



# EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

## OFFICERS

### Delegate

Greetings Area 46.

There is no doubt that we are all in unprecedented times. There is also no doubt that we have many things that are still constant. We have our program, we have our faith in a higher power, and we have our years of our AA experience which has proven again and again that all things will be in accordance with the plans of our Higher Power, independent of how

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much the external circumstances differ from our preferred course for life. Something like "Life on Life's Terms." In these uncertain times, fear is quite likely to befriend each of us at some time. I would like us all to remember that nothing will reduce our fear as much as intensive work with others, which points directly at our Primary Purpose. I will suggest that we all try to keep our focus on our Primary Purpose. "To carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic," which could be any one of us at any time right now. While many locations are closing their physical doors to us, how are we going to "keep our spir-

itual doors open?" Perhaps adopt a "One-a-Day" idea. Reach out and call one person in the program each day. Maybe a home group member, maybe someone you know who is in their first year. Each of us can begin to consider alternative ways to keep our message flowing and to support each other. Meetings in homes, meet for coffee with someone you know. Try online meetings. (Here is AA's Online Central Office link [www.aa-intergroup.org](http://www.aa-intergroup.org)) Be creative. Let's all take a little time to reconnect with our Higher Power and remember

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## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### Web

#### Temporary Meeting Closures and Relocations

Hello everyone.

As we all band together during these unusual times, the web committee is working hard to stay on top of temporary meeting closures and relocations throughout the state.

There are so many meeting closures it can be challenging to find one available. If you need a meeting and cannot get to one, please visit the center of home page ([nm-aa.org](http://nm-aa.org)) for links to online and phone meetings. It is a great way to stay connected.

Several meetings around our state have started online meetings. If there are any meetings in your district that are meeting online, please email me the information at [webchair@nm-aa.org](mailto:webchair@nm-aa.org) so I can add them

to our growing list. This way we are helping to ensure the hand of AA will always be there. If you need help in setting up an online or phone meeting, I have some resources for you. Please email me.

You can also find a link to the temporary meeting closures (the ones we know about) on the homepage as well.

As always, all significant announcements or events that affect, AA in New Mexico will be posted on the home page of the Area 46 Website ([nm-aa.org](http://nm-aa.org)). GSO Announcements received by our delegate can be found in the right sidebar of the home page.

Please email me at [webchair@nm-aa.org](mailto:webchair@nm-aa.org) if I can help you in any way.

In Gratitude and Service,

Kerri K., Area 46 Webchair

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#### Area 46 Meeting Locator (CLICK BELOW)

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Please be aware that some meetings may modify their procedures or schedule due to the COVID-19 virus.

Check with your local central office or DCM for specific questions regarding meetings in your area as some temporary changes may not be reflected in the Meeting Locator.

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Saludos Área 46. No hay duda de que todos estamos en tiempos sin precedentes. Tampoco hay duda de que tenemos muchas cosas que todavía son constantes. Tenemos nuestro Programa, tenemos nuestra Fe en un Poder Superior, y tenemos nuestros años de nuestra experiencia de AA que ha demostrado una y otra vez que todas las cosas estarán de acuerdo con los planes de nuestro Poder Superior, independientemente de lo mucho que las circunstancias externas difieren de nuestra curso preferido para la vida. Algo así como "La vida en los términos de la Vida". En estos tiempos inciertos, es muy probable que el miedo se haga amigo de cada uno de nosotros en algún momento. Me gustaría que todos recordemos que nada reducirá nuestro miedo tanto como el trabajo intensivo con los demás, que señala directamente nuestro Objetivo Primordial. Sugiero que todos tratemos de mantener nuestro enfoque en nuestro Propósito Primario. "Llevar el mensaje al Alcohólico que aún sufre", que podría ser cualquiera de nosotros en cualquier momento en este momento. Mientras que muchos lugares nos están cerrando sus puertas físicas, ¿cómo vamos a "mantener nuestras puertas espirituales abiertas?" Tal vez adopte una idea de "Un

día". Comuníquese y llame a una persona en el programa cada día. Tal vez un miembro del grupo, tal vez alguien que conoces que está en su primer año. Cada uno de nosotros puede comenzar a considerar maneras alternativas de mantener nuestro mensaje fluyendo y apoyarnos unos a otros. Reuniones en casa, reúnanse para tomar un café con alguien que conozca. Intente reuniones en línea (Aquí está el enlace [www.aa-intergroup.org](http://www.aa-intergroup.org) de la Oficina Central en línea de AA). Ser creativo. Tomemos un poco de tiempo para reconectar con nuestro Poder Superior y recordar que nuestro verdadero propósito es ayudar al Alcohólico que sufre, y cuando lo hagamos, todo estará bien.

Hablando de una forma alternativa de llevar a cabo AA, la 70a Conferencia de Servicios Generales en Nueva York se ha convertido de una Conferencia in situ y se convertirá en la primera Conferencia de Servicios Generales "virtual" y llevará a cabo todas las sesiones a través de una plataforma digital. No nos reuniremos en Nueva York en abril.

El primer tema de la Conferencia de Servicios Generales era "1951: Fe Genuina – Comienza como un Experimento y Finales como una Expe-

riencia". ¡Estamos a punto de repetir la historia, 70 años después! Y entraremos en esta aventura con una Fe Genuina.

