



EL FAROLITO

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ENSURING OUR FUTURE THROUGH SERVICE

Delegate

The following is my talk on "Ensuring our Future Through Service" that I will deliver at the Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly in Rogers Arkansas:

The fact that we are at an AA service assembly validates that I am preaching to the choir on the topic of service. We are all here because we know the importance of service to AA to safeguard our own sobriety and ensure that AA will be here for future generations of alcoholics. I've also observed that one of the most discussed topics at workshops is how to encourage more participation in general service. Service includes practicing love, tolerance, patience and willingness, especially listening and keeping an open mind in all our affairs. We are required to give of ourselves in service to others without expecting any 'payback' or recovering anything in return for A.A. service. Dr. Bob himself once said, more or less in these words, that if we fail to acquire a spirit of service, we will have missed out on the greatest gift A.A. has to offer – the ability to give our sobriety away and so keep it.

Our Declaration of Unity states "This we owe to AA's future." But what is "this?" It's one thing to benefit from the sense of unity that keeps the group strong, but it's another to declare that we will play our own part to keep the fellowship strong. Now "This" has become a commitment to service in AA. Our commitment in early sobriety may only be to work the steps to our best ability and to stay sober. As we gain confidence in our own sobriety, we see the importance of our Home Group, not only to personal growth and recovery, but how the Group is the corner stone of sobriety to many. Our Home Group is where we may do the greatest good in carrying our message to the newcomer. Bill said "Our Twelfth Step – carrying the message – is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principle aim and the main reason for our existence." We also see that simple acts such as coming early and staying late in service to the Group ensures the continued strength of the Group. Our first participation in monthly Group business meetings may give us a glimpse of AA outside our snug little Home Group. We may decide that service to the Group is the plan for us or we may wish to be of greater service to AA as a whole and naturally progress to the District and the Area but no one in A.A. will try to push such an agenda on you if you're not interested or ready.

As we become aware of the personal benefits and wish to be of maximum service to AA, what might be impediments to general service? Outside our Home Group the spirit of rotation is universally observed but can't you see some connection here also with the often-cited problems associated with the Bleeding Deacon element especially in the individual A.A. groups?

What about adequately financing our Trusted Servants? Service in AA shouldn't be contingent upon ability to pay our own way. Remember that thin dime Bill dropped in the hat? Financial service to AA goes well beyond paying rent and buying coffee for the Group. Is your GSR adequately financed?

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Another troubling aspect is the "watering down" of our Primary Purpose." I recently heard a Trusted Servant introduce themselves as an Alcoholic-Addict. While I recognize the growing fact that many of today's members are not "exclusively" alcoholic, I find it disconcerting that some still identify this way in an AA meeting. In an interview with Dr. Paul O., he said his story "makes clear the truth that an alcoholic can also be an addict, and indeed that an alcoholic has a constitutional right to have as many problems as he wants! But that doesn't mean that every A.A. meeting has to be open to a discussion of drugs if it doesn't want to. Every meeting has the right to say it doesn't want drugs discussed. People who want to discuss drugs have other places where they can go to talk about that." We must cling to our singleness of purpose to entice effective Trusted Servants.

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Trusted Servant Reports

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Delegates Report...

Service to Alcoholics Anonymous has become my way of life and I credit much of my continued sobriety with that service. Service is the fuel for my rocket to the 4th dimension. Trust our Trusted Servants, trust the process, and trust God. Everything else will take care of its self.

Call me – We'll have coffee...Jim H

Delegado Informe

La siguiente es mi charla sobre "Asegurar nuestro Futuro a través del Servicio" que entregaré en la Asamblea del Servicio AA Regional Sudoeste en Rogers Arkansas.

El hecho de que estamos en un servicio de AA general valida que esté sermoneando sobre el tema de servicio. Estamos todos aquí porque sabemos la importancia de AA para salvaguardar nuestra propia sobriedad y asegurar que AA estará aquí para las futuras generaciones de alcohólicos. También he observado que uno de los temas más discutidos en los talleres consiste en cómo animar más participación en el servicio general. El servicio incluye practicar el amor, la tolerancia, la paciencia y la buena voluntad, especialmente escuchando y manteniendo una mente abierta en todos nuestros asuntos. Se requiere que demos de nosotros en el servicio a otros sin esperar cualquier 'reembolso' o recuperar algo a cambio del servicio A.A. El propio Dr. Bob una vez dijo, más o menos en estas palabras, que si no podemos adquirir un espíritu de servicio, habremos dejado pasar el mayor regalo que A.A. tiene que ofrecer - la capacidad de regalar nuestra sobriedad y mantenerlo así.

Nuestra Declaración de la Unidad declara "Debemos hacer esto para el futuro de A.A."

Pero qué es "¿esto?" Una cosa es beneficiarse del sentido de unidad que mantiene fuerte al grupo, pero es otra declarar que vamos a desempeñar nuestra parte para mantener la comunidad de A.A. fuerte. Ahora "Este" se ha convertido en un compromiso de servicio en AA. Nuestro compromiso a principio de la sobriedad puede ser sólo trabajar los pasos a nuestra capacidad y permanecer sobrio. A medida que ganamos confianza en nuestra propia sobriedad, vemos la importancia de nuestro Grupo Base, no sólo para el crecimiento personal y la recuperación, pero la manera en que el Grupo es la piedra angular de la sobriedad para muchos. Nuestro Grupo Base es donde podemos hacer el mayor bien para llevar nuestro mensaje a los recién llegados. Bill dijo "Nuestro Duodécimo Paso - llevando el mensaje - es el servicio básico que da a la comunidad de A.A.; Este es nuestro objetivo principal y la razón principal de nuestra existencia." También vemos que las acciones simples como llegar temprano y permanecer tarde dando servicio al Grupo aseguran la fuerza continua del Grupo. Nuestra primera participación en las juntas mensuales de negocios del Grupo nos puede dar una idea de AA fuera de nuestro pequeño Grupo Base. Podemos decidir qué servicio al grupo es el plan para nosotros o que queramos ser de mayor servicio a AA como un todo y naturalmente progresar al Distrito y al Área pero nadie en A.A. tratará de presionar esa agenda si no estás interesado o preparado.

