



EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

Welcome to 2016!

Delegate

I just returned home from the DCM/Trusted Servants Orientation in Albuquerque. I am in awe of the enthusiasm and willingness to be of service of our incoming DCMs, Committee Chairs, and Area Trusted Servants. The questions and sharing of common experiences created a bond between each of us that will ensure success in our individual positions and thus ensuring the success of the Area in reaching the still suffering alcoholic. Area 46 is in good hands for the next two years and for many years to come. Thank you to all that participated.

In March, a Pre-Conference Assembly will be held in which all members of the A.A. Fellowship in Area 46 are invited to participate. This Pre-Conference Assembly's primary purpose is to discuss the agenda items of the upcoming General Service Conference in April and inform the delegate of the Area's group conscience, thoughts and experience on the Agenda items that will be before the Conference Delegates at this year's conference. This will be our first attempt at a new way of looking at agenda items and some changes with the usual agenda for this Assembly. In the very near future I will be sending agenda topics and available background material to Committee Chairs, DCMs, and the GSRs that we have contact information for. Hopefully everyone will have time to share the information with your Groups and have a working knowledge of the questions that will be discussed at the March Assembly. At the Assembly each Committee will have a topic for discussion and then a short report on Sunday Morning. The Saturday night Delegate's Sharing Session will give us additional time to address selected topics. The most important sharing session will be Sunday morning when any GSR that wants to, will be given the opportunity to share their Groups discussion on a particular agenda item. I am really excited to have multiple opportunities to hear your thoughts and take that message to the General Service Conference. Your input will certainly make me a more informed Delegate!

I want to thank everyone for your participation and enthusiasm in your Area Assembly. I especially want to thank the Ad Hoc Assembly Development and Fun Committee for their input to this Pre-Conference Assembly. I also want to apologize to our Spanish speaking members for not having this month's report translated. I wanted to include information from today's Orientation and Assembly Planning meetings and yesterday was the deadline so my apologies to our Spanish speakers and to our *El Farolito* Editor.

Thank you again for your service and for allowing me to be of service...Jim H.

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Alt Delegate

It was such a great opportunity to meet the new DCM's at the Area Orientation meeting on January 23rd. Jim, the Area Delegate, and I were privileged to do the orientation on a beautiful winter day in Albuquerque. I am excited for the new adventure that these "Servant Leaders" are beginning and the how the next two years will bring about change in the way that only AA can bring to them as individuals. They stand in the middle of the Service Triangle to join the GSRs in unity at the district level and support them in serving their groups. DCM's also support their GSRs in voicing their groups needs to be able to serve the still suffering alcoholic at the Assembly to the Area and to the Delegate when he goes to GSO in New York. I continue to be in awe not just how AA works but the loving contributions of the individual members of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Thank you for opportunity to serve *you*.
Teresa F.; Area 46 Alternate Delegate

Chair *January*

January 2015 ELF Report from outgoing AREA 46 Chair.

Thank you District 8 for hosting the December Area Assembly. I so appreciate the effort and work that it takes to host an assembly. I am sure Farmington AA members have received the gift that hosting an assembly brings of unity of a district and the opportunity to learn the benefits of service.

This assembly took care of the business of our Area that included the bids from districts for hosting the Area Assemblies in 2016. There was the presentation of the Proposed Budget for 2016 which was passed unanimously. Motions from the Archives committees, ELF revisions to the AIP and Motions from the Fun Committee were passed. The new incoming committee chairs was presented by the incoming elected Area chair, Teresa J as well as we have a new Area committee chair position for Special Needs.

The service aspect of AA has been a great way for me to not only learn how AA works but also to be in the presence of those who love AA and its message as much as I do. So, I want to be sure to say how very grateful I am to have served the Area for the last two year in the capacity of Area Chair. It has been the most amazing two years in my sobriety since I walked through the door of an AA meeting 16 years ago. To watch others step up to service and be a part of that has been an honor. It has also been a difficult two years but the greatest gift has been the amazing capacity and strength for fulfilling all the duties of my position as well as the normal events of a sober life. I have felt the great support and love of a loving Higher Power in my life as a way of living as never before.

I send great love to my fellows in this holiday season and wishes of the gift of a contented sobriety to all.

!!GRATEFUL!! Teresa F...Outgoing Area 46 Chairperson

February

It is with much gratitude that I look forward to serving the A.A. members, groups, and trusted servants around New Mexico as area chair. I have no doubt that the coming two years will give all of us a few "opportunities for growth" and a lot of fun as we strive to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

By the time you read this, we will have held the DCM/Area Trusted Servants Orientation. The two times I've gone through this training I found it really helped me gain a better understanding of what my responsibilities would be and gather some ideas about how to approach some of those responsibilities; and it was great to get to know my fellow trusted servants bet-

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Area Trusted Servants Reports

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ter. Even though we live in a geographically large area, it is important to know that we have support. No GSR, DCM or area committee chair has to operate on their own regardless of how far they might be located from other trusted servants.

We will also have held the planning meeting for the March assembly. The March Area Assembly in Taos will focus on topics that will be addressed at the General Service Conference in New York (a.k.a. conference agenda items). It should be a very interesting assembly! I hope you are making your arrangements to attend.

Please feel free to contact me any time – I just love to be of service!

Your grateful servant, Teresa J.

Alternate Chair

Greetings Area 46

First off I would like to thank you and congratulate every GSR, DCM and Area 46 Trusted servant for putting your name in to be of service. I hope you find being part of Panel 66 rewarding and full of blessing as we serve AA in this rotation. I can't forget the Area Committee Chairs for accepting their service positions and also standing ready to be of service to Area 46.

Let us not forget the most important servant is the GSR who represent the hundreds of AA groups in Area 46, forming the bridge that connects their home groups to the rest of AA. We in Area 46 are here to serve and help the GSRs and groups. Our first order of business in this rotation is to be part of the DCM Orientation on Jan 23 followed by the Assembly Planning meeting for the March assembly. I hope to see as many of you GSRs as possible at the Assembly in Taos March 5-6. Please contact me if you need to discuss something any question or if you just want to say HI . hope to see you all soon

In service, Eloy M

Registrar *January*

It has been a busy 8 days at the end of the rotation as registrar and there's a bit more to be done and then I get to switch hats and get the AIP printed in time for the Trusted Servants Orientation and Assembly Planning meeting on the 23rd at Shepherd of the Valley Church in Albuquerque. Getting all the info to the right places at the right time is like working a jigsaw puzzle. It is so satisfying when those pieces fit.

A big shout out to all of you who filled out forms at the December Assembly, put your info on sign up sheets or passed me scraps of paper. Not only did you get the info in but I think you set a record for legibility. Thanks really to all of you who printed all of your information so that I could read it. It was a big help.

Since the Assembly I have entered 25 new GSRs in the data base that we share with GSO. These folks should get their new GSR packets right after the first of the year and if you're reading this you're also getting the El Farolito. Welcome to General Service. It has enhanced my sobriety immensely. I also picked up some new emails and made changes to meeting times and places. I've also updated the email address book for the area registrar so that Bill can easily send you information via email.

