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Trusted Servants

Delegate...

Hello Everyone,

I just came home from our Area 46 Convention in beautiful Ruidoso. The theme was "Living the Dream." It was an awesome Convention in an incredible mountain setting. Over 500 enthusiastic guests enjoyed a great bar-b-que dinner, a huge raffle, AA meetings, a dance, and most importantly heard 6 super AA speakers! One of the speakers was in Spanish with translation to English provided by Area 46 Bi-Lingual Committee members. We also heard an awesome Al-Anon speaker. My Delegates report was well attended on Friday afternoon. Planning for next year's Convention in Albuquerque is well under way and it should be huge!

On July 15th, we will have our first ever Area 46 Service Forum in Albuquerque. AA members from throughout New Mexico will explore what "Service" means in AA – what it is, why we do it, how it works, and how to be a part of it. Growing in understanding about service helps each of

us become better able to be of service. Newcomers to Long timers will surely find this a fun and useful day! The daylong event will feature 12 panels and 2 speakers exploring service in AA. And it's only 5 bucks!

By the time you read this, I will have been in Las Cruces giving my Delegates report to Districts 4 and 16 and have D-2 Santa Fe scheduled for August 8th. If you would like to hear my report at your District meeting please let me know.

Our Alternate Delegate, Teresa F. has had to step down for personal reasons. I want to thank Teresa for her dedication, willingness and ready smile. She's been my shadow for the last eight years and I'm going to miss her. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

For more information on meeting schedules, events, and the work of our busy Committees and Trusted Servants, please visit NM-AA.ORG.

Call me – We'll have coffee. Jim H.

Delegado...

Saludos a Todos

Llegué a casa de nuestra Área 46 Convención en hermoso Ruidoso. El tema "Viviendo el Sueño". Fue una Convención impresionante en un ambiente de montaña increíble. ¡Más de 500 invitados entusiásticos disfrutaron de una gran comida bar-b-que, una rifa enorme, reuniones de A.A., un baile, y lo que es más importante escuche 6 super A.A. Oradores! Uno de los Oradores estaba en español con la traducción al inglés proporcionados por miembros del Área 46 Comité Bilingüe. También oímos a una Oradora de Al-Anon. Mi informe de Delegado fue bien asistido el viernes por la tarde. ¡La planificación para la Convención del próximo año en Albuquerque está en buen camino y debería ser enorme!

El 15 de julio, tendremos nuestro primer Área 46 Foro del Servicio en Albuquerque. Los miembros de A.A. de en todas partes de Nuevo México explorarán lo que el "Servicio" significa en AA - qué es, por qué lo hacemos, cómo funciona y cómo ser una parte del Servicio. El crecimiento en el entendimiento sobre el Servicio ayuda a cada uno de nosotros a hacerse mejor capaz de servir.

¡Los recién llegados a Veteranos encontrarán seguramente esto un día divertido y útil! El acontecimiento de todo el día presentará 12 Paneles y 2 servicios de exploración de Oradores en AA.

Cuando lee esto, habré estado en Las Cruces dando mi informe de delegado a los distritos 4 y 16, y D-4 Santa Fe se han programado para el 8 de agosto. Si le gustaría escuchar mi informe en su reunión del distrito, por favor háganmelo saber.

Nuestra Delegada Suplente, Teresa F. ha tenido que renunciar por motivos personales. Quiero agradecer a Teresa por su dedicación, buena voluntad y sonrisa lista. Ha sido mi sombra durante los ocho años pasados y voy a echarla de menos. Por favor, mantenerla en sus pensamientos y oraciones.

Para más información sobre Directorios, Acontecimientos, y el trabajo de nuestros Comités ocupados y Servidores de Confianza, por favor visite NM-AA.ORG.

Llámeme - Vamos a tomar un café. Jim H.

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Chair...

There is action and more action. "Faith without works is dead." . . . To be helpful is our only aim. (Reprinted from *Alcoholics Anonymous*, pp. 88-89, with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.)

When was the last time your District hosted an Area Assembly? How about the Area Convention? Hosting an Assembly or Convention creates fantastic service opportunities for members throughout your District. It also makes it possible for more members within your District to attend these events. In short, it's an opportunity to build Unity and bring more members into Service. It's a loving gift to members within your District and to members across New Mexico. Bids for the 2018 September Assembly will be accepted at our next Assembly. Bids for the 2019 Area Convention will be accepted at the December Assembly. I am not aware of any District working on a bid for either of these events. If your District is planning to bid, please let me know. If it's not, please bring it up at your next District meeting.

