



EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

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June Convention-Ruidoso, District 5...

September Assembly-Las Cruces, District 4...

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Trusted Servants

Chair...

“. . . no society of men and women ever had a more urgent need for continuous effectiveness and permanent unity.”

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Effectiveness and unity describe precisely why we put so much effort into general service work. Districts, Areas and World Services exist to help us help those who are still suffering. In a variety of ways, these A.A. entities also serve an important role in maintaining unity within A.A. The General Service Conference (GSC), which our Area Delegate, Jim H., will attend in April, is critical to maintaining both the unity and the effectiveness of A.A. The GSC is quite literally the group conscience of A.A.

Our pre-Conference Area Assembly (March 4th and 5th in Albuquerque) is a very special Assembly. We will talk about issues that will be discussed at the 2017 GSC. GSRs can share their groups' ideas and opinions. We will learn more about what will be discussed at the GSC and our Delegate will go to the GSC fully informed about what our groups think. And it's a lot of fun! Every member is welcome to partici-

pate. In the case of a vote, every group will have an equal vote. I sincerely hope you'll join us.

At the March Area Assembly, we will also carry out the normal business of the Area. Bids for the 2018 March Assembly will be accepted. Please remember that beginning in 2018 the pre-Conference Area Assembly will be held on the last weekend of March.

I have to apologize to District 4. They welcomed me to Las Cruces in December but I reported that I visited them in Carlsbad. Sometimes I don't know whether I'm walkin' or riding horseback, much less where I am!

In January, I attended my home district's business meeting in District 12. It was great to be home. They are planning the March Assembly and doing a terrific job! I also dropped in on District 3's monthly meeting. Thank you, D-12 and D-3 for making me feel so welcomed and, more importantly, for all the amazing service work you're doing. I'd love to hear how things are going, answer questions, or help you out in any way I can. So call me anytime or drop me an email at chair@nm-aa.org.

Your grateful servant,
Teresa J Area Chair

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**Deadline for El Farolito
Contributions:**

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Registrar...

We believe that every AA group has a conscience. It is the collective conscience of its own membership. Daily experience informs and instructs this conscience. The group begins to recognize its own defects of character and, one by one, these are removed or lessened. As this process continues, the group becomes better able to receive right direction for its own affairs. Trial and error produces group experience, and out of corrected experience comes custom. When a customary way of doing things is definitely proved to be the best, then that custom forms into AA Tradition. The Greater Power is then working through a clear group conscience.

Despite the fact that we do veer off at times on tangents, we are becoming more able to depend absolutely on the long-term stability of the AA group itself. With respect to its own affairs, the collective conscience of the group will, given time, almost surely demonstrate its perfect dependability. The group conscience will, in the end, prove a far more infallible guide for group affairs than the decision of any individual member, however good or wise they may be. This is a striking and almost unbelievable fact about Alcoholics Anonymous.

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The March assembly is fast approaching. If you can

make it to the assembly, your participation will be a valuable contribution to the perfect dependability of the collective conscience of the group. Please include attending the Assembly in your plans.

Final preparations are in place for the upcoming Directory which will be printed and released in March. I am currently asking everyone to assist in reviewing and updating current GSR information. If you are a GSR, and do not hear from me regularly about upcoming Assemblies and events, please reach out to me and provide your current contact information, phone and email. I would like to make the Directory as accurate as possible. I will need all new information returned to me by Mid-February to be included in the March Directory.

The Registrar's page <http://www.nm-aa.org/trusted-servants/registrar/> 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

Treasurer...

Hello All,

One year is gone and all is well. We ended the year with a about \$2200 above the prudent reserve. This money will be sent to GSO to help fund our delegate to the General Service Conference. We do this per our Area Information Pamphlet.

Our group contributions were about the same as last month but about \$300 more than a year ago. I hope to see

the group contributions stay at a steady rate so that the area can provide more 12 step services to our area.

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.

Yours in service, Kurt K.

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Committee Reports

Archives: See Page 17

Bridge the Gap...

It's been a great start to 2017! It is the beginning of the second year of my rotation and I must say I am very humbled to be a part of such a spectacular committee, the way you all work together to keep AA, as a whole, working makes my heart happy. David, Paul and I have been invited to host workshops in two Districts in 2016, please put us to work this year! It is my privilege to serve! Please let me know what I can do to help you or your district to help BTG function better or if you have any concerns.
In Love and Service, Nicole R.



