



# EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

## AGENDA for AREA 46 ASSEMBLY

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December 7 & 8, 2019 • District 17 – Linguistic District North  
Holy Rosary Catholic Church • 5415 Fortuna Rd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87105

### FRIDAY

(Holy Rosary Church)

7:00 pm

Speaker meeting – David L., past delegate  
(No business will be conducted on Friday)

8:00 pm

Refreshments and traditional dance exhibition  
Hosted and presented by District 17

### SATURDAY

(Holy Rosary Church)

7:30 am Registration open & breakfast served – Please gather in main meeting room by 8:15 so the Assembly can begin on time.

8:30 am CALL TO ORDER

8:45 am COMMITTEE MEETINGS: GSR Orientation, Accessibilities, Corrections, Finance, Website, Young People in Service

9:35 am 10-minute break

9:45 am COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Bilingual, Bridge the Gap (BTG), *El Farolito*, Finance, Grapevine/La Viña, Public Information (PI)

10:35 am 10-minute break

10:45 am COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Archives, Cooperation w/ Professional Community (CPC), Literature, Treatment Facilities, Area 46 Forum, Area 46 Convention

11:35 am 10-minute break

11:45 am MEETINGS: GSRs, District Committee Members (DCMs), Area Trusted Servants, Past Delegates

12:35 pm Lunch Break – Provided by District 17 –

1:45 pm CALL TO ORDER – Business Meeting

2:00 pm INTRODUCTIONS: Area trusted servants, Past Delegates, Districts (DCMs, GSRs & others), visitors.

2:45 pm SECRETARY'S REPORT: Summary of Minutes – September Assembly - District 3, Belen

2:50 pm TREASURER'S REPORT (while 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket is passed)

3:05 pm REGISTRAR'S REPORT

3:10 pm DELEGATE'S REPORT

3:25 pm ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

3:40 pm 10-minute break

3:50 pm ANNOUNCEMENTS (any A.A. event in or around New Mexico)

4:10 pm OLD BUSINESS

1) Area 46 Convention Report: June 5, 6 & 7, 2020 – District 7, Roswell

2) Area 46 Assembly Report: March 28 & 29, 2020 – District 14, Taos

3) Area 46 Assembly Report: September 12 & 13, 2020 – District 16, Silver City

4:25 pm NEW BUSINESS\*

1) Bids for Area 46 Convention June 4, 5 & 6, 2021

2) Bids for Area 46 Assembly December 5 & 6, 2020

3) Presentation of 2020-2021 Area 46 Committee Chairs for disapproval – Kurt K., Area Chair-Elect

4) Presentation of and motion for 2020 Area 46 Budget – Christoph E., Finance Committee Chair

5) Motion for a proposed Conference Agenda Item

6) Motion to keep or not keep AA books held by Area 46

7) Other new business

5:30 pm Dinner Break

7:00 pm Fellowship, Fun & Ice Cream Social (Hosted by District 17 & the Young People's Committee)

7:30 pm SHARING SESSION: Area Inventory – Eloy M., Area Chair

### SUNDAY

(Please respect the Church's needs by parking in AA designated parking area or on the street)

8:00 am CALL TO ORDER

8:10 am VOTE on previous day's bids and motions

8:30 am ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORTS\*\* (includes Committee, GSR, DCM, Trusted Servant, and Past Delegate meetings)

9:30 am 10-minute break (if needed, a ten-minute break will be taken during Assembly Meeting Reports)

10:00 am Ask It Basket and Sobriety Countdown

11:00 am Adjourned until March 28-29, 2020 – District 14, Taos

— DCM/Trusted Servant Orientation and Planning Meeting for the next Assembly will be held on February 1, 2020 —

#### \*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 written out and given to the Secretary when the motion is made. (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 funding will come from (see Finance chair for help)

\*\* COMMITTEE CHAIRS WILL SUBMIT ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORTS TO THE *EL FAROLITO* EDITOR.



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Eat in and near  
the Assembly —  
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## AGENDA PARA LA ASAMBLEA DE ÁREA 46

**Diciembre 7 & 8, 2019 • Distrito 17 – Linguistic Distrito Norte**  
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### VIERNES

(Holy Rosary Church)

7:00 pm Reunión de Orador– David L., Delegado Pasado Ningún negocio se llevará a cabo el Viernes)  
 8:00 pm Refrescos y Danza Tradicional de Exposición Anfitrión y Presentado por el Distrito 3

### SÁBADO

(Holy Rosary Church)

7:30 am El Registro Abierto y Desayuno Servido – Por favor júntese en la sala de reuniones principal hacia las 8:15 de modo que la Asamblea pueda comenzar en el horario

8:30 am LLAMADA AL ORDEN

8:45 am REUNIONES DEL COMITÉ: RSG Orientación, Correcciones, Finanzas, Sitio Web, Jóvenes en Servicio

9:35 am Descanso de 10 minutos

9:45 am REUNIONES DEL COMITÉ: Bilingüe, Uniendo Las Orillas (ULO), El Farolito, Finanzas, Grapevine/La Viña, Información Pública (IP)

10:35 am Descanso de 10 minutos

10:45 am REUNIONES DEL COMITÉ: Archivos, Cooperación con la Comunidad Profesional (CPC), Literatura., (Centros) de Tratamiento, Foro del Área 46, Área 46 Convención

11:35 am Descanso de 10 minutos

11:45 am REUNIONES: RSGs, Miembros del Comité del Distrito (MCDs), Servidores de Confianza, Delegados Pasados

12:35 pm Almuerzo - Proporcionado Por Distrito 17

1:45 pm LLAMADA AL ORDEN – Reunión de Negocios

2:00 pm INTRODUCCIONES – Servidores de Confianza, Delegados Pasados, Distritos (MCDs, RSGs y otros), Visitantes

2:45 pm INFORME DEL SECRETARIO: Resumen de Minutos – Asamblea de septiembre – Distrito 3 Belén

