



EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

AGENDA for AREA 46 ASSEMBLY

December 5th and 6th 2015- District 8 - Farmington

SATURDAY

- 8:30 am **CALL TO ORDER**
8:40 am **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Cooperation w/ Professional Community (CPC), Correctional Facilities, Website, GSR Orientation, Special Needs (*ad hoc*), Fun Committee (*ad Hoc*)
9:30 am 10-Minute Break
9:40 am **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Bilingual, Finance, Literature, Archives, Treatment Facilities, Grapevine
10:30 am 10-Minute Break
10:40 am **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Bridge the Gap (BTG), Finance, Public Information (PI), Convention 2016, El Farolito, Young People
11:30 am 10-Minute Break
11:40 am **MEETINGS:** General Service Representatives (GSRs), District Committee Members (DCMs), Area Trusted Servants, Past Delegates
12:30 pm **Lunch** – Provided by District 9
1:45 pm **CALL TO ORDER**
2:00 pm **INTRODUCTIONS:** Past Delegates, Area Trusted Servants, Districts with DCMs and GSRs, and Visitors
2:30 pm **SUMMARY OF MINUTES:** September 2015 Assembly – District 3 Belen
2:40 pm **TREASURER'S REPORT** (while seventh tradition is passed)
3:00 pm **REGISTRAR'S REPORT**
3:10 pm **DELEGATE'S REPORT**
3:25 pm **ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT**
3:30 pm **NMCYPAA**
3:40 pm 10-Minute Break
3:50 pm **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
4:00 pm **OLD BUSINESS**
Area 46 Assembly Report: March 5th and 6th 2016 - District 14 Taos
Area 46 2016 Convention Report: June 3,4,5 - District 15 Espanola
4:40 pm **NEW BUSINESS ***
Bid: Area 46 Assembly September 10th and 11th 2016
Bid: Area 46 Assembly December 3rd and 4th 2016
3) Presentation of Proposed Budget for 2016
4) Presentation of the Incoming Area Chairs for disapproval
5) ELF- changes to the AIP
6) Motion from Ad Hoc Special Needs Committee
7) Motion for equipment for hearing impaired members
8)
9)
5:30 pm *Break until Sharing Session*
6:30 pm JeopAARDy Game – Fun Committee and Archives Committee
7:30 pm **SHARING SESSION:** Ice Cream Social /Area Inventory

SUNDAY

- 8:00 am **CALL TO ORDER**
8:10 am Vote on previous day's bids and motions
9:00 am **ASSEMBLY MEETING COMMITTEE REPORTS** (5 Minutes or Less Each) including GSR, DCM, TS, PD meetings – PLEASE POST YOUR ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORTS ON YOUR WEBSITE AND/OR El Farolito.
10:00 am Ask It Basket
11:00 am The Assembly meeting is adjourn until March 5th and 6th 2016 - District 14 Taos

* WHEN MAKING A MOTION:

- 1) Only voting members can make motions.
- 2) Motions should be written out (including your name and voting position) and given to Secretary when the motion is made.
- 3) Motions need to include cost and source of funding and any changes to the AIP in the presented motion.

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AGENDA PARA ÁREA 46 ASAMBLEA

5 e 6 de diciembre, 2015- Distrito 8 - Farmington

SÁBADO

- 8:30 am** **LLAMADA DE ORDEN**
- 8:40 am** **REUNIONES DE COMITÉS PERMANENTES:** Comité de Cooperación con la Comunidad Profesional (CCP), Comité de Correccionales, Comité del Sitio Web, Orientación del RSG, Necesidades Especiales (Ad Hoc) Diversión Comité (Ad Hoc)
- 9:30 am** *10-Minutos de Receso*
- 9:40 am** **REUNIONES DE COMITÉS PERMANENTES:** Comité Bilingüe, Comité de Finanzas, Comité de Literatura, Comité de Archivos. Comité de Facilidades (Centros) de Tratamiento, Comité de La Viña
- 10:30 am** *10-Minutos de Receso*
- 10:40 am** **REUNIONES DE COMITÉ PERMANENTES:** Comité Uniendo las Orillas (BTG), Comité de Finanzas, Comité de Información Pública (IP), Comité del Farolito, Comité de Los Jóvenes
- 11:30 am** *10-Minutos de Receso*
- 11:40 am** **REUNIONES DE:** Representante de Servicios Generales (RSGs), Miembros del Comité del Distrito (MCDs), Comité del Área, Delegados Pasados
- 12:30 pm** **ALMUERZO** – *Proporcionada por el Distrito 9*
- 1:45 pm** **LLAMADA DE ORDEN**
- 2:00 pm** **INTRODUCCIONES:** Invitado del Región Suroeste, Los Delegados del Pasado, Sirvientes Confiados de Área, MCDs, RSGs, y Visitantes
- 2:30 pm** RESUMEN DE MINUTOS de Asamblea del marzo - Distrito 11, Albuquerque
- 2:40 pm** INFORME DEL TESORERO (MIENTRAS LA SÉPTIMA TRADICIÓN SE PASA)
- 3:00 pm** INFORME DEL REGISTRADOR
- 3:10 pm** INFORME DEL DELEGADO
- 3:25 pm** INFORME DE LA DELEGADO SUPLENTE
- 3:30 pm** NMCYPAA
- 3:40 pm** *10 minutos de Receso*
- 3:50 pm** **ANUNCIOS**
- 4:00 pm** **VIEJO NEGOCIO***
 Área 46 Informe de la Asamblea: 5 y 6 de marzo, 2016 Distrito 14 Taos
 Área 46 Informe de la Convención: 3, 4 e 5 de junio, 2016, Distrito 15 Española
- 4:40 pm** **NEW BUSINESS ***
 Oferta: Asamblea del Área 46 10 e 11 de septiembre. 2016
 2) Oferta: Asamblea del Área 46 - 3, 4 de diciembre de 2016
 3) Presentación de Presupuesto Propuesto para 2016
 4) Presentación de Coordinadores de entrada del Área para desaprobación
 5) ELF- cambios en el ELF
 6) Moción del Comité de Necesidades Especial Ad Hoc
 7) Moción de equipo para ayudar a la gente que tiene problemas de audición
 8)
 9)
- 5:30 pm** *Receso hasta la Sesión de Compartimiento*
- 6:30 pm** Juego de JeopArdy – Proporcionada por el Comité de Diversión e Comité de Archivos
Proporcionada por el
- 7:30 pm** **SESIÓN COMPARTIDA:** Helado Social/ Inventario del Área