Corrections...

Things are going well both locally and up North. The workshop in Albuquerque was well attended and fun. Thanks for asking me to be a part of.

I am looking forward to the March Assembly, meeting some new volunteers and seeing some old friends.

Here are some upcoming times, dates, and locations for volunteer training in order take a meeting into the state prisons.

Albuquerque Feb. 18, 8am till noon at 310 San Pedro Dr. NE

Albuquerque May 27, 8am till noon at 3601 Montgomery Blvd. NE

Albuquerque Aug. 19, 8am till noon at 2335 Wyoming Blvd. NE

Las Cruces Feb 13, May 20, Sept. 9 call

Hobbs Feb. 25, June 24, Aug. 26, 9am till noon at 6900 W Millen Dr.

Roswell March 25,

More can be found at cd.nm.gov or give me a call.

If there is ever anything I can do for any of you please call or email.

Love and Service David D Area 46 Corrections

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CPC...

Hello all, I would like to start off by saying a huge THANK YOU to Jay M. for the excellent work he has done with the El Farolito and now welcome Jeffrey H. in as our new editor. Thank you both for your service. I am planning on attending the Area Assembly planning meeting on 01/21/17.

With the new year here it's time to get busy, we will have our Agenda topics coming prior to the March Assembly, I have tried to touch base with all who gave me their email addresses at the last Assembly to inform us about the upcoming agenda topics. Things have been pretty quiet since

the last Assembly. I have a PDF file of the CPC agenda topics from the beginning of The CPC committee up to 2016, if any one is interested email me and I will be glad to pass this along, it's pretty interesting. As it has become quiet on the front lines of CPC, we still trudge the road of happy destiny. I know we are doing what we can at this time. More will be disclosed.

Until we meet again, Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Mikel W. Area 46 CPC Chair

Grapevine...

The Grapevine is a very unique aspect to Alcoholics Anonymous. Therefore it takes members with a passion and desire for using the GV to draw in young and old alike to the program. If you enjoy reading this special publication, you can be a GV Rep. Spread the word on how much information is expressed in members stories, experiences and opinions. It is not in any way to be used a program of recovery but merely a sidebar. Expose, sell and share

your Grapevine subscription to others. Encourage them to purchase one of their own to share with others.

I am always available to answer questions or come to your group and speak to your members.

Yours in Service
Alice M

Literature...

We've been a little slow since the December assembly, but some work has been done, one district literature chair registered with GSO, and received a literature welcome packet, order catalogs etc. with our assistance, if you are a literature chair for your district, or group, contact GSO at 1 (212) 870-3400, or me at 505-610-8327 to order a, at no charge literature chair packet.

We placed a \$502.47 literature order which included a lot of Spanish material in the order, big books, 12x12's, service manual's and pamphlets. We also ordered pamphlets, at no charge, for our committees both in English and Spanish and when they arrive we'll get the literature bundles out to the committee chairs at the March Assembly.

We recommend that our out of town trusted servants visit

our Central Office in Albuquerque while here for the March Assembly,
Central Office address is:
1921 Alvarado NE, Abq. NM, 87110,
Mon-Fri 8am- 10pm Sat-Sun 9am-9pm

Experience how the function of having a literature based, central location to purchase AA approved literature works. See Central Office's vast other responsibilities and functions, meet and greet whomever may be the volunteer desk worker, or Tradition 8 staff member worker that day; and ask questions if you'd like to better understand a Central Office's duties.

Thank you,
Manuel P. Literature Chair Have a great day



Special Needs...

The purpose of Special Needs Committees is to provide support to help make A.A. accessible to every member who desires it—to help alcoholics with special needs to either get them to meetings, or having meetings brought to them. This includes, but is not limited to, those who are blind/visually impaired, hearing impaired, confined to their homes for health reasons, and/or physically incapable of getting to meetings on their own.

The guiding principle of this committee is that there are no special A.A. members, only members with special needs. They are A.A. members who wish to have the same privileges and responsibilities as all A.A. members with regard to the activities we all consider necessary for our continuous sobriety. These include regularly attending meetings and special AA functions; speaking at meetings;

and participating in 12 Step work, sponsorship, and service on both the local and area levels.

A Special Needs Toolkit was created in effort for each District and groups to discuss and inventory special needs in your community. We hope this toolkit would help assess where your District/Group is and what steps need to be taken to help better carry the message to the special needs population.