¿Cómo somos conscientes de los beneficios personales y desear ser de máximo servicio a AA, lo que podría ser obstáculo al cuadro de servicios generales? Fuera de nuestro Grupo Base el espíritu de rotación es universalmente observado, ¿pero no puedes ver un poco de conexión aquí también con los problemas a menudo citados asociados con el elemento del Diácono Sangrante sobre todo en los grupos A.A. individuales? ¿Qué tal financiar adecuadamente a nuestros Servidores de Confianza? El servicio en AA no debería ser contingente sobre la capacidad de pagar lo nuestro. ¿Recuerde que la moneda de diez centavos Bill pasó al sombrero? El servicio financiero a AA va bien más allá de pago del alquiler y compra del café para el Grupo. ¿Se financia adecuadamente su R.S.G.?

Otro aspecto preocupante es la "disminución" de nuestro Objetivo Primordial. Recientemente escuché a un Servidor de Confianza presentarse como un Alcohólico-Adicto. Aunque reconozco el hecho creciente que muchos de los miembros hoy en día no son "exclusivamente" alcohólicos me parece desconcertante que algunos todavía se identifican de esa forma en una reunión de AA. En una entrevista con el Dr. Paul O., dijo que su historia "deja en claro la verdad que un alcohólico también puede ser un adicto, y en efecto que un alcohólico tiene un derecho constitucional para tener tantos problemas como quiera! Pero esto no significa que cada reunión de A.A. tiene que estar abierta para una discusión de drogas, si no quiere. Cada reunión tiene el derecho a decir que no quiere hablar de las drogas. Las personas que quieren hablar de drogas tienen otros lugares donde pueden ir a hablar de eso". Hemos de aferrarnos a nuestra unicidad de propósito para atraer eficaces servidores de confianza. El servicio en Alcohólicos Anónimos se ha convertido en mi forma de vida y le doy crédito a mi sobriedad continua por ese servicio. El servicio es el combustible para mi cohe- te a la cuarta dimensión.

Confiar en nuestros Servidores de Confianza, confiar en el proceso y confiar en Dios. Todo lo demás se resolverá a su propio tiempo.

Lláname – nos tomamos un café. Jim H

Chair

The three legacies of AA - recovery, unity and service - in a sense represent three impossibilities, impossibilities that we know became possible, and possibilities that have now borne this unbelievable fruit.”
(Bill W., 10th GSC, April, 1960)

Somehow I had the impression that the legacies of unity and service were in some way secondary to recovery. I was so wrong. All three of the legacies are essential for me to become and remain “happily and usefully whole.” And, as I’ve just recently figured out, when I study, try to practice, and put time and energy into any one of the legacies, I grow in my understanding and ability to apply the principles of all the legacies. I am so blessed to have been given the Grace to get sober and to be given a new way of life. I can’t help but feel that it’s a privilege to pay that forward.

Districts are needed for the 2018 Area Convention and for the 2017 December Area Assembly. To host an Area Convention or an Assembly is a tremendous gift of love for a District to give to their fellows in New Mexico. It does require additional time, which is a sacrifice. But rewards are great – for the individuals and for the district. I hope you will seriously consider making a bid in December. Please discuss this at your district meeting. I am available to answer all questions.

I love being of service! So, drop me an email at chair@nm-aa.org or call me any time. I’d love to answer your questions, help you out in whatever way I can or just hear how things are going. Your grateful servant, Teresa J

Secretary

The secretary generally doesn’t have a lot to do between Assemblies but it recently came to my attention that some folks... trusted servants and committee chairs may be preparing handouts for use at the Assembly that reference the AIP and AFI (the Spanish version) by page number. There were a number of changes between last rotation and the March 2016 publication which changed many of those page references. Also the page numbers between the Spanish and English version are not consistent (just like the Big Book). So...if you’re doing a handout just reference section and appropriate paragraph.

Speaking of the AIP, I have not posted the minor change from the September Assembly. I am away from my files but the only motion that effected the AIP was a change in date as to when the Hosting District for the State Convention returns the seed money and any overages to the Area. These changes are in Section III paragraph A.7 and paragraph E.3. I will update the website after the December Assembly.

Until December keep on trudgin’...Rosie F Area 46 Secretary

Note: The questions from the Ask it Basket are too long to include in the print edition, but will be included in the web version.

Registrar

It is a quiet time for the Registrar right now. GSR’s are pretty stable, and we only see a few requests for updates to GSR information. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Carlsbad in December, and suspect that there will be an increase in GSR rotations near the first of the year.

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...Area 46 Registrar

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Trusted Servant Reports

Treasurer

I must apologize for not putting my report in last month's ELF. The deadline came and went before I realized it. I hope to not have that happen again in the future.

Our group contributions were down just a little bit from last month but was above what we did a year ago. I hope to see the group contributions to come back up so that we can work on a better budget for next year. Also we received the convention overage from District 15 in the amount of \$4,759 which will be used to bring the prudent reserve up if needed at the end of the year and the remainder will be sent to AA GSO according to our AIP.

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 December 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.



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Service Committee Reports

Archives

(Ed Note: This article was left out of the last issue through my fault)

The Archives committee meeting opened with the serenity prayer and then went around the room for introductions. We had 17 attendees from 10 districts, which included 3 district archive chairs, as well as a past delegate, Jeff. He and I have a rendezvous in CO for him to pass on some boxes to me. I shared my summertime blues – I visited several districts – 13, 11, 9, 6, 5 and 10 – and left each meeting with a handful of follow-up items. Unfortunately I then went home and real life thwarted my plans. However, I did get some things done and am looking forward to a slower calendar down with the cooler weather.

I handed out a partial listing of the inventory conducted of the Archives room, which is located at the ABQ Central Office. The documents located in the Early AA files have been listed, as well as the titles of the other folders. The process will continue until we have all of the documents in each folder documented. And then we have digitizing! I will be uploading the inventory we currently have on to the Archives web page.

I also handed out a list of groups per district. Thank you, Bill our registrar, for providing me this information. It lists the active, inactive and unknown groups in each district. Steve G of D18 is my poster child of what to do with this list – he has handed out “Group History Forms” to each GSR and asked them to complete them. He can now use some of the information from the spreadsheet I provided to fill out some of the form to encourage groups to pursue their history. There are guidelines for a group history on the archives webpage; an Area 46 group history form will be uploaded in the very near future.

discussion to our topic from the March Assembly, which was how to encourage more groups to record their history, my personal favorite topic! There were attendees who wanted copies of the “Oral History Kit” from GSO; I have made the copies. If you were asked for one and have not yet found you, please find me at the break. If anyone else is interested, please find me at the break.

Archives does not have any archival storage for documents, pamphlets or books that may require it. In brainstorming, Olivia and I came up with an idea for the Grapevines located in the Archives. There are stories in some of the Grapevines with people from New Mexico which will be kept, and the older ones from the 1940-50s. I asked the committee for their opinion to make the Grapevines available to people, for a small contribution or donation. (I was corrected from my original term for this process!) After some discussion, we voted and everyone was in agreement that it would be a great way to allow us to purchase the needed materials. Look for us at the next assembly!

I asked if anyone was interested in having meetings in between assemblies. Crickets ensued. No interest. However, there was interest in visiting Archives. As it is now, we will need to make some changes and improvements before we are ready for company. I will make this a priority in the upcoming month and post a date on the Archives webpage.

Thank for allowing me to be of service. I am ever so grateful,

Michelle B, Archives Committee Chair

Birthdays

B-Hill Group from Bloomfield, NM are:

SEPTEMBER: Rita Z. - 7 years

AUGUST: Joel J. - 36 years
Michael E. - 3 years

Birthdays

Service Committee Reports

Bi-Lingual

We had our monthly meeting, Monday October 3, 2016, and are pleased to announce we had Area 46 Trusted Servant Ruth G., from Area Finance” to request a change in the AIP on pg. 33 Section V Area Finance Under B. Expenses. Pg. 34 #3 h., It was discussed and approved by the Bilingual Committee. Ruth will take it to the December Assembly as a motion.

Elena A. from Serenity Group District 11, attended to deliver flyers for the 26th Annual Traditions Conference, also to confirm translation.

We have been visiting the Hispanic Groups the month of October to Unite, Encourage and Motivating the participation in having a Representative from each Group at District Level, and continuing to work toward increased participation in the Bilingual Committee. We had a great time at the Planning Meeting for the December Assembly and looking forward to seeing you all at the 26th Annual Traditions Conference.

COMITÉ BILINGÜE

Nos gustaría compartir lo siguiente:

Tuvimos nuestra reunión mensual el lunes 3 de octubre de 2016, y nos complace anunciar que tuvimos a Ruth G., Servidora de Confianza del Área de “Finanzas” para solicitar un cambio en la AFI, pág. 37 en Sección V, Finanzas Del Área bajo Gastos. Pág. 38 #3 h., fue discutido y aprobado por el Comité Bilingüe. Ruth lo tomará a la Asamblea de diciembre como una moción.

Elena A. del Serenity Group Distrito 11, asistió para entregar volantes para la 26^{va} Conferencia Anual de Tradiciones, y también para confirmar disponibilidad de interpretación.

Hemos estado visitando los Grupos Hispanos durante el mes de octubre para Unir, Animar y Motivar la participación en cuanto a tener un Representante de cada Grupo a nivel del Distrito. Seguimos trabajando para aumentar la participación en el Comité Bilingüe.

Pasamos un rato estupendo en la Planificación de la Asamblea de diciembre y esperamos verlos de nuevo en la 26^{ava} Conferencia Anual de Tradiciones.

Les agradecemos de nuevo la oportunidad de prestarles este servicio.

Con Cariño y Amor al Servicio Ana G., Silla del Comité Bilingüe

We thank you again for the opportunity to serve you.

With Affection and Love for Service Ana G., Bilingual Chair

Cosmo: Gina, 24 hrs ; Ralph, 3 months; Rumaldo 6 months; Alicia 1 yr; Chris 2 yrs; Gerry 2 yrs; John 8 yrs

Thank you Love and service, John S.

Birthdays

Bridge the Gap

I just want to start off by saying that I am super excited about the upcoming workshop in District 18! It will be held on December 17th at Nativity Church on Alameda on the far North side of Albuquerque. Jeff B. will be getting more details out as soon as they have them.

Any other Districts that are considering having a workshop for BTG, Corrections and Treatment in the upcoming year, please feel free to contact Paul, David or myself. This year has flown by and it is quickly coming to an end. Put us to work, let us serve you!

In Love and Service, Nicole R.

Corrections

Greetings Area 46

Corrections is going well. Nicole, Paul and I have been invited to the Extending The Hand of AA Workshop. It will be in Albuquerque on December 17, 2016 at the Nativity Catholic Pastoral Center in rooms G2 and G3, at 9504 4th St NW starting at 8:30 till 11:30. Thank you Dist. 18 for the invitation.

I attended the last training of the year at the prison here in Hobbs, we had two new AA volunteers with us. I am confident they will be approved.

I attended a group conscience for District 7 in Roswell. There are some women interested in taking a meeting to the county jail in Roswell. Applications have been filled out and turned in once again I am confident they will be approved.

The Corrections bank account balance remains at \$283.32. My expenses from the Area for this year are travel to two assemblies \$248.82 travel to three planning meetings \$263.49

The times, dates and locations for the 2017 training for the state have not been posted on their website yet. As always if there's anything I can do for any of you please let me know.

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Service Committee Reports

Cooperation with the Professional Community

Hello Area 46,

Hope you are all well and in the spirit of service. Would like to take a chance to say that Clair D. has written an article, and submitted it for approval to the New Mexico Board of Nursing. Hasn't been announced if it will be published as of yet but will let you know if it does.

Would like for each of the committee members to email to better correspond. Thinking we could get a few topics picked out for discussion at the December Assembly and to report what there districts are doing. District 8 participated with professionals in a panel meeting that was held October 20. We have set this up for every quarter throughout the year. As well as the court classes we have been doing for the last three years. Let me know what your Districts are doing and I will be glad to put it in the report.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service
Mikel W...Area 46 CPC Chair

Literature

We received a \$557.50 book order, we now have again a good combination of books (approx. \$1K in total inventory) large print, hard & soft cover regular sized books, pocket size books, & DVD's. We will be ordering more pamphlets soon.

We were able to get free literature from GSO for Corrections: Carrying the message behind the walls, Corrections correspondence, and Carrying the message into correctional facilities, for the Young people's committee: we got some Message to teenagers pamphlets, for Bridge the Gap: we got AA temporary contact BTG volunteer, and BTG request pamphlets, and for Treatment: and spread out for BTG and Corrections too, we got Where do I go from here, AA at a glance, About AA, Information on AA's do's and don'ts, & Problems other than alcohol, luckily the four committee chairs were at the planning meeting on Oct 15th as were we, so we were able to distribute their bundles of free unsolicited pamphlets. Hopefully it was a pleasant surprise to receive the freebies.

We'll be at the Traditions conference on Oct 29th in Abq. & primarily will have literature pertaining to the Traditions on hand for sale. Typically for Abq. groups we recommend utilizing Central Office for literature purchases, but we'll go where invited. We also received Traditions checklist pamphlets free from GSO & we'll have them on hand at the conference too to hand out.

Happy Thanksgiving to all. In Loving Service,
Manuel P Area 46 Literature Chair

EVENTS

Come join us for District 10's annual gratitude dinner.

Dinner at 5:30

Speaker TBA at 7:00

followed by a raffle hope to see you there!

Gratitude Dinner:, Hobbs Original Group

Hobbs Original Group X
211 W. Dunham - Hobbs

Special Needs

In each newsletter I have been sharing on different topics related to special needs and accessibility. This months will be on [Meeting Place Accommodations](#):

Tips for making Meetings Disability Friendly (Accessible)

- Always unlock wheelchair entrance door(s) when unlocking main entrance.
- Keep wheelchair ramps and/or entrances clear of any obstacle's which may hinder access.
- Space chairs and tables with adequate room for individuals with mobility devices to maneuver around the meeting area freely (without assistance).
- Place coffee pots back from the end of tables in a position where a cup will slide under the spout and rest on the table.
- Have microphone/amplifier available for chair persons, speakers & readers (seldom is a non-amplified voice loud enough for an individual who has a hearing problem).
- Be open to the possibility of having certified sign interpreter for an individual who is hearing impaired.
- Try to set up the meeting the same way each week (e.g., arrange seating, speaker podium, coffee pots, in the same place each meeting). If you move and reorganize things, it's only hiding whatever has been moved to a blind or vision impaired individual.
- Freely offer rides to and from meetings when possible (reasons are obvious).
- Don't interfere if an individual with disability is doing a task for his or her self (even if it may look awkward to you. It is OK to ask if he or she needs help, rather than just jump in and take over.

We encourage Groups and District to complete the "Special Needs Survey" in efforts to assess how well special needs are being addressed. You can download a copy (both Group and District) surveys and/or complete the survey online from the New Mexico AA Area 46 website's Special Needs page. We suggest that you share your findings with the Area Special Needs Committee. Please know that myself and committee members are available to speak at your District or provide a workshop to inform members of special needs efforts in your respective community. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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

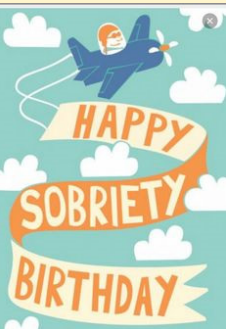
Treatment

Since the last report several people have called me looking for people interested in taking meetings into a few facilities, once I have more specific details I will be contacting some of the folks that have expressed an interest in doing treatment work. It was slow getting started but I am hoping to be able to connect more AA's with treatment work. Treatment visited District 11s business meeting this month to explain with treatment is about and encouraged people to get involved. We will be trying to visit more districts in the future. It is hard to make it to the distant districts but I hope to be visiting the districts in Albuquerque and the surrounding area.

In the last report I wrote the Area Bridge the Gap and Corrections chairs and I would be doing two workshops before the end of the year. As things turned out we will only be doing one in Rio Rancho hosted by District 18 but for anyone interested in coming. The workshop is planned for the 17th of December at Nativity Church in NW Albuquerque.

I am looking forward the next Assembly down south in Carlsbad this year and I hope to see you there!

Twelfth-stepping and sponsoring sick alcoholics — where they are — has long been one of the important and happiest ways of keeping ourselves sober. (AA in Treatment Settings, 1994)



In Service, Paul P Treatment Chair

The following Birthdays celebrated Sat. 09/24/16 at the ARID Ruidoso, NM.

Stan B.	09/06/77	39yrs		
Kirk I.	09/01/83	33yrs		
Gary G.	09/20/96	20yrs		
Shannon	09/04/03	13yrs	Robert	09/20/07 9yrs

Service Committee Reports

YPPA

I am happy to report another unified month for the Young People in service committee. We were able to meet in Albuquerque once since our last assembly. We talked about the assembly and our role in it. We also got to start some very preliminary planning on our third annual three legacies conference. A main point of discussion at the meeting was getting more involved outside the Abq area. Some committee members got a chance to go back out to SF and enjoy a BBQ with volleyball and a meeting in the park. This was a great experience and I want to thank Joe and all the guys up in SF that were involved. As a committee we want to make sure that everyone in our large area is able to be involved and a part of what we do. It was suggested that we invite some of our district committee chairs to host a committee meeting in their district that myself and anyone else could go down and participate in. If you would like to host a Young People in Service committee meeting in your area please let me know. I would love the opportunity to get to explore more of the state and expand the fellowship.

Our sub committee on anonymity on social media has been meeting once a month as well. It has been an incredibly spiritual experience to study the Traditions with everyone, and I can say for myself I have grown a lot. If you are curious about the work we have done we have posted the minuets of our meeting on our area webpage. The webpage also has the minuets from our committee meetings as well as the times of our next scheduled meetings.

I noticed that I never put quotes in my reports so I thought I would add this quote that my service sponsor showed me:
"We take these actions not at all because we claim spiritual virtue or wisdom; we do these things because hard experience has told us that we must - if A.A. is to survive in this distraught world of today. We also give up rights and make sacrifices because we ought to, and, better yet, because we want to. A.A. is a power greater than any of us; it must go on living or else uncounted thousands of our kind will surely die. This we know" (AA comes of Age - Bill W p.288)

God Bless, Mike L.

Ad Hoc - Assembly Development & Fun Raising

Our committee has been very busy preparing for the upcoming December Assembly.

Building on the positive feedback we received at the last assembly concerning the Narrative and Chart which we developed describing the Year-Round Conference Process, we have now made those materials into a pamphlet which also includes suggestions for DCMs and GSRs on how to prepare their districts and groups for the General Service Conference. Special thanks go out to George B., Ally T., and Teresa J. for all their work to make this a very professional document.

We are considering submitting the pamphlet to the General Service Office and asking that its approval be made an agenda item for the Conference. Our committee believes the pamphlet can be useful to all areas, districts and groups who want to increase participation in the Conference process.

Looking at the Process Chart, it is not too early to begin preparing for Pre-Conference 2017. The Conference Agenda is scheduled to be released to Delegates in January. We hope that DCMs will start to educate their districts about the process in December and make sure that everyone knows why our involvement in the Conference Process is so important. GSRs, you can begin educating your groups about the Conference and you can schedule a special meeting of your group (maybe at someone's home with refreshments or a potluck?) to discuss the agenda items in depth once you have the topics and back ground material in hand.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Carlsbad and invite all who are interested in our work to attend our committee meeting on Saturday. In love and service, Jaclyn S., Chair

District Reports

District 2 - Santa Fe

Greetings fellow friends in Fellowship!

Our recent District meeting was full of cooperation between GSRs and Committees. For example, we are linking our Young People's meeting and our "Fun raising" Committee; Treatment, BTG and Corrections; Grapevine and El Dorado Group (they're having a GV writing workshop likely on November 15).

This is the greatest thing to watch...how our individual efforts to help the alkie who still suffers translates into larger and larger circles of love.

Our webmaster reminded us that no announcement, AA related, is too small...the web is a great way to connect us as a District.

The "An AA Group" retreat was a huge success....over 40 participants. Bob O and Milke S from Denver showed us how they have worked the Steps annually for a total of about 84 years. Their delving into "principles" which keep us from living the life our HP wants for us was illuminating, maybe even transforming.

And one of our "oldest" groups, the Sunday 9 AM is going to be having a group inventory about attracting the Newcomer. This group has just gotten the service "bug" and is going full force into using our principles to do the work of AA. Thank you "respected elders".

What a pleasure and honor it is to serve this district and this area....warmly, Kristina F ... District 2 DCM

District 3 - Belen, Los Lunas, Socorro

Greetings to Area 46 and District 3! I want to start off by saying that our District Chairpersons are continuing to stay active in our District. Our Corrections Chairperson and the volunteers who take meetings into a local facility have shown their dedication to service work, even though their efforts have been affected by administration and staffing problems. As with another facility, there are a lot of members who are willing to take meetings in, when their administration is ready to arrange something with us.

We have a couple of members who are working on getting an "Archive Workshop" arranged and they will get that information out when a date, time, and location is set in place. All are welcome and this is a good opportunity for more fellowship, so please join us if you can.

Thank you, also, to all our volunteers who take meetings into Turquoise Lodge also. We do have a lot of groups and people who are dedicated to service work and living the "...I am responsible" part of this program. This goes out to all the dedicated service people who have showed us the way also...the ones who learned the value, of this part of our recovery. Thank you, to you also.

Any ideas that we may have for our district page on the Area website is also ongoing. We can also include celebrations/anniversaries, workshops....basically any information that would be helpful to those who look at our District page for information. This can be passed on to our GSR's or Web3@nm-aa.org

And as a reminder, our November District meeting will be hosted by the Rio Amigos Group in Belen, on Saturday, Nov. 12th with the potluck and meeting at the usual time....1:30 and 2pm.

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

District Reports

District 4 - Las Cruces

District 4 held our annual Traditions Workshop 10/15 and it was a treat! Jen N. led us all in five "round-table" discussions. Topics were engaging and fun. Real life examples, in the form of questions, that prompted our discussions were presented. Experience, strength and hope along with much loving discussion was exchanged. Everyone learned something new and that's always a happy, sober day! There was also an awesome pot luck spread – once again, no one went away hungry, angry, lonely or tired... well, perhaps a bit tired, but all the more sober for it! Thank you to all who participated, Jen N. for guiding us all, and District 4! Thanks too for the food & beverages!

We hope you can join us for these other fun, sober events:

Old-Timers Roundup (potluck)

November 13th, noon - 4:00pm

Arid Club, 334 W. Griggs. Contact George M. (575) 644-6511 or Allen C. (575) 938-2928

District 4 December Regular District Meeting will be changed from December 25th to December 18th because of the holiday. Still at 10:30am, still at 903 E. Pinon St.

Sober at Sunrise is hosting the 2016 New Year's Eve Party

Meetings, Dance, Raffle, Potluck.

Raffle items and donations are gratefully accepted presently. Please contact Mike A. (575) 571-5855.

Congratulations October Birthdays... IT WORKS!

Gilbert 10/1 29 years...Alicia S 10/2 3 years...Susan A. 10/4 42 years...Joseph T. 10/10 2 years

Andy T. 10/15 6 years Dennis J. 10/17 30 years Tony P. 10/18 3 years George M. 10/18 46 years

Lance R. 10-26 30 years Gerry E. 10-28 33 years Beverly R. 10-29 32 years

Respectfully submitted, Robin B.
(robin12192@hotmail.com)

GRIM REAPER GRATITUDE BASH

Grim Reaper Gratitude Bash
The Lunchbox Group hosts the Grim Reaper Gratitude Bash. Live Band and Dancing!



Saturday, October 29
5:00 - 7:00 PM Potluck
7:00 - 8:00 PM Speaker Meeting
8:30 - ? Dancing

Anchor Point Community Church
6751 Pasilla Rd NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144

See the flyer

17TH ANNUAL
Old Timer's Round-Up
Sunday, November 13th 2016
EVERYONE IS WELCOME! AA's, Families, Friends
SPEAKERS
WITH 30 PLUS YEARS OF SOBRIETY
STARTING FROM 1PM
POTLUCK
NOON TO 4PM
COFFEE, TEA & SOFT DRINKS
SUPPLIED BY OLD TIMER'S COMMITTEE AND DISTRICT 4
CONTACT GEORGE M. 575.644.6511
ALAN C. 575.973.2928
ARID CLUB - 334 W.GRIGGS, LAS CRUCES NM

AA NEWCOMERS WORKSHOP



AA Newcomers Workshop

This is an open workshop for anyone wishing to learn more about AA and Recovery. Hosted by Seeking Serenity.
Breakfast--Come Hungry

Saturday, November 5
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Nativity Church
9502 4th Street NW, Albuquerque



District 6 – Las Vegas, Clayton, Raton

Hi, All, apologies for long absence. I got my computer into serious trouble and it took our local computer experts two months to rescue some of the documents and make it usable again. I am very grateful to them.

During this time our district committee has been going through a difficult period and we lost a number of officers, including our DCM, Tony T. who changed jobs and schedules. Some of us were even ready to fold the committee. But Paul H. arrived from Raton for the September meeting with a more positive perspective. We discussed what the district organization does or tries to do and how we could continue these services, such as the AA Hotline, providing literature, workshops and other get-togethers to the groups here.

We voted to keep going. We voted Paul in as DCM and Ben M as alternate DCM. We decided to go ahead with our second picnic (which was smaller, but had generated a lot of friendly discussion among the attendees).

Paul attended the Area Assembly in September where he reported to our problems to Area leaders, who suggested we have more pot-lucks and workshops and invite the appropriate Area person to come and speak. So far, all we have set up for now is our annual Thanksgiving pot-luck, which will be held at Faith Hall (8th & National n Las Vegas) on Saturday, November 19th 6-9pm. We hope you'll come! and bring your favorite dish if you can.

Paul also recently connected with a group in Clayton who have decided to join our district. They were counted in a Texas area before. AS soon as I have a street address, we'll change our schedule to include a listing for them. We are attempting to encourage groups in our district (other than our home group) to elect and send representatives (GSRs) to our district meetings. We need their help and input. So far we have listed the following topics Area could come and help us with but we also want what other groups might prefer to the topics on this list.

Our list includes: The Twelve Steps...The Concepts...Group Cooperation...How AA Works...AA's History

Any other ideas?

Peter has raised a question about how we can how we can concern about the meeting place of Highlands Happy Hour, District 6 Committee, and Si Se Puede NA meeting. It needs a new roof badly and an upgraded toilet. How we accomplish this is temporarily on the back burner, I think. The groups actually represented or known by other District 6 members seem to be holding their own. We hope someday they will confirm that to us.

More shall be revealed. We'll keep coming back. Mary M., District 6

District 7 - Roswell, Artesia

I again have been so busy with work, meetings and life, I guess I am still not remembering my obligation that I signed on for. No excuses, just not much to add.

Fall is here, bringing us cool nights and beautiful days and with that comes the changing of the seasons. Fall can be a dreary time for some, but if we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we should still be taking our inventory every day, going to meetings, reading our literature, and sharing with other alcoholics. Every season, when I was drinking, I dreaded for some reason or another, but now that I have been blessed with sobriety, life has taken on a new meaning that I can be grateful in all seasons and all situations.

We are looking forward to the Area 46 Assembly in Carlsbad and of course Ruidoso next year. Close to home makes it easier to participate when most of us have jobs and responsibilities to attend to these days. Hopefully more to share about in the months to come. Happy Halloween to all you Ghosts and Goblins that think you still have to wear a mask to hide your true identity.

Cheryl W...Elf Rep Roswell, Artesia

District Reports

District 9 - Grants, Gallup, Zuni, Laguna

Greetings from District 9. The 2016 District Nine Sobriety Gathering, held on October 7th, 8th, and 9th in Gallup, NM was a great success. There were over 200 people in attendance during the weekend. The food was great, the fellowship was awesome and the speakers were well-steeped in experience, strength and hope. And there was a fabulous raffle with a home-made quilt and a traditional Navajo weaving with the word "Serenity" and symbols of our fellowship woven especially for our gathering by one of our own, as the grand prize. Several people went on an AA Sobriety hike. A huge thank you to the committee and all the volunteers who made this a success! And, if you missed us, look forward to next year as our district is committed to make this an annual event.

The Spiritual Awakenings Group in Ft. Defiance, AZ will host it's annual Thanksgiving potluck and speaker meeting on November 18th beginning at 6 p.m. The Wings of the Storm will host their annual Thanksgiving pot-luck on Thanksgiving Day following the noon meeting at Serenity House in Gallup, NM. Zuni's 4th Dimension will host their regular Last-Friday-of-the-month speaker meeting and potluck beginning about 6:30 p.m on November 25th. Hope you can join us.

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

Birthdays:

Spiritual Awakenings, Ft. Defiance, AZ – 46 years sobriety in Sept and 57 years in Oct !!!!

Thelma B. - 7 years on September 1...Sheala M. - 2 years on September 20...Nichol – 2 years on September 24...Karen T. - 35 years on September 30th...Larry C. - 1 year on October 1...Allita B. - 8 years on October 3...Ambrose K. - 3 years on October 4...Kalvin S. - 8 years on October 8 ...Arnold P. - 13 years on October 12...Aryn C. - 2 years on October 13...Alexander D. 13 years on October 20th...Huston M. - 9 years on October 23 ...From Wings of the Storm in Gallup:... Don K. - 8 years on October 10th

District 10 - Hobbs, Carlsbad

Hello everyone greetings from District 10!

It's a busy end to this month. Scott C. had another fantastic bon fire and step study out at the ranch. Awsome BBQ and great felllowsip! Then the New Life Group had a game night and costume party winners of the costume contest are anonymous lol!

Finally look forward to our district gratitude dinner. The HOG will be hosting it on Nov. 19th at 211 w dunnam rd. All are welcome. Hope to see you there!

Now over to David L. in Carlsbad:

The Singleness of Purpose Group has temporarily moved because the church that they were meeting at sold their building. They are presently meeting at the Western Commerce Bank Community Room. They will be talking to St. Edwards Catholic church during the first week of November to see if they can secure a more permanent place to meet. We will let you know more next month. Because of the uncertainty of the SOP's location, the Friday night greet and meet before the December Assembly will be hosted by the 12 squared group. They meet at the Grace Episcopal at 508 W. Fox. Join us for some fellowship at 6:00 pm before the AA speaker meeting that starts at 7:30. Our Speaker will be David H. the standing Delegate for Area 66 SW Texas. Hope to see you all next month.

Thank you for letting me serve. Love and Service, Jason O.

District 11 - West Albuquerque

Greetings from District 11.. We had two visitors at our Oct meeting; Alice M Area Grapevine Chair and Paul P Area Treatment Chair. They gave brief presentations on what their position entails and how they can interface with District and group chairs. This is a great way to introduce the various service positions to the GSRs. Earlier this year we had a visit from Michelle B Area 46 Archives Committee Chair and Manuel P. Area 46 Literature Chair.

We have a few new trusted servants at District. Michelle's presentation got Alaina G excited and interested about Archives so she is our new Archives Chair. Michelle tells us that D11 has the most complete collection in the Area Archives. Stella A stepped up to Bridge the Gap Chair and Debra will put her in touch with Nicole R Area 46 BTG Chair. Melissa had to step down as Special Needs Chair. Alaina G has offered to fill in for the remainder of the rotation as she is involved at both Area and Intergroup level.

By the time you get this the Traditions Conference will have come and gone. This is always a great event as we expand our understanding of the Traditions and enjoy food, fun and fellowship.

Planning is starting for events at the end of the year and early in 2017. More will be revealed.

Please join us the 2nd Saturday of the month at 9:10 a.m. at Grace United Methodist Church on San Lorenzo in Albuquerque. We start at 9:10 to allow Dawn Patrol an opportunity to finish their Group Conscience meeting.

District 12 - East Albuquerque

Greetings, from District 12. It's fall in Albuquerque and we are preparing for Spring. Why you ask? Spring is early in District 12 because we are in full swing preparation for hosting the March 2017 Assembly. We have scheduled a planning meeting for October 22. The purpose of the meeting is to finalize Committee Chairs, menus, discuss ways to get volunteers, etc. We will provide more information after the planning meeting. We will need your help and there will be plenty of opportunities for service.

Our District committees are still going strong in their respective areas. We just filled our Web Chair, thank you Annie D. We are looking forward to getting information on our District 12 website.

We just received another history from one of our groups in District 12, complete with pictures! We are always excited to receive a group history. Our District Archives position is vacant if you are interested please attend the District 12 meeting. We meet the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Heights Club. The meeting is nonsmoking. We are very fortunate to have our former Archives Chair still in our group in a different service position. Tim T. has collected many of the histories for groups in District 12 and is willing to work with anyone interested in taking on this rewarding experience.

More to come regarding the March 2017 Assembly. Stay tuned. Gratitude is a verb, grateful to be of service, Janet F., District 12, Secretary

ANY LENGTHS WOMEN'S GROUP FUNDRAISER

**Any Lengths Women's Group presents
a fundraiser for Central Office**



The AA Waltz: Steps 4 and 5. Sweet & savory baked items, plants, and handcrafted items for sale.

Barb C. – 4th step sponsor

Henry – 4th step sponsee

Angela – 5th step sponsor

John S. - 5th step sponsee

Saturday, January 14, 2017

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Monte Vista Church

3501 Campus Blvd NE, Albuquerque

District Reports

District 14 - Taos, Red River, Embudo

Fall is here, and holidays are right around the corner. As the weather changes, our moods and thoughts can change too. For many, the holiday season can be laden with memories we are learning not to regret or want to shut the door on. This makes for an especially good time to get together with our AA community and share experience, strength and hope.

With this in mind, District 14 welcomes you to our annual Thanksgiving potluck. Every year, on Thanksgiving day itself (this year it's Thursday, November 24th), we look forward to a delicious feast and inspirational meeting at The Presbyterian Church: 215 Paseo Del Pueblo Norte, Taos, NM 87571.

Generally, set up for this event starts around 10:30am, so if you're interested in offering service, please use the contact email below. If it's food you would like to contribute, please keep in mind that the turkey and ham are covered, but all other items—sides, salads, pies, etc.—are more than welcome! You will want to be there by noon to have plenty of time to eat before the meeting.

We look forward to sharing a day of gratitude in sobriety with you. Happy holidays!

Contact: Bev: branchartstudios@gmail.com

District 16 - Silver City, Demming, Columbus

Thank you to the Duster Group for hosting our District meeting for September.

The District meeting for December will be held in T or C at the Hillcrest Church on December 17th at 10:30 am. It will be a potluck hosted by the Sierra Group. A quorum of 5 GSRs is necessary to vote on issues pertaining to our District. So please try to attend.

My term as your ELF rep will be over at the end of December. If you are interested in becoming the District's rep please attend. The rep informs the Area 46 Editor of upcoming events happening in our District so it can be printed in the Area newsletter, *El Farolito*. It is a very easy job done from your computer at home. If we do not have a rep none of our events in the District will be published in the *El Farolito*. It's a great way to do service work.

Service in sobriety, Jan

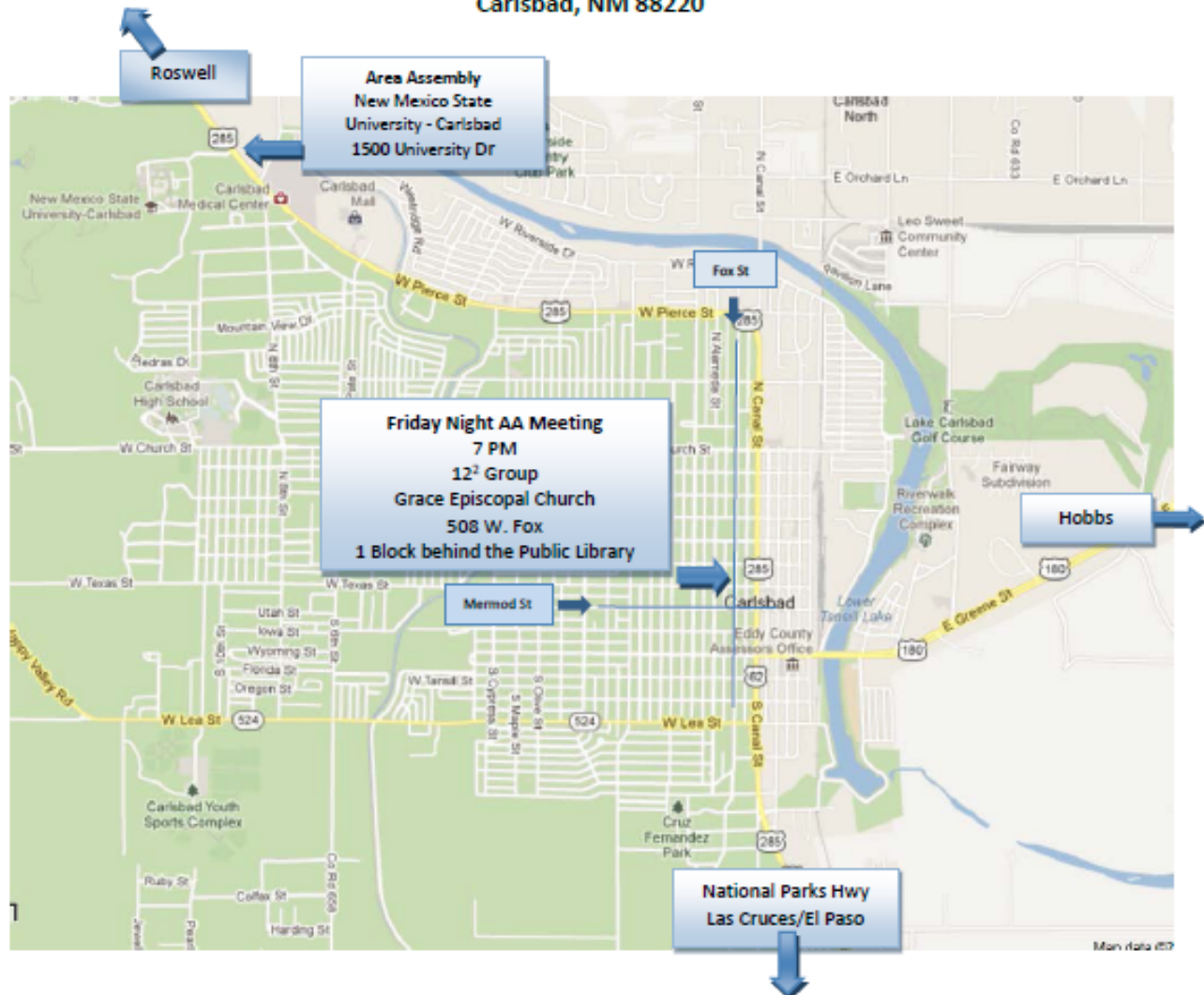
District 18 - Rio Rancho, Corrales

In October there was Firming True Partnerships is hosted by One Day At A Time this Saturday. They'll have a signer there this Saturday. (Not yet held at the time of this writing). Held at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Bernalillo.

D/18 Groups are actively working on Accessibility, *One Step at a Time*, Thursdays 7-8 pm has determined that their meeting is accessible. The two areas we've identified are "those who are unable to make it to meetings" (broad category) and hearing impaired.

Freedom from Bondage Group celebrated 20 yrs. with great a turnout. Several groups are working on group inventories both with/out help from the district. Just a note on the *In the Book/Vagabonds*, have been up to Support our Cuba Group, further, our CPC Committee is having great success, great outreach! **Sangre de Christo Women's Group** still needs coverage for the 3rd Monday of the month. Thank you all for your service! We are looking to fill the **Trusted Servant** position of Treasurer, we also need bodies at the **Santo Domingo meetings**, Thurs. 4:00pm, especially men. NMCYPAA Convention is July 28-30, 2017 at the Howard Johnsons at Sara Road and SH 528.

Area 46 Assembly - District 10
December 3rd & 4TH, 2016
New Mexico State University - Carlsbad
1500 University Dr.
Carlsbad, NM 88220



MOTELS

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From the Editor

I have decided to take a leap of faith and go to 20 pages despite being under prudent reserve. I would have had to put up with too many compromises to remove items and edit reports. Absolutely what we do not want to do, it does not serve the Area. I have some folk lined up to make sure we stay above water but am also encouraged by the response in contributions and subscriptions since the last assembly. Faith means believing what you cannot see.

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 Earnhardt. 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



***SPAGHETTI DINNER
&
OPEN A.A. SPEAKER MEETING***

Friday December 9, 5:30pm 2016

Join us for good food, fun & fellowship

Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Open AA Speaker Meeting 7:00 – 8:00 pm Speaker: Annie D.

\$10.00 per person

All are welcome – Friends, family, AA & Al-Anon

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