



# EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

## AREA 46 PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY AGENDA

March 27th & 28, 2021 - District 9 - (Host)

Virtual Assembly

### FRIDAY

7:00 pm

Speaker meeting-George M., Gallup, NM, District 9

(No business to be conducted on Friday)

### SATURDAY

7:15 am

Registration Open - Please go to the registration room to check in by 8:15 am so that the Assembly can begin on schedule.

8:30 am

CALL TO ORDER

8:40 am

Delegates Pre-Conference Assembly Remarks

8:55 am

Move to Breakout Room (please be patient)

9:05 am

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: GSR Orientation, Bilingual, Corrections, Finance, Grapevine, Website

9:55 am

Move to Breakout Room (please be patient)

10:05 am

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Cooperation w/ Professional Community (CPC), El Farolito, Area 46 Convention, Treatment, Literature, AA Service Forum

10:55 am

Move to Breakout Room (please be patient)

11:05 am

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Archives, Bridge the Gap (BTG), Public Information (PI), Accessibilities & Remote Communities (ARC), Young People, Ad Hoc Committee about the Books

11:55 am

Move to Breakout Room (please be patient)

12:05 pm

MEETINGS: GSRs, District Committee Members (DCMs), Area Trusted servants, Past Delegates

12:55 pm

Lunch Break — on your own — (please stay logged in)

2:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER - Business Meeting

2:15 pm

INTRODUCTIONS

2:25 pm

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Summary of Minutes - December 5-6, 2020 Assembly - Virtual

2:30 pm

TREASURER'S REPORT

2:45 pm

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

2:50 pm

DELEGATE'S REPORT

3:00 pm

ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

3:10 pm

10-minute break (please stay logged in)

3:20 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3:35 pm

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Assembly Report: September 11 & 12 2021 - District 4, Las Cruces
- 2) Assembly Report: December 4 & 5 2021 - District 6, Baton Rouge
- 3) 2021 Convention Report: June 4, 5, & 6-Virtual
- 4) NM AA Service Forum Report: July 2021, District 3
- 5) Ad Hoc Committee About the Books Report

4:00 pm

NEW BUSINESS\*

- 1) Present YPAA and Correction Chairs for disapproval
- 2) Bids for Area State Convention June 3, 4, & 5 2022
- 3) Bids for March Assembly March 26 & 27, 2022
- 4) Motion from The Finance Committee
- 5) Other New Business

5:00 pm

Dinner Break (please stay logged in)

5:30 pm

Fellowship & Fun- District 9

7:00 pm

SHARING SESSION - Bill L., Area 46 Delegate

### SUNDAY

7:30 am

Registration Opens.

8:00 am

CALL TO ORDER

8:10 am

NOTE on previous day's bids and motions

8:25 am

ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORTS\*\* (includes Committee, GSR, DCM, Trusted Servant, and Past Delegate meetings)

9:20 am

10-minute break

9:30 am

ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORTS\*\* (continued)

10:30 am

Ask It Basket and Sobriety Countdown

10:45 am

10-minute break

10:55 am

GSR SHARING - GSRs can comment on Conference agenda items of concern to your groups. (up to 3 min. each)

12:00 am

Adjourned until September 11th, 2021- District 4, Las Cruces

— The Planning Meeting for the next assembly will be held on August 7, 2021—



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#### \* HOW TO MAKE A MOTION:

- 1) Any voting member can make a motion. If you need assistance preparing a motion see any Area trusted servant, past Delegate, or DCM.
- 2) Motions should be emailed or handed to the Secretary when the motion is made, ideally before Assembly. (include your name and voting position with the motion)
- 3) If your motion requires Area funding, include as part of the motion the costs and where the funding will come from (see Finance chair for help)

\*\* COMMITTEE AND TRUSTED SERVANTS' MEETING REPORTS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF EL FAROLITO.