DOMINGO

- 8:00 am** **LLAMADA DE ORDEN**
- 8:10 am** Votar sobre las ofertas y propuestas del día
- 9:00 am** **INFORMES DE LOS COMITÉS** (5 Minutos o Menos Cada uno) incluso reuniones del RSG, MCD, Servidores de Confianza del Área 46, Los Delegados del pasado. POR FAVOR PUBLICAR SU INFORMES DE REUNIÓN EN SU PÁGINA WEB Y/O El Farolito.
- 10:00 am** **PREGUNTAS DE CANASTA**
- 11:00 am** La reunión se aplazó hasta 5 de marzo y 6 de 2016 - distrito 14 Taos

La planificación de la Asamblea de marzo del 2016 será el sábado, 23 de enero, 2016 – Valley of the Shepherd Church, ABQ

*** AL HACER UN MOCIÓN:**

- 1) Sólo miembros que pueden votar pueden hacer mociones.
- 2) Mociones deben ser escritos (inclusive su nombre y posición electoral) y dados al Secretario cuando movimiento es hecho.
- 3) Si financiación es requerida debe su paso de movimiento, esa información (cuántos \$ y de donde) debe ser incluido en el movimiento.

TODOS COORDINADORES DE COMITÉS PROPORCIONA INFORMES ESCRITOS DE ACTIVIDADES Y GASTOS. ANTES DE LA ASAMBLEA, PARA SER PUBLICADOS EN EL ELF.

Area Trusted Servants Reports

Delegate

This is my 96th consecutive *El Farolito* report. I've been submitting a report once a month for 8 years, through four Area service positions. When I started out as Alternate Chair, my daughter was 3 years old. Now she's 11. I'm grateful for her patience with me through all of this. Five years ago, I talked about the challenge of balancing service and parenting in *El Farolito*. I've included an excerpt from that report below. What I felt then I feel even more strongly today.

At the December assembly in Farmington, I'll have conference reports for Districts 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 16, and 19. I gave out the rest at the planning meeting. I hope to have the inventory reports available too, for all districts. I'll be giving Delegate's Report for District 8 after the close of the assembly on Sunday, around 11 am. Then, on January 23, we will have the DCM & Area Trusted Servant Orientation at Shepherd of the Valley Church.

After rotating, I hope to follow the example of our Past Delegates in being open and available without being intrusive. Alan and I are putting together a workshop on the Traditions and leadership and we would welcome the opportunity to inflict it on your District.

My year-to-date expenses are as follows: \$674 for service expenses (travel to Districts, copies, etc.); \$300 in General Service Conference expenses; \$655 for SWRDA; \$750 for the Regional Forum in St. Louis; \$80 for travel to assemblies; and \$126 for travel to planning meetings. I anticipate spending around \$290 for travel/hotel for the December Assembly. Please let me know if you have any questions about any of these expenses.

Thanks so much for giving me the opportunity to be of service. It has been a tremendous joy to serve with you all.

[Excerpted from my *El Farolito* report from December, 2010]

I've been thinking a lot lately about the challenge of balancing AA service and family responsibilities. I can't always do everything I would like to as Chair because of my responsibilities as a mother and, what really gets to me, I can't always do everything I'd like to as a mother because of my commitment to AA. I wondered if I was being fair to my daughter or if I was trying to take on too much. But then I thought of how much AA has given to my daughter's life. Everyone in my home district has watched her grow up. Whenever I bring her to an AA event, she has friends in the fellowship who have known her since she was a baby. Even in the detention center, where many inmates are unfortunately still trapped in a cycle of incarceration and relapse, there are ladies who remember me coming in to the jail when I was pregnant and ask me how my daughter is doing. These women are especially heartbreaking. Without the anesthesia of alcohol, they have to feel the pain of being separated from their own children because their alcoholism put them on the wrong side of the law. I think of how much less time I would have for my daughter if I were not involved in AA. If I were drinking, I know there would be far too many times when I would be there but not really there or be physically absent due to the bad judgment that drinking brings on. I might wind up like the women in the detention center, unable to see my child or having her taken away from me. As challenging as it may sometimes be, parenthood is not a reason to put AA on hold. And service has been an indispensable part of my sobriety. If I don't take care of myself I'm no use to anyone. And, it's my hope that, in so doing, I'm helping other alcoholics to be able to be there for their own families, one of the most valuable byproducts of sobriety. For those of you out there facing similar challenges, you are not alone.