2:50 pm INFORME DEL TESORERO: (mientras la canasta de la Séptima Tradición se pasa)

3:05 pm INFORME DEL REGISTRADOR

3:10 pm INFORME DE LA DELEGADA

3:25 pm INFORME DEL DELEGADO SUPLENTE

3:40 pm Descanso de 10 minutos

3:50 pm ANUNCIOS – Cualquier evento de A.A. en o alrededor de Nuevo México

4:10 pm VIEJO NEGOCIO

1) Área 46 Informe de la Convención: junio 5, 6 & 7, 2020 – Distrito 7, Roswell

2) Área 46 Informe de la Asamblea: marzo 28 & 29, 2020 – Distrito 14, Taos

3) Área 46 Informe de la Asamblea: septiembre 12 & 13, 2020 – Distrito 16, Silver City

4:25 pm NUEVO NEGOCIO \*

1) Ofertas para la Convención del Área 46: Junio 4, 5 & 6, 2021

2) Ofertas para la Asamblea de Área 46 del 5 y 6 de diciembre de 2020

3) Presentación de los Coordinadores del Comité de la Área 46 2020-2021 para su desaprobación – Kurt K., Coordinador electo de Área

4) Presentación y moción para el Presupuesto de Área 46 del 2020 – Christoph E., Coordinador del Comité de Finanzas

5) Moción para un Tema propuesto de la Agenda de la Conferencia

6) Moción para mantener o no conservar los libros de AA en poder del Área 46

7) Otros nuevos negocios

5:30 pm Descanso Para Comer

7:00 pm COMPAÑERISMO, DIVERSIÓN & HELADO SOCIAL: (Recibido por Distrito 17 & el Comité de los Jóvenes)

7:30 pm SESIÓN DE COMPARTIMIENTO: Inventario de Área – Eloy M., Coordinador del Área

DOMINGO (Respete las necesidades de la Iglesia estacionándose en un área de estacionamiento designada por AA o en la calle)

8:00 am LLAMADA AL ORDEN

8:10 am VOTAR en las ofertas y mociones del día anterior

8:30 am INFORMES DE REUNIONES DE LA ASAMBLEA\*\* (incluye Comité, GSR, DCM, Servidor de Confianza y Reuniones de Delegados Pasados)

9:30 am Descanso de 10 minutos (si es necesario, se tomará un descanso de diez minutos durante los informes de la Reunión de la Asamblea)

10:00 am Preguntas de Canasta y Conteo Regresivo de Sobriedad

11:00 am Aplazado hasta el 28-29 de marzo de 2020 – Distrito 14, Taos

— La Orientación de MCD/Servidores de Confianza y Reunión de Planificación para la siguiente Asamblea será sostenida el 1 de febrero de 2020 —



### \* HACIENDO UNA MOTIÓN:

- 1) Cualquier miembro votante puede hacer un movimiento. Si usted necesita ayuda, ver a cualquier servidor de Confianza de Área, Delegado o MCD.
- 2) Las mociones deberían ser escritos y dados al Secretario(a) cuando la moción es hecha. (Incluya su nombre y posición con la moción de voto)
- 3) Si su moción requerirá la financiación del Área, incluya como la parte de la moción los costos y donde la financiación vendrá (ver al Coordinador de Finanzas para ayuda)

**\*\* COORDINADORES DE COMITÉS PRESENTARÁ INFORMES DE SU REUNIÓN A LA ASAMBLEA AL EDITOR DE EL FAROLITO.**

## Delegate

I can't believe one rotation is about to end and another about to begin. Before that happens, though, we still have business to attend to at the December area assembly. In addition to regular business, we will discuss what we should do with the AA books that the area came into possession of earlier this year. I know that many groups and districts have been weighing the Traditions as they apply to these books. Whatever the assembly decides to do with the books, I sincerely hope that everyone will keep our First Tradition foremost in their minds. The unity of our area is of far greater importance than any books – no matter how useful those books may appear to be. So, as we discuss the books, let us remember that we can disagree without being

disagreeable. And, once a decision is made by the assembly, let us trust our Second Tradition (that God expresses Himself through the group conscience) and work in Unity to continue to serve the groups of Area 46 and to carry the message of recovery to our various communities in New Mexico.

Very soon, I will transition to my next service position, "past delegate." A few people have told me they want to be a past delegate someday. I haven't become a past delegate yet, but I'm pretty sure that the time and effort involved in becoming a past delegate cannot possibly be worth it if your goal is simply to be a past delegate. What has been completely worth it to me has been to take on each service position that I

held, ask for help and learn whatever I needed to in order to perform that position, do it to the best of my willingness, and then be willing to be of service in a different capacity when the rotation was over.

My journey in Service has been an incredible spiritual experience. You all have been my teachers as well as my friends. Thank you. I am humbled to have served with so many dedicated, loving, and supportive people. I know my journey in Service is not over, it's just changing. I look forward to seeing many of you as we continue to "trudge the Road of Happy Destiny."

In grateful service,

Teresa J., Area 46 Delegate

## Delegada

No puedo creer que una rotación está a punto de terminar y el otro está a punto de comenzar. Antes de que eso suceda, sin embargo, todavía tenemos negocios que atender en la Asamblea de Área de diciembre. Además de negocio regular, discutiremos lo que debemos hacer con los libros de AA que el Área entró en posesión a principios de este año. Sé que muchos grupos y distritos han estado sopesando las Tradiciones a medida que se aplican a estos libros. Cualquiera que sea la Asamblea decida hacer con los libros, espero sinceramente que todos se mantenga nuestra Primera Tradición todo en sus mentes. La unidad de nuestra área tiene la mucho mayor importancia que cualquier libro – no importa cómo útil aquellos libros pueden parecer ser. Así que, mientras discutimos los libros, recordemos que

podemos discrepar sin ser desagradable. Y, una vez que la asamblea tome una decisión, vamos a confiar en nuestra Segunda Tradición (que Dios se expresa a través de la conciencia del grupo) y trabajo en Unidad para seguir sirviendo los grupos de área 46 y llevar el mensaje de recuperación a nuestras varias comunidades en Nuevo México.