The Area Convention in Ruidoso was fantastic. Thank you, District 5! Our next Area 46 event is the Area 46 New Mexico A.A. Service Forum, on July 15th. This Service Forum is an Area-wide event. Panelists were invited from across New Mexico. Attendees will have the opportunity to share in all of the panel sessions; so please come to learn and to share your experience, strength and hope.

I was blessed this month to attend the District 8 business meeting in Farmington. I was struck by the enthusiasm for Service work. The message of recovery is being carried to the public through PI, CPC and Corrections by many dedicated members who are putting their faith and their gratitude into action.

Drop me an email (chair@nm-aa.org) or give me a call. I'd love to help you out or just hear how things are going.

Your grateful servant, Teresa J. Area 46 Chairperson

Alternate Chair...

Greetings Area 46

I hope this report finds you in good health and spirit. First and foremost hats off to District 5, you guys did a great job on the Convention. Ruidoso was a great town and the Convention Center was a good spot .

We have the Area Service Forum coming July 15 followed by the area assembly planning meeting on July 22, hope to see you there. Which brings me to the subject of workshops, there is still time to get one in before this rotation is over, so DCM's get with your district and call us .
Yours in Service Eloy M

Secretary...

Several people have asked recently "how hard is this job? Should I stand for it in Sept? Am I eligible to stand for it? It's gratifying to know that folks are looking forward to rotating on not rotating out.

For me most of this job has been a natural fit for my compulsion to take notes. The part of the job that involves updating the AIP not so much. *However*, I have learned in AA to ask for help when I don't know how to do something and there has always been someone willing to help.

97% of the job is well within my computer skill set. I know how to do basic word documents, set up email groups and send emails. The job involves taking notes, or recording what goes on at the Assemblies including the Ask it Basket and then disseminating that information. The week after the Assembly I have made a task list: type minutes, send to Area Chair for review and feedback, type summary of minutes, send to bilingual folks for translation, type trusted servants committee meeting report and send to Trusted Servants, do Secretaries report and send to El Farolito. Send summary of minutes and Ask it Basket to El Farolito. Post Ask it Basket and full minutes to area website. While it is not in the job description in this rota-

tion the Chairperson and I made a decision to take notes at the Assembly Planning Meeting which takes place 6 weeks prior to the Assembly and I send out the "not minutes" to all trusted servants.

It is also part of the duties of the secretary's position to have the bids and motions ready to distribute for Sunday morning. I generally do this during the Saturday evening dinner break so that I can attend the evening sharing session. I usually grab a new GSR or first time attendee to proof read and help with copying, etc and ask someone to bring me a bite to eat.

This sounds like a lot but it's really only intense 3x a year for a few days. It has allowed me to attend the morning committee meetings, be active in other areas of service those other 49 weeks of the year and work with sponsees.

I have learned a lot and I thank you for allowing me to be of service and if anyone is thinking of standing for the position at the September Assembly please talk to me My phone number is in the printed version of the El Farolito and email is secretary@nm-aa.org.

Rosie F Area 46 Secretary secretary@nm-aa.org

Registrar...

A big factor in our thinking at the time was the philosophy of St. Francis of Assisi. His also began as a lay movement, one man carrying the good news to the next. The less money and property they had to quarrel about, the less it would divert them from their primary purpose.

Therefore A.A. adopted the wisdom of Francis as its own. Not only would we have the least possible service organization; we would use the least possible money.

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We dare not risk the distractions of corporate wealth. Years of experience have proven these principles beyond doubt. They have become certainties, absolute verities for us.

..... The core of our AA procedure is one alcoholic talking to another, whether that be sitting on a curbstone, in a home, or at a meeting. It's the message, not the place; it's the talk, not the alms. That does our work. Just places to meet and talk, that's about all AA needs.

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The development of the new Area Map with all the District Boundaries is entering final stages and will be completed soon. The new map will be brought to the Area for final approval in September and will be included in the next AIP.

Don't forget to make your plans to attend the first ever New Mexico AA Service Forum on July 15th in Albuquerque.



You can download a Group Information Change Form, or a New Group Form, and have a look at the guidelines for naming a group on the Registrar's Web Page at nm-aa.org. Please submit your completed information to Registrar@nm-aa.org

In Love and Service, Bill L. Area 46 Registrar

Treasurer

Hello All,

Our contributions were down a little more than from last month. At this moment, we are just above our prudent reserve. I encourage all our groups to keep up in their contributions to our area so that we can continue to carry the message to all the area of New Mexico.

Next year GSO is wanting to increase the donation to the General Service Conference from \$1600 to \$1800. Also,

I have been informed that the Bilingual Committee is looking at replacing the translation equipment. I was sent a link from Kristina F. of Santa Fe for this equipment which I will be looking at.