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# AGENDA DE LA ASAMBLEA PREVIA A LA CONFERENCIA DEL ÁREA 46

## 27 y 28 de Marzo, 2021 • Distrito 9 – (Anfitrión)

Montaje virtual

### **Viernes**

<b>7:00 pm</b>	Altavoz reunión	-TBA. (No se hará ningún negocio el viernes)
<b>Sábado</b>		
<b>7:15 am</b>	Inscripción Abierta – Pídanle reunirse en la sala principal de reuniones antes de las 11:15 am para que la Asamblea pueda comenzar a tiempo.	
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>CALL A PEDIDO</b>	
<b>8:40 am</b>	Discursos de los delegados de la Asamblea previa a la Conferencia	
<b>8:55 am</b>	Mudarse a la sala de descanso (tenga paciencia)	
<b>9:05 am</b>	<b>COMMITTEE RELINKING:</b> Orientación GSR, Bilingüe, Correcciones, Finanzas, Vid, Sitio Web	
<b>9:55 am</b>	Mueva a la sala de descanso (tenga paciencia)	
<b>10:05 am</b>	<b>COMMITTEE RELINKING:</b> Cooperación con Comunidad Profesional (CPC), El Farolito, Convenio zona 46, Tratamiento, Literatura, Foro de Servicio AA	
<b>10:55 am</b>	Mueva a la sala de descanso (tenga paciencia)	
<b>11:05 am</b>	<b>COMMITTEE RELINKING:</b> Archivos, Puente de la Brecha (BTS), Información Pública (PI), Accesibilidades y Comunidades Remotas (ARC), Jóvenes, Comité Ad Hoc sobre los Libros	
<b>11:55 am</b>	Mueva a la sala de descanso (tenga paciencia)	
<b>12:05 pm</b>	Reuniones: GSR, Miembros del Comité distrital (DCM), funcionarios de confianza de área, ex delegados	
<b>12:55 pm</b>	<b>Almuerzo Anfitrión – por su cuenta – (por favor, permancea conectado)</b>	
<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>LLAMADA AL ORDEN–</b> Reunión de negocios	
<b>2:15 pm</b>	<b>INTRODUCCIONES</b>	
<b>2:25 pm</b>	<b>INFORME DEL SECRETARIO:</b> Resumen de las Actas – 5-6 de diciembre de 2020 Asamblea - Virtual	
<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>INFORME DEL TESORERO</b>	
<b>2:45 pm</b>	<b>Informe del REGISTRADOR</b>	
<b>2:50 pm</b>	<b>Informe de DELEGADO</b>	
<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Informe del Delegado ALTERNATIVO</b>	
<b>3:10 pm</b>	descanso de 10 minutos (por favor, permancea conectado)	
<b>3:20 pm</b>	<b>ANUNCIOS</b>	
<b>3:45 pm</b>	<b>VENO NEGOCIO</b>	
	1) Informe de la Asamblea: 11 y 12 de septiembre 2021 – Distrito 4, Las Cruces	
	2) Informe de la Asamblea: 4 y 5 de diciembre 2021 – Distrito 6, Baton	
	3) Informe del Convenio de 2021: 4, 5 y 6 de junio	
	4) Informe del Foro de Servicio de HM Aft: Julio de 2021, Distrito 3	
	5) Comité Ad Hoc sobre el informe de libros	
<b>4:10 pm</b>	<b>Nuevo NEGOCIO*</b>	
	1) Presentar YPAA y presidencialista: corrección para desopelación	
	2) Ofertas para convenio estatal de área 3, 4 y 5 de junio de 2021	
	3) Ofertas para la Asamblea de Marzo 26 y 27 de marzo de 2022	
	4) Otros nuevos negocios	
<b>5:25 pm</b>	<b>Descanso para la cena (por favor, permancea conectado)</b>	
<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Sesión de uso COMPARTIDO – BAIL, Delegado del Área 46</b>	



### **Domingo**

<b>7:30 am</b>	Se abre el registro	
<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>LLAMADA AL ORDEN</b>	
<b>8:10 am</b>	<b>VOTACIÓN</b> sobre las ofertas y mociones del día anterior	
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>ASAMBLEA MEETING REPORTS**</b> Comités, GSR, DCM, Funcionarios de Confianza y Ex Delegados	
<b>10:00 am</b>	Pregúntele cosas y Sobriety Countdown	
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>GSR SHARING-GSR</b> puede comentar sobre los puntos de interés del orden del día de la Conferencia o sus grupos (hasta 3 minutos cada uno)	
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Aplicado hasta el 11 de septiembre* 2021 – Distrito 4, Las Cruces</b>	
	— La Reunión de Planificación para la próxima asamblea se celebrará los días <b>31 de julio de 2021 o 7 de agosto de 2021</b>	
	1) Cualquier miembro con derecho a voto puede presentar una moción. Si necesita ayuda para preparar una moción, consulte cualquier servidor de confianza de área, delegado anterior o DCM.	
	2) Las mociones deben enviarse por correo electrónico o enviarse un mensaje de texto al Secretario cuando se haga la moción, idealmente ante la Asamblea. (Incluya su nombre y votin g posición con el movimiento)	
	3) Si su moción requiere financiación del Área, incluya como <u>parte de</u> la moción los costos y de dónde provendrá la financiación (consulte silla de Finanzas para obtener ayuda)	
	** Los informes de la reunión del Comité y de los funcionarios de confianza se publicarán en la próxima edición de EL FAROLITO.	

## Delegate

Warm Greetings to everyone in Area 46. Hopefully, you each have been feeling the presence and love of your Higher Power. I know that I have felt that presence with me during this past month, in which I have had some personal concerns for my aging mom and some health issues for her. Uncertainty opens the door for fear, and as we all know from our program, we need to meet that fear with our Higher Power front and center in our lives. To that Great End, Freedom from Fear, is one of our greatest gifts, second perhaps only to Acceptance. In finding acceptance without fear, we can all thrive, individually or as an entire Fellowship even in these uncertain and trying times. How blessed are we to have such a beautiful program in our lives?

I have been busy this past month. I was invited, as a Conference Committee Chair, to attend 32 zoom hours during the January Board Weekend. We were invited to attend the Grapevine Board meeting on Friday January 29, 2021 and then

attend the General Service Board meetings throughout the weekend. On Monday, February 1, 2021 we were invited as observers at the General Service Board meeting. It is at minimum, genuinely interesting to see the inner workings of the General Service Board.