In grateful service, Jen N

Delegado Informe

Este es mi 96° informe consecutivo El Farolito. He estado presentando un informe una vez al mes durante 8 años, a través de 4 puestos de servicio de la zona. Cuando empecé como Presidente Suplente, mi hija tenía 3 años. Ahora ella es 11. Estoy agradecido por su paciencia conmigo a través de todo esto. Hace cinco años, hablé sobre el desafío de equilibrar el servicio y

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la crianza de los hijos en El Farolito. He incluido un extracto de ese informe a continuación. Lo que sentí entonces me siento más aún hoy en día.

En la asamblea de diciembre en Farmington, voy a tener informes de conferencias para los Distritos 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 16 y 19. Le di el resto en la reunión de planificación. Espero tener los informes de inventario disponibles también, para todos los distritos. Estaré dando Informe del Delegado de Distrito 8 después de la clausura de la asamblea el domingo, alrededor de las 11 horas. Luego, el 23 de enero, tendremos la DCM y Área de Orientación servidor de confianza en el pastor de la Iglesia del Valle.

Después de girar, espero seguir el ejemplo de nuestros Delegados Pasados en ser abierto y disponible sin ser intrusivo. Alan y yo estamos armando un taller sobre las Tradiciones y liderazgo y nos darían la bienvenida a la oportunidad de infligir en su Distrito.

Mis gastos del año hasta la fecha son los siguientes: \$ 674 para gastos de servicios (viajes de Distritos, copias, etc.); \$ 300 en gastos de la Conferencia de Servicios Generales; \$ 655 para SWRDA; \$ 750 para el Foro Regional en San Luis; \$ 80 para viajar a ensambla; y \$ 126 para los viajes a las reuniones de planificación. Anticipo gastar alrededor de \$ 290 para los viajes / hotel por la Asamblea diciembre. Por favor, hágamelos saber si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de cualquiera de estos gastos.

Muchas gracias por darme la oportunidad de estar de servicio. Ha sido una tremenda alegría para servir con todos vosotros.

[Extraído de mi informe de El Farolito de diciembre de 2010]

He estado pensando mucho últimamente sobre el desafío de equilibrar AA de servicios y las responsabilidades familiares. No siempre puedo hacer todo lo que le gustaría a la presidencia debido a mis responsabilidades como madre y, lo que realmente llega a mí, yo no siempre puedo hacer todo lo que me gustaría como una madre a causa de mi compromiso con AA Me pregunté si me estaba siendo justo con mi hija o si yo estaba tratando de hacer demasiadas cosas. Pero luego pensé en lo mucho A.A. ha dado a la vida de mi hija. Todo el mundo en mi distrito natal ha visto crecer. Cada vez que ella trae a un A.A. acontecimiento, que tiene amigos en la comunión que la han conocido desde que era un bebé. Incluso en el centro de detención, donde muchos reclusos son por desgracia siguen atrapados en un ciclo de encarcelamiento y la recaída, hay señoras que recuerdo que me venía a la cárcel cuando estaba embarazada y me pregunto cómo mi hija está haciendo. Estas mujeres son especialmente desgarrador. Sin la anestesia de alcohol, tienen que sentir el dolor de la separación de sus propios hijos porque su alcoholismo puso en el lado equivocado de la ley. Pienso en lo mucho menos tiempo que tendría para mi hija si no estuviera involucrado en AA Si yo estuviera bebiendo, sé que habría demasiadas veces en que me gustaría estar allí, pero no es realmente allí o ser físicamente ausente debido al mal juicio que beber trae. Podría terminar como las mujeres en el centro de detención, sin poder ver a mi hijo o haberla quitado de mí. Como un reto, ya que puede ser a veces, la paternidad no es una razón para poner AA en espera. Y el servicio ha sido una parte indispensable de mi sobriedad. Si no me ocupo de mí mismo soy ninguna utilidad para nadie. Y, es mi esperanza de que, al hacerlo, estoy ayudando a otros alcohólicos a poder estar allí por sus propias familias, uno de los más valiosos subproductos de la sobriedad. Para aquellos de ustedes por ahí frente a retos similares, usted no está solo.

En servicio agradecido, Jen N

Upcoming Area & District Events

Assembly planning meeting for the March 2016 Assembly will be Sat Jan 23, 2016 Valley of the Shepherd Church, ABQ

District 5 Christmas Party - Dec 20 - 11:00am to 3:00pm - Ruidoso Comm Ctr - 501 Sudderth - Mail entree provided

Alcathon in Roswell - 12/31 Serenity Club - 1000 East Bland - Roswell

2nd Annual Area 46 Young People AA: Three Legacies Workshop - Jan 16 - 8:00am to Noon - Nativity Church - 9502 4th Street NW - Albuquerque - Pot Luck Breakfast

12 Step Forum - Jan 23 - 10:00am to 3:00pm - First Presby Church in Taos -

Area Assembly March 5, 6 District 14 Taos

Area Trusted Servants Reports

Alt Delegate

It's great to be in Farmington again for an Area Assembly with my friends from District 8. Things have kind of slowed to a crawl since my trip to St. Louis and the Regional Forum. My home group, Singleness of Purpose in Carlsbad, celebrated our 17th anniversary in November and District 10 celebrated gratitude month with a dinner and speaker. Great fun and fellowship. I'm looking forward to the New Year and new opportunities to serve.