If you have any questions or need to find out more about our finances at the area level, feel free to get hold of me either by email or by phone.

Yours in Service, Kurt K.

Committee Reports

Archives...

Hello, New Mexico AA folks! It was a fun month in Archives! Attended the fabulous Area 46 State Convention - hats off to Ruidoso for putting on a great weekend! Superb speakers, excellent fellowship, and yummy food! A perfect trifecta!

Opened archives on the second Saturday, June 10th. No visitors this month, but a great time to review what has been done and what still needs to be done! Have been in-

vited to have the archives display at the Service Forum on July 15th and the NM Young People's Conference the weekend of July 28th.

I can't believe there is less than six months left to this rotation! This service has strengthened my program in Alcoholics Anonymous in ways that I could not have foreseen. I am forever blessed.

Gratefully yours in love and service, Michelle B.

Bridge the Gap...

Greetings Area 46,

What a beautiful summer! I would like to thank everyone who made it out to Santa Fe for the Corrections, Treatment and BTG workshop. It is always a pleasure to get a chance to visit districts around this gorgeous state.

Thank you all for keeping me sober another day by allowing me to serve. I would like to welcome Thomas from Taos to the committee. As always please let me know what I can do to be of service!

In Love and Service, Nicole R.

Corrections...

Greetings Area 46

The treatment, bridge the gap, corrections workshop in Santa Fe went well.

Thanks Kristina and all of the district 2 for putting it together.

It was well attended, with some good questions asked and hopefully answered.

There is still plenty to do as far as taking meetings into jails and prisons.

One need that was brought up is at the level six prison there in Santa Fe.

The meetings are Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 12:30 to 1:30. If anyone is interested please contact me and I will put you in touch with the right people.

If anyone taking a meeting into a jail or prison has any literature needs please contact me. Go to the New Mexico DOC website for the training dates and locations.

Feel free to call me if I can do anything for any of you.
Love and Service David D Corrections Chair

CPC...

Getting excited about the Area 46 Service Forum, being asked to present "court papers" a controversial topic. Hoping to make some clarifications on how the Traditions helped District 8 develop the "Court Classes". This is not about doing away with court papers or whether to sign or not sign. It has always been about Cooperating with the Professional Community; to help educate the professionals about Alcoholics Anonymous. The Newsletter for the Professionals "Myths and Misconceptions" reads,

"The relationship of Alcoholics Anonymous to the professional community is an extremely important and longstanding one. A.A.'s 2014 Membership Survey shows that 32% of A.A. members were introduced to the program via a treatment facility, 12% of A.A. members were introduced to the program through the judicial system, and fully 59% of members received some kind of counseling (psychological or spiritual) related to their alcoholism before coming into A.A. Importantly, 74% of those members who received treatment or counseling said it played a

crucial role in directing them to A.A. Given these numbers, perhaps no group of non alcoholics looms so large in relation to A.A. as those professionals in the fields of health care, addiction medicine, and the law, whose working lives intersect daily with Alcoholics Anonymous."

In the presentation I will have some recent statistics, given to us from the manager of the Drug Court program and a handout on the Traditions that helped us. And has helped us keep the classes going for over five years. Looking forward to seeing you there.

"It is also a critical part of our program of recovery that encourages considerable 'ego deflation' — providing protection for our whole movement from the cult of personality centered around individual members."

Mikel W. CPC Chair



Join fellow AAs from throughout New Mexico

At Area 46's Service Forum to
Explore "Service" in AA

— what it is, why we do it, how it works,
and how to be a part of it —

July 15, 2017

— SAVE THE
DATE —

Grapevine...

Hello area 46:

I would like to thank District 5 for a awesome convention. As your Grapevine Representative it was especially great weekend. Lots of fellowship, and visited the GV display table. The new books " Our Twelve Traditions " and " Making Amends " were big sellers. Also on sale now is the 2018 Wall Calendar and pocket organizer. The GV is excepting photos for the 2019 wall calendar. The deadline is December 1st.

I will have my display and products at NMCYPAA Convention. Come see me and see products you or a sponsee could use. You don't have to wait for the next event, you can always call or e-mail me to see what I have on hand.

I have a few months left as your GV Rep. the spirit of rotation is coming up. If you are interested in getting involved in service work, please let me or any other trusted servant know. please call me for information about the position, products, or just to say hey. Remember I am always available to come and share the GV and my experience about the GV to your home group.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at any of the upcoming events.

Grateful To be Of Service Alice M Area 46 Grapevine Rep.

Literature...