On February 3, we had an orientation meeting with the Conference Treatment and Accessibilities Committee. February 5 saw the release of the list of Final Agenda Items, which is posted on the Delegate's page. February 15th was the release date of the Background Information in English with Spanish to follow by March 1. After release of the background information, I worked with our Technology Chair, Kerri, again to create a Survey. A link to the Survey is also on the Delegate's web page.

Our Pre-Conference Assembly is coming on March 27th and 28th. I hope that all of you will participate in the conference process. We have the survey, the Standing Committees and DCM's will be holding sharing sessions on agenda items, and we

will have a sharing session on Saturday night. There are numerous opportunities for you to express your voice to the Delegate before this year's Conference.

Between now and the start of the Conference on April 18th, I will have another housekeeping meeting with the Treatment and Accessibilities Committee, as well as our Joint Committee meeting with our corresponding Trustee. And as always, the Remote Communities meeting will take place the day before Conference on April 17th.

I was offered the gift of sharing Experience Strength and Hope on February 27th and have been invited to provide sharing at a workshop on March 10th.

I remain forever Grateful for the opportunity to Serve Area 46 as your Delegate. Thank you for allowing me to be the caretaker of this great responsibility for a short while.

In Love and Service,

Bill L., Area 46 Delegate

## Delegado

Saludos cálidos a todos en el Área 46. Ojala cada uno de ustedes ha estado sintiendo la presencia y el amor de su Poder Superior. Sé que he sentido esa presencia conmigo durante el mes pasado, en el que he tenido algunas preocupaciones personales por mi madre envejecida y algunos problemas de salud para ella. La incertidumbre abre la puerta al miedo, y como todos sabemos de nuestro programa, necesitamos enfrentar ese miedo con nuestro Poder Superior al frente y al centro en nuestras vidas. A ese Gran Final, Libertad del Miedo, es uno de nuestros mayores regalos, segundo quizás sólo a la Aceptación.

Al encontrar la aceptación sin miedo, todos podemos prosperar, individualmente o como una Comunidad entera, incluso en estos tiempos inciertos y difíciles. ¿Qué tan bendecidos somos de tener un programa tan hermoso en nuestra vida?

He estado ocupado el mes pasado. Fui invitado, como Presidente del Comité de la Conferencia, a asistir a 32 horas de zoom durante el fin de semana de la Junta de enero. Fuimos invitados a asistir a la reunión de la Junta de Grapevine el viernes 29 de enero de 2021 y luego asistir a las reuniones de la Junta de Servicios Generales durante todo el

fin de semana.

El lunes 1 de febrero de 2021 fuimos invitados como observadores en la reunión de la Junta de Servicios Generales. Es, como mínimo, realmente interesante ver el funcionamiento interno de la Junta de Servicios Generales.

El 3 de febrero tuvimos una reunión de orientación con el Comité de Tratamiento y Accesibilidad de la Conferencia. El 5 de febrero se publicó la lista de puntos finales del orden del día, que se publica en la página del Delegado. El 15 de febrero fue la fecha de lanzamiento de la

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## Alternate Delegate

I hope this report finds you well and in good health. We had our NAAD meeting (North American Alt Delegates) on the 1st day of the month. We have our meeting on the first day of every Month. The discussion this month of February was on the general service Conference Agenda items, not the items themselves but how they are discussed throughout North America. This discussion will be part of my assembly report at the March Assembly

Speaking of Agenda items, I had an opportunity to practice in distrib-

uting some of the assembly Topics to Committees and Districts. Bill L., our Delegate shares the GSO Agenda Items with me and we had discussed this beforehand. It was a good learning experience.

Some of the topics are actually going out to where I thought they should be distributed to. Thank you Bill for your mentorship and guidance. The Southwest Region of AA is getting ready to have our South West Region Delegates Assembly March 12 and 13. It will be a virtual event. I will report on SWRDA at the March

Assembly along with topics that come out of our next NAAD meeting on March 1st. The 2021 Area 46 Service Forum as of right now doesn't have a Venue, and the committee has made a decision that if we don't get one by April 10, we will discuss and vote on if we should go Strictly virtual. Also, the Forum program subcommittee will be close to finalizing the program by the March Assembly. That's enough out of me for now

Yours in Service  
Eloy M  
Alt Delegate Panel 70

## Chair

Hello All,

I hope everyone is well. The next assembly is coming up and it should run smoother than the last one. There were a lot of motions that came in at the last minute and most of them involved money. I think we are past that in this moment. I do want to stress the fact that if your committee or district is putting in a motion at the upcoming assembly, send me a copy of that motion so that I can look at it and get it to the right people so if there needs to be a change it can be changed prior to the afternoon session of new business. It would cut down on the time spent that afternoon. Doing things virtually takes a little more time.

This assembly is the pre-conference assembly and Bill L., our area delegate will be addressing items coming to the GSC.