13 of the 19 Districts have updated their DCM info with a few holding elections later this month. Your emails have been

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provided to the Area web chair so that he can set up forwarding to your personal emails, your addresses have been provided to Jay for this issue of the Elf and on the 15th when GSO allows availability to this position for changes I will submit your information so that you will receive your DCM packet.

My expenses were \$111.90 for travel and lodging for December Assembly, \$5.52 for copies for those forms you filled out and \$107.69 for copying and mailing agendas prior to the Assembly for a total of \$228.11.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service and I hope you all had a safe, sane and sober Holiday season. And remember to be nice to Bill.

Rosie F. Area 46 registrar (outgoing)

February

CALLING ALL GSR'S! If you are a new GSR, please visit the Registrar's Web Page at nm-aa.org and download a Group Information Change Form and submit your contact information to Registrar@nm-aa.org

The registrar was busy in January. Starting with gathering as much data about the contact information for the new rotation as possible. In addition to building e-mail address books and information organization processes, the GSO National Database was made available. Data entry into the GSO database, known as FNV has begun. The effort is to gather as much accurate information prior to the publication of the first Area 46 Directory for this rotation in March. All DCM's were given a set of prepopulated Group Information Change Forms to distribute at their District Meetings.

The Registrar's web page was updated to include Downloadable PFD Group Information Forms and New Group Forms that are templates which can be filled out electronically and emailed back. Initial training and development of the process to create and print the Area Directory are complete. The Trusted Servants and New DCM Orientation was held Saturday the 23rd of January. Several other aspects of the Registrar's responsibilities were also addressed there. Specifically, making translation arrangements for Spanish distribution of information.

In Love and Service, Bill L; Area 46 Registrar



Area 46
2016 AA Convention
June 3, 4, 5 Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, NM
National and Local Speakers..Hiking with Box Canyon Meeting
Workshop "What's In It For Me?...Campfire Meetings
Alcathon Meetings...AA Theater Show...Hospitality Room...
Volunteer Coop Day Care Facility
Friday Night and Sunday Morning Free Meals...
PATHWAY TO SERENITY
Yoga and Movement Session
Landscaping Drawing Session

Upcoming Area, District & Other Events

24th Annual New Mexico
American Red Road Convention to
be held on May 6-8th at The
Crown Plaza,

Address:
1901 University Blvd NE



Trusted Servant Reports

Treasurer

This will be my last report as Area 46 treasurer. I'm happy to say that John T. has taken over as our new area treasurer. I'm making this report primarily because it closes out the period of time I was responsible for; also, since Francisco made the year-end report for me when I started as area treasurer, I thought I'd pay that blessing forward. Before getting to the meat of my report, I'd like to thank Kurt K. for his support and dedication as finance committee chair.

Well, the books have been closed on 2015 and the final numbers are in. Contributions were significantly lower in 2015 vs 2014. We ended the year with a net loss of \$1,465 (ordinary income vs. budgeted expenses). However, since we started 2015 with cash above reserves of \$1,937, our losses were covered and we ended the year with cash above reserves \$472. Since the 2016 budget increased only slightly compared to the 2015 budget, the prudent reserve also increased by only a small amount. So, (drum roll please) Area 46 started 2016 with cash above reserves of \$396!

While it is great news that we are starting 2016 in the black, I have concerns for the upcoming year. I hope you will all encourage your groups to make contributions to Area 46 (and all of A.A. general service) in 2016. Remember that size doesn't matter when it comes to 7th Tradition contributions! As much as they are financial contributions, these are spiritual contributions that connect our groups, and by those spiritual connections our groups are strengthened individually and as a whole.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service as your area treasurer for the past two years. It has truly been a blessing and I have had blast!

Your grateful servant, Teresa J.

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Secretary

Bids and Motions Area 46 Assembly December 5 & 6 2015 Farmington New Mexico

1. Bid for Area 46 Assembly Sept 10 & 11 2016 District 2 Santa Fe no other bids. Bid accepted
2. Bid for Area 46 Assembly December 3 & 4 2016 District 10 Carlsbad to be held at NMSU Campus no other bids. Bid accepted
3. Motion: The El Farolito Committee requests that the Assembly approve the slate of changes to Section IV of the AIP, as presented for review. No funding required. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
4. Motion to create a Special Needs Committee as a standing committee that would serve Area 46 and each District, as requested, providing education and information about carrying the message to people with Special Needs. The Committee Chair will be appointed by the Area Chair.

Statement of purpose for the Special Needs Chairperson:

- i. To act as a conduit between GSO and groups or individuals who have special needs
- ii. Provide information and workshops about special needs, as requested to Area 46, Districts and to the group level.
- ii. Work closely with the chairpersons of PI, CPC and Treatment Facilities to make it known that AA works with people who have special needs.

Request that the AIP be amended to reflect inclusion of this Committee

Request that the Special Needs Committee have a budget of \$500 for 2016, which will come from the Contingency fund: \$110 for travel to Assembly Planning Meetings; \$360 for travel and lodging at Area Assemblies. \$ 30. Committee Service Expenses \$500.00 total. Thereafter the committee would be subject to the budgeting process

MOTION PASSED 58 for 14 opposed no minority opinion expressed

5. Motion from Ad Hoc Committee on Assembly Development and Fun-Raising: That the March area assembly include a focus on issues to be considered at the General Service Conference, with details of this change to be worked out between our Delegate, the Assembly Development committee and any trusted servants who wish to be involved. A plan would then be presented to the Assembly Planning Meeting in January 2016.

VOTE: 64 for 3 opposed minority opinion was expressed motion to revote failed MOTION PASSED

6. Motion by Ad Hoc Committee on Assembly Development and Fun Raising: When Friday evening activities are planned by a host District these will be included in the Assembly Agenda and notice of the time and place of these activities be sent by the Area Registrar to all GSRs and the Area Committee

VOTE: 32 for 40 opposed 3 people from the minority spoke motion to revote passed 40/22 MOTION PASSED 54 for 20 opposed

7. Motion from Archives Committee: Motion is made that Area 46 "Endorses" the statement of Gratitude presented by the National Alcoholics Anonymous Archives Workshop on September 27, 2015. Endorsement to be forwarded to Archives Trustees Committee. This motion will result in an endorsement letter to be written from Area 46 to the NAAAW. No Area 46 funds will be expended due to this motion and no change to the Area 46 AIP will be necessary.

VOTE: Motion passed with 3 opposed no minority opinion expressed MOTION PASSES

8. Motion from Finance Committee for the following change to AIP: Add section V-B-8-g Area chair discretionary fund to be used at the discretion of the Area Chair after consultation with the Area Treasurer. Move items g,h, and I down one letter. No funds needed. V

VOTE: MOTION PASSED with 2 opposed no minority opinion expressed

9. Motion to accepted the budget for 2016 MOTION PASSED unanimously

Service Committee Reports

Archives Committee

January

The Archives committee met on Dec 5 with 18 people in attendance from 10 districts. I would like to thank all who attended.