My expenses to date are:

Service Expenses – spent \$63 with \$87 remaining
SWRDA - \$600 with \$0 remaining
Travel to Assemblies - \$525 with \$0 remaining
Travel to planning meetings - \$152
Travel to Regional Forum - \$750

If I can be of service, please don't hesitate to call – We'll have coffee.

Jim H – Alt Delegate

Chair

At the end of each two year rotation, the Area Assembly does an Area Inventory to assess its usefulness as the custodian of AA's services, the steps and traditions and to assure that the voice and conscious of our Fellowship is heard. We greatly benefit by being willing to discuss our short comings at all levels of service provided from Trusted Servants to the groups and their members. I hope the inventory questions will spark some discussion at the Saturday Night Sharing session with this December Assembly. This inventory can be used to direct the next rotation of Trusted Servants toward better serving Area 46 members by hearing the needs of the Area groups. It can also help us to look at our own personal contribution to the Area in meeting the primary purpose of reaching the alcoholic still suffering.

As this is my last Area Assembly as Area Chairperson, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous the last two years. I have learned a great deal about my commitment to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, patience with recognizing my own limitations and recognizing the blessings of a higher power of increasing my capacity to expand beyond those limits in other unimaginable ways.

I look forward to serving Area 46 in a new capacity as your Alternate Delegate and future opportunities to expand my horizons. Gratefull!!! Teresa F , Area 46 Chair, chair@nm-aa.org

<u>Service Expenses</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Expenses	26	24
Discretionary	240	260
Travel Assy's	146	354
Travel Plan Mtgs	55	0

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Treasurer

This report summarizes the financial activities of the Area for the month of October. The most current financial information, including November activity and year-to-date totals, will be provided in a separate treasurer's report at the Area Assembly. So be sure to pick up a treasurer's report if you attend the Assembly in Farmington.

The number of groups who contributed to Area 46 and the total amount contributed in October was above our monthly average for the year. Thank you to the 40 groups who made this possible. The total amount of our year-to-date contributions remains well below those of recent years.

Expenses in October included reimbursing our Delegate-elect for travel expenses to attend the Southwest Regional Forum, paying rent for the Assembly planning meeting, providing gas money for out of town trusted servants to attend the planning meeting, and paying the registration fee for a PI event that will be held in January.

Details of the income and expenses are provided in the Financial Table (not provided in the online edition). As of the end of October we had a small net gain on ordinary income vs ordinary expenses. This net gain of just under \$300 will go toward paying the expenses of the December Assembly.

My expenses to year-to-date: service expenses \$96, travel to Assemblies \$100.

In grateful service, Teresa J.

Registrar

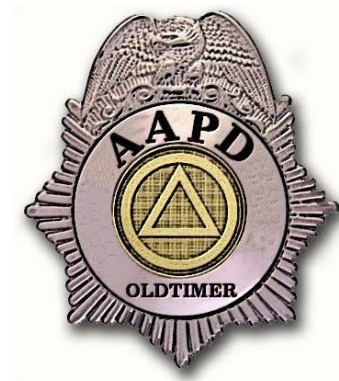
Sayonara, adios, hasta la vista, aloha, so long...Well not really. This marks the end (almost) of my rotation as Registrar for Area 46. It also marks the beginning of a new service position as Area Secretary for the 2016 – 2017 rotation. Congratulations to Bill Lewis our incoming registrar.. I know he will do a great job

I want to thank everyone who has helped me during this rotation...DCMs, folks who have provided technical support, new GSRs who have contacted me with their information and a big shout out to Ana G from District 17 who has translated not only the agendas but also the letter that I send to the RSGs (this is not a typo but the proper translation of GSR) and the Assembly flier that provides information about lodging, Friday night meetings, etc.

I've been thinking about how do we carry the message of Service and for me it has been just talking one on one to folks about how it has enhanced my sobriety and sharing the Service Manual with them (or at least the parts they have questions about) When the rotation started I asked myself the question "what is the spiritual component of this position?" It is a position with a lot of clerical responsibilities but that's not the whole story. At first it was just making sure that all the info was as up to date and getting the agendas out in a timely manner. I've found that the position has also offered me some wonderful opportunities to visit one on one with folks new to Service and hopefully to share my enthusiasm. Carrying the message....that is what we do.

I will have some travel expense for the upcoming Assembly but I seem to have misplaced my crystal ball so I'll report on that at the Assembly.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.
Rosie F



Birthday Celebrations for this month:

Isleta Group:

Jessica	6 months
Robert	18 months
Ralph	7 years
Fidel	14 years

Arid Group Riudoso:

We had bd night 10-31-15
David P. 42 yrs. Mary Jo 26yrs.
Holly B. 9 mos. Was a full house

Cosmo:

Joseph	30 days
Alicia	60 days
Melissa	90 days

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Service Committee Reports

Archives Committee

Since the November issue, the committee was in Las Cruces to present an Archives Workshop for District 4. We also had a lot of fun with the AA JeopAardy game. We also had the opportunity to present the Archives Workshop for District 12 on 11/14.

Upcoming schedule will include a workshop and a Christmas Event in District 5 on December 20th. Thank you to all who have requested Archives presence at your events. It is an honor to serve.

The committee has updated the website. It now has the list of presentations as well as links to the "Regional" Histories that have been a part of the traveling display. Please visit the Area 46 website archives page www.nm-aa.org to see all of the updates.

It has been such a great pleasure to serve as Archives Chair for the past 15 months. I love the rich history of our program and doing my best to honor those who have come before us. It is always a joy to get to know all of the people that I was able to meet along the way.