"Una Conferencia Virtual" es una perspectiva intrigante y una situación llena del potencial de crecimiento espiritual. Nos enfrentaremos a muchos desafíos de la "Comunidad Remota". Aunque ya no nos reunamos en persona, la tecnología ha avanzado lo suficiente para que nos podamos encontrar cara a cara. Me recuerdan que al principio de AA se preguntaron si el lenguaje del corazón podría incluso ser impreso con un libro. Descubrieron que podía. Cuando A.A. se extendió al extranjero, la siguiente barrera que se rompió fue la traducción. Encontraron, que nuestra solución podía traducirse a cualquier idioma. Hoy nos enfrentamos a una nueva barrera, ¿puede nuestro proceso espiritual transmitirse a través de la tecnología. Sé en mi corazón que puede y espero servir al programa de Alcohólicos Anónimos como pionero según empujamos las fronteras de la libertad espiritual. A medida que damos este salto sin precedentes al mundo digital, tengo plena confianza en que esta Conferencia no sólo tendrá éxito, sino

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## Alternate Delegate

Greetings Area 46,

I hope this report finds you safe and well, especially in these times we are in! I just came back from SWRDA where I was introduced to many delegates and alternate delegates currently serving their areas in the Southwest Region. There were also past delegates and our current Southwest Region trustee Jimmy D., plus a couple past trustees present. It was quite the experience being there listening to the delegates and Jimmy D. give their reports with the

work being done at the bottom of the upside down pyramid. I also participated in a mock General Service Conference. I could go on and on but Bill L. will probably cover more. Now my main job at SWRDA was to meet with the other Alternate Delegates and discuss SWRAASA 2020. It is our duty to pick three breakout sessions topics and find presenters for these topics plus translators. We did this, and more will be revealed as I search for the presenters. I can say one room will be entirely Spanish speaking. SWRAASA 2020 will

be held October 9-11 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Amarillo, Texas. I have registration forms to take to the Assembly plus I can mail to anyone who wishes one. On another note, District 3 is interested in hosting the Area 46 Service Forum that was coming up for a bid at the March Assembly. If any other District is interested please contact me.

Well that is all from me,

Yours in service,

Eloy M.

## OFFICERS

### Chair

Greetings,

As of now everyone is aware that the upcoming Pre-Conference Assembly in Taos had been postponed. We are looking at rescheduling it in May, but it will no longer be a "pre-conference" assembly. Of course, this will depend upon how the virus is contained or not and the availability of a location in Taos. We will update you with a date as soon as we can with the information for you and your groups.

I have created an Ad Hoc committee about the books with Kristi-

na F. as the chairperson. She will be stepping down as the Corrections chair so that she can focus her full attention to this committee. The committee will be using the Traditions to help getting us to decide about the books. It will take time and we are not expecting to have a decision until next year. This may not be popular with some of us, but we think this is the right way to go about this.

A lot of groups are having to cancel meetings because the locations at which they are holding them are closing. Kerii, our web chair is doing a wonderful job of keeping meeting

lists updated. Please keep your headlines and central offices informed as well. I know that newcomers may not be aware of closures, so maybe you could have a group member wait around at the meeting location so if a newcomer shows up, someone is there to greet them and help them out.

Yours in service,

Kurt K.

Area 46 Chairperson

Expenses: Travel-\$15

### Registrar

Greetings Area 46,

I hope everyone is staying healthy and I wish we could've seen each other at the Assembly. A big thank you to our delegate Bill L. for helping me complete the directory. Please continue to send me any changes to the GSR and alternate GSR of your

groups. They have to go to me and to GSO as the GSO registration portal is being completed, otherwise I will not have the changes made. If you sent anything directly to GSO and not me, please send me that info as soon as possible. It's still a very slow process at GSO and they have now delayed the completion again. Anything sent

to me I send to GSO once I've updated our database. Thank you for your understanding with this transition. Any questions feel free to email me. Thank you to everyone for your service and I hope to see you all soon.

In service and love,

Robyn T.

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### Accessibilities & Remote Communities

Hello everyone!

Like everyone else, I'm sure, it's somewhat sad to write this knowing that we are not meeting for our first assembly of this rotation. In this time of health concerns and social unrest, I am so very grateful to be a sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous, with a set of spiritual tools to live by one day at a time.

At present, nothing has changed with regard to the upcoming summer convention. The 2020 Area 46 Convention hosted by the District 7, is scheduled to take place as planned June 5-7 in Roswell. Please continue to register. In the event of a cancellation, all registrations will be refunded in full.

I'm excited for the opportunity to serve Area 46 for this rotation! I

missed seeing all of you in Taos last month, but will see you soon when the assembly is rescheduled. What a blessing to have been given the gift of living happy, joyous and free! If I can be of service to you, please let me know.

In love and service,

Jennifer W.

Interim Accessibilities Chair

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## Treasurer

I'm disappointed we are not having our regularly scheduled assembly. This is a very unusual situation we are finding ourselves in, however it has presented us with a new way to act responsibly. It is my hope that we will be able to contain the situation soon and have a plan in place for a postponed assembly. In the meantime, the area officers have agreed to offer reimbursement to any Area 46 Trusted Servant who has incurred non-refundable expenses due to cancellations. Any funds required will likely come out of our budget for assemblies.