After opening with the Serenity prayer and introductions, we had a look at the Statement of Gratitude submitted by the National AA Archives Workshop. This Statement was reviewed, and the committee unanimously voted in favor of endorsing the statement. A motion was made to the Area 46 General Assembly to endorse the statement.

We spent the rest of our time discussing District Level involvement in Archives. Discussion ranged from what to collect, how to collect, what can be done with archives at the District Level, and how to get involved with Archives and volunteer to help with Area Archives. It was great to see a room full of enthusiastic volunteers.

Toward the end of the meeting, we introduced Michelle B who will become the Archives Chair for the next rotation. Our Committee will be in good hands for the next rotation.

Saturday evening at the assembly we presented the JeopAArdy game and had a lot of fun with it.

On December 20th our Committee attended the District 5 Christmas event with the Area 46 Archives display and the JeopAArdy game.

I am truly grateful to have had the opportunity to be of service as the Area 46 Archives Chair. It has been a lot of fun to serve this rotation and look forward to continued service.

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

**March Issue Deadline:
Friday February 19th**

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Bilingual Committee / Comité Bilingüe

January

Revisio a programada Area 46. Coordinador Oscar R. por la falta de servidores no tuvimos reunión. Como coordinador del comite Bilingue estare presente como servidor de confianza. Gracias por el servicio es parte de mi sobriedad. Gracias por ser parte del rebaño. Les Deseo Feliz Navidad.

Revised program for Area 46. Oscar R., Committee Chair, I did not have a committee meeting because there were no others in attendance, but I was there as one of your trusted servants. Thank you for the opportunity to serve, as service is part of my sobriety. Thanks for allowing me to be a part of the flock. Have a Merry Christmas.

Oscar Rosales, Coordinador Committee Bilingue

February

Congratulations to all Trusted Servants elected for the coming two years.

Thanks to Theresa J. our Area 46 Chair for asking me to be Coordinator of the Bilingual Committee. Thanks for your approval at the December 5, 6 Assembly hosted by District 8 in Farmington, N.M. and accepting me as your Committee Chair for the Bilingual Committee in Area 45 for the 2016 and 2017 term, and will be attending the March 4-5-6 Assembly in Taos, NM, 2016.

We have also discussed attending and the annual State Convention. In addition we are available for any workshops, Conferences and or Communities that may need of our Service. We went to pick up the translation equipment at our previous Bilingual coordinator for the Bilingual Committee (Oscar R.) to be utilized for our first workshop of the year.

We have taken inventory and are ready for our first Workshop of the year which took place Saturday the 16th of January, 2016 at Nativity Church from 8:00 to 12:00 P.M. - 2nd Annual Area 46 Young People AA: Three Legacies Workshop.

In Service, Ana G. Comité Bilingüe

Felicitaciones a todos los Servidores de Confianza elegidos para los próximos dos años.

Un Gratitude de Gracias a Teresa J. nuestra Coordinadora del Área 46 por haberme pedido que sea Coordinadora del Comité Bilingüe.

Gracias para su aprobación en la reunión de diciembre 5,6 Asamblea patrocinada por Distrito 8 en Farmington, N. M. y aceptación como su Coordinadora para el Comité Bilingüe del Área 46 , para el periodo 2016 y 2017, y asistiremos a la Asamblea de marzo en Taos, Nuevo México, 2016.

También hemos hablado de la asistencia a la Convención anual del estado. Además estamos disponibles para cualquier Talleres, Conferencias de Área 46 y o Comunidades que necesitan de nuestro Servicio.

Fuimos a recoger el equipo de traducción en la casa de Oscar R., Coordinador saliente del Comité bilingüe a utilizarse para nuestro primer Taller del año. Segundo anual Área 46 jóvenes en A. A. Taller (Tres legados).

En Servicio. Ana G

Service Committee Reports

Bridge the Gap Committee

January

Bridging the Gap Committee Meeting 12-5-2015

There were about 25 in attendance. Nicole R. was introduced as the incoming BTG Chair. We went over the BTG guidelines and discussed the do list as well the don't list.

There were a few new BTG chairs from several districts so that led to quite a few questions. About 20 more names were added to the BTG contact list, this brings the total to just under 150 BTG contacts across the state. We discussed various ways that can be used to pass along contact info, one way which increases the speed of the transfer is to take a picture of the BTG card and email it. This can be very helpful if there is not much lead time until the patient's release date. One goal is to email the contact list to all of the District chairs, this will create a more inclusive list as members who do not attend assemblies can be added by their district chairs.

I want to thank everybody who took part in the BTG committee, I truly learned the value of teamwork. And there is no way I could have done this alone. I thoroughly enjoyed working with everybody on panel 64, and I want to thank Teresa for asking me to be a part of it. I know that the committee will be in good hands with Nicole as Chair, she has been a wonderful co chair this past year and she will do a great job.

I encourage the GSRs here to get involved at this level of service work, it is truly a life changing experience. I also want to acknowledge the joy I have found these last 8 years working in the Area 46 service structure, it was always a very mysterious sector to me as I started hearing about it. I am forever grateful that I was able to get involved in it as I have met so many wonderful people from all over the state.

May the odds ever be in your favor. Dave F.

CPC Committee

January

Twenty people attended the C.P.C. committee meeting at the Area 46 Assembly in Farmington on December 5, 2015. The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer and an introduction by the outgoing Chair, Brian V. An agenda was distributed and attendees signed in. The Commission on Lawyer Assistance Conference was described as a success in carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. Members of the El Centro Group of Albuquerque were thanked for their service at the conference. The merging of the P.I. and C.P.C. committees was discussed as well as the signing of court cards at meetings. The new incoming C.P.C. chairs' name (Mikel W.), was given and questions and comments were taken from participants going around the room. The meeting closed with the Third Step prayer.

Brian V., the outgoing CPC Chair would again like to thank Area 46 for allowing him the opportunity to be of service this past rotation, and looks forward to supporting Area 46 in any capacity. Anyone interested in participating on the Area 46 CPC Committee please contact the CPC Chair at cpc@nm-aa.org.

February

Hello all. Just getting started and attending the orientation meeting on January 23. I have received the CPC kit from GSO and have been going through it. Planning on doing a couple of presentations for a group of mental health professionals and court officials here in District 8. If anyone is interested in being on the CPC committee please contact me. There is a bunch to do and I look forward to serving Area 46. No budget report at this time.

In service, Mikel W.

Corrections Committee

January

First and foremost I would like to thank District 8 for hosting the December Area Assembly you did a great job. At the Corrections meetings the agenda was to see what we wanted to give to the next rotation. The topic quickly turned into the results from taking meetings into correctional facilities. Many of us have not seen a lot of results people at meetings from Corrections facilities. We don't know really know where people go after they get out. We do know that the seed has been planted, and thru BTG cards people are finding meetings. I personally know a few people that are sober because meetings were taken into Correctional facilities.

I would like to welcome David D from Hobbs as the new Corrections Chair i know he will do a great job.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Yours in Service, Eloy M

Grapevine Committee

Let me introduce myself, my name is Alice. I am your area Grapevine Representative for the next two years. I am looking forward to answering any questions and helping with any GV issues. My focus will be on making the GV more visible and accessible to everyone. The GV is a great tool in bridging the gap to those who travel frequently or live in rural areas and can not attend meetings on a regular basis. Amongst others great reasons is that it contains everything one needs to conduct a meeting. That's why it is also know as "Our Meeting in Print"

There are many products and services the GV has to offer. Log onto aagrapevine.org and check it out. If you are interested in becoming a Grapevine Rep. please e-mail me and I can help you get started. If your already GV Rep. lets get together and talk about how we can expand on our Grapevine experience. Attend the Taos assembly and get involved.

Gratitude in Service, Alice M

Finance Committee

Hello All,

I want to thank everyone for letting me be the financial chairperson for the past two years. It has been an honor and a privilege. It has proven to be a great learning experience which I hope to carry forward on my journey in life. I hope you all will support Ruth G. our new financial chair.

We had 14 people in attendance at the area assembly committee meeting. Teresa gave her treasures report. Then we hit the proposed budget. I let them now that because of lower than normal contributions we made a couple of changes in the expenditures. The biggest one is that we will not be sending a speaker or a translator to SWRAASA. After a little discussion the committee voted unanimously to have this brought to the assembly floor.

After that we moved on to adding some wording into the AIP for the discretionary fund. It started out very complicated and we got it down to something simple. Next on our agenda came the amount of money in our prudent reserve. I believe that several of us in the committee think it is way too much and we try to protect it from ever being touched. The one time we do go into the prudent reserve is in March but it isn't \$14000 we use. Several of us would like to see a fixed number as the prudent reserve and we will look at the past and see what would be a logical amount of money to be set aside as the

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Service Committee Reports

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prudent reserve. I hope you will assist Ruth and the finance committee in making a change in this area.

Expenses: Travel to assemblies-395.00; Travel to planning meetings-55.00; Service expenses-91.00 Again thank you all for letting me be of service. Yours in Service, Kurt K.

Literature Committee

January

The Literature Committee met at 9:40 December 5th at the Area 46 Assembly in Farmington. 20 AA's, representing 12 Districts attended. Our topic for the meeting was "Literature Chairpersons Can Make A Big Difference." If your group or district does not have a literature rep, it is highly suggested by the GSO Advisory Action Committee (Aug-Sept 1991 Box 4-5-9) have one. Basically, the reason is to "strengthen our network of literature representatives to ensure that AA literature is available at meetings, as well as catalog order forms for books, pamphlets, audio and visual items that individuals may want."

I then introduced to the committee the incoming Literature Chair, Manuel P. "Popcorn". Manuel spoke and told the committee of his vision and ideas for the next two years. He is very enthusiastic about getting involved in health fairs, workshops and reaching out with the literature to returning veterans who may need our help. Manuel's phone number is 505-610-8327 or email is dec221987@msn.com. After January 1st, email Manuel at literature@nm-aa.org.

I turned over all literature over to Manuel, including \$463.45 in the cash box. I would like to thank the literature committee, most notably, Ellen R.; Bob R.; Bruce F.; and Steve C.; who helped me carry, set up, load, order and sell the literature these last two years. I would also like to thank Teresa F. for asking and trusting me to do this commitment; and to Teresa J., for keeping me in check and accountable. (literally).

It is one chapter of learning, loving, trusting, tolerance and growth coming to an end, and another new chapter beginning.

Public Information Committee

January

This month we attended the Area service assembly in Farmington. Our committee of approximately 30 members met with lively discussion. This included the KOB Health fair, carrying the message to the tribes and pueblos around the state, DWI classes, passing information to the professional medical field and finally a lively discussion concerning disseminating information about AA at the VA hospital and providing meetings and resources for veterans. We are currently asking for volunteers for our booth at the January 22-23 KOB Health fair at the Expo New Mexico. We will be providing literature in both Spanish and English. Volunteers are interested in spending a couple of hours in service are instructed to email pi@nm-aa.org.

Thank you for my chance to serve in the assembly. I look forward to passing on my experience to our new chair, Mike D. We continue to promote via our 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-informationcommittees and click on list of videos to the right. Keeping our mind on the primary purpose... one drunk, working with another.

Thank you all for participating in my sobriety, Tom C

Special Needs Committee

The Ad Hoc Special Needs Committee comes to an end and a standing Special Needs Committee will continue the work. Thank you everyone who worked to make this come true. The real work now begins. I encourage the committee members and all interested to stay in touch with each other between assemblies to exchange ideas and encourage each other. My hope is that we will continue to educate each other as we reach out to people with special needs the most effective way that we can.

Best of everything in this new year for all of you and thank you for letting me be of service in this new (for me) way.

George M. Out Going Ad Hoc Special Needs Committee Chair

Ad Hoc Assembly Development & FNN Raising Committee

January

Our committee met in Farmington at 8:35 am with 19 people attending. Four people asked to become active members of the committee, bringing our total committee membership to 16!

We discussed the desire to change the name of our committee to something shorter and easier to remember. Suggestions for a new name, as well as ideas to improve our assemblies or make them more fun, could be placed in the committee's suggestion box. (Sadly, on Sunday morning the Suggestion Box disappeared and has not resurfaced. If you have ideas, please email them to dandfr@nm-aa.org.)

February

Pre-Conference Assembly Coming Up!

In December, Area 46 voted to focus at our upcoming March assembly on issues which will be considered by the 2016 General Service Conference (hereafter "Conference agenda topics"). Our committee has been working with our delegate, Jim H., and some of our trusted servants on ways to implement this idea for a "pre-conference" assembly.

Meetings took place over the holidays and early in January. These meetings resulted in a proposal to be submitted to the Assembly Planning Committee on January 23. Here are some of our suggestions.

As soon as the Conference agenda topics become available, they will be disseminated to all DCMs and GSRs for consideration by their groups. At the March assembly specific Conference agenda topics that have been selected by our Delegate will be discussed in our Saturday committee meetings. On Sunday morning, each committee chair will report to the assembly the conscience of his/her committee, and GSRs will have an opportunity to speak briefly on agenda topics of importance to their groups.

As of this writing, the final agenda for the assembly remains to be decided. However, we hope we have sparked interest in participating in our Area's first pre-conference event and that you will plan to involve your group in a discussion of agenda topics as soon as practicable. If you have any questions or comments about the proposed process, please contact the committee at dandfr@nm-aa.org.

In grateful service, Jaclyn S., Chair

EL FAROLITO,

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

Service Committee Reports

GSR Committee Report

The GSR committee met at the Area 46 assembly held on December 5th and 6th in Farmington. There were many delegates in attendance and we opened with a moment of silence and followed by the serenity prayer. We then opened the floor for issues that we wanted to be discussed. Two issues were brought up for discussion:

- 1) How do we get people involved? 2) Why do we send GSR's to the assembly's?

There was a lot of discussion and following are some of the idea's that were shared.

- ⇒ - Hold workshops for your group – serve food – they will come.
- ⇒ - Sponsorship is key for getting people into service – sponsors are very influential.
- ⇒ - Being Voluntold into service.
- ⇒ - Share at the group level how the GSR represents the voice of the members of the group.
- ⇒ - Having a home group & what the home group means is core.
- ⇒ - In group conscience meetings the GSR sharing if you have a problem – change it.
- ⇒ - SHARING – SHARING – SHARING
- ⇒ - Get a sobriety date, get a sponsor, and get a home group – then your program builds from there.
- ⇒ - Share about new skills you acquire by service work – becoming computer literate.
- ⇒ - Really share about mental growth, dispelling fears and spiritual growth by being of service.
- ⇒ - Believing in a power greater than ourselves just to allow him to work through us. Suddenly the prayers change & you want to give what you've gotten away.
- ⇒ - Our higher power wants us to serve.
- ⇒ - Sometimes AA groups seem cliquish so really welcome the new comers. Talk about how you can be as comfortable as you want to be.
- ⇒ - The 10% do 90% - proud to be in the 10%.
- ⇒ - My sponsor talked about getting in the middle of the herd – you are less apt to get picked off. You get in the middle of the herd by getting involved and being of service.

Life will take on new meaning - on Friday I was at my home group meeting and a women came in who had obviously be crying. When it came her turn to share – she told us that she had missed quite a number of meetings due to a traumatic brain injury. She knew that she REALLY needed a meeting. Well on her way to the meeting she ran into some unexpected vehicle troubles that left her stranded along the side of the road. She wasn't sure what to do when along comes a man who stopped to see if he could be of service. The man was able to get her car operational again so she could continue on – she was so grateful for his service she offered him some money for his help, which he declined. She asked what she could do for him - and his reply was just for her to have a good day. This gesture of kindness left her so moved she cried through the whole meeting and was nearly not able to share her gratitude. It was plain to see how moved she was – my thoughts – different for me, went to - hmmm - I wonder how fabulous of a day the man who was of service had! To watch people recover, to see them help others, to watch loneliness vanish, to see a fellowship grow up about you, to have a host of friends – this is an experience you must not miss.

My father used to say to me when he'd see me after yet another dismal episode of drinking – Guy you need to stick with the winners. Here I was at the assembly surrounded by winners – people of service. I was touched, moved and inspired by the participants of the assembly, the sacrifices, the quality and effort they put into working the program in their lives. I want what they have. It is through service the greatest **rewards are to be found.**

Guy L. GSR Hi-nooners Farmington NM

YPAA Committee Report

January

Young People's was a different door to the same place for me. Once opened, the door opened my eyes to the mainstream of AA through the Twelve Steps. My first Young People's meeting changed me. I was nervous and fearful walking into those doors. A young person greeted me at the door and made me feel like I was not alone. these meetings give me a place where I and others who got sober young and faced certain challenges that are unique to that experience could congregate and share our experience, strength, and hope.

This week I called a girl in Alabama, her area is considering creating a Young People area standing committee. It was a remarkable experience to be able to talk to her about New Mexico and how we got started as a committee. I was also able to forward the Best Practices document we created, and in one phone call the message of recovery was passed from one alcoholic to another.

We had 22 people in attendance at the assembly in Farmington. First, I introduced Mike L. our new YPAA chair. Mike has been the District 12 YPAA chair and been a part of the committee from day one. I'm really excited to see where he takes the committee in the next two years.

Next, we discussed our upcoming three legacies workshop, ongoing young people's video project, and conducted a committee inventory. There were many good ideas for how the committee can continue to be of service to your groups and district. Thank you for this opportunity to serve. I have had so much fun and have met so many other young people eager to help alcoholics. Thank you for helping keep me sober and thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve the area.

budget Ytd	budget	actual	remaining 2015
travel to assemblies	\$ 275.00	\$234.03	40.97
committee expenses	\$ 45.00	\$ 41.43	\$ 3.57

In love and service. Ally T. ypaa@nm-aa.org

February

I am grateful and honored to be chosen as your new area 46 young persons in service committee chairperson. We have had an exciting start to the new year. I want to thank Area 46, and all the districts and groups that helped with the second annual three legacies workshop. I would also like to thank the panelists who spoke so well that day! And finally the committee for all the hard work planning and executing the workshop. We have also made great progress with the video we are making for GSO, I am eager to share it with you all when it is finished. Finally we will be experimenting with remote access to our next committee meeting via online video call. Our next meeting will be 8pm Tuesday, February 2, at 10835 Arguello trail. Please email me if you would like to attend via video call or in person so I can give you all the necessary info.

Mike L. YPAA@nm-AA.org

Web Committee Report

January

Thank you to District 8 for hosting the final assembly of the rotation. The transition has begun for the next rotation. The incoming chair of the Web Committee, Ally T. was introduced during the committee meeting at the assembly. I am confident that she will be an outstanding agent of service. During the committee meeting there was a short discussion of some areas that the committee may look at over the next two years. One of these items was the importance of having accurate information about meeting times and locations on our website. I would encourage anyone reading this article to go to the Area 46 website and check out all the meetings that you are familiar with and verify that the information is correct and current.

It has been a wonderful experience to be involved with service at the Area level. I feel blessed for the opportunity to serve this past rotation as the Area 46 Web Chair. Thank you to everyone that participated in this journey with me and to all of those that helped me along the way.

Brett B. Area 46 Web Chair

Service Committee Reports

Treatment Committee

Thank you District 8 for hosting the Area Assembly in Farmington and for the great hospitality! As usual it was a very productive committee meeting. We had over 30 participants and reviewed the purposed and basic functions of the Treatment Committees with regards to taking in meetings to treatment facilities. There was discussion encouraging group participation, which in some areas each group has a representative on the treatment committee at the district level. Some shared their experience, strength, and hope on what is going on in their districts. It was a privilege to have our incoming Area Treatment Chair, Paul P. participate and share his vision for the next two years. Welcome Paul to the Area and wish you the best for the next two years. It was a privilege serving Area 46. I want to wish you all a Happy New Year!

In the Spirit of Service, Lawrence M.

District Reports

District 2 - Santa Fe

Happy New Year from District 2!

A special thank you to our District chairpersons who rotated out in December - DCM, Michelle B.; Alternate DCM, Kristina F.; Treasurer, Joost; Archives, Stephanie; Bridge the Gap, Jerry; CPC/PI, Kristina F.; Corrections, Jacqueline and Don; Grapevine, John; Registrar, Tess; and Treatment Facilities, Andy. Your service is greatly appreciated.

A big welcome to the new trusted servants starting their service in 2016 - DCM, Kristina F., Alternate DCM, Joost; Treasurer, John; Bridge the Gap, Oskar; CPC/PI, Jacqueline; Corrections, Sarah and Jerry; Registrar, Lisa; Special Needs, Maureen R.E.; and Central Office, Denny. Thank you for stepping up for our District.

Our Young People in AA Chair, Joe, is focusing on outreach at the juvenile detention center this year, along with working with the two new young people GSR's, Zach and Molly. And from the "we absolutely insist on enjoying life" file: District 2 is looking forward to a Mardi Gras themed dinner dance at the new Friendship Club...check out the Santa Fe AA website for more info. In addition, all of the District 2 trusted servants are excited about participating in the Area Assembly in Taos, March 3-5.

Last, but not least, we are so excited that our bid for the 2016 State Conference was accepted at the December Assembly! Nothing like hosting an assembly to get the District unity juices flowing.

In Service, Analee.

For last year's words belong to last year's language

And next year's words await another voice.

— T.S. Eliot, *Four Quartets*

District 3 - Belen, Los Lunas, Socorro

Hello, to everyone in Area 46 and District 3. First of all, we would like to send our ELF editor "best wishes" for a successful treatment. We're all hoping for the best and that everything goes well.

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On the District front...we have filled a majority of our District Committee Chair positions and with the help of the former Chairs, the new Chairs feel ready to do their part in this rotation. Thank you, to the former Chairs for their help. As the new DCM of District 3, Tony G. wants to visit the groups in our district. This will give him a chance to meet people and to let our groups get to know him also. So, in the "Spirit of Rotation"...thank you to all the people who volunteered for the various Chair positions and "welcome" to the new GSR's as well. The good part of service work, is that we get to expand our horizons and we'll get to meet some pretty nice people - from all over Area 46 and our own district.

I also wanted to say "thank you" again to those who made it possible for us to host an Assembly in 2015. The September 2015 Assembly went well and it gave our volunteers a chance to see what goes into an assembly. Thank you, to our District 3 volunteers also. There were a lot of people who pitched in to help and helped make it a success.

There's two announcements I'd like to make: 1) Please remember to make hotel/motel reservations early for the March Assembly in Taos. It's a busy ski season in March, so it's best to be prepared.

2) There is a new meeting in District 3: This is a Grapevine meeting and it's Open/Discussion, so all are welcome. The meeting is called "Wit's End" and they meet Monday nights at 7pm, at "Our Lady of the Valley" Church, 2805 Don Felipe Road, off of Coors. Again, all are welcome to join them.

Also, as a reminder to our District 3 people: The February District meeting will be Saturday, Feb. 13th at the Isleta Club – hosted by the Sunrise Catchers Group. Potluck at 1:30pm and Meeting at 2pm.

I had originally wanted to tell everyone that "with the beginning of a New Year, here's to "many triumphs" (big and small) and that as we "trudge the road of happy destiny", that our journeys are safe and full of lots of pleasant "aha" moments and plenty of growth opportunities. This was meant to be seen in January, but it still applies. Thank you to you all, who have been a part of my journey also.

In Service and Gratitude, Carmen O. – District 3 El Farolito Rep

District 6— Las Vegas, Clayton, Raton

Hello again from District 6! We have been making some changes. We are asking the groups here to update and provide us with a new 12th Step list to use in connection with the Hot Line. We are asking for more volunteers, too, to fill in where the grim reaper has thinned our ranks. Volunteers must have at least one year of continuous sobriety.

Another change is that we are proposing a change from Round Robin potluck speaker meetings hosted by the groups to four or five meetings hosted by the district since some of our smaller groups have difficulty participating in the old set-up. We want to vary the format as well. In April we want to have a potluck and workshop meeting. In June or July, our usual potluck picnic speaker meeting at Storrie Lake (just outside of Las Vegas) In October another workshop potluck meeting. In November, our usual gratitude potluck meeting, and in December our traditional Alkathon potluck speaker meeting with all groups participating to see out the old year and bring in the new.

We have also changed our monthly meeting place from St. Paul's Faith Hall to Highlands Happy Hour's meeting place at 310 Mills Avenue in Las Vegas. We will still meet at 6pm the first Tuesday of the month.

Our Corrections Committee is continuing to work out with the San Miguel Detention Center what is necessary to bring AA meetings into the facility for the inmates. Each volunteer has to be approved by the administration there and all literature has to be approved by the administration as well.

The rest of our groups are going along normally. Our Alkathon was delicious, with good meetings. Three good musicians kept us well entertained between meetings. It was well attended and I believe enjoyed by all who came. Not all of our groups are represented at the District 6 meeting, but we guess (thanks to some hearsay) those that were not represented are doing OK.

We keep coming back. Happy New Year! Mary M., District 6

District Reports

District 8 - Farmington

The Area Assembly on December 4-6 in Farmington went nearly flawlessly. A few glitches in the microphone system occurred, and some complaints of inaccessibility to some of the rooms for break-out sessions were made. At that time of year, it was difficult to obtain space for a weekend and we feel fortunate that we were able to secure any venue at all. Apologies to those affected. Weather was not a factor for people being able to travel to Farmington, so other districts in the area were well represented. A big thank you to Greg J., who kept the coffee pots going, and to Gloria T. and Deborah R., who, along with their many helpers, presented a spread of food for meals and for the hospitality room. Thank you to all volunteers, too many to name.

District 8 also held their annual banquet two weeks later in the same facility. Fellowship and food were enjoyed by all. Eloy M. from Los Lunas was the speaker for the banquet. We appreciate his stepping in at the last minute to cover the scheduled speaker, who had a family emergency and was unable to come. A first-edition Big Book was raffled, among other items. After the meeting and raffle, folks danced to music supplied by a local DJ. Thanks to everyone involved in putting on this get-together. Two large events back-to-back sapped the energy of most of us (maybe the young people fared better than I did).

Our new DCM, Debbie M., plans to visit different groups in the district. Attendees at each district meeting will review a District information article section by section to lay out guidelines on service work at the district level. We are in need of a representative for the Women's jail. District 8 meets on the second Thursday each month, 7 PM, at 865 N. Dustin in Farmington. Please join us in carrying the message.

Yours in sobriety,
Andrea G.

District 9 - Grants, Gallup, Zuni, Laguna

Greetings from District 9. This month we spoke with Tony C. from Zuni, our new DCM. Tony attended our Area Assembly where he was grateful for relevant and useful information for his new position. This year, District 9 will continue to focus on sponsorship and service work. Our District had begun a series of workshops addressing these issues and those will continue into the 2016 year. Tony will be visiting all the groups in our district and listening to what needs there are and how we can grow. Also, due to an informative presentation at Area Assembly, Tony is also interested in how we can offer our experience, strength and hope to those with special needs. We are looking forward to the new year.

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

District 10 - Hobbs, Carlsbad

Well hello again from district 10! Missing a month so its time to do a little catch up

On December 12th the HOG, Hobbs Original Group, had it's Regular Saturday happening. Bob S.(51yrs Sober) and his wife Barbara S.(31yrs Sober) shared their experience strength and hope. They had a smash potluck and capped the night off with a 50/50 raffle!

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Then over to the New Life Group, also in Hobbs, had their 3rd Friday speaker event on the 18th.

Hobie, with 25yrs of sobriety, shared his experience, strength, and hope with great humility and reminds us all what it is we came here for! Great story. Thank you Josh A. for putting it all together!

And on January 9th Tharin S. from Florida shared spoke at the HOG and what a story. He shared straight from the heart and brought the Big Book alive using stunning accuracy and personal identification. Thank you Tharin!

The cake auction at NLG will be around Valentines Day. This is the NLG's major event for the year! Last year there were pies in the face! (Yes Really) and a few near brawls! (jk) Great Fun!!

Please Contact Denise at 575-370-0601 or Kara 575-602-2230 for details

Thank you for letting me be of service! Love and Service, Jason O. District 10

District 11 - West Albuquerque

January

Elizabeth (Archive Chair) took the 2012-2013 minutes binder to be archived. If you would like to submit information about your group, please contact Elizabeth at evemerson@comcast.net Debra W. (CPC and PI Chair) attended the Area Assembly. The discussion centered around the differences between CPC and PI. She also attended a COLAG event with Brian. COLAG was happy to see AA represented at the event.

Joseph (outgoing Corrections Chair) send a list of all corrections contacts to the new DCM (Debra W.) Help is needed at the District level for a Corrections Chair. Great service position! Elizabeth reports that election will be taking place for new Central Office / Intergroup positions. Results will be posted next month. Alaina (Young People's Chair) reported on the upcoming Three Legacies Workshop set for January 16th, from 8:00am – Noon at Nativity Church (4th and Alameda NW). There will 3 panels for Recovery, Service and Unity. Looks like another great event from the Young People's!

Elizabeth (Special Needs Chair) also attended the Area Assembly. A Special Needs Committee was approved at the Area level. A questionnaire was handed out the GSR's asking what special needs have come up at the group level. GSR's are encouraged to take this questionnaire to their groups. Let's help carry the message to the less fortunate! The Intergroup Speaker Meeting was a huge success. \$253 was raised for Central Office. Central Office is still in the "red" financially, and could use your monetary support.

District 11 has several open service positions, and could use your help in carrying the message. Service is a vital component to staying sober, and helping others. I am grateful for that opportunity.

Yours in service,
Kevin C.

February

District 11 El Farolito Report January 20, 2016

My name is Kathi B and I am the new El Farolito rep for D 11. The start of a new rotation is always fun, interesting and challenging as we all learn our new positions and figure out what we are doing. District 11 is no different. Our first District meeting was well attended in spite of an unexpected snowfall. The District is looking to fill some committee chair positions and looking at what events we want to sponsor for the groups in District 11. There's a lot of excitement and I'm sure that I will have more to report next month. If you would like to find out more about the positions available please join us on February 13th at 9am at Grace United Methodist Church 420 San Lorenzo NW. This meeting will be in the Sanctuary. Or you can call Debra W the DCM at [918 497 9489](tel:9184979489). Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

District Reports

District 14 - Taos

The next AA General Assembly will be held in Taos, NM, March 4-6, 2016 at the University of New Mexico Taos, Klauer Campus at 1157 County Rd 110, Ranchos de Taos, NM 87557. Friday night starts with a reception at 6:30 and a meeting at 7:30 hosted by the Taos Group at St. James Episcopal Church, 208 Santiago. Please check this newsletter for more information on accommodations and directions. Please promote at your home groups to encourage help for hosting this upcoming Assembly, especially coffee, food, greeting, etc.

2016 Taos Mountain Fiesta Kickoff Meeting will be on January 11 at First Presbyterian Church, Taos. Setup at 6:45pm, pizza at 7pm. The Fiesta needs your support so please come to our first meeting of the year and join in the fun. Volunteers and Committee Chairs needed for: Welcome, Publicity/Website, Speaker Chair, Hospitality, Al-Anon, Registration, Young People, T-shirts/Mugs/Logo, Speaker Baskets, Coffee, Alcathon, Service Coordinator, Clean-up, Art Raffle, Friday Night Skit, Ice Cream Social, Child Care, Security, Saturday Night Entertainment. For more info contact Tom K. at tkraso@gmail.com, 719-439-1112. Ongoing meetings will be at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month.

A draft of the DIP – “District Information Pamphlet” – is being worked on as a general overview for pass-down of district processes and procedures. District hopes to have it voted on and ready for distribution soon. The Red Willow meeting is now meeting at Yucca Plaza. New schedules are “Winter White.”

Thanks to all of the outgoing District 14 trusted servants, especially outgoing DCM Deb M., who did a great job keeping us on track and encouraging service. Welcome to all the new District 14 Trusted servants, especially incoming DCM Christophe E.!

Barnaby H.

District 16 - Silver City, Deming

The following are your elected trusted servants for the next two year term:

DCM - Clyde D.

Alt. DCM - Evie B.

Treasurer - Sherry D.

Bridge the Gap - Mary H.

Literature – Margie O.

District 16 Newsletter – Lucille B.

Web Chair – Dick S.

CPC/PI – Richard M.

El Farolito – Jan W. (Position changes in December 2016)

Positions still open are: Secretary, Archivist, Corrections, Grapevine, Treatment (speaker calendar) At the present time this position has been shelved due to Yucca Lodge requirements which cannot be met at this time.

The next District Meeting will be held March 19, 2016 at 10:30 am at the Hillcrest Church in T or C. The hosts will be the Sierra Group and Vaya con Dios groups. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Jan W.

District 17

Saludos de parte del Distrito 17:

Felicitaciones a nuestros Servidores de Confianza por el periodo de dos años.

Nos gustaría anunciar lo siguiente:

MCD entrante: Ofelia M.

Secretario: Christian N.

Tesorero: Ramiro C.

La Viña: Edwin L., Correccionales de, (Hombres y Mujeres), y Centro de Tratamiento cual están haciendo un gran trabajo.

Grupo Unidad Invita a la Comunidad de A.A. para celebra su 38 Aniversario del Grupo sábado enero 16 ,2016 se llevara a cabo en el Club Isleta condensando a las 4:00 P.M.

Grupo Alcohólicos Unidos celebra su Doceavo Aniversario, sábado 30 de enero, 2016 en la inglesa Mesa Presbyterian Church 7401 Copper Ave. NE. Invita a la Comunidad de A.A. a asistir.

Estamos mirando adelante a nuestros próximos eventos:

Área 46 Asamblea 5 y 6 de marzo, 2016 en Taos, N.M.

Les agradecemos la oportunidad de serviles.

Con Cariño y Amor al Servicio, Ana G. Representante del Farolito

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District 2: Kristina F. - 12/2/2000

Maureen R. E. - 12/17/1983

District 9: Brandon B. from Zuni with 6 years on December 10;

From Fort Defiance:

Kathy B. with 7 years on December 19th; Alroy B. with 6 years on December 7th;

Kee Y. with 5 years on December 27th; Bruce with one year on January 1st

From Gallup: Howard P. with 44 years on December 28th; Stella with 16 years on December 10th

Amos with 3 years on December 19th;

The El Centro Group of Albuquerque celebrated two birthday in November: Rosie F. - 13 years

Jimmy M. - 45 years

District 10: Bob B. 11-22-01 14yrs; Wendy B. 11-22-01 14yrs; Tammie B. 11-16-04 11yrs; Jesse F. 11-?-96 19yrs

Brandon S. 11-14

Arid Group Ruidoso: James M. 12-17-13 2 yrs.; Jim D. 12-21-01 14yrs.; Christine M. 12-28-01 14yrs.

Kerry M. 12-24-01 14yrs.; Randy R. 12-27-83 32yrs.; John G. 12-25-89 26yrs.; J.D. R 12-28-90 25yrs.

KC D. 12-10-14 1 yrs.; Sue C. 12-13-10 5yrs.; Kelsey B. 12-21-10 5yrs.; Scott W. 12-02-09 6yrs.

Annie H. 12-02-94 21yrs.

These are December Birthdays for Serenity Group/ Alamogordo

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BIRTHDAYS

Willie I 46 Years; Jim B 34 Years; Becky S 31 Years; Gayle M 8 Years; Mike C 7 Years; Heather 2 Years
Courtney 1 Year ;

January Birthdays Serenity Group/ Alamogordo

Cliff O 32 Years; Mary O 32 Years; Jorge G 31 Years; Fred M 22 Years; Sandei G 20 Years
Mary De 13 Years; Andy K 9 Years; Billy M 1 Year; Ginger R 1 Year; Kelly H 1 Year
Ranelto C. 1 Year; Russell R 1 Year; Tammie S. 1 Year

February Birthdays for Serenity Group/ Alamogordo

AJ 34 Years; Jorge G 31 Years; Charlie J 30 Years; John B; 28 Years; Paul L 22 Years;
Dorothy P 10 Years; Charlotte 5 Years; Cory M 4 Years; Kassidy 3 Years; Nikky G 1 Year
Angel B 1 Year; Derek B 1 Year; Tim S 1 Year; Johnnothan B 1 Year; Collier 1 Year
Brianna W 1 Year

Isleta Group Sobriety Birthdays December 2015

Chris 30 days; Jessica
9 months; Vanessa
18 months; Tammy
4 years; Skitch 31
years

Cosmopolitan

Group:

Adam 30 days;
Joseph 60 days; Alicia 90
days;
Chas 11 years;
Manual P 28 years



AREA 46 ASSEMBLY

Taos, NM

March 4th-6th, 2016



❖ ASSEMBLY LOCATION

University of New Mexico Taos, Klauer Campus

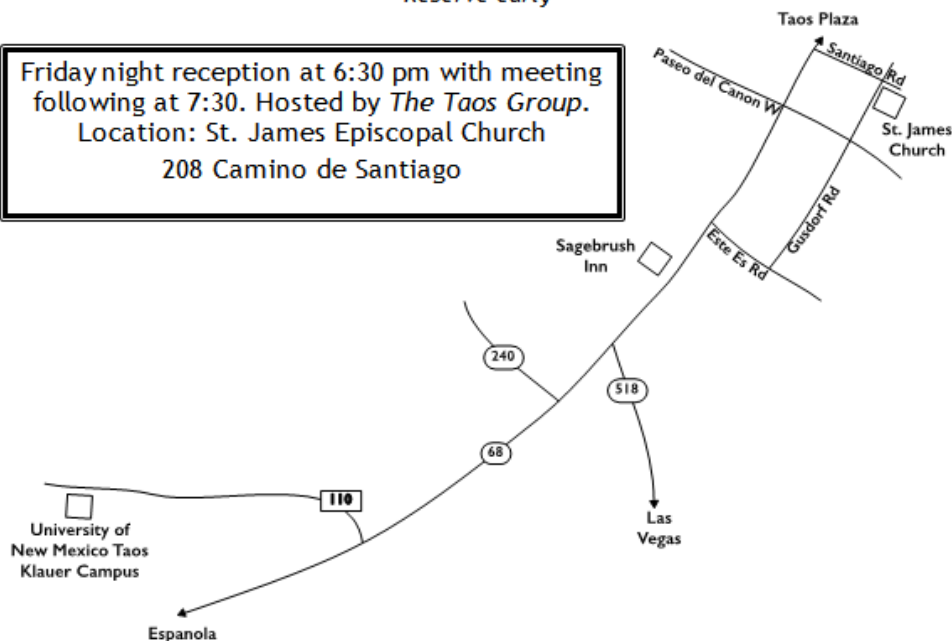
- 1157 Co Rd 110, Ranchos De Taos, NM 87557
- Just South of town ☺

❖ Lodging

- Sagebrush Inn (3.8 mi) (575) 758-2254
Discounted rate of \$89 /night for reservations made before February 3, 2016. Limited quantity.
- Quality Inn (4.9 mi) (575) 758-2200
- Hotel Don Fernando de Taos (5.1 mi) (575) 758-4444

Reserve early

Friday night reception at 6:30 pm with meeting
following at 7:30. Hosted by *The Taos Group*.
Location: St. James Episcopal Church
208 Camino de Santiago



From the Editor

I want to first apologize (I know I don't have to) for there being no January issue. I went into the hospital in mid December with respiratory problems caused by a recently diagnosed Myeloma blood cancer that affects my red blood cells. The good news is that we caught it very early and I am undergoing treatment and the prognosis is good. I apologize because I promised the Area I would have every issue out in time and I have failed to do that. I am very happy to report that we have a gentleman who is willing to step up and learn how to do the ELF so something like this will not happen in the future.

The AIP says that comments by the Editor ought to be infrequent, brief and to the point. I have not in a year written any personal opinion but feel compelled to as recent events changed my Program. In 33 years of sobriety I have always been on the side of signing get well cards, visiting the hospital, emailing etc. I have never been on the other side of the coin, and I found myself suddenly on that side.

I moved to Albuquerque for work in 2013 having spent the first 62 years in Cleveland/Akron Ohio. I went to meetings for the first year while rebuilding our office here and finally got re involved in General Service in December last year. Because of my uncertain work schedule I have meetings I attend but am not able to commit to a Home Group because I cannot commit to being there every week. I consider Area 46 my home group.

I know most of you not that well, we have met at assemblies and the state convention, and I have only been active for a year. When I went into the hospital, I felt incredibly alone. My sister lives in Phoenix and I was talking with her, but I have no family here. Then I started getting emails and visits from AA's all over New Mexico. I was stunned at the outreach and concern from everyone. I should not have been but as I said, I have never been on that side of the coin. I had become a Special Need and AA stepped up. I cannot begin to tell you how important that outreach was, how much it raised my spirits and attitude. Thank you and God bless AA.

Current Balance 1/23: 3,805.94

Contributions from 1/1/16 to 1/30/16

Women's Gratitude	Albuquerque	Live and Let Live	Santa Fe
Daybreak Group	Farmington	Dawn Patrol	Albuquerque
Spiritual Awakening	Ft Defiance	Fourth Dimension	Farmington
Sober at Sunrise	Las Cruces	Circle of Love	Albuquerque
Serenity Group	Alamogordo	Spiritual Awakening	Ft Defiance
Serenity Group	Albuquerque	Into Action Group	Taos
Questa Crossroads	San Luis	Pecos Group	San Jose
Los Mesilleros	Mesilla	Home Group	Gallup
Foothills Group	Albuquerque	District 9	Mail Party
Aztec Group	Aztec		

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