Feel free to contact me with any questions and know that myself and committee members are available to speak at your District or provide a workshop.

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

Treatment...

Since December things have slowed down but we are looking to get more active now that the holidays are passed. I have spoken to several people that are looking to take meetings in to facilities and have a few facilities looking for people to take meetings in. We do have a request for a group to take meetings into a detox facility in Albuquerque on Saturday evening. If your group might be interested in

taking on this responsibility please let me know. That is all I have to report but as always if you have any questions or need help with anything Treatment related please let me know.

In Service, Paul P. Treatment Chair

Young People...

Hope everyone is having a happy new year. The biggest news from the committee for this month is our third annual three legacies workshop. When this edition of EIF is out our workshop will be completed and hopefully have been a huge success. I want to thank everyone who made it out to the workshop, and everyone involved in the planning and execution of the event. Special thanks to all the speakers who came from around area 46 to share their experience strength and hope with us.

The sub committee is still meeting monthly to develop a pamphlet on anonymity and social media. If you would like to assist us or learn more about what we have done please contact me. The main committee continues to meet

monthly in ABQ and will be meeting on Feb 16th. All are welcome to join us. Please call me if you would like to attend via phone video, or in person.

In efforts to ensure we are serving the entire area, we are attempting to plan a committee meeting outside of the ABQ area in April. This meeting is going to held in Las Cruces. Check the next EIF article, and the webpage for more information on this moving forward.

As always I want to thank the area for allowing me this opportunity to be of service, and for all the support the committee gets.

God Bless, Mike L.

District 9

Spiritual Awakenings, Ft. Defiance, AZ

Bruce H. - 2 Years January, New Year's Day

Veronica S. - 3 Years on January 11

Laguna Group:

Richard B. - 3 years on January 4th

Wings of the Storm in Gallup:

Jim - 1 year on January 27

Dave - 16 years on January 1

BIRTHDAYS

Ad Hoc Assembly Development & Fun Raising

Our March Pre-conference Assembly is just around the corner! We hope everyone has found the pamphlets about the conference process useful in helping their groups to understand how each AA group is part that process. Now that our Delegate has received the Preliminary Agenda topics and they have been circulated, you can begin choosing those topics which you feel will be most interesting to your group. Background material on the topics is expected to arrive in February.

Our committee has begun preparation for the upcoming area-sponsored service event which will take place in Albuquerque on July 15, 2017 at Nativity Church. We have decided to call this event the "New Mexico AA Service Forum" (NMAASF, for short ???) and have approved a Statement of Purpose which clarifies our objectives. Teresa J. created a terrific logo and flyer which we hope you will find on all New Mexico AA websites and posted on AA bulletin boards everywhere! We have approved the following subcommittees and Chair

people: Program – Kristina F., Printing – Jim H., Registration – Melissa S., and Hospitality – Michelle B.

Our tentative plan is to offer 12 different workshops throughout the day led by service enthusiasts from all around our Area. We also like the idea of having several joint sessions of all attendees at several points during the day to include an open mike and feedback/further discussion opportunities. Finally, we plan to have two inspirational speakers—one to open the event and the other to close. We continue to work on refining the workshop topics and identifying possible workshop discussion leaders.

If you would like to help with the Service Forum in any way—by serving on a subcommittee, suggesting a topic, a speaker, or pertinent literature—please contact the undersigned. We need the entire Area's enthusiasm and support to make the Forum a success! In gratitude for this opportunity to serve,
Jaclyn S., Chair, dandfr@nm-aa.org

BIRTHDAYS

Las Cruces District 4

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| Rodger B. | Jan 1 93 | 24 years |
| Robbie P. | Jan 1 86 | 31 years |
| Linda A. | Jan 2 02 | 15 years |
| Bob K. | Jan 2 71 | 46 years |
| Jack M. | Jan 4 87 | 30 years |
| Carole G. | Jan 7 80 | 37 years |
| Rita D. | Jan 7 79 | 38 years |
| Harry M. | Jan 8 04 | 13 years |
| Amy M. | Jan 11 98 | 19 years |
| Donna B. | Jan 11 96 | 21 years |
| Ilene M. | Jan 15 89 | 28 years |
| Sandhi S. | Jan 17 06 | 11 years |

Roswell District 7

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| Lunch Bunch |
| November George 4 |
| years |
| January 8 yrs |
| Jeff and Shorty 29 years |
| Stacie 1 year |
| Early Birds |
| December James S. 9 years |
| Patsy S. 13 years |
| January Cheryl W. 17 yrs |

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DISTRICT 7 (ROSWELL, ARTESIA)

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District Reports

District 2 Santa Fe...