We sold \$777.50 of AA approved literature from GSO at the NM State Convention held June 2-4; a deposit was made June 5th, and a \$775.00 book order was placed on June 6th. We're sending in our report before the last call notification. lol

A fellow AA purchased \$200.00 of Spanish literature (all we had of Spanish books and pamphlets, but waited till the end of the convention so others would have an opportunity to purchase Spanish literature if they wished). The individual is taking what was purchased to Mexico to donate to groups they attend in that country.

Our book order consisted of a lot of Spanish material, books and pamphlets to replenish our Spanish stock. We also ordered what we could of literature pertaining to service to have on hand at the NM AA Service Forum to be held July 15th

Thank you to District 5, and all whom participated in putting on a great convention. The convention center area where we set up our display was perfect, and the occasional rain showers throughout the weekend were welcomed in a town where an afternoon rain shower just seemed appropriate, was welcomed, was refreshing and beautiful.

The literature material was brought in a covered vehicle this time, so nothing got wet.

We were able to give out bundles of literature at no cost to our corrections chair, a new meeting, (we've contributed once before in Espanola), and to our host convention chair for the Steps House, of which the residents were so helpful all through the weekend.

The High Noon group in District 9, Grants NM, now have a literature chair, and we keep in contact. We have Spanish literature at no cost that we didn't get to give out yet, but we'll get it out to the District 17 chairperson, or the bilingual chair, soon.

We also have Safety in AA pamphlets available, several were given out in Ruidoso, and thank you for the donation, printing and folding of 100 safety in AA pamphlets that were given to us by a considerate and generous AA whom is willing to print and fold more if requested.

We were asked to have literature on hand for the July 15th NM AA Service Forum for sale, we won't take all the literature what we have, or our display, but we'll have available books, pamphlets, cd's and dvd's that seem appropriate to AA service, so if we don't see you sooner we'll be seeing you all on the 15th of July at the NM AA service forum.

Safe travels. Manuel P. Area 46 Literature Chair



Únase a AAs de todo Nuevo México, en el Foro del Servicio del Area 46 para explorar el significado de "Servicio" en AA

— de qué se trata, por qué lo hacemos, cómo funciona y cómo formar parte de éste —

15 de julio, 2017

8 AM – 5 PM

Special Needs...

Big thank you to District 5 for a wonderful State Convention in Ruidoso! Thank you to all the members who worked very hard at this year's State Convention! Grateful for the opportunity to fellowship with my fellow AA members.

When most of the people in our meetings are able-bodied, sighted, and hearing, it's easy to take accessibility for granted – easy to over-look the isolation of a personal barrier to what we perceive as full participation. Respect for the dignity of others is the foundation for all our efforts to carry the message to alcoholics with diverse needs, with emphasis on identification rather than on how we are different.

As one A.A. member who is Deaf put it, "I'm just an alcoholic, like everyone else here. I have the same need to be a 'worker among workers' and not be singled out for special treatment. If you can just make the program available to me, I'll do what I have to do to work it" (Accessibility for All Alcoholics, AA Guidelines, 2016).

It is important also to invite all members to participate in every aspect of service within the group or at an A.A. event. Communication works both ways, and groups can ask members who are Deaf or have other physical or mental challenges if they would like to give A.A. talks, with interpreters switching gears and translating for the benefit of hearing members. The goal is to include all alcoholics in the wonderful experience of belonging to a group and partaking in the full range of benefits of membership.

Beyond helping those in your own group or committee, others may be informed about carrying the message to alcoholics with diverse needs through workshops and presentations at A.A. gatherings, such as area assemblies, conventions, conferences, round-ups and Regional Forums. If we can do a better job of reaching out to alcoholics who may face personal challenges in receiving the A.A. message, we help them to carry the message to other alcoholics they may already know or will come into contact with, providing a powerful example that it's possible to achieve sobriety despite perceived barriers.

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

August 2017 Deadline for
El Farolito Reports:
July 21, 2017

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Treatment...

Hello Area 46,

I have just a few notes on what has been going on in treatment. We just had a workshop in Santa Fe that included Bridge the Gap, Corrections, and Treatment. It was well attended and everyone there was interested and asked lots of questions. All in all it was a great workshop. I still have not had any groups offer to take a meeting into MATS in Albuquerque on Saturday evening. If your group or District is interested in taking on a treatment commit-

ment please let me know!

If you looking for background information on treatment there is downloadable literature on the GSO website. I was recently contacted by another facility in Albuquerque that is looking for us to take a meeting into but I have not actually spoken to them yet, more information to follow.

Give me a call or email anytime if you have anything you would like to discuss.

In Service, Paul P. Treatment Chair

YPAA...

Hello Area 46,

I hope everyone is having a safe and cool summer. The Young Peoples Committee has been having a great summer, trying to keep up with all the fun activities going on, and activities of our own. We just had our third annual