Muy pronto, voy la transición a mi siguiente posición del servicio, "delegado pasado". Unas personas me han dicho que quieren ser un delegado pasado algún día. No me he hecho un delegado pasado aún, pero estoy bastante seguro que el tiempo y el esfuerzo implicado en hacerse un delegado pasado no pueden valer la pena posiblemente si su objetivo es ser simplemente un delegado pasado. Lo que ha valió la pena para

mí ha sido asumir cada puesto de servicio que ocupó, pedir ayuda y aprender todo lo que necesitaba para desempeñar esa posición, hacerlo lo mejor de mi voluntad, y luego estar dispuesta a servir en una capacidad diferente cuando la rotación era terminada.

Mi viaje en el servicio ha sido una increíble experiencia espiritual. Todos ustedes han sido mis maestros, así como mis amigos. Gracias. Me siento honrada de haber servido con tantas personas dedicadas, amorosas y solidarias. Sé que mi viaje en el Servicio no ha terminado, sólo está cambiando. Espero ver a muchos de ustedes mientras seguimos "caminando por el Camino del Destino Feliz".

En servicio agradecido,

Teresa J., Delegada del Área 46

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## Alternate Delegate

As we come to the end of the rotation, I would like to thank each and every one of you who have been involved in service this past rotation. I thank you for your participation in our service process and for your dedication to our Fellowship. Service is vital to AA and to our continued survival, both as individuals and as an Area, District, or Group. All of you performed your duties with exemplary effort. Congratulations and thank you to all. I hope to continue

to see many of you staying involved in service. Rotate on, not rotate out! For those of you who are debating whether or not to get started in service, I cannot recommend it highly enough.

November was mostly quiet. Primary activity involved participation on a couple of committees. I have completed my SW Region responsibilities as Secretary of the Alternate Delegate's Committee.

As is the case with every service rotation, I am grateful for the experience. With each rotation comes spiritual growth, and more learning and understanding of our beautiful Fellowship. I am forever grateful to Area 46 for the opportunities that have been afforded me in service to our program.

In Love and Service,

Bill L.

Alternate Delegate

## Chair

Greetings Area 46,

I hope this report finds you well and in good spirits. We are gathering for the December Area 46 Assembly on the 7th & 8th at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 5414 Fortuna Rd. NW in Albuquerque, hosted by District 17. Thank you, District 17, for being of service.

We will be taking bids for the December 2020 Assembly and the 2021 Area 46 Convention. Also there will

be a motion on the 2020 Area budget. The new area Chair will be bringing the new rotation Area Committee chairs for disapproval. It's the first time we get to meet them and I can't wait. There will be a few other motions brought to the floor along with the motion to keep or not to keep the AA literature from the old Albuquerque Metro/Bernalillo County jail. You can go to the Area Chair page on the Area website to look at the timeline and inventory of the literature.

For many this is the last assembly serving as current Trusted Servants or service titles. We all still have one more report to write – the December Report and our rotation ends December 31, 2019. That's all from me for now. Can't wait to see you all at the Assembly.

In service,

Eloy M.

## Registrar

Hello All,

It is time for another assembly. This will be the last assembly I will be the Area 46 registrar. It has been a privilege to serve.

The GSO database known as the FNV will no longer be available for me to update according to GSO. They are switching over to a new system known as the ERP. All group change

forms will be sent to GSO for them to do the updates or I will forward to them. I am waiting to hear back from them as to what I will be sent to keep our stuff up to date.

I will have group change forms at the assembly to give to each of the DCMs that will have the current information of each of the active groups in their district. When there is

a change, I will hope that they be sent to our new registrar or sent to GSO. I am also creating a list of all the unknown groups, which are groups without a mailing contact or GSR so they can be researched and hopefully updated to become active groups.

Yours in Love and Service,

Kurt K.

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## Secretary

Hello Everyone,

I am not sure where to begin! I am excited to see you all in Albuquerque for our December 6, 7 and 8, 2019 Assembly, that will be held at Our Lady of the Most Holy Catholic Church, as we get to work doing the business of AA in our Area. Let us be unified in the idea that what we are striving for is to help the still suffering alcoholic by making 12th step work possible, even if we disagree on how we should go about making that happen. Let's bring our best selves to the assembly – unconditionally giving our love, kindness and tolerance to all.

I want to give a huge thank you to those that came before me as Secretary; All in all, my experience has been an excellent one! I am so humbly grateful to have had this experience. As I step out of this role, I am filled with gratitude for Alcoholics Anonymous. It is truly a force that keeps me where my Higher Power (God) wants me. Service work is the life blood of my recovery. I sponsor people; I work the Steps, Traditions and the Concepts into my life; Concept XII is the one that guides me from trying to take over the world. If I take on a service responsibility, I need to do the service to the best of my ability and finally when I think I

can do this; I need to hand it over to someone else. Melissa R., District 15, our incoming Area 46 Secretary. Melissa is well versed and ready to roll! My understanding of rotation has led me from one service job to another. I don't believe rotation means "I quit." I don't think rotation means "I've done my time, now someone else has to do it." I do believe rotation means that "I have made my contribution in that capacity, where can I be of service next?"

Thank you again for the honor and privilege of serving Area 46.

Outgoing Area 46 Secretary

Ana G.

## Secretaria

Hola a Todos

¡No estoy segura de por dónde empezar! Estoy emocionada de verlos a todos en Albuquerque para nuestra Asamblea de 6, 7 y 8 de diciembre de 2019, que se llevará a cabo en Our Lady of the Most Holy Catholic Church, mientras llegamos a trabajar haciendo el negocio de AA en nuestra área. Permítanos ser unificados en la idea de que lo que estamos luchando, es ayudar al Alcohólico que todavía está sufriendo haciendo posible el trabajo del 12o paso, incluso si no estamos de acuerdo en cómo debemos hacer que eso suceda. Traigamos nuestro mejor ser a la asamblea - incondicionalmente dando nuestro amor, bondad y tolerancia a todos.

ancia a todos.