We have moved our district meeting location permanently to the Friendship Club. Feel free to drop in if you're interested in sitting in on a meeting. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month, beginning with a concepts study at 6:00 PM, followed by the meeting at 6:30 PM.

We are still looking for an Event Entertainment/Fun-Raiser chair person! If you're interested, please contact Kristina F., email address: district2@nm-aa.org

Are you or someone you know too sick (or otherwise impaired) to leave your house? Please continue to keep in mind that meetings can be brought to homes and hospitals for individuals who cannot make it to meetings. Call the Central Office when in need!

We are looking forward to several upcoming 2017 AA events. Here are a few that are on our calendars:

Three Legacies workshop taking place in Albuquerque on January 28.

2017 Area 46 Convention in Ruidoso, June 2-4, 2017

"Fun in Service, WHAT??!!" workshop, July 15, 2017 (join us to discuss topics such as "What are the concepts and why do I care?!" and "Self-Centeredness: the mother of all character defects")

In joyful service, Kate T.

District 3 Southwest Albuquerque...

Greetings, to Area 46 and District 3. I missed the January's ELF report but I would like to thank everyone from the Area who helped the Albuquerque Districts get the 2018 Convention bid. Our district is a part of this and we will do our best to help in every way possible. Thank you!

The Wit's End group held a "Grapevine Writing Workshop" in January and the turnout was great. Thank you to those who attended.

The Step Sister and Raymac Group will be co-hosting a "Group History/Archives Workshop" on Saturday, February 18th with a lunch at 1:30pm and the Workshop at 2pm. The location will be at the "Our Lady of the Valley" church, 2805 Don Felipe Rd. SW, in Albuquerque. (near the corner of Coors and Don Felipe Rd.).

I also would like to bid "adieu" to the District and Area 46, for a while anyways. I have a good opportunity for work in my hometown and I have turned the reins over to

a new secretary for the District. Welcome to Melissa C. and I want to thank her again for stepping in for this position. It is greatly appreciated. I also want to wish everyone the best, on their own individual journey's as well. I got sober in New Mexico and have made some great friends in these 24 years. I have also met some great people in Area 46 as well. I'll miss the comradery that makes this state a good place to be sober. Thank you, to you all.

As a reminder to our District Trusted Servants...the February District meeting will be hosted by the Isleta Group on Saturday, Feb. 11th at the Isleta Club. Potluck at 1:30 and meeting at 2pm.

Thanks everyone – I won't forget you. Till our paths meet again....take care.

In Service and Gratitude,

Carmen O. – out-going Secretary and ELF Rep

District 4 Las Cruces...

District 4 wishes to thank our Area 46 Chair, Theresa J. for her presentation and being part of the best District in Alcoholics Anonymous last month!

At time of press, we anticipate Michelle, Area Archives Chair to join us for the January District Meeting, January 29th. Thank you Michelle, for the AA Jeopardy Game, and for taking time to share your experience, strength and hope along with the Area Archives with us!

To all the people who attended the annual New Years Eve celebration, you made it fabulous. A very special thanks to the entire planning committee from Sober at Sunrise

Group... they did a fantastic job! Rumor has it... TWO groups are planning on hosting the 2017 NYE party... more will be revealed!

With much sadness in our heart, we say goodbye to Gerry E, Bob, and Annie ... Their experience, strength and hope will live in our hearts... until we meet again at the Big Meeting in the Sky... Please save us a seat.

Congratulation to Amanda for being selected to participate in the Area 46 Young People of AA 3rd Annual Three Legacies Workshop! Robin B.

District 7 Roswell, Artesia ...

Happy New Year to everyone out there in the cold and warm weather!! Ours can't make up it's mind. Our year was great for some and some, not so good, but they keep coming back and we pray for them that God will remove that horrible obsession.

28 sober alcoholics travelled to Clovis on 1-14-17 for a pot luck and speaker meeting. It was packed because there were around 15 from Hobbs, who went over as well. We had an excellent speaker for the night and we were packed in like sardines.

Lunch Bunch Annual Alcathon was a great success. We

would like to thank all who participated and all who attended. Once again we were reminded that 'Unity' 'Recovery' and 'Service' are the blessings of sobriety. God has truly blessed us.