I'm happy to say all of our accounts with New Mexico Bank & Trust are now updated with our current service rotation. The proper signers have been designated and debit cards have been issued allowing us now to fund our 12th Step work. The paperwork was tedious and I'd like to give a shout out to Shirl, our NMBT banker, for her hard work and assistance. In the meantime, I have ideas to streamline the process for our next rotation.

As my included financial report

indicates, budgeted expenses are occurring and are being supported by our consistent group contributions. Thank you to the groups that have participated thus far. I have changed the format of the financial report in an attempt to make it more understandable as well as legible. As always, if anyone would like a more detailed accounting, please contact me and I can forward a full report.

Hope to see you soon!

Christoph, A46 Treasurer

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## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### Ad Hoc Committee About the Books

Greetings from Kristina Flanagan, Chair of the AHCAB!

As you may be aware, Area 46 is now in possession of over 6,000 pieces of literature sent to us by an AA employee of the Bernalillo County Detention Center, rather than sending them to the dump. This committee is charged with making recommendations to Area 46 as to what might be done with these books. We will meet at least monthly, often via a video conferencing platform. All DCMs, all area officers, two former delegates, the CPC chair (acting as secretary), the Literature chair and the Central Office manager are part of this committee if they want to be. All GSRs are invited to participate at Assemblies when we convene there.

The Committee will study AA Traditions as they apply to the many

questions our handling of these books. We will take our time as there is no financial burden to the area (the books are being stored free of charge by a former delegate) and there is a burden that we follow all AA principles, Traditions and Concepts in making our recommendations. Willingness, honesty and open mindedness will guide us. You will receive a monthly report from this column of the *ELF*, minutes and other relevant documents will be posted on the website, and DCMs will receive minutes as well, whether they attend the committee meetings or not.

I request your prayers that we always be guided by the loving God of Alcoholics Anonymous' Tradition Two in all of our deliberations.

In service,

Kristina F.

### Archives

On beginning this report I immediately found an error. I didn't put the year in the date. I've met with Michelle T., our Area Archivist and it was something she pointed out with some of the material we have in Archives. We have flyers and such with a day and day of month, but no year. Something to pay attention to. Lots of learning and exploring going on. There have been some responses to emails I sent out looking for district Archives chairs. My job is to keep in contact and serve the area.

Michelle T. has given me a three-page Group History Form. I will try

to get it on the web for downloading. It's a great way to preserve our history. I'm still researching methods of doing oral histories. This form may be an opening to that.

Please know I am available to serve our area in any way. Any interest in Archives, please contact me.

There have been no expenses to date.

In Love and Service,

Patience B.

Area 46 Archives Chair

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### Bilingual

Hi to all in Area 46.

A little late bloomer like always, but I am here ready to serve with love and gratitude in Area 46 as your Bilingual Chair.

First, let me start by thanking all of you, for a heart warm welcoming into service, during this rotation of Trusted Servants in area 46. All this is a whole new world that has energized my life and for that I am filled with gratitude. I attended the orientation for Trusted Servants/DCM and planning meeting. I feel like after living that work and going home and reading Concept Nine laid the foundation for my new

way of life in service in among such wonderful group of people.

As your Bilingual Chair we were present at the 6th Young People Workshop, which I thought went well for my first event. I, along with two others from the committee, were to present at the Taos Assembly at the end of March. During the Assembly we were to discuss the following events that are approaching soon. First, is our Annual Convention in Roswell in June 4-6. Second, is District 16, Silver City in September 12-13. Third, Taos Mountain Fiesta, September 25-27.

Since the Assembly has been postponed, I will meet with the GSRs and

have them discuss at group level, what if any changes Area 46 would like to be made to the Fourth Edition of the Spanish version of the Big Book. I will ask the GSRs to submit any translation they feel it needs.

As your Bilingual chair, I am here to serve and have the willingness to travel to any district where my service is required. When my service is needed please call, text, or email me.

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In Love, Service and Gratitude.

Al G., Bilingual Chair

Area 46

### Bridge The Gap

Greetings Area 46!

Hope this message finds you well. Although I was looking forward to seeing everyone in Taos, I am sure the Road of Happy Destiny will bring us all together soon! The Bridge the Gap (BTG) team is shaping up as we each begin to embrace our new service roles.

I would like to provide a little direction in regard to process. First, if a BTG card is received from another member with contact information for

a soon-to-be released treatment center client or correctional facility inmate, this information should be passed along to the BTG Chair in the district where the individual will be going. In some districts the BTG position is still vacant. In this case the information may be passed along to the DCM for that District, or sent directly to one of the volunteers on the BTG contact list. Certainly, passing the information directly to a member on the BTG contact list works great! This may avoid delays in our time-critical endeavor

to carry the message. Secondly, I want to encourage the district BTG chairs to scrub their contact lists for redundancies and outdated contacts. Finally, let's build those lists and cultivate participation in this very rewarding activity!

Only God knows what our challenges are to be. But, I am confident with His guidance and protection all will be well.

Gratefully in Service ~

Steve V., Area 46 BTG Chair

### CPC

We are still planning to staff a booth at the upcoming Healthcare Chaplaincy Network Conference to be held at Buffalo Thunder in Pojoaque, April 20-22, which we will be seeking individuals in the surrounding area and afar to help. I will inform volunteers if there are changes due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

At our March phone conference, CPC Committee members provided information related to the Pre-Conference Assembly questions as follows:

Consider a request to discontinue

the pamphlet "A.A. in Your Community."