Quiero dar un enorme gracias a aquellos que vinieron antes de mí como secretario(a); Al salir de este papel estoy lleno de la gratitud por Alcohólicos Anónimos. Es realmente una fuerza que me mantiene donde mi Poder Superior (Dios) me quiere. El trabajo de servicio es la sangre vital de mi recuperación. Apadrino algunas personas; trabajo los Pasos, Tradiciones y los Conceptos en mi vida; El concepto XII es el que me guía de tratar de no apoderas del mundo. Si asumí una responsabilidad de servicio, necesito hacer el servicio lo mejor que pueda y finalmente cuando pienso que puedo hacer esto; necesito entregárselo a

otra persona. Melissa R. Distrito 15, nuestra Secretaria entrante del Área 46. ¡Melissa está bien versada y lista para rodar! Mi entendimiento de la rotación me ha conducido de un trabajo del servicio al otro. No creo que la rotación signifique "renuncio". No creo que la rotación signifique "He hecho mi tiempo, ahora alguien más tiene que hacerlo". Realmente creo que la rotación significa que "¿He hecho mi contribución en esa capacidad, dónde puedo servir después?"

Gracias de nuevo por el honor y el privilegio de servir en el Área 46.

Secretaria saliente del Área 46

Ana G.

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## Archives

Hello everyone!

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have served Area 46 as its Archives Chair for the past two years. Thank you, Eloy, for appointing me to this service position. My entire relationship with Alcoholics Anonymous has been enhanced in ways that I never expected!

In March of 2018, my rotation began with the opportunity to attend the International Archives Workshop in Evanston, Illinois. It was an amazing introduction to archives service and highly educational as to the history of Alcoholics Anonymous. In January of 2019, I was blessed to participate in an incredible trip to New York City to research New Mexico history at GSO. To see our history in such a poignant way changed my relationship with Alcoholics Anonymous, increased my understanding of service, and enhanced my respect for my sobriety. I will carry that experience with me always.

Last month, following the presentation at the September Assembly by our Regional Trustee, Jimmy D., I decided to attend the Regional Forum in Houston. Jimmy's message was yet another example of attraction rather than promotion. I couldn't

wait to attend the Forum for the first time and to learn about that level of service. Presented by GSO, along with many Trustees, Past Trustees, Delegates, Past Delegates, special workers from GSO, and others, it was yet another highly educational experience wherein I learned even more about our program and the bigger picture of that which we are a part.

I have completely enjoyed getting to know our Archivist, Debra K. and our Delegate, Teresa J., who was the Archives Chair for the conference during this rotation. Teresa has been an incredible mentor and example to me.

I am left with even greater gratitude to God, Bill W., Bob S., and all of those who came before me to ensure that the message of Alcoholics Anonymous was carried forward. Equally, I am responsible to carry the message, exactly as it was given to me, to future generations.

Thank you to all of you for your service and participation in Area 46. It has been a pleasure to serve with you.

Jennifer W.

Archives Chair

### Tradition of the Month

#### TWELVE

**"Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."**

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## CPC

This year is winding down, but CPC is going strong.

Janet A., District 18 CPC chair, is making terrific inroads with UNM Medical School. Not only do they want to continue the AA meeting/Q&A format for new students, but they want to expand it into other areas. They are looking at educating graduate students about AA as well as medical personnel and Med School staff. What a gift they give us by letting us tell them about AA. Janet's involvement has been a real shot in the arm for CPC in all of the districts in Albuquerque and she will be looking for your support especially in the AA meeting/Q&A formats like the ones we've done.

Juliet, District 2 CPC chair, had that wonderful attendance at the sobriety rally in late September and is

looking for her replacement for the next rotation.

Nancy B., District 11 CPC chair, has her replacement for the next rotation (Osha).

Simon, District 14, is out there inviting people to learn about AA in the health facilities. His enthusiasm is terrific.

To those I mentioned, and the others I didn't hear from this month that are in action, thank you!

I heard from a recovery home that has 18 houses in Albuquerque (via Debra K., Central Office) that they would like us to make a presentation about AA to 150 of their new service leaders. That'll be happening in January, so it'll likely be handled by our new Area CPC Chair and maybe a few district chairs in Albuquerque - we'll see. I'm proud to pass on this

rotation with such an opportunity to start with. Thank you Debra.

We live and learn in this service position. How to approach people, how to listen, when to talk, when to be quiet, what's enough, what's too much, and so on. It's been a pleasure to learn with this gang of recovering alcoholics who have trained me so well. Yep, just when you're trained, it's time to rotate out.

I want to thank Eloy, our Area Chair, for offering this service position to me. I knew I wanted it when he asked me, but had no idea what it would really involve. I have been contributed to in a very big way serving in this capacity. Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Sarah F.

## Corrections

Hello everyone, not much to report this month.

Getting ready for the December Assembly, getting a couple of topics ready for the Corrections Committee, I've also gotten some emails from several groups about the Pink Can donations and if they should still be collecting since we have so many

books. We don't have any books as they are in the hands of the December Assembly until we vote to keep them or give them away, so please continue to collect donations for the Pink Can as we still need literature for inmates behind the walls.

I want to thank everyone for letting me serve as your Corrections

Committee Chair. It's been an awesome learning experience in my life. God Bless and Thank You.

Tony G.

Corrections Chair

505-435-8484

## Finance

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Area 46 and Alcoholics Anonymous for my sobriety and allowing me to be of service as your finance committee chairperson. As with any service performed in Alcoholics Anonymous, I have been given many opportunities to grow and

experience humility. This kind of service is in line with my higher power's intentions for me and for which I receive the gift of sobriety and the blessing of serenity. I couldn't ask for more.

I look forward to our next rotation of service and the chance to con-

tinue trudging the road with Area 46. Thank you.