NMCYPAA is having a fundraiser to raise money for the Conference. If you could be so kind as to place an order. They are delicious!! (See Events, Page 1)

May God Bless and be with each of you in this glorious and New Year.

Sincerely, Cheryl W - Elf Rep

District 8 Farmington, Shiprock ...

Now that the holidays are over, things have settled down in District 8. We'll take care of the normal things that occur. Debbie M., DCM, is hoping to attend a meeting in Shiprock once a month and is looking for AA members to go with her. The men's jail representative, Dirk D., had to step down; the search is on for a new rep. Please announce this at your meetings. Summer J., the juvenile jail representative, could always use more help, both men and women. Meetings will be held every other Wednesday at a time to be determined.

Ron H. needs more people to assist with quarterly information seminars he and a few others are giving at the Sycamore Center. If you can help with any of these vital ser-

vices, please get hold of the appropriate folks.

Archives representative John T. is working on electronic copies of the interviews of four old-timers. He will continue with interviews so that we will know the stories of the early members in District 8.

Before we know it, summer will be upon us. If you want to chair the picnic planning committee, come to the next district meeting on February 9 at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church, 865 N. Dustin Ave. in Farmington. Everyone is welcome.

Yours in sobriety, Andrea G.

District 9 Gallup, Grants, Zuni, Laguna...

Greetings from District 9. What a great District we have here in northwestern New Mexico. Several of our larger groups have coordinated their schedules so that we now have a special AA event every Friday and Saturday night with a monthly Wednesday night thrown in for good measure.

Coming up: The Spiritual Awakenings group will be hosting a Step Two and Tradition Two Workshop on February 3, 2017 from 6-7 p.m. at their home group in Ft. Defiance, AZ. This will be a monthly tradition this year on the **First Friday** of the month as we review our 12 Steps and 12 Traditions.

The Wings of the Storm hosts a monthly speaker meeting and potluck on the **2nd Wednesday** of the month which is February 8th this month. The pot-luck starts at 6 p.m. followed by the regular meeting time of 7 p.m. There is a speaker **every Saturday night** at the regular 7 p.m. meeting. Also, don't miss out on Birthday Night on the **Second**

Friday of the month. Regular open discussion meeting begins at 7 p.m. followed by cake and ice cream.

Also, the Ft. Defiance group has moved their monthly speaker meeting and potluck night to the **Third Friday** of the month beginning at 6p.m. which will be February 17 this month.

Last but not least is the Zuni speaker meeting and potluck held on the **last Friday** of the month. Potluck begins about 6:30 followed by the speaker. This month's date is February 24th.

Our next District 9 Gathering planning meeting for another weekend convention is February 12th at 11 a.m. followed by our monthly *District Meeting of the Minds* at 1:30 p.m. at Serenity House in Gallup.

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

District 10 Hobbs, Carlsbad ...

What a great start to the year! The HOG had a local favorite speaking at the 2nd Saturday happening. Roger V. delivered a flawless account of not only his journey through recovery but could relate many key points of the big book directly to his experience. Awesome stuff thank you Roger!

This month the regular happening at the HOG will be on the 11th as we have more details they will show on our District 10 web page.

Remember what February means? It's the annual cake auction at the NLG; February 18th it will kick off at 5:30 with potluck followed by Wendy B. enlightening us about how it was, what happened and how amazing her life is now. Then for the spectacle at 8 the cake auction is always great fun. Ever see anyone get \$150 pie in the face? Awesome sober fun we shall see you all there!

Always for the love of service,
Jason O.

District 12 Northwest Albuquerque...

Greetings, from District 12. Our first District meeting in the new year was focused on the final preparations for hosting the upcoming March 4-5 Area Assembly in Albuquerque. We will have a flyer with pertinent information ready for distribution very soon, and will post information regarding the assembly on the D12 website and Area 46 website.

All our committees are active and engaged. Bridge the Gap is updating all the temporary contact lists for the District. Treatment and Bridge the Gap chairs are working together with Turquoise Lodge as the facility is in process of revamping their program. CPC will participate in the KOB Health Fair January 20th. Our Web Chair has updated the D12 website and you can find information about D12 easily. We have the following service positions available: Literature, Grapevine, Young Peoples, and Special Needs.