Final Expenses for the year are 117.50 YTD with an upcoming \$90 for the District 5 Workshop.

In Love and Service, Bill L, Area 46, Archives Chair

Treatment Committee

Engaging in service work in treatment centers is vital in carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholics. Many members found their way home to AA through treatment centers. When I was in treatment, I was impacted by AA members bringing in meetings and really liked what they had. They motivated me to attend a meeting the day I was released from the treatment center. You never know who you can help, but by doing service, you're helping yourself. As it states in the Big Book, "Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail." Some long timers call it their "insurance policy" from drinking again and I wholeheartedly agree. Service is part of the Three Legacies, which represent "Unity, Service, and Recovery." I have found freedom from engaging in all three. It is important for us to be conscious about the Three Legacies as we pass it on to the new comers.

I would like to thank the many members involved in service work by

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taking AA meetings into treatment centers, hospitals, and other institutions. My God continue to bear witness to those you help. As your outgoing Treatment Facility Committee Chair, I will be rotating out of the position as of the end of December. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Area 46 for the past two years, especially participating in several workshops around the state. I would like to thank Carrie N., Alternate Chair for her service work on the Committee. It been a privilege to serve Area 46 with many members who love AA as I do. In closing, I will leave you with this beautiful passage from the Big Book: "Give freely of what you find and join us. We shall be with you in the Fellowship of the Spirit, and you will surely meet some of us as you trudge the Road of Happy Destiny. May God bless you and keep you - until then."

In the Spirit of Service, Lawrence M

Bilingual Committee / Comité Bilingüe

Saludos a cada uno de Ustedes. Muchas Feliz 24 Horas de sobriedad. El Comité estuvo presente en la Iglesia de la Alameda con el programa de Las Tradiciones. Por el momento estaremos presentes en la próxima asamblea que se llevara acabo en Farmington el mes de Diciembre, primero Dios nos miramos.

Greetings to everyone and may you have another good 24 hours of sobriety. The committee was present at the church on Alameda for the Traditions Conference program. We plan to attend the next assembly that will be in Farmington in December, if God sees that we get there.

Oscar R

YPAA Committee

I look forward to seeing all of you at the December assembly. I am blessed and honored to have had the opportunity to serve Area 46 as the Young People's chair for the past two years.

When I hit bottom at the age of 21, I was a young person who couldn't imagine creating a sober life that included the words fun and worthwhile.

When I found a young people's group, I found peers with whom I could identify. Instead of fighting against the program, I found an enthusiasm for it. The energy and enthusiasm for living I had wanted to find in a bottle, I found for real in the examples of other young people living sober. I am grateful for all of you who continue to teach me that it is okay to be wrong, that growing up is part of the process, and that every service commitment is a learning opportunity that brings me closer to God. I am so excited for the new chair of Young Peoples to have this experience!

Here are the highlights of the projects and goals the Ypaa accomplished this rotation.

- ◆ Formed a Young Peoples committee composed of district ypaa chairs from Districts, 2,5, and 11,12,13,15,18. And met regularly to plan new service projects
- ◆ Held Three legacies workshop and YPAA-Athlon
- ◆ Participated in PI/CPC workshops.
- ◆ Distributed Young People literature to members that take meetings into adolescent treatment centers, district members started taking meetings into treatment centers
- ◆ Helped members start young people's meetings.
- ◆ Finished a best practices document with our experience and a PowerPoint that districts can use as a service tool or to better inform others about how YPAA can best serve their districts and group

We are currently planning the 2nd annual three legacies workshop in Albuquerque on January 16th at nativity from 8-12.

Ally T, Young People's Chair ypaa@nm-aa.org

Committee Expenses: Budget \$45; Spent \$32 / Travel to Assy's Budget: \$275; Spent \$19

Service Committee Reports

Bridge the Gap Committee

Another rotation is almost gone and I must say this one has been quite exciting.

Not a lot to report this month, there have been a few cards coming in which is nice to see. I am looking forward to seeing everybody in Farmington

Expenses this year totaled \$47.00 The above total does not include the 12 Step workshop expenses.

In Love & Service Dave F.

CPC Committee

The Commission on Lawyer Assistance Program Conference (COLAP) on October 20th, 21st and 22nd, was a huge success. During the opening introductions of the conference, the Area 46 CPC Committee was given a standing ovation by 300 attorneys, thanking us for participating in the event by manning a literature and information booth, at this conference for lawyers in recovery. Our booth featured a table skirt that said, "Alcoholics Anonymous", a literature rack and tons of literature, local meeting schedules, and a graphic display stand that said, "Alcoholics Anonymous: Cooperating with Professionals". Special thanks goes out to the El Centro Group (District 11) of Albuquerque, members Julian H., Debra W., Tom M., and Sue B., provided vital service hours in the facilitation of this service action.

Brian V., the outgoing CPC Chair would like to thank Area 46 for allowing him the opportunity to be of service this rotation, thus enhancing his sobriety and hopefully helping the many people the CPC Committee came in contact with these past two years.

Expenses so far this year, not including December, has been \$45 for Committee Expenses and \$25 for travel to assemblies. Anyone interested in participating on the Area 46 CPC Committee please contact the CPC Chair at cpc@nm-aa.org

Corrections Committee

Well here we are at the end of this rotation. This is the Assembly Report so what do we want to leave for the next rotation. any ideals on work shop ? What didn't get answered. Are there still Jails and Prisons we are not going into ? So I ask any new DCMs if you are not certain what we do at corrections come sit in and see for yourself the service work this committee does.