Since none of the Districts put in a bid for the 2022 State Convention, now we need to focus on our districts to put in a bid for the 2022 State Convention. Usually, the bid is put in by the December assembly. If it is put in the March assembly that will give your district just over a year to get it together. Bring this up to your groups and districts and find out if you are willing to go out and do this. The suggestions for putting on a State Convention are on our website. I believe and hope that by June of next year we can meet in person.

Another thing that we have had a discussion on, is doing hybrid assembly meetings in the future. There seems to be pros and cons to doing this. Most of the cons are around voting and doing Third Legacy Elections. I will be holding an area committee meeting via zoom to discuss this further sometime before the March assembly. Hopefully, it will be productive, and we can then approach the assembly in March. More to be revealed.

Stay healthy and safe. I will see you all at the assembly, March 27 and 28.

Kurt K.  
Area 46 Chairperson

## Treasurer

Spring is in the air! Though, as I write this, it was -6F at my house this morning. A good day to be inside writing my Elf report. In this month's report, you will find the first financial statement for 2021. This includes our new prudent reserve based on the 2021 budget as well as the total of allotted (reserve) funds. The allotted funds is a pretty hefty chunk of money but keep in mind it includes

two sets of Convention seed money (as there was no disbursement for a 2021 convention), all of the spending motions passed in December including the significant website redesign, and the new Special Projects Fund to be utilized throughout the year. My assembly report in March will detail all these items more thoroughly.

Please note also that this report includes our significant disburse-

ment to the General Service Board as per the December assembly. This sum was the remainder of the available cash from the 2020 budget and with this disbursement we started the year at "zero" available cash. In other words, as is ideal in the world of AA self support, we are starting 2021 from scratch and our budget will be wholly financed by group

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## Delegado

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Información de Antecedentes en inglés con español a seguir antes del 1 de marzo. Después de la publicación de la información de antecedentes, trabajé con nuestra Coordinadora de Tecnología, Kerri, de nuevo para crear una Encuesta. Un enlace a la encuesta también está en la página web del Delegado.

Nuestra Asamblea Previa a la Conferencia llegará los días 27 y 28 de marzo. Espero que todos ustedes participen en el proceso de la conferencia. Tenemos la encuesta, los

Comités Permanentes y los MCD's llevará a cabo sesiones para compartir los puntos del orden del día, y tendremos una Sesión de Comparamiento el sábado por la noche. Hay numerosas oportunidades para que expresen su voz al Delegado antes de la Conferencia de este año.

Entre ahora y el inicio de la Conferencia el 18 de abril, tendré otra reunión de limpieza con el Comité de Tratamiento y Accesibilidad, así como nuestra reunión del Comité Conjunto con nuestro correspondiente Custodio. Y como siempre, la reunión de Comunidades Remotas tendrá lugar el día antes de la Con-

ferencia del 17 de abril.

Me ofrecieron el regalo de compartir Experiencia Fortaleza y Esperanza el 27 de febrero y me han invitado a compartir en un taller el 10 de marzo.

Me quedo eternamente Agradecido por la oportunidad de Servir al Área 46 como su Delegado. Gracias por permitirme ser el cuidador de esta gran responsabilidad por un corto tiempo.

En el amor y el servicio

Bill L., Delegado del Área 46

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## Ad Hoc Committee About the Books

Greetings friends in service. Our committee continues to meet two or three times a month. We are still looking for the best way to distribute the over 2000 Spanish language books throughout the Area. Right now, we like a vision of this where half of the Spanish books would go to Linguistic Districts 17 and 19 and the other half to the Geographic Districts. And in the spirit of unity, we would give a small proportional number of English books to the Linguistic Districts for them to distribute out into the world.

A couple of things make this option look good to us. One, after visiting District 4 and explaining to them the power of thinking of the books as a resource where we can get the AA message out to the world, they volunteered to help us get Spanish books to District 19. This is a huge benefit because we don't usually see D19 in our Assemblies, but still know they are a part of our Area. That kind of unifying First and Fifth Tradition generosity of spirit is the kind of gift these books seem to be handing out. We also see that by giving over 1000 of the Spanish books to the Geo-

graphic Districts, a burden would be taken off District 17 for driving all over the state to distribute so many books. And as some of us have discovered in district meetings, many of the Geographic Districts have a need for Spanish literature even in their English speaking meetings.

Of course, just because we think an idea is a good one doesn't mean the Area will. What we can tell you is we continue to do the work of vision and tradition testing on all ideas which have come our way. When we have substantial unanimity in our committee on the best way to go, we will be presenting it to you...maybe this March Assembly, maybe in September. That's up to God. Meanwhile every one of us is grateful for the assignment to bring to you our informed group conscience when it gives us a clear direction.

I will be summarizing our work as usual at our AHCAB Assembly Committee meeting in the third slot of Saturday morning during the March Assembly.

Hope to see you there! In love of service, Kristina F

## Archives

We met on Zoom February 5 at 7:00. Five members were in attendance, representing 4 districts.

District 3 is continuing to encourage groups to complete Group Histories.

District 16 has acquired some old Grapevine magazines and is going through them for stories and pictures on New Mexico.

District 2 is continuing to request completed Group Histories and has picked up Archives material from the Santa Fe Central Office

District 14 has sent to a request and Group History Form to all GSRs in the district.

Archives has received a request to present the JeopAardy game on Zoom. With the technical help of our Delegate, Bill L., we will be doing that presentation on March 6.

There has been no money spent from our budget at this time.

In love and gratitude,  
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Area 46 Archives committee chair

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## Bilingual

Greetings from the Spanish speaking community, District 17 and the Bilingual Committee. Our service work continues to make progress around Area 46, participating in different Committee zoom meetings in the past few weeks.

On January 16, I was present at District 17 Central Office monthly meeting, where their Service Rotation voting took place. The Bilingual Committee took the opportunity to make our services available to their needs. I was able to attend the Tech Committee meeting, where I had the chance to look at how our new Area and Committee Web pages will look like, thank you Kerri and team. During that meeting, I was able to get in contact with Paula, who made it possible for the Bilingual Committee meeting be announced in the Area

46 Web page on a continues basis. We also made it to the Ad Hoc Virtual Convention Committee meeting where we made translation services available for any flyer or any other material needed. We where at the 2021 Service Forum, were we made sub-teams to find Speakers from all around Area 46. This service will require the support from all the Bilingual members and friends.

The biggest step taken by the Committee where in the Ad Hoc About the Books, I was part of a few sub-Committee meetings to discuss the Spanish speaking books, District 17 and 19 and how we could work together. After a few meetings it was evident that, the Ad Hoc Committee and District 17 had to meet. Thanks to what I have been learning by participating in the zoom platform I was

able to bring the Ad Hoc Committee members to join District 17 live meeting. The Ad Hoc Committee was able to present what options it had in how to distribute the books to the District, at which time the DCM a long with GSR were in a unanimous agreement and what was presented to them.

The meeting with District 17 and Ad Hoc Committee was a great success and its short-term Goal of greater participation from District 17 during the March Assembly took a giant step of becoming a reality, Thanks Be to God. To all readers come join us at the March Assembly Committee meeting.

In Love and Service.

Al G.

Bilingual Chair Area 46

## CPC

Buenos Dias le de Dios/May God grant you Good Days! As we are enjoying the snow here in Taos, I hope you all are safe and healthy during this pandemic crisis. Life on life's terms can be challenging; however, thank God for AA as we get to work our program one day at a time. Which on that note, CPC service work opportunities are necessary to carry the message to the suffering alcoholic. Members of CPC committees provide information about AA to those who have contact with alcoholics through their profession. Examples of groups includes health-care, E.A.P. and H.R. professionals; educators; members of the clergy; lawyers; social workers; military professionals; government officials; and those working in the field of alcoholism. Information is provided about where we are, what we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do. For more information on how to get involved contact your local District's CPC chair or contact me.

Our Area 46 CPC Committee met on February 1, 2021 and we had individuals from Districts around the state sharing on their service work activities. For example, Janet A., CPC Rep, from District 18 is working with the Corrections Committee to distribute soft cover 12x12 and Big Books to 11 prisons. Tina A., from District 10, reported she would like to distribute pamphlets to local doctor's offices, police stations, the courts, and venues where professionals may be in contact with individuals struggling

with alcoholism. I would like to thank your Committee Members for the participation as they continue to "suit up and show up" to be of service.

For more information on CPC, I welcome you to join the Area 46 monthly CPC Committee via Zoom on the first Monday's of each month from 6pm to 7pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact me at [cpc@nm-aa.org](mailto:cpc@nm-aa.org).

In the Spirit of Service, Lawrence M.

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I have also been working with Renee L., our District 13 Corrections Chair, and she has been instrumental in finding a printing company who has agreed to provide the AA Meeting postcards and imprint the postcards with the necessary information for us. If you remember, these are the informational meeting postcards that will be sent out to each District

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## Grapevine/La Viña

Greetings Area 46!

This month has been a quiet month. I look forward to attending the Assembly Planning meeting on February 20, 2021. The Area Assembly is being held March 27 and 28, 2021. Please plan on attending the Grapevine Committee meeting on Saturday morning.

There will be a virtual Grapevine/La Vina writing workshop scheduled

for March 21, 2021 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. This is for anyone wishing to learn more about writing an article for the Grapevine/La Vina. The information is listed on the Area 46 website under "Events", hosted by Kathy F. District 12.

As always, I encourage everyone to write and submit their stories, jokes, and pictures to Grapevine. Information on doing so can be found

on the website [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org) under "Contribute". We do not need to be great authors to submit our stories. We simply share our experience, strength and hope from the heart.

I am grateful to serve in this service position!

In Love and Service,  
Maddy L., Area 46  
Grapevine/La Vina Chair

## Public Information

Hello All;

I hope this email finds you well to start the year and in the process of getting your vaccinations in order. It is important that we, all, consider keeping ourselves and our family and friends protected by continuing to follow the guidelines set aside for our safety. Yes, I am concerned for

your health and wellness as with my own.

Anyway, I have been keeping busy with various meetings that I have attended over the holidays and the start of the year. This includes the PI, CPC, AHCAB, Districts 6 and 9 meetings, and the National PI/CPC Working Group and the Conven-

tion Planning Committee Meetings. There are concerns for the use of the funding that the Area is to assist the Districts with. And in our last meeting, we came up with the suggestion of publishing a postcard sized information sheet containing the Area 46

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## Literature

Greetings Area 46,

The Literature Zoom meetings have indeed started, and there is a lot of things going on at AA World Services as well GSO in general. The information our Delegate Bill L. has posted is fascinating as far as what the topics are that will be discussed at the General Service Conference

this year. I know there are still a few districts that do not have a Literature rep and I would like to encourage DCMs and GSRs to find somebody. Whether or not any books are sold, there is still plenty to learn and share with the district just with the new products coming out. Did anybody know you can get a version of the big

book in a Kindle or Nook version?

Please come join us on the third Wednesday of each month and find out what is new in the AA literature world. And I'll be seeing you at the upcoming assembly.

Blessings to all,  
Dave F.

## Treatment

Greetings:

I hope everyone has registered for the Pre-Conference Assembly March 27th and 28th being hosted by District 9! Having experienced several virtual assemblies, Area 46 continues to improve the experience due to the hard work of our Website Committee. If you have never attended an Assembly, the virtual format provides all members an opportunity to attend as their schedules permit –

you just need to register in advance.

As of this writing the Treatment Committee is assigned to the 9:55 am time slot on Saturday March 27th. Please consider attending. It is also my pleasure to announce the establishment of a monthly Treatment Committee meeting via ZOOM. The Meeting ID: 966-9640-2520, Passcode 12steps. We will meet the second Tuesday of every month at 7 – 8 pm beginning March 9. Please log in.

I have continued my participation in the Ad Hoc Committee About the Books. A recommendation is beginning to come together that, once decided by the Assembly, can return the material to the world as efficiently as possible. Looking forward to meeting with you on March 27th.

In Service

Jeff B.

## Public Information

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Logo and a quote taken from the P.I. Workbook on the front side and the contact information of certain Districts with a General Service Office and District Helplines.

There are regular concerns that can be met by contact with the Districts and with the upcoming recommendations of the AHCAB that we as the P.I. Committee can be of assistance to the Committee and the Area. So, I am still asking for the help of those District P.I. Chairpersons/Representatives to assist in this endeavor. Our next P.I. Committee Meeting will be the first Thursday of each Month, which will be on March 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM. The Zoom ID is 960 4983 0688; No Passcode; Access by phone: +1-669-900-6833, No registration needed.

Yours in Service,  
Jerry F,  
Area P.I. Chair

## Treasurer

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contributions. As always, we value your support tremendously.

Though not a part of the January Financial Statement, I would also like to report that I have mailed out checks to the General Service Board for our standard delegate contribution for the conference as well as the additional voluntary contribution from the 2020 Convention overage. Along those lines, I do have a couple of questions for the GSB that I have been investigating. Apparently, every year we give an additional

voluntary contribution (i.e. convention overage) it goes to the preceding years General Service Conference and not the current year as we thought. Also, as per a January, 2021 letter from Paul K., CFO for GSO, the 2020 conference has already been fully funded by contributions and yet he indicates that our 2021 voluntary contribution will still be put toward the 2020 conference. None of this I believe is of major concern, just a bit of a head scratcher. If I learn anymore on this I will certainly pass it on.

In service,  
Christoph, Area 46 Treasurer

*Hello Everyone! As your incoming El Farolito Editor, I would like to introduce myself to you. I'm Debra K., alcoholic. My sobriety date is September 1, 2001, and my home group is the Rio Rancho 12x12 on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. Service work has been the backbone of my sobriety, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Area 46.*

## Young People

I am honored to step into this role and serve as your Area 46 Young People in Service Committee Chair.

We held our first monthly meeting of the year on January 31st. In this meeting, we elected the committee service positions of secretary, treasurer, outreach, web/social media, and graphics. We also began to discuss the annual Three Legacies Workshop that this committee has organized for the past 6 years.

Planning is still in the early stages. We hope to announce the details

of the 7th annual Three Legacies Workshop in the coming months. It will be a virtual event this year.

Look out for flyers on our webpage about our traveling meetings, where the Young People in Service Committee will pick a different young people oriented meeting to attend each month, to experience YPAA in different places. Due to an increase in virtual meetings, the committee can now pick YPAA meetings to attend anywhere in the world.

Our committee meets regularly

on the last Sunday of the month via Zoom at 7:00 PM., feel free to join us! Meeting ID: 920 6507 8359 Passcode: YPAA

In love & service, Lindsay M. Young People in Service Committee Chair

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# DISTRICT REPORTS

## District 2

Greetings from District 2!

I would like to share an email I received from one of our GSR's (with her permission).

Dear Lisa,

Happy Friday. Our group just finished our monthly Group Conscience today. 15 people attended!! Remember from our last District Meeting how I was so disappointed (and other emotions) and was ready to quit being GSR because of the lackluster interest the group had for our Group Conscience?

Well...with all y'all's support at the district meeting, more prayer and my daughter suggesting to me, "Do it for AA, Mom. You love AA," I decided to be more proactive with my service position of GSR. Here's the story.

First, I gave my little resentment legs and started attending other meetings. LOL! Lo and behold, at another of our very own zoom meetings here in Santa Fe, their GSR put "GSR Announcements" in the chat at the beginning of each meeting! She included all the needs we got at the last District meeting; the need for a

secretary, treasurer, volunteers for attending zoom meetings in treatment centers, corrections, events going on around the district and area, and 7th Tradition info, etc!

Wow! I thought. What a great idea! People can read them throughout the meeting and copy and paste them for future reference!! So, I "chatted" her, and asked her if I could use her idea...and she said "Of Course!"

o, I started putting GSR Announcements into the Zoom Chat each morning in MY home group. And, at the top of my GSR Announcements I included the day and time of our monthly group conscience ~ and a welcome to attend and be part of the solution!! Then I listed all the district needs and events. I finally felt like I was doing service and providing the group with information that is important to them, the district, the area and GSO! I felt useful. Not important. Useful.

And look what happened. 15 people attended AND participated in the Group Conscience!! From 4 people to 15 people!! Wow! The 3 legacies in action! And guess what. Members

spoke up at the end and "Thanked me for my service and for keeping them informed." They all thanked me for my service. I cry as I write this.

Do it for AA, Mom. You love AA." Service. Useful. Thank you Alcoholics Anonymous. A real spiritual awakening.

In Service

Grateful GSR

Santa Fe, New Mexico

I am inspired everyday by the willingness and dedication of our members in service.

In gratitude and service,

Lisa K. Alt. DCM, District 2

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## District 3

District 3 wishes everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

We have the following service chair committees available:

Accessibilities, CPC, El Farolito, and Bilingual. Look on Area 436 webpage for more information: [www.nm-aa.org](http://www.nm-aa.org)

District 3 had their meeting on February 13, hosted on ZOOM by the Cosmopolitan Group. We had a successful meeting, with thirteen members and several visitors; Manuel P. & Ray R. from Cosmopolitan, and Josh H. from Sunrise Catchers. Jimmy F., Area Corrections chair spoke to the members about taking meetings back to the prisons through ZOOM. He had a powerful message

about recovery and helping inmates by providing them with A.A. literature.

The Sunrise Catchers have been busy! We have begun a Group Inventory as of December 19. We are doing very well carrying the message. District 3 and the Sunrise Catchers held an Alcathon December 31, 2020-January 1, 2021. It was very successful and included groups within Dist. 3, other groups in town, and out-of-state groups! Thanks to Gary J, Dist. 3 DCM, and Julian B. for coordinating the Alcathon! (I think I got it this time!)

Next District meeting is Saturday, March 13th, hosted by the Sunrise Catchers, 1829 Isleta Blvd, SW ABQ 87105. Join ZOOM Meeting <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/878229628>

Meeting ID: 878 229 628. Call in # +1 312 626 6799 US.

Birthdays, Sunrise Catchers

Jeremy - 2 years

Josh H. - 18 months

Max - 2 years

Stuart - 7 months

Adriana - 6 months

Aaron - 7 months

Raylynn - 5 months

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## District 4

We have a lot to celebrate in District 4. I'm happy to share our March celebrants:

Steve E. 3/6/84 -37 years

Matthew D. 3/16/1990 -31 year

Tom N. 3/31/81 -30 year

Terry H. 3/7/94 -27 years

Andrea B. 3/7/96 -25 year

Debbie B. 3/28/2004 -17 years

Dorian M. 3/28/2008 -13 years

Jason B. 3/17/17 -4 years

James A. 3/17/19 -2 years

A true message of hope!

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Molly R.

## District 6

Hello from Northeastern New Mexico, District 6. Our last meeting was held February 6, 2021 with representatives from Sunshine Group, Early Birds, Highlands Happy Hour, Land of Enchantment, El Grupo de Valle, and Zooming into Sobriety. The meeting was chaired by Alternate DCM Julian S.

District 6 Group Service Representatives will check for interest within their group to fill several District committee positions that are not currently filled. Kathleen was voted in as the Technology chair, and Laura B. was voted in as the District 6 Treasurer.

District 6 December 2021 Assembly Committee has moved its monthly meeting to every third Thursday at 7:00 PM so that it doesn't conflict with the 6:00 PM LOE Zoom meeting. Anyone interested in participating can contact Cody at [codycmorrow@msn.com](mailto:codycmorrow@msn.com). Subcommittees are

currently forming to address all of the needs to provide a super December 2021 Assembly.

Zooming into Sobriety will host a virtual speaker/birthday meeting the last Wednesday of each month. Thank you, Chris for being the February speaker. March's meeting will be on Wednesday March 31, 2020 at noon featuring Jen H. Zooming into Sobriety is holding a Zoom meeting every Monday through Friday at noon with a book study meeting every Tuesday. Please join our noon zoom meeting- ID# 819 199 9486 Password # 335434.

Highlands Happy Hour has added a Big Book study every Friday evening at 7:30 in the new Sala de Madrid room at NMHU. The new location on the New Mexico Highlands University campus is working out very well.

Early Birds continues holding a Saturday and Sunday 9 am meeting. Please email Rick B. at [padres74@gmail.com](mailto:padres74@gmail.com) for an evite link.

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## District 6

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Land of Enchantment is holding Zoom meetings every evening at 6:00 PM as it continues to hold in-person meetings at the First United Methodist Church in Raton at 6:00 PM every Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday. When possible, the Zoom meetings join the in-person meetings as hybrid meetings. To join the Zoom meeting, please use ID 315 319 2329 passcode: 1234. Land of Enchantment holds its group conscience meeting at the church every first Sunday of the month at 5:30 PM and can be joined in person or by access with the aforementioned ID and passcode.

El Grupo del Valle meets in person at the To Your Health, 396 N.M.-518, Mora, New Mexico. Contact Sherri D. at 713-594-7880 for more information.

In sincere gratitude and service,  
LauraLee B.

## District 8

Hello Area 46,

District 8 continues to meet online for our monthly district meetings. We have several chair positions available: Archives, El Farolito, Bridge the Gap, Jail and Juvenile. You can email me at [district8@nm-aa.org](mailto:district8@nm-aa.org) for position and district meeting information.

We would like to thank and acknowledge Area 46 for planning the upcoming 2021 virtual state convention. We look forward to the time we can meet face to face again at these important and enjoyable events.

Celebrate our February and March birthdays with us:

Mark J: February 2nd – 17 years

Don L: February 5th – 1 year

Andrea G: March 6th – 36 years

Alpa M: March 18th– 7 years

Happy birthday to all other past and upcoming celebrants!

In love and service, Melanie K

DCM, District 8

## District 10

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Jimmy F.,

Area Corrections Chair

(720-234-5821)



*District 11*

Warm greetings to you all from District 11. We meet the second Saturday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Zoom with the anticipation that one day we will be able to return to hybrid and then, oh happy day, face to face. We have a few chair positions open: archives, cooperation with the professional community/public information (CPC/PI), literature, treatment, and young persons.

Great news!! Daphne M. will serve as our Accessibilities and Remote Communities Committee chair. Mike W. is working on AA information cards for Corrections. George M. is Central Office's new coordinator, effective April 1. And the night phones are now covered.

The picnic in Jemez on August 7 and the Traditions Conference in October, are both in need of chairpersons. As I mentioned last month, we were interested in the possibility of observing, not participating, in the virtual General Service Conference April 18-24. As it turns out the logistics for virtual transmission to observe are just too unmanageable for this to happen.

We are considering the possibility of a permanent Zoom meeting for District 11 once the pandemic is behind us and meetings start to return to face-to-face meetings. The conver-

sation is just beginning. There are a lot of details to work out. It would take commitment, coordination, Zoom volunteers, a revolving chair. I will keep you posted as this unfolds.

With gratitude,

Tylka

*District 14*

Hello from District 14 (Taos and surrounding communities). There are some fun events being planned for Taos: The "There Is a Solution" AA group and Area 46 are hosting an online event on Saturday March 6, from 3:00 - 4:30. It is the game of Jeopardy (AA JeopAArdy) to be played on Zoom. Join us for an afternoon of fun AA history and trivia. Zoom meeting ID 813 2403 3063 Password: bigbook. Come and play. It's going to be fun! Planning is underway for the Taos Mountain Fiesta conference on Sept. 17-19, 2021. There will be great speakers, panels, Alcathon, ice cream social, talent show, as well as an all new Grapevine writing workshop and a bonfire after party. The tentative and hopeful plan is for the conference to be in person this year--the final decision will be made in early June. Registration will begin in June. Stay tuned at taosmountainfiesta.org for the latest. We look forward to seeing you all in beautiful Taos in the Fall. Our next District 14 meeting

will be on Sat., March 19 @ 9:30am on Zoom. Yours in service, Kelly O., District 14 El Farolito Rep.

*District 15*

Hello, Area 46, from District 15.

How fortunate we are to have a venue to discuss and share our experience, strength, and hope. As we prepare for our next opportunity for service, we are encouraged by the memories of past members, and motivated by our commitment to the solution we have found. Our experience in recovery reminds us daily that there's always room in our hearts, minds, and virtual spaces for the next alcoholic sufferer. No matter how he or she found us, our freedom, happiness, and joy will be our greatest attraction. Finding a connection to a power greater than ourselves takes work that can discourage the most determined individuals, and that freedom to decide to turn over my will keeps me coming back.

I have no choice about my reaction to alcohol, but AA has allowed me the freedom to choose alternatives to my previous reactions to life. Let's look forward to Spring and increasing the chances of serving a newcomer.

In gratitude, Car R.

## Tradition of the Month

# THREE

**"The only requirement  
for A.A. membership is a  
desire to stop drinking"**

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All AA members in Area 46 are  
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