In service,

Christoph

Chair Finance Committee



## Grapevine/La Viña

Final report of '18-'19 rotation for the *Grapevine/La Vina* Committee.

### Published stories:

January '18

Blood Shot Eyes-Santa Fe, Out of Time-Las Cruces, Now about Sex-Albuquerque

May: '18

Life of the Party-Santa Fe

Aug: '18

Todos me Ayudan-Chaparral (*La Viña*)

Thanks for the Call-Tesuque, A Quiet Place D.B.-Las Cruces

Sept: '18

Boyish Charm-Santa Fe

Oct: '18

The Biggest Tip I Ever Got-Santa Fe

January '19

Had Enough-Albuquerque, Time to let Go-Albuquerque.

Mayo/Junio '19

Taller en Albuquerque (*La Viña*).

Encourage stories to be written and sent to *Grapevine/La Viña*.

Two home group pictures published, Grupo El Pardon y Ultimo

Paso, published in *La Viña*, both groups are in Albuquerque.

Encourage your groups to send a photo of their home group (no people) to the *Grapevine* and if it's a Spanish meeting, *La Viña*.

Addresses:

[editorial@aagrapevine.org](mailto:editorial@aagrapevine.org)  
(*Grapevine*)

[editorlv@aagrapevine.org](mailto:editorlv@aagrapevine.org) (*La Viña*)

### Activities participated in:

Attended Wits End writing workshop, BURQUEYPAA writing workshop, Spanish meetings, Young People's meetings, District meetings including District 17, Children of Chaos Corn Beef and Cabbage St. Patrick's Day feast and workshop, Trusted Servants orientation, Assembly planning meeting (2), Gallup Gathering, Carlsbad, State Convention (2), Traditions conference (2), Newcomer workshop.

Albuquerque had a city newsletter in '18, *Pass It On*, *Grapevine* ran an entire section and published articles and updates regularly.

We made a motion at an assembly to increase our budget by \$250

and it passed, and at the March Assembly to change the AIP to include *La Viña* and that passed. August '18 issue of the *Grapevine* was dedicated entirely to *Grapevine* service.

*Grapevine* subscriptions increased immensely and *La Viña* increased in activity also. At the conference in New York we were given a special shout out about our work.

Approximately upwards of \$2,000 in sales, deposits and orders were made. \$300.90 is currently in the bank to transfer, plus what will be incoming from sales at the December assembly. Don't forget to take advantage of free shipping till 12/31.

This AA will be in Thailand at the Chiangmai AA Round up during the Dec. assembly, but the *Grapevine/La Viña* will be well covered, so I'll say Thank you for the support you've all given to the *Grapevine/La Viña* this rotation in this report,

Thank You y Gracias. Happy Holidays.

Manuel P.

Outgoing Area 46

*Grapevine/La Viña* Chair.

## Young People

Hola, Area 46,

The holidays are just around the corner. Just a reminder to stay in the middle of the herd. We all need each other at this time of the year. Go to meetings, pick up the phone and go to events. I hope to see all of you at the December Assembly. The Area 46 Young Peoples Committee took a workshop out to Farmington in the beginning of November. We discussed what it was like being young and in Service. We shared our hope, strength and experience. We had three members from Area 46 Young

People and three members from the NMCYPAA 2020 host with us. All got to share. We answered questions on how we try to keep people involved and the number one thing that kept coming up was tell them ice cream would be there. So feed them for more participation. Lol 😊 Also, to hang around the winners. Our last committee meeting was on November 24th at the Heights Club. We started planning the 6th Annual Three Legacies workshop to be held on January 25, 2020. So save the date. DCMs, can you contact me with any information you have if you have

a Young Person's chair in your district? I would like to get this information updated before the end of the year. Keep trudging.

YPAA Budget \$234.17

In Service,

Michelle M.

Contacts:

Chair: [ypaa@nm-aa.org](mailto:ypaa@nm-aa.org)

or YPAA Web Chair

[kenvaldo@gmail.com](mailto:kenvaldo@gmail.com)

## Treatment

Greetings Area 46! My apologies for not having a report in last month. The time just slipped by me.

I am very excited about the upcoming December Assembly, hosted by District 17! I know it will be an amazing time! During the assembly planning meeting for this assembly, we were asked some questions about our rotation in this service position. One of the questions that came up was that the reports that have been provided in the ELF do not really contain a lot of information about the committee itself. Here are some descriptions of the duties of the area Treatment chair. 1) Coordinate the flow of information and activities that pertain to carrying the AA message of recovery to alcoholics in hospitals and treatment centers with-

in Area 46. 2) Encourage the use of GSO's "AA Guidelines on Treatment Committees" and other GSO literature and materials at the Area, District and Group levels and 3) Cooperate with the Area 46 Bridge the Gap program as it pertains to treatment facilities.

During my rotation, I have received and replied to emails requesting information about treatment meetings, treatment centers requesting to be added to our list, facilities that are looking to have meetings in their center, how to get a meeting started, and so on. District treatment chairs and DCMs have provided information on the treatment meetings in their districts and I have found that information to be very valuable and very fluid. As is the case with meet-

ings in general, meetings come and they go – they change days, hosting groups, and facilities. The one thing that does not change is the desire in us to help the suffering alcoholic by carrying the message of hope in these meetings.

Nearing the end of my rotation, I have a better understanding and appreciation of the power of communication, and the best way to share it. The information provided by Groups, Districts, Area and GSO for Treatment was invaluable to this committee. I have really appreciated the opportunity for gratitude, growth and humility that this chair position has offered to me.

In love & service,

Carrie N.

## AOL, Yahoo! and Email, Oh My!

### ATTN: GSR's, DCMs and Trusted Servants:

As you know we are fast approaching the end of this service rotation. This also means the holidays are coming and things can get busy. As Web Chair, one of my goals is to make the upcoming transition in January a smooth one for our incoming trusted servants. I need your help to do this I two critical ways:

#### Whitelist *nm-aa.org*

Yahoo! Mail, AOL and sometimes other email providers block important communication that comes from Area 46.