If you are thinking I need to step up my AA service commitments in 2017, or you are looking to add a lot of fun and service to your life, District 12 welcomes you to attend our District meeting. We meet the second Saturday of each month 10:30 AM at the Heights Club. If you did not attend before because of the smoke – the Heights Club is now smoke free 24/7 so come on down! We can use the support, and you will benefit greatly from giving back to AA and being in Service.

Wanted to give a shout out of thanks to Theresa J., our Area 46 Chair for attending the District 12 Business Meeting January 14. She provided information to our GSR's regarding the importance of their input and ideas for the General Service Conference. Gratitude is a verb, grateful to be of service, Janet F., D12, Secretary

District 14 Taos ...

District 14 is happy to announce the opening of a new meeting in Taos, NM: The Experience, Strength and Hope Group. This is at 12pm on Saturdays, at the St. James Episcopal Church--208 Camino de Santiago, Taos, NM 87571.

As a speaker-discussion format, it is being offered as an open meeting. Though it may be a month or two before you see this meeting on a schedule, it has seen a reportedly good turn-out in its early days, so feel free to drop in on them any Saturday.

El Farolito Editor...

It has been great time processing all the reports for this newsletter. Getting them sent to the AA web site is effective because I can distinguish those e-mails easier from my private e-mails. **Also, it is suggested to include the month and title for Trusted Servants, month and title for Committee Reports and month and district numbers for District Reports in the e-mail subject box.**

As we say in meetings, "Are there any burning desires?" Speak up if there are changes or additions for this newsletter. This newsletter is about creating unity in Area 46.

Just a Paragraph– I guess it would be appropriate to disclose a little of my sobriety, so far, in AA. Lately, just a day at a time has been speaking to me. Nervousness about upcoming issues is of course diminished when living in today. One day sober? Or three thousand days, it is just today that keeps me and the newcomer equal. It keeps me in my place because it is really just about living one day. The drink is always out there. I believe the newcomer senses on some level we are all equal in this program as far as time, the next twenty four hours, is concerned. Jeffrey H. El Farolito Editor, Area 46.

District 18 Rio Rancho, Corrales ...

Greetings from District 18. We continue to have an extremely enthusiastic group in our district with 23 attendees at our January GSR-District Meeting. We had visitors from groups wanting to learn and understand what goes on at District level service. We had interested visitors wanting to learn what is a "GSR" and what are the responsibilities of that position. It is always wonderful to see interest and curiosity about service. We encourage everyone to drop by and see what service is all about and how you can get involved.

Our Intergroup Speaker's Meeting is coming up, and GSR's are going back to their groups to see which groups will host the event this year. Stay tuned for more details. Preparations for the December Assembly to be hosted by District 18 are in the initial stages.

The Chairperson for the Area 46 2018 State Convention, Kristen E., attended our meeting. She updated us on the Theme Contest and provided a bit of a timeline for the planning process for the event.

District 18 is part of the group of Districts that are going to jointly host the event. If you want to get involved in the State Convention planning process, please contact Kristen E.

Once again our committees are all very active and continue to need volunteers to help. Our CPC committee is extremely active, they presented our AA program to the pastor of a local church and are arranging an AA presentation to nursing students.

If you have the slightest interest or are just curious, please join us. You are invited to attend our District meetings the Second Saturday of every month, 10:30 AM, at the United Methodist Church, 136 W. Calle Don Andres, Bernalillo, NM 87004. Service is a beautiful way to pass it on and to give back to our Fellowship. The very Fellowship that has saved our lives.

In Love and Service,
Maddy L
District 18 ELF Rep

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Contacts for orders are below...

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It's a Bright Idea

Save the Date: 02/18/17

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Where: Our Lady In the Valley Church- Coors and Don Felipe- 2805 Don Felipe Rd. S.W.

Topic: Group History/Archives

Presenters: Area 46 Archivist- Michelle B.

Lisa M. (On Completing a Group History)

Syd T. (On Beginning a Group History)- Special Needs
ASL or Translation- Contact Syd T. [REDACTED]

Lunch is Included!!

Join us for Fun, Fellowship and Our Experience, Strength
& Hope



NLG is having it's annual cake auction!