[https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/p-31\\_AAinyourcommunity.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-31_AAinyourcommunity.pdf)

Consider a request to create a pamphlet for mental health professionals.

Discuss progress report on LinkedIn page implementation.

Review contents of CPC Kit and Workbook.

[https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/f-66w\\_CPC\\_Kit.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-66w_CPC_Kit.pdf)

If you have input, please contact me by phone or email. I will be preparing the information to forward to our delegate.

We have a monthly CPC phone conference the first Monday of each month from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. If you are interested, contact me.

Please be safe! Contact me with any questions.

In the Spirit of Service,

Lawrence M.

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## Delegate

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our true purpose is to help the suffering alcoholic, and when we do that, all will be well.

Speaking of alternative way to conduct AA, the onsite 70th General Service Conference in New York has been converted from an onsite Conference and will become the first ever “virtual” General Service Conference and conduct all sessions via digital platform. We will not meet in New York in April.

The first General Service Conference theme was “1951: Genuine Faith – It Begins as an Experiment and Ends as an Experience.” We are about ready to repeat history, 70 years later! And we will enter into this venture with a genuine faith.

“A Virtual Conference” is an intriguing prospect and a situation filled with the potential for spiritual growth. We will face many “remote community” challenges. While we will no longer be meeting in person, technology has advanced sufficiently for us to still meet face to face. I am reminded that in the beginning of AA they wondered if the language of the heart could even be put into print with a book. They found that it could. When AA spread overseas, the next barrier that was broken was translation. They found that our

solution could be translated into any language. Today we are faced with a new barrier, can our spiritual process be transmitted through technology. I know in my heart that it can and look forward to serving the program of Alcoholics Anonymous as a pioneer as we push the frontiers of spiritual freedom. As we take this unprecedented leap into the digital world, I have complete confidence that not only will this conference be successful, but that many aspects of our new venture will provide benefits for our Area 46 which is filled with remote community aspects. I feel fully prepared to carry the conscience of Area 46 into all deliberations on the matters at hand for the betterment of our Fellowship as a whole. I am infinitely blessed and forever grateful that I will be a part of such a historic event in the history of our Fellowship. I will keep with me a genuine faith in a loving Higher Power, a full and grateful heart, an open mind, and my past years of experience, strength, hope and service and utilize it all to serve you and Alcoholics Anonymous.

Our March Assembly will be postponed until May; I invite each of you to participate in our Delegate’s Conference Call series. I have scheduled a series of call in conference calls so that all of you have the opportunity to pass along any feelings and input which you may have on any of our conference agenda Items. We will venture together into the digital

world as part of our preparation for the virtual conference.

I would like to announce that the Young Peoples video “Young and Sober in A.A.: From Drinking to Recovery” which was made here in Area 46 in 2016 – 2017, and approved by the 68th General Service Conference in 2018, was finalized and released by GSO in late February. It is the featured video on aa.org website. Yet again, many thanks go out to all in our area who worked on that project. To those specific individuals I would like to say this: Your service is now in a place to be of maximum service to young people searching for help. Your work will undoubtedly help and affect countless thousands of young people whom you will never meet. I pray that you sleep with a warm heart knowing you have saved lives of those yet to be among our Fellowship.

My first conference report is scheduled in District 2 on May 14. DCMs, it is time to start scheduling your delegate conference report in your district. Please feel free to contact me at any time. I have a delegate’s calendar posted on the delegate’s page so you can see what time slots are available. I will be providing a conference report at the state convention on June 6.

I will close with this thought; together with our Higher Power, AA will be safe and protected in our spiritual journey. I have absolute confidence in our Higher Power that we shall not only endure this unsettled time, we will grow, learn and shine with love and service to our fellow members. We need not be consumed by fear, but rather, we shall need to embrace faith and trust and look for all of the good that surrounds us even in these troubled times and care for our fellow travelers on this journey.

In Love and Service,

Bill L., Area 46 Delegate

## **FOUR**

**Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.**

## **Tradition of the Month**



# AA General Service Office Closed

New York State has shut down 100% of operations of "nonessential" businesses/organizations on March 20. In a statement released by GSO General Manager Greg T., the 475 Riverside Drive location of the General Service Office is closed for business for an as-yet-undetermined period of time.

"We have in place a contingency and business continuity plan, which

includes 90% of our employees teleworking, but there is no support staff in the office. In addition, other vendors and suppliers upon whom we depend are experiencing shutdowns. We're all in the same boat, so to speak."

Greg says the staff will try their best to keep the lines of communication open, so that members may email (preferable to calls) their questions and concerns. Area 46 members

should email the service desks as they normally would, but realize that staff members will be responding from their homes, and the responses may be delayed.

"We are hearing of much love and a spirit of service being shared in our Fellowship ... we remain in a contingency operations mode to be able to help any and all as best we can," Greg said.

THANK YOU!