We need your help to ensure that you receive all emails from area trusted servants. You can help by adding the Area 46 domain (*nm-aa.org*) to your safe senders list.

You can find whitelist instructions for your email provider at

<https://nm-aa.org/email-mgmt/>. I will also have a few copies of each tutorial at the December Assembly.

### Email box clean up for all who have an Area 46 email address.

If email boxes are not "cleaned up" it can cause issues down the road. There is a limit as to how many emails our domain (*nm-aa.org*) can support – cleaning up your mailbox will help us with this.

## Web

Please take some time to do the following:

Delete all old emails from 2017 or earlier (this means keep 2018-19 emails)

PLEASE KEEP any older emails (2017 or earlier) that hold important historical information for your successor to know. This includes deleting emails from your sent folder. This folder is often overlooked when

cleaning out mailboxes and can hold large emails due to attachments

Go through 2018-19 emails and delete the ones that are unnecessary such as "thank you" replies, meeting requests, etc.

Approach it this way – when YOU took over the role what emails would you have found irrelevant for your new role?

Thank you for your service to Area 46. Your service matters as we carry the message of AA throughout the state.

I look forward to seeing you at the December Assembly. The Website Committee meets on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. – join us! Please feel free to email me at [webchair@nm-aa.org](mailto:webchair@nm-aa.org) or find me at the assembly if you need help. I am honored to be of service.

Kerri K.

Interim Webchair

## District 1 – PORTALES, CLOVIS, TUCUMCARI ...

Greetings from District 1! Happy Holidays to all! Heading to Eastern New Mexico? Please join us for one or many meetings. We'd suggest that you check this schedule of meetings because the state website may not be up to date. We have been welcoming new members as well as enjoying the return of old friends. We look forward to making connections with you all!

Clovis Fellowship Group hosts meetings every day of the week, at noon and also at 7:30 p.m. So, join us for a meeting that fits your schedule. The last Saturday of the month is Sobriety Anniversary night. Remember that the Fellowship Group has Big Book Study meetings (Sunday evening), 12 x 12 study meetings (Tuesday evening, Thursday noon), and all are open meetings. We'd love see you at Fellowship!

Tucumcari Meetings: A.A. reaches across the state, including in the Tucumcari area. Join us for a meeting at the Unity Group, two nights a

week. Monday, Wednesday, 7:00-8:00 p.m. First Christian Church, 1701 S. 4th Street, Tucumcari. Spread the word about our open meetings, and call if you have any questions: 575-461-7881. We welcome you!

We Care Group meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at noon in Portales. Bring your lunch if you like. All are open meetings, held at: Community Room, 718 Wyliecox Circle, Portales. Members are planning a Christmas party for everyone in the area. More information coming soon! Have questions? Call: 575-356-3255. Join us! We'd love to see you.

Lamplighters Group is going strong in Portales. Meetings: Fridays and Sundays, 7:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ Student Center, 207 S. Ave. K. A 7:30 meeting is a great way to finish up your day!

Willow Group in Portales (1528 S. Main) has eight meetings each week, Tuesday through Saturday at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday at 4:00 p.m.;

Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 a.m. for you early bird. Tuesday nights are book studies, both *12 Steps and 12 Traditions*, and the Big Book. Join us! Come meet our new members and perhaps renew some old friendships!

Men's Meeting: Looking for a men's meeting? Newcomers and old timers are welcome at the Men's Group at the Church of Christ Student Center in Portales (207 S. Ave. K). They meet at 6:00 p.m. each Monday evening. What a great way to finish off a Monday!

Addresses:

<https://nm-aa.org/districts/district1/>

P.O. Box 5511, Clovis, NM 88102

"These legacies of suffering and recovery are easily passed among alcoholics, one to the other. This is our gift from God." (from "Tradition Five," *12 Steps and 12 Traditions*)

In gratitude and service,

Linda S.

## District 2 – SANTA FE, CERRILLOS, MADRID ...

Greetings from District 2

The district suffered two losses during the month of October. Allen Mac passed on October 7. Allen was a long-time member of the Old Friends Group which meets at the Guadalupe Church School at 12:15 on Wednesdays and several other meetings in the Santa Fe area. Our other loss was Patrick T. who for twelve years was the Central Office Administrator. Both men were well loved and respected by many, many members of Santa Fe AA for the selfless contributions and examples they gave to the Santa Fe AA community.

On October 5, the district held a safety workshop at the Friendship

Club in Santa Fe. There were speakers from both Santa Fe and Albuquerque AA. The theme of the workshop was identifying and preventing predation in the rooms. This workshop was well attended and very informative. I believe this workshop will be held annually in the future.

The district held elections in October to elect the DCM and alt DCM for the upcoming rotation. Philip F. and Lisa K. were elected respectively. Philip and Lisa will be looking for service committee chairs and liaison chairs.

The Long Table Group which meets Saturday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at Crispin Hall at the Basilica of San-

ta Fe has held a holiday dinner and meeting for many years. However, this year, due to a decline in membership and revenue, the group will not be able to do it without volunteer and monetary assistance from other groups within the district. The group is reaching out for groups to answer this call. If not enough of a commitment is received, this event will not happen this year.

I wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving.

In grateful service,

Fred D.

## DISTRICT REPORTS

### *District 3 – BELEN, LOS LUNAS, SOCORRO ...*

Happy Holidays from District 3!

We hope you all have a safe and sober season. District 3 is still in need of a treasurer. If you are interested in this service position or any committee chairs, please come to our next district meeting on Saturday, December 14, hosted by Step Sisters at Our Lady of the Valley, 2805 Don Felipe SW, Albuquerque. The potluck is at

1:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 2:00 p.m.

In October, the Isleta Club celebrated the following birthdays: Jeff C., 32 years; Fidel, 18 years; Abel M., 13 years; Paul, 24 years; Fernando G., 60 days; Nicholas, 30 days; Eric G., years; Jollena C., 3 months; Ralph, 11 years; Manuel D., 4 years; Ashner, 12 years; and Audrey, 8 years.

The Cosmopolitan Group celebrated the following birthdays in October: Desiree G., 4 mos.; Jude T., 8 mos.; Darin, 9 mos.; Stephanie, 10 mos.; Mike T., 3 years; Joe P., 10 years; Frank, 19 years; Bob, 34 years.

We do it one day at a time. Keep coming back!

Dusty S.

### *District 6 – LAS VEGAS, RATON, MORA, CLAYTON, SPRINGER ...*

Greetings from Northern New Mexico. Our Early Bird and Portraits of Progress' Groups in Las Vegas hosted the District 6 Round Robin Event on October 12. We enjoyed listening to Tom C as the guest speaker. Our next Round Robin event was the Thanksgiving Feast/Birthday Night Celebration on Wednesday Novem-

ber 27. This potluck event was held at Highlands Happy Hour group in Las Vegas, NM.

We hold our monthly District meetings every FIRST Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. located at 310 Mills Ave. in Las Vegas. We encourage all District 6 groups to send their

GSRs and enjoy a slice of pizza and the opportunity to share information about your group at a district level.

We nominated new officers at the November 5 meeting and are voting on December 3 for new officers.

In Grateful Service,  
Kathleen V.

### *District 7 – ROSWELL, HOBBS ...*

Our annual Halloween party was hosted by Early Birds and ODAT this year and it was a huge success with good food, awesome costume contest, and excellent speakers – Bill and Maddy from Albuquerque. We had a very successful raffle – donations brought in \$600 which we donated to the 2020 Area Convention.

With the help of two wonderful cooks, Ron A. is making cinna-

mon rolls and Angela is making cheesecakes and pumpkin pies to sell as another 2020 fundraiser. For more information – Hobbs, Artesia, Carlsbad, and Roswell need to get your orders in by the middle of December – to Ron A., (575) 317-3218, and Angela, (575) 626-9787. Time to elect new positions for our district, so hope we have people wanting to get involved and serve

from all cities in District 7. Thank you!

Birthdays for November Scott B., 23 years; Steve L., 9 years; Ron A., 6 years; Kathy P., 2 years; Robert G., 2 years; Ashley, 1 year

Yours in service,  
Cheryl W.,  
District 7  
El Farolito Rep.

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

Greetings from the Four Corners and District 8,

News from our group conscience and GSRs:

A special thanks to Laura for setting up our district's first Young People's Workshop. Members of District 18 visited the Four Corners to share their strength hope and experience providing a service workshop on

November 2. This included speakers, food and fellowship. Young people in District 8 are strong and committed to service, unity and recovery.

District 8's annual Christmas dinner is coming on December 7 at St. Mary's Church. The festivities will begin at 5:00 p.m. with dinner and entertainment. Come and join us for a night of fellowship and fun.

Birthdays: Congratulations to all who are celebrating their sobriety. Looks like November is a slow sobriety month for the Four Corners ...

4th Dimension Group:  
Ron W., 31 years; and Diane G., 29 years.  
Privileged to Serve in Sobriety,  
Bruce F.



## District 11 – WEST ALBUQUERQUE ...

Hello Area 46!

The District 11 December meeting will be, as usual, at Mesa View Church on the second Saturday, December 14, BUT please join us at 8:00 a.m., one hour EARLIER than usual for a Holiday Breakfast Potluck! We will welcome incoming rotation Trusted Servants and say thank you to our outgoing team!

Before then we hope to see YOU at the December Assembly at Holy Rosary Parish in Albuquerque, December 6, 7, and 8. Thank you, Districts 17 and 19, for inviting us! Always wonderful to get together! We have lots to think about, and we will be guided by the steps, traditions, and concepts of our life-saving

program. Plus, it's a ton of fun!

The Women's Gratitude Group Holiday Potluck is Wednesday, December 11 at 11:00 a.m., meeting at noon at Our Savior Lutheran Church. District 11 Treasurer Rosie F. is streamlining and demystifying the Treasurer's Report. Thank you, Rosie!

Rosie also reported that the Young Persons Three Legacies Workshop will be in early 2020. Incoming District 11 DCM Mike W. is already starting on next summer's District 11 Jemez Picnic. Henry L. and Ray P. will chair. Thank you, all!

There are open District 11 Committee Chair positions available. Among them are: Archives, Correc-

tions/Bridge the Gap, Accessibilities, and Literature. One of them might be the next right thing for YOU!

Remember, everything we do in service strengthens our sobriety and gives us more experience, strength, and hope to offer the newcomer. Another satisfying service project is an *El Farolito* Mailing Party! Quick and easy are words often used to describe one. Editor Tim M. from Taos is very helpful in setting them up!

Happy Holidays everyone! Stay safe, stay sober, stay together. Unity, recovery, service. Thank you for letting me serve.

With love and gratitude,

Beth B., District 11 *El Farolito* Rep.

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

Greetings from Taos and surrounding areas! We have been enjoying glorious Fall days here in Northern New Mexico and readying ourselves for Winter. It has been a busy month in District 14. To begin with, we voted to establish a new AA book bank for our area. The books will be held in the district storage unit and local groups can order materials. The new book bank will receive \$500 in seed money from the District. For book orders, contact the new book bank chair at [talbintotman@gmail.com](mailto:talbintotman@gmail.com).

Special holiday events are being planned for Taos AAs – the annual Thanksgiving potluck and open AA

meeting will be at the First Presbyterian Church, 215 Paseo Del Pueblo Norte. Families are welcome. Join us for fellowship, gratitude, recovery, food and fun! There will be a Christmas day potluck and meeting as well.

District 14 is planning and gearing up to host the Area 46 Assembly in March 2020. It's going to be held at the Taos Charter School. Also, new chairpersons for the 2020 Taos Mountain Fiesta have been chosen and planning is beginning for that event as well. Taos Mountain Fiesta is looking forward to welcoming friends from around the world for

a few happy, joyous, and spiritually fun days in beautiful Taos! Mark your calendars -- Sept 25, 26, 27, 2020.

The Taos Pueblo has recently reached out to inquire about starting up a meeting on the Pueblo. There is interest and talk about starting up a new meeting there in order to better serve the Native American community.

Until next time, have a wonderful, sober, joy-filled Thanksgiving. May God bless you and keep you, your friends and family safe.

In gratitude and service,

Kelly O.

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**PO Box 90762**  
**Albuquerque, NM 87199**

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***El Farolito***  
**PO Box 1262**  
**Taos, NM 87571**



**District 18 – BERNALILLO, PEÑA BLANCA, CORRALES ...**

Hello from District 18,

This month's meeting was well attended. In the spirit of rotation elections have been held and the following positions are filled for the next rotation: DCM – Debbie K., Alt. DCM – Gayle W., Secretary – Susan D., Treasurer – Matthew M., Archives – Michael D., CPC – Janet A., PI – Julie F., Corrections – Armand F., Literature – Steve G., Treatment – Christina, Inner Group Rep. – Jeff B. and ELF Rep. – Gayle W. The following

positions remain open; BTG, *Grapevine*, and Young People's. If you are interested in any of these positions please attend the next District 18 meeting and let Debbie or Jeff know. This is a great opportunity to learn about service work and be a part of something wonderful.

Most GSRs reported meetings going well with steady attendance. Walt L. with the Serenity Group announced that Al W. will be speaking on December 15 starting at 6:30 p.m.

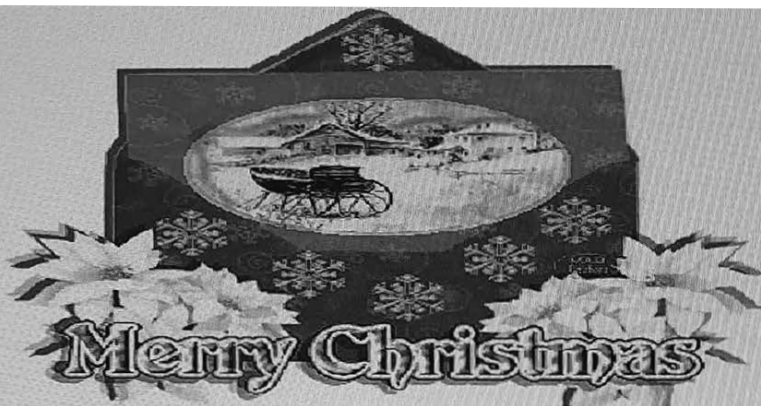
at the Community of Joy Church in Rio Rancho. The committee chairs present shared current happenings. Clarence, our Corrections Chair, indicated there is a need for women volunteers to take meetings into the Sandoval County Detention Center. Please contact him or Armand if interested. Mike, our *Grapevine* chair, said there is lots of new stuff on the website and encouraged us to check it out. Jeff B., covering as Inner Group Rep., said that due to a lack of volunteers, Central Office is having to cut back on their hours. Contact Central Office if interested in volunteering there.

I want to thank District 18 for trusting me with the responsibility of being the *El Farolito* Rep. for the last two years, I look forward to seeing many of you at the Area Assembly in Albuquerque.

Our next district meeting will be held on December 14th at United Methodist Church, 136 W. Calle Don Andres in Bernalillo at 10:30 a.m. (snacks provided). Please join us.

Susan D.,

District 18 ELF Rep.



**AA Christmas Party  
December 13th, 6pm  
718 Wylie Cox Circle  
Community Room  
Portales NM**

Pot Luck -bring side dish or desert.  
White Elephant gifts for adult and children.  
(10 dollars and under or home made)  
There will be music and fun.  
Family and friends are Welcome.  
info or help call Anna S. 352-244-4786  
(We are not a glum lot!!!)

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# Area 46 December 2019 Assembly

December 7-8, 2019

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**Rosario Hall (and the gym of the old school)**  
**5415 Fortuna Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87105**



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*(recently quoted rates):*

**Days Inn by Wyndham**  
Albuquerque West (\$49)

**Econo Lodge West -**  
Coors Blvd (\$43)

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Albuquerque  
Coors Road (\$98)

**La Quinta Inn & Suites  
by Wyndham**  
Albuquerque West (\$75)

**Microtel Inn & Suites  
by Wyndham**  
Albuquerque West (\$51)

**Motel 6 Albuquerque -**  
Coors Road (\$40)

**Quality Inn & Suites** (\$54)

**Super 8 by Wyndham**  
Albuquerque West/  
Coors Blvd (\$50)

**Travelodge by Wyndham**  
Albuquerque West (\$34)

## Nearby Restaurants

**Mariscos Altamar** (Seafood)  
1517 Coors Blvd NW,  
Open until 9:00 p.m.

**Mac's La Sierra Coffee Shop**  
6217 Central Ave NW,  
Open until 11:00 p.m.

**Caveman Burgers**  
6205 Central Ave NW #5,  
Open until 9:30 p.m.

**Buffalo Wild Wings**  
6001 Iliff Rd NW,  
Open until 12:00 a.m.

## Dion's

121 Coors Blvd NW,  
Open until 10:00 p.m.

**New China Restaurant** (Asian)  
640 Coors Blvd NW,  
Open until 9:00 p.m.

**California Oyster Bar** (Seafood)  
6535 Central Ave NW

**The Brunch Club** (Breakfast)  
640 Coors Blvd NW,  
Opens at 8:00 a.m.

**Freddy's Frozen Custard  
& Steakburgers**  
131 Coors Blvd NW,  
Open until 10:00 p.m.

**Paletería Cuauhtemoc Restaurant**  
6205 Central Ave NW #7,  
Open until 10:00 p.m.

**Western View** (Steak)  
6411 Central Ave NW,  
Open until 10:00 p.m.

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