February 18th

5:30 Potluck

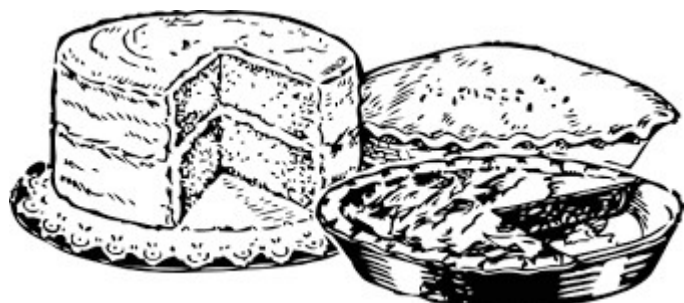
7:00pm Speaker Wendy B. (Local Hottie)

8:00pm Cake auction!!!

The Cake Auction proves we are not a glum lot!

Hosted by the NLG

121 W. Broadway



***NAVAJO TACO DINNER
&
OPEN A.A. SPEAKER MEETING***

Sunday February 12, 2017 5:30pm

Join us for good food, fun & fellowship

**Navajo Taco Dinner 5:30 pm
Open AA Speaker Meeting 6:30 pm
Speaker: Steve P. , Las Cruces**

Suggested Donation: \$10.00 per person

AA & Al-Anon members welcome

**Proceeds to benefit the 2017 Area 46 Convention
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LOCATION:

**Bethel Baptist Church – Gymnasium
1316 Scenic Drive
Alamogordo, NM**

2018 Area 46 Convention Theme Contest!

*This is your opportunity to contribute to making
the 2018 Area Convention one to remember!*

Districts. 3, 11, 12, 13, 17 & 18 are hosting the
Area 46 State Convention in Albuquerque and
We Need a THEME!

Please submit all entries to Convention2018@nm-aa.org

There is a Prize! The winning entry will be awarded
a free Convention Registration, T-shirt and Mug!
The Convention Trifecta!

The Deadline is March 1st, 2017

The winning Theme will be announced at the
March Area Assembly

Thank you for your help spreading the word!
Kristen E.
2018 Convention Chair

Your help is needed in many ways! If you or someone you know would
like to be a part of the Convention Committee, please let us know at
Convention2018@nm-aa.org.

Archives ...

January was a slow month in Archives. Olivia and I discussed our goals for the upcoming year and what we want to accomplish. Olivia successfully met with an old-timer and taped his history. I have been in contact with two people about their history in AA; one started a group and the other was here when I came to Santa Fe in 1980. I'm excited at the prospect of hearing their stories.

Jay, former Elf Editor, has graciously offered to assist in scanning documents so we can have them digitally. Thank you for your heart of service, Jay!

Speaking of having things digitally.... The Convention 2018 chair sent an email announcing a "name the theme for 2018" contest. Just last month, the list of

all the past conventions with dates, places and themes was uploaded to the Archives webpage! I love it when a plan comes together!

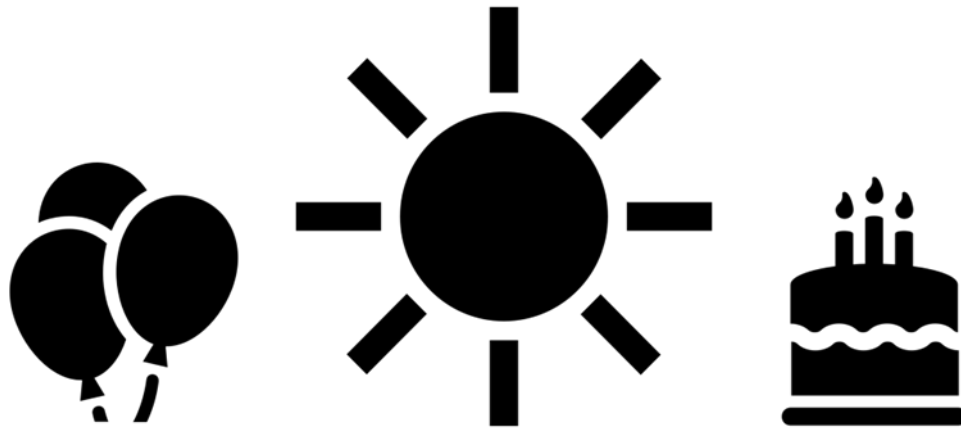
Last month I wrote about playing JeopAArdy and I left off a "t". I am fun, but IT is way more fun! I look forward to visiting D4 next weekend to play another round.

Thank you for the honor of serving Area 46. Hearing the experience, strength and hope of others trying to retain our history, has touched my heart. I am so fortunate!

Gratefully yours in love and service,
Michelle B

Schedule a mailing party today!

**March Issue Contributions Deadline: Midnight - Friday,
February 17th**



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