## ...to these groups for their recent contributions to *El Farolito*

Rcvd. Group	Amount	Mar.	Wings of the Storm (Gallup)	91.31
Mar. Turkey Creek (Silver City)	25.00	Mar.	Serenity Group (Albuquerque)	30.00
Mar. B Hill (Farmington)	10.00	Mar.	Westside Noon (Albuquerque)	110.00
Mar. Early Birds (Roswell)	20.00	Mar.	Foothills Group (Albuquerque)	31.90
Mar. Sunday Morning (Taos)	62.70	Mar.	Hill Top Group (Gallup)	20.00
Mar. Aztec Group	100.00	Mar.	Sober at Sunrise (Las Cruces)	25.00
Mar. New Life (Hobbs)	7.00	Mar.	Dawn Patrol (Albuquerque)	10.78
Mar. There Is a Solution (Taos)	13.29	Mar.	Dawn Patrol (Albuquerque)	7.71

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Did your group make a contribution that has not been acknowledged? Did you send a check that hasn't cleared?  
Please let me know by e-mailing [elfarolito@nm-aa.org](mailto:elfarolito@nm-aa.org). Thanks!

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### Corrections

Greetings, friends...

As you are well aware our Corrections work in Area 46 is now largely suspended due to the COVID-19 virus cautionary actions by state and local officials.

We continue to work on the database for Corrections in Area 46. Please email me names and contact info for your Corrections chairs and where you ordinarily take meetings and how often. This is a really important effort so we can get a sense of where and when AA is welcomed in correctional facilities. Did you know there are a total of 93 jails and prisons and other correctional facilities throughout the state? Very few have meetings at this time. Your help as Corrections chairs, DCMs and interested alcoholics will make it possible for us to know how to best concentrate our work...as it says on page 96 of our Big Book, "Do not be dis-

couraged if your prospect does not respond at once. Search out another alcoholic and try again."

Here are the upcoming prison trainings which may, in fact, occur if the prisons reopen before:

May: May 2, Northeastern NM Corrections Facility; May 19 Roswell; May 23 Taos; June 2 Lea County; June 6 Springer. Remember your paperwork must be submitted at least two weeks in advance. Please contact me for help getting the paperwork and registering.

Pink Can contributions at start of February were \$446.87. District 3 requested \$145 for books, with the bank service charge of \$5 so the total at the end of February was \$296.87. I made a deposit of \$72 from the pink

can so the total now is \$368.87. I have suspended ordering any books for Correactions meetings until they resume.

Finally, it is with great gratitude that I was able to make a report to the Trustees' Committee on Corrections on the question of whether "inmate" is an acceptable term of use these days.

Thanks so much for those who weighed in, especially to Harry P. from District 3. To paraphrase, Inmates are to Corrections what Soldiers are to the Military. Makes sense.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns, in service,

Kristina F.

May Edition Editorial Deadline: **Wednesday, April 15 @ 11:59 p.m.**  
Please email to [elfarolito@nm-aa.org](mailto:elfarolito@nm-aa.org) and to [timmond@gmail.com](mailto:timmond@gmail.com)

## Grapevine/La Viña

Greetings Area 46!

I have had a busy month as Area 46 *Grapevine/La Viña* Chair. What a fun and rewarding position this is! My mind is constantly thinking of new tasks to do for GV/LV!

I am making a display for the GV/LV table of stories written by Area 46 AA members in 2019 and 2020. I have found a number of GV stories and am now working on doing the same with *La Viña*. I am focusing on including *La Viña* in my committee and things are starting to happen! I spoke to *La Viña* in New York to get assistance with the project and have also reached out to a member of the Spanish speaking

community to join GV/LV committee. I am in the process of working with people in our area to include *La Viña* and the Spanish speaking community. It is great to see them step up with all their enthusiasm!

In February I hosted a workshop in my home for my sponsees, service sponsees and grand sponsees where we talked about service-related topics. I had three Trusted Servants sharing their journey, discussion on AA approved literature, and pamphlets. I shared with them about *Grapevine* and *La Viña* which sparked a great deal of interest. I think as a sponsor it is up to me to inform my sponsees about service or as some phrase it,

"sponsor them into service."

I am looking forward to attending the Area Assembly when it is rescheduled and being a part of this awesome area. I have not had any expenses this month, but have made one deposit for \$22.00 for sales.

Again, I have had and enjoyed a very productive month in my service position and look forward to working with all of you. If you have questions or need assistance with *Grapevine/La Viña*, please feel free to contact me.

In Love and service,

Maddy L.

Area 46 *Grapevine/La Viña* Chair

## Literature

Greetings Area 46,

While it is unfortunate, but necessary, that we did not meet up in Taos this past month, the *ELF* reports must continue! One thing I would like to ask all of the DCMs is to please have your Literature chairs contact me and I can set up a distribution list to pass along information that could be helpful to each district. Regarding

the GSC material I was sent, even though the conference was cancelled, I feel it would still be very helpful to take a look at the topics chosen for the Literature committee and see what others from around the state think about it. So please contact me if you are interested in being a part of the Area 46 Literature Committee.

I did have expenses totaling

\$295.68 this month. This was just to bring the book stock back to what was needed for an assembly.

If any districts in the outlying parts of the state need books, we can consolidate orders and get free shipping if the order is over \$500.

Blessings to all.

Dave F.

## Public Information (PI)

Hello Everyone!

I pray that everyone is all right these days. I'm always told that when stuff happens, that "this too shall pass!"

I'm not sure myself if any or how many of my planned events will actually take place. What with schools and other activities canceling or postponing, it's hard to say.