In service Eloy M

Expenses to date: Committee expenses \$78...Travel to Assembly \$20...Travel to planning meetings \$8

PI Committee

This month we attended the City Health Fair at the convention center on Oct 29. PI continues to work with the members of the district 17/Spanish lingual district who also represent the Oficina Intergrupul. We have purchased booth space and will send representatives to the January KOB Health fair at the Expo New Mexico. We will be providing literature in both Spanish and English. Volunteers are being solicited. Contact me if you are interested in spending a couple of hours in service at

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that event. The 2 year term is nearly over. We will be meeting the new PI chair in Farmington at the assembly. I look forward to passing on my experience to our new chair. It has been a pleasure to serve on the PI committee. It is always a blessing to learn how to better carry the message to the alcoholic that still suffers.

We continue to promote our books and literature to people and places where the AA message can be carried. We have new data on our web page and you can also find new material recently released PSA by GSO. I again remind folks to log on to the net and take a look at http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/public-information-committees and click on list of videos to the right. ... Tom C

District Reports

District 2 - Santa Fe

Hello, December! Here in Santa Fe many of us are looking forward to attending the Area Assembly in Farmington this month. We are also looking forward to gathering together with our fellow alcoholics for holiday food, fellowship, and fun. The Long Table Group is hosting a holiday potluck and speaker meeting on December 5th, at the St. Francis Cathedral. Then, on December 12th, the 9th Annual Gratitude Gala will take place at the Scottish Rite Cathedral from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Call the District 2 Central Office for ticket information. "We absolutely insist on enjoying life." (*Alcoholics Anonymous*, pg 132)

December also means celebrating the Spirit of Rotation in our district. We have over twelve district positions available from DCM to Website Developer! Contact your group's GSR for more information. January is an excellent time to start on a new service adventure. And, don't forget, if you're in Santa Fe over the holiday season join us for a meeting!

In love and service, Analee N.

District 3 - Belen, Los Lunas, Socorro

Greetings...to everyone in Area 46! The September Assembly in Belen went well and thank you to all the District 3 volunteers who stepped in to help, wherever they were needed. Also, thank you to the District Assembly Chairpersons who got everything together, to make sure it all went as smoothly as possible. We had some really dedicated people who really stepped up and helped out. "Thank you" to you all. "Congratulations" also, to all newly elected Area 46 Trusted Servants. We're looking forward to seeing you and all the other Area 46 Chairpersons in the 2016-2018 rotation. There will be many new faces from the Districts and we're looking forward to bringing in some new GSR's and Chairpersons at the District level as well.

We held our District elections in October and we elected: Tony G. DCM, Eric G. Alt. DCM and Gary J. our new Treasurer for the up-coming rotation. We're still looking for a new Secretary. If anyone in District 3 is willing to fill this spot, please attend our December District meeting (the time and place is listed below). If we don't get any volunteers for this position, I will continue for a while. I'm going to be busy but I don't want to leave the District without a Secretary either. Let us know if there's anyone who is willing to take this though. The new rotation begins in January and all the needed information (such as emails) will be provided. Thank you!

District 3 is doing well. Our Chairperson's are keeping their service work up and we're hoping for some new District level Trusted Servants to take over some of the positions that will need to be filled. Our fellowship has always relied on dedicated trusted servants to keep it all going and carry the message. This is a great opportunity for service work and most will find that it's not so bad after all. Thank you all! Wishing everyone "safe travels" to Farmington this month and to all the other Assemblies in the 2016-2018 rotation.

In closing, just a reminder to our District 3 members: The December District 3 Meeting will be hosted by the "Sunrise Catchers Group" on Saturday, Dec. 12th at the Isleta Club. Potluck at 1:30 and Meeting at 2pm. If there's anyone interested or curious about service work at the District level, now is a good opportunity to find out. We hope to see you there!

Best wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season! In Gratitude and service, Carmen O. – District 3 ELF Rep

District Reports

District 4 - Las Cruces

Decembers events for District 4 New Year's Eve Bash hosted by the young peoples group at the peace Lutheran church on Missouri and Locust on Thursday December 31st meeting, potluck, Raffles, music entertainment and fun for all. If I receive more info by Nov20th I'll surely shoot a e mail to you thank you for your service v/r Lisa

District 5 - Alamogordo, Ruidoso

Thanks to all the hard workers from District 4 & 5 for hosting Full Moon Madness in October. There was a good turn out and sharing of our experience hope and strength. Cool night, HOT SOBRIETY!! Our District 5 Christmas Party will be December 20. 11:30 to 3. Bill L., our Area Archivist will be there with AA history & AA Jeopardy. We will also have a Speaker. 501 Sudderth Dr. Ruidoso NM. Main Entree will be provided, Bring a side dish if you can. Sunday the 15th we finished our District Elections. We have all new Trusted Servants for the upcoming rotation. Happy to be of service. Patience B

District 6— Las Vegas, Clayton, Raton

Hi from District 6! One new change is, I understand, that the new Mountain Girls women's meeting in Cleveland had to disband. We hope they will be able to restart at a later time.

Our Round-Robin pot-luck speaker meeting at the Esperanza, Sobriedad y Paz group on October 14th in Las Vegas was a success. Julian S spoke very well. (I think we should record our event speakers to share with those who could not make the events. They are well worth preservation.) After food and the meeting, we were grateful to Gilbert L., Antonio S. and Ben M. for mounting an impromptu musical session of songs and guitar music. Only half of the attendees could stay for the music, but those who did stay had a good time.

We held our Sponsorship Workshop October 24th at Faith Hall in Las Vegas, but despite our best efforts, only three people attended outside of four District 6 Committee members. We were impressed and reassured by our speakers, Debra K. from Albuquerque and Alan S. from Rio Rancho. We'd like to thank them for giving us full measure of their experience strength and hope.

Our All-Groups Thanksgiving pot-luck gratitude discussion meeting was selected as November's round-robin pot luck meeting. We will hold it at Faith Hall Saturday November 21st at 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

We are slated to prepare a mailing of January 2016 *El Farolito* issues for mailing on December 26th or 27th. Highlands Happy Hour has been approached as a venue on one of those days. It's a simple if repetitive task for volunteers, but it should be enjoyable to sit around the table and chat while we are doing it.

At least two of our members are looking forward to the Area Assembly in Farmington December 5th and 6th. Reports from the groups represented at our last monthly meeting indicated no changes to speak of.

On the road to happy destiny, Mary M.

**January Issue Deadline:
Friday December 18th**

District 9 - Grants, Gallup, Zuni, Laguna

A big thank you to our out-going District chairpersons: DCM, Steve D. from Gallup; Alternate DCM, Lloyd from Laguna; Secretary, Lennie from Gallup; and Treasurer, Jerry from Grants. We appreciate your service to our District.

Welcome to our new batch of trusted servants who start in January 2016: DCM, Tony C. from Zuni, alternate DCM, Jerry from Laguna; Treasurer, Lennie from Gallup; and Secretary, Raelynn C. from Zuni. We thank you for stepping up and look forward to continued and new directions for District 9.

District 9 is looking forward to the holidays with some great pot-lucks and speaker meetings: December 9 is Wings of the Storm (Gallup) regular Pot-luck/Speaker meeting with Kee from Ft. Defiance as our speaker. On December 11 is our regular birthday celebration after the 7 p.m. meeting.

Fort Defiance, AZ is holding their potluck night a week early this month on December 18 at 6:30. Also, this is the monthly potluck night for Home Group in Gallup.

Wings of the Storm in Gallup will have their traditional Christmas Day Feast shortly after the noon meeting; turkeys and hams provided with lots of potluck side dishes. We have a great tradition of being joined by several of our brothers and sisters still on the streets. Please join us for an afternoon of fellowship and Twelve-step work.

Leave some room for another great Potluck Speaker Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Christmas Day in Zuni. The location will be at the Christian Reformed Church in downtown Zuni.

Gallup Wings of the Storm Group traditionally holds a New Year's Eve Alcathon. Please contact Beverly for more information: 206-962-1023.

In service and gratitude, Beverly T., District 9 El Farolito Rep

District 10 - Hobbs, Carlsbad

Greetings from District 10!!

Contrary to popular belief; we have not fallen off the edge of the state.

Things have been going well and all of our groups are having their elections for trusted servants.

On November 15 we held our annual gratitude dinner, hosted by the singleness of purpose group in Carlsbad. Attendance was excellent (Well over 60!). Ralph T., past Area 46 Delegate, was our guest speaker. Thanks Again Ralph for sharing your experience, strength and hope! We all have just a bit more hope.

The Hobbs Original Group will have their 2nd Saturday happening on December 12th. With a potluck, raffle and speaker.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Farmington in December at the assembly!

EL FAROLITO,

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

District Reports

District 14 - Taos

District 14's October meeting included its election of new officers for the upcoming 2016-2018 term. New officers are DCM, Christoph E., Alternate DCM, Renee S., Secretary, (will review in November), Treasurer, Shanti V., Registrar – Alana S. Congratulations—we look forward to your service! Special thanks to outgoing officers: DCM Deb M., Alt DCM Renee S., Secretary Lorilee A., Treasurer Christophe E., Registrar, Kris P.. We appreciate your heartfelt service! Oct was the final meeting for our Secretary, Lori A., as November will bring she and her family a new baby boy! Kristi L. will fill in for her as Secretary through December.

Please step-up for Committee Chair positions starting in January for a two-year term. Please contact Committees include: Public Information; Corrections; Treatment; Bridge the Gap; El Farolito; Special Events; Grapevine; Literature; Hotline; Workshops; Archives. Christoph E. or Renee S. if interested. Everyone is welcome to attend the District meetings the last Mondays of each month, Taos Youth and Family Center, 6pm.

Taos Mountain Fiesta Chair Tom announced they are looking for a new place to hold planning meetings, possibly at First Presbyterian Church. There will be Potluck January 11, 2016 for the first organizational meeting. Taos Mountain Fiesta Officers are Co-Chair Matt T, Treasurer Christoph E. Secretary Kristi L.

Saturday October 31, 2015 District 14 held a potluck and newsletter mailing. Thanks to Ellen and all who participated to make it a great event.

Members voted to provide Special Events with \$200.00. \$50.00 for the presentation of a play on November 7th, and \$150.00 for supplies and turkeys for Thanksgiving Event.

Please remember our primary purpose, especially as we near the holidays, and reach out to newcomers and old timers alike. We can all use some extra TLC! Thanks for letting me be of service. Kate O.

District 16 - Silver City, Deming

Our next District meeting will be hosted by the Bayard Group on Saturday December 19th at the Bayard Community Center from 10am to 1pm. The extended meeting will give out going District trusted servants time to answer any questions and talk to our incoming Reps.

DCM Report from Merri B:

...Thank you Peggy for being an efficient and timely secretary. I appreciate all your hard work.

...Thank you Margie for your service as District treasurer. It's been a pleasure working with you.

...My appreciation to Sherry for serving as the District Bridge the Gap person. Thank you for your work with the Yucca Lodge and our District.

...Richard, I appreciate all you have taught me during my term. Thank you for taking my place when I was not available.

...Dick, thank you so much for keeping the District web page up to date on the Area web site. I appreciate all you have taught me as DCM.

...Jan, you are doing a wonderful job as District ELF rep. Thank you.

...A special thanks to Paula for answering my zillions of questions pertaining to the District and the various aspects of AA when I was confused. Thank you for your guidance and all you have taught me.

... I appreciate all the GSRs who actively participated in the District and business meetings.

I appreciate and thank all who have given they're time and participation in District 16.

Good luck to the next crew.

Merri

From the Editor

As we reach the end of a year I want to thank everyone who has been so supportive, you cannot imagine how important that is. I take this job as a sacred duty, for many in New Mexico, this is to only contact they have with General Service and is thus so critical. I also really want to thank District 14 who hosted the mailing party in October. They formed a special meeting and pot luck, had me speak, and then we folded. It was a wonderful event, all of those folks now have a bit of a personal stake in the ELF. The meeting also raised \$77 that was donated to the ELF. Thanks!!

This is an Assembly issue and that means 2 of our 16 pages go to the agenda. That means that sometimes there is not room for Birthdays and flyers. I will publish the birthdays in next month's issue and all of the flyers will be in the web version.

I have spent only \$17 of my travel budget with \$258 remaining.



Schedule a mailing party!

**Need 4/23/16;
5/28/16;
6/25/16**

Thanks to the following districts for hosting:

**11 - 18 - 3 - 2
12 - 10 - 14**

Scheduled:

**12/27 6
01/30 9
02/27 4
03/26 Spiritual
Awakening Group**

Contributions since the last issue: \$448.49

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

Sunrise Catchers	Albuquerque		
Talpa Linger Longer	Ranchos de Taos		
District 14	Taos		
Sober at Sunrise	Las Cruces		
Cloudcroft Group	Cloudcroft		
Ft Bayard Group	Silver City		
Rio Amigos AA	Belen		
Farmington Gr 109323	Farmington		
One Day at a Time	Bernalillo		
Sponsorship & Growth	Albuquerque		
Thinking Straight	Bernalillo		

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SÁBADO, 30 DE ENERO DEL 2016

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SALÓN DE LA IGLESIA LA MESA PRESBYTERIAN
7401 COPPER AVE. NE
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87108

HORARIO

JUNTA DE INFORMACIÓN: 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.

CENA: 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.

BAILE Y PASTEL TRADICIONAL: 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

PROGRAMACIÓN: COORDINADOR: JUAN O.

TEMAS

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"HERRAMIENTAS DE AL-ANON - PASO DOCE"**

**ALVA I. - ALATEEN: GRUPO SOLO POR HOY
"COMO LE AYUDA EL PASO DOCE EN SU DIARIO VIVIR"**

RAMIRO M. - GRUPO EL PERDÓN: "EL DOCE PASO"

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ENSEÑANZA Y DE LA PRÁCTICA DE LOS DOCE PASOS, ES EL ÚNICO
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(El Lenguaje Del Corazón - pg. 223)

2nd annual Area 46 Young People of Alcoholics Anonymous

Three Legacies Workshop

✓ Unity ✓ Service ✓ Recovery



Saturday, January 16th 2016, ALBUQUERQUE
Nativity Church (4th St. and Alameda)
8am to 12:00pm

Potluck Breakfast

For more info: ypaa@nm-aa.org

AA Alcathon
At the Serenity Club
1000 East Bland, Roswell

Meetings Around the Clock Starting on
December 31, 2015, at 12 Noon. Ending
after the Noon Meeting on January 1, 2016
Potluck at 6:00 PM and Speaker Kirk K.

Followed by Sobriety Countdown
at 7:30PM on New Years Eve

Raffles

Please bring goodies if you can. We will
have potluck food around the clock. and
people can bring food and desserts to share
around the clock.

Meetings will be every Hour and a Half
around the clock.

Food, Fun and Fellowship

Open Meetings



**DISTRICT 5 CHRISTMAS
PARTY SUNDAY, DEC. 20
11:30 TO 3:00
RUIDOSO COMMUNITY
CENTER 501 SUDDERTH
RUIDOSO**

**MAIN ENTREE WILL BE PROVIDED.
PLEASE BRING A SALAD, SIDE DISH
OR DESSERT.**

**ARCHIVIST BILL L. WILL BE HERE
WITH INTERESTING HISTORY OF AA
IN NEW MEXICO & AA JEOPARDY
GAME.**

**SPEAKER: JEFF F from Ruidoso
Arid Group.**

SAVE THE DATE!

January 23rd, 2016 (10AM to 3PM)

“12 Steps Forum #1” (Steps 1, 2, 3)

AA panel in the morning - Al-Anon panel in the afternoon

Bring/Get Your Own Lunch/drinks

Potluck deserts (bring your favorite!)

Coffee to be provided.

Where: First Presbyterian Church in Taos

Residents in recovery programs most welcome!

*This Forum is a cooperative effort between the Taos AA
community and the Taos Al-Anon community”*

“Official” Flyer to follow soon.