasted seconds. I spent much time with him for the next few years until he finally passed, and I was lucky enough to call this giant of AA my friend. And all that happened because of the path I was placed on when I attended my first Area Assembly.

In Service, Jay M

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



5th Annual Candlelight Halloween Party

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Date/Time

Date(s) - Sat October 22, 2016 to October 23, 2016

8:30 pm - 12:30 am

Location

Mesa Club

5th Annual Candlelight Group Halloween Party and Dance!

October 22, 2016, 8:30 pm-12:30 am.

\$5.00/person, \$8.00/couple; children under 10 are free.

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Come to Rio Rancho for some Halloween fun!

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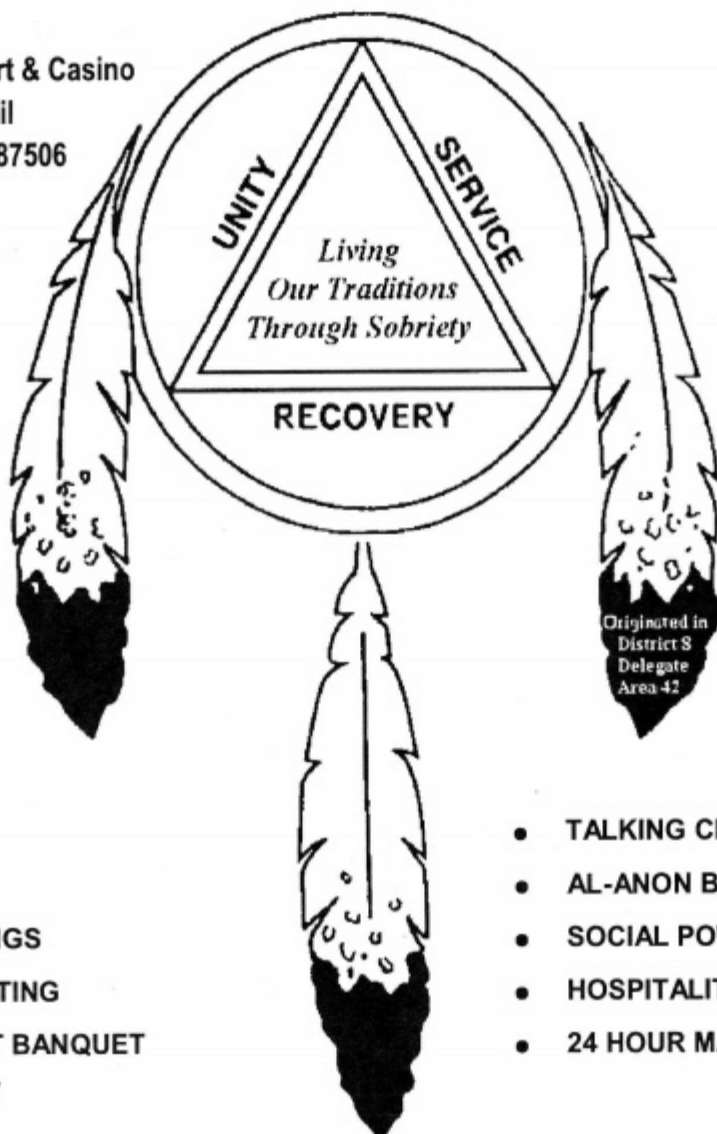
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- AL-ANON BRUNCH
- SOCIAL POW WOW - SATURDAY
- HOSPITALITY ROOM
- 24 HOUR MARATHON MEETINGS

District 4 Traditions Workshop

Presented by Past
Delegates

Jen N and Alan S

Potluck please bring a dish

When: October 15, 2016

Time: 1:30

Location: Arid Club

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Hi Everyone,

My name is George C. and I am the GSR for the "OPEN" Black Chip Group from Disc 16 located in Silver City, New Mexico. I am originally from Orlando, Florida where the Black Chip concept started and still continues.

We are the latest and best group to get organized and we first opened our doors on Saturday, June 25th from 11-12 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall- First United Methodist Church located at 300 W. College Avenue, Silver City, NM.

Our group consists of the following trusted servants: Art L, Chairman – Candice C., Secretary, Gene H., Alternative GSR and Lynn M. as our Treasurer.

We have had 3 very successful "opened" groups conscious meetings so far (we meet each first Saturday of each month) followed by our regular AA meeting from 11-12 p.m.

Our format is quite different from other groups but we mostly keep our focus on the newcomer.

Follow and obey the 12 steps, traditions and concepts of AA. If you are ever around the Silver City area on a weekend, we will greatly appreciate you showing up to pay us a visit and we will be glad to have you and will welcome you.

Explain: the Black Chip concept and show a chip.

If you have resentment, we request that you pick up this Black Resentment Chip. Resentments for us are indefinitely grey. They will cause to kill ourselves, someone else or cause us to drink. We will not clap for you if you pick one up. However, we will give you a clap when you bring it back and tell us how you dealt with it.

Is there anyone bringing one back?



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