As of the time I write this, I haven't gotten word that any of my April events that will cancel but I will predict one perhaps as I now report. I missed the opportunity to set-up for the March 19th (Spring Fiesta) at Laguna.

I have contacted three TV stations in Albuquerque with no response from two and no sign of compli-

ance from the other. I did, however, learn that two radio stations, one in Western NM and the other in Eastern Arizona are playing some of the radio spots. Great huh! So, stay well everyone and we'll get through this pandemic! We'll see y'all again!

Yours in Service,

Jerry F., P.I.

**Cosmopolitan Group of Albuquerque** is hoping our May 29 "Fifth Friday Of The Month" potluck will still take place -- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. potluck, birthday meeting at 8:00 p.m. The first one in January was a huge success. We are wiping everything with beach and cleaners presently and keeping to social distancing. Our prayers go out to everyone. For further information on the Cosmopolitan Group's details please call: GSR Myron at 505-944-5314, [metrs1112@gmail.com](mailto:metrs1112@gmail.com), or alt GSR Mike at 505-930-3942, [indianmike76@gmail.com](mailto:indianmike76@gmail.com), or check the District 3 Area 46 website.

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<b>Buffet</b>	_____	_____
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## Delegado

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que muchos aspectos de nuestra nueva empresa proporcionarán beneficios para nuestro Área 46, que está llena de aspectos de la Comunidad remota. Me siento plenamente preparado para llevar la Conciencia del Área 46 a todas las deliberaciones sobre los asuntos que se están examinando para mejorar nuestra Comunidad en su conjunto. Estoy infinitamente Bendecido y eternamente Agradecido de ser parte de un acontecimiento tan histórico en la historia de nuestra Comunidad. Guardaré conmigo una Fe Genuina en un Poder Superior amoroso, un corazón lleno y agradecido, una mente abierta, y mis años pasados de experiencia, fuerza, esperanza y servicio y la utilizaré todo para servirle a usted y a Alcohólicos Anónimos. Nuestra Asamblea de Marzo se pospondrá hasta mayo; Invito a cada uno de ustedes a participar en nuestra serie de llamadas de conferencia de delegados. He programado una serie de llamadas en conferencia para que todos ustedes tengan la oportuni-

dad de transmitir cualquier sentimiento y opinión que puedan tener sobre cualquiera De Nuestros Puntos del orden del día de la Conferencia. Nos aventuraremos juntos en el mundo digital como parte de nuestra preparación para la Conferencia virtual.

Me gustaría anunciar que el Video de los Jóvenes "Jóvenes y Sobrios en A.A.: De Beber a la Recuperación", que se hizo aquí en el Área 46 en 2016 - 2017, y aprobado por la 68a Conferencia de Servicios Generales en 2018, fue finalizado y soltado por OSG a finales de febrero. Es el video destacado en aa.org Sitio Web. Aún otra vez, las muchas gracias salen a todos en nuestra Área quien trabajó en ese proyecto. A aquellos individuos específicos me gustaría decir esto: Su servicio está ahora en un lugar para servir a jóvenes que buscan ayuda. Su trabajo sin duda ayudará y afectará a innumerables miles de jóvenes a los que nunca conocerán. Rezo que duerman con un corazón cálido sabiendo que han salvado vidas de aquellos aún para estar entre nuestra Comunidad.

Mi primer Informe de la Conferen-

cia está programado en el Distrito 2 el 14 de mayo. MCD's es hora de comenzar a programar su Informe de la Conferencia de Delegados en su Distrito. Por favor no dude en ponerse en contacto conmigo en cualquier momento. Tengo un Calendario de Delegados publicado en la página del Delegado para que pueda ver qué intervalos de tiempo están disponibles. Presentaré un informe de la Conferencia en la Convención estatal del 6 de junio.

Cerraré con este pensamiento; junto con nuestro Poder Superior AA estará seguro y protegido en nuestro viaje Espiritual. Tengo absoluta confianza en nuestro Poder Superior creceremos, aprenderemos y brillaremos con amor y servicio a nuestros semejantes. No necesitamos ser consumidos por el miedo, sino más bien, necesitaremos abrazar la Fe y la Confianza y buscar todo el bien que nos rodea incluso en estos tiempos difíciles y cuidar de nuestros compañeros de viaje en este viaje.

En el Amor y el Servicio

Bill L., Delegado del Área 46

## DISTRICT REPORTS

### District 7 – ROSWELL, ARTESIA...

Given the circumstances of the past few weeks, I guess everyone in Roswell, New Mexico and the surrounding area are doing as well as can be expected. I've never seen so many crazy people thinking they're going to run out of toilet paper ...

Anyway, life goes on and we are still planning, at this point, the 2020 convention in June. Check the 2020 website for updates. Please continue to register as all will be refundable. Power of Prayer will see us through again, and we will be blessed to share

in our experience, strength and hope. Birthdays for June are John C., 34 years; and Dru, 26 years.

Gratefully in service,

Cheryl W.

District 7 ELF Rep.

### District 8 – FARMINGTON, AZTEC, BLOOMFIELD, SHIPROCK...

District 8 treasurer, Alpa, is celebrating six years. Jimmy celebrates 31 years. Terry celebrates 41 years and Kathy B has 43 years. Jessica, Jan D., Kathy S., and Denise H. all have one year. James B. is 20 years sober and Rick G. hasn't had a drink in 32 years. Congratulations to Dan M. and Francis W., each with nine years. Finally, Ellen M. now has 33 years of sobriety.

Linda H. from the Sisters in Sobriety group has started a new meeting in the Behavioral Health unit at San Juan Regional Medical Center in Farmington. District representatives voted to donate books and pamphlets for this meeting.

The District 8 website chair – Ernie – has built a new website at the

4CornersAA.org web address.

Ron H., our PI/CPC chair, will set up an information booth at the Health and Safety Fair at the Sycamore Community Center in Farmington on April 25, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

One day at a time,

Paul C.



*District 2 – SANTA FE, GALISTEO, LAMY ...*

Greetings New Mexico,

Where to begin? How about with hoping the hand of a Higher Power reaches out and comforts us all in these changing times.

I am physically isolated on my ranch outside of Santa Fe, but spiritually and mentally I am with you and a Higher Power, who is telling me to find ways to reach out and find those who are still suffering and assure them they never have to drink again.

Virtually overnight, the fundamentals we of sobriety became used to, changed. For me the 'new fundamentals' of how we carry the message forward and put other's needs first, have new concepts and constraints.

It seems doubtful an AA meeting will ever close again with the unity of holding hands, or having the 7th Tradition needs being passed around via basket, or a common coffee pot, or even the passing around of a newly earned token for some 'group mojo'

hand to hand.

One of the empathic topics we of District 2 have been moving forward with new measures and concepts has been safety. Well, it appears we will now be trying to keep AA safe on a new cyber level. This is going to be very challenging using the current format of the 'online meeting platforms' and software currently available.

I am thankful for the technology of being able to have online meetings through apps like Zoom, but question how we can best apply the format to Alcoholics Anonymous' traditions and concepts. We must have faith the waters of carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers and the needs, love, and nurturing we all must have will find this 'new world' path and grow in ways we cannot yet fathom.

The money contributions need to somehow continue or we cannot be self-supporting. Money is no longer coming in from a group level, to the

group's health and then beyond to district, state, general, and even world AA needs.

The unity and representation of New Mexico's AA community, through the avenue of the *El Farolito* newsletter, might need to rally for ideas and donations to keep New Mexico AA strong and self-supporting, and keep the little light burning.

It might even need to become the think tank and platform all states could contribute and model from to help mold the new direction AA hasn't really had to face since 1935. I pray for us, I pray for them, and I pray for how I can be of service to the alcoholic who still suffers, all without being face to face for at least, now anyway.

May our deep and effective spiritual experiences keep us on the road of faith and not fear. Bless to be sober,

John P., District 2 *El Farolito* Chair

*District 11 – WEST ALBUQUERQUE ...*

Greetings, all.

These are turbulent times in our state and country, and I wish you health and serenity as we all grapple with the changes that are occurring in our lives. The District 11 meeting took place on the second Saturday of the month, March 14, at Mesa View United Methodist Church. Representatives from Serenity, Ladies Group, Westside Noon, North Valley, Women's Gratitude, Serendipity, Dawn Patrol, Rebellion Dogs, and Seeking Serenity attended. The big news of course is that Area Assembly has been postponed possibly until May. Planning is still underway for the Area 46 convention. We spent some time discussing what groups are doing to avoid COVID-19 transmission. Members reported some groups are avoiding holding or shaking hands,

sanitizing table tops and door knobs, avoiding passing around anniversary chips, and some are placing the Seventh Tradition basket and sign-up sheets in a central location rather than passing them around. We know this virus is spread through droplet, so surfaces — especially hands — are major routes of transmission.

Our Corrections/Bridge the Gap committee representative, Stu, asked members to seek input from their groups regarding where individual groups are doing outreach as the Corrections committee would like to develop a large master list for better area organization and coverage. Rosie will begin filling in as the liaison to the area Bilingual committee. We still have open positions for the Accessibility, CPC/PI, Literature, and Treatment committees. Monique reports that

the Young People's Conference will be held at the Albuquerque Convention Center August 14-16, so save the date. Monique and Sara from Serenity group have also volunteered to be co-chairs for the Traditions Conference; they bring a lot of energy and ideas to the table this year. They are looking for a new location for the conference and are seeking volunteers from the district to help put on another fabulous program. Henry is chairing the Jemez Picnic committee and expects high turnout again this year. The picnic is scheduled for August 1, and early registration is encouraged. Seeking Serenity was to celebrate 24 years as a group on Saturday, March 28 set for their celebration meeting. We are blessed to have so many long-standing meetings in our district.

In Service, Ross B.

**District 13 – SOUTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE, MORIARTY, TIJERAS ...**

Greetings from District 13! We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. We are in need of a Bridge the Gap chair and a Young People chair. If you are interested and available to serve in either of these positions, join us so you can be elected! Our next meeting is on Saturday, April 11. For the

foreseeable future we will be meeting online via Zoom. Feel free to join through video or phone. Our Meeting ID is: 719-543-888 on the Zoom app or you can dial in: 1-346-248-7799, Access Code: 719-543-888.

Mac celebrates 10 years and Loya celebrates four

years in March. Congratulations!

District 13 voted unanimously to begin accepting digital contributions via a smartphone app-based payment platform. Offering a “virtual basket” is meant as an additional option, but not as a replacement for

cash contributions. Either will be gratefully accepted by District 13 and put toward services for our local A.A. community. For more information about the “virtual basket” and collecting contributions digitally, check out the Digital Basket Question and Answer document, Payment Platform Comparison, and a Box 459 article from 2017 which discusses this topic on pages 3-4, on our District website at: <https://nm-aa.org/districts/district-13/>.

We also had the opportunity to discuss General Service Conference Agenda item IV.A.3: Consider draft language related to the “virtual basket” when reviewing the pamphlet, “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix.” District 13 discussed the issue and voted unanimously to advise this proposal be approved at the upcoming General Service Conference. We believe it is important for Alcoholics Anonymous to adapt to available technologies, in an effort to remain relevant and inclusive. Incorporating this language into GSO-approved literature will help set a precedent that groups are encouraged to offer a “virtual basket” as an option, but not a replacement for contributions. We enthusiastically support the addition of language related to the “virtual basket” to this pamphlet, as well as other service pieces and guidelines.

Our district voted to put forward a motion at the next assembly that Area 46 adopts the practice of the General Service Conference

## Seeking Volunteers to Staff an AA Exhibit Booth

**AA General Service Office and Area 46's CPC Committee is**

***Seeking Volunteers to staff the AA Exhibit Booth at***

**Healthcare Chaplaincy Network Conference**

**Buffalo Thunder Conference Center, Pojoaque, NM 87506**

**April 20-22, 2020**



### Details about participating in an AA Exhibit at the Professional Event:

**In need of local AA members volunteer to staff the booth and engage with professionals about the AA recovery program.**

- Will need 2-4 local AA member to staff the Exhibit Booth in four (4) hour increments shifts.
- Engage with professional, share information, answer questions, and finding AA contacts.
- There might be a chance to have an AA meeting set up at the event.

This is a GSO driven event; therefore, GSO is providing the AA literature, rack, and banner.

**Need AA members from a one-hour radius from Pojoaque and anyone who wants to volunteer. If you are interested, please contact Lawrence M., CPC Chair at (505) 470-2887 or email [cpc@nm-aa.org](mailto:cpc@nm-aa.org).**

#### **About Area 46- CPC Committee**

*Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) is a Standing Committee of Area 46 working with Districts to provide information about AA to interested professionals, encouraging good rapport between them and members of the AA community.*

## District 14 – TAOS, RED RIVER, QUESTA, PEÑASCO, TALPA ...

Greetings friends,

Due to the coronavirus concerns, the March 27-29 Area 46 Assembly in Taos was postponed until sometime in May, depending on the developments with this virus. Should meeting restrictions be lifted by then, the Taos AA planning committee will pick up where they left off.

What strange times these are! While many of us up here in Northern New Mexico are practicing "social distancing," we are having to be creative in our

recovery practices, including more phone calls, online meetings, more prayer/meditation, reflection, etc. How are your groups handling these massive changes?

Many Taos meetings are currently discontinued or have changed locations due to the numerous building closures here in town (which include the Presbyterian Church, St. James Episcopal Church, El Pueblito Church and Taos Public Library). These closures have obviously greatly impacted our

meetings, but Taos AAs are resilient and are holding some meetings outside on patios, in the park and at private offices. Our many thanks to our District 14 Registrar, as well as the Area 46 Web chair, who are being so diligent and on top of all these meeting changes. Visit the meeting list here for the most current updates:

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<https://nm-aa.org/meetings/?tsml-day=any&tsml-query=relocated>

On a bright note, we were very excited to learn

that our Santa Fe friends got the bid for the AA International Women's Conference in 2022. It will be held February 9-13, 2022 at the Santa Fe Convention Center. Get ready for thousands of sober sisters!

"Change happens in sobriety and, big or small, I try to see where God wants me to fit in each day."

—Monaca, PA, April 2011, "An Unmade Bed," AA Grapevine

Be kind and stay healthy. We need you all!

Kelly O., District 14

El Farolito Rep.

## District 13

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and require substantial unanimity, that is, a two-thirds majority to change policy. Procedural matters will continue to be decided by a simple majority. Background: In the past, Area 46 has made decisions without substantial unanimity, which has led to members questioning our voting procedures. Pages from the General Service Conference Communications Kit regarding how the conference operates define substantial unanimity as a two-thirds majority. Other areas throughout the United States and Canada were also consulted for guidance. Nearly all who responded set a similar or identical precedent. Most of the proposed changes to the AIP borrow language directly from the General Service Conference Communications Kit on How the Conference Operates. It is the conscience of District 13 that aligning our

voting procedures with the General Service Conference would lead to greater unity among Area 46 and its members.

Please consider including District 13 when your group makes quarterly distributions. It is through your generous contributions that we are able to provide services to our local AA community. We recently acquired a P.O. Box for receiving group contributions. Checks can be made out to District 13, and mailed to P.O. Box 11134, Albuquerque, NM 87112. To contribute digitally, please contact [district13@nm-aa.org](mailto:district13@nm-aa.org).

We hope to see you at our next virtual District meeting in April. Please attend and see what we do! This is your District. Your participation and your vote are very important.

In love & service,  
Ariel M.

Alt-DCM, District 13  
[dcm13@nm-aa.org](mailto:dcm13@nm-aa.org)

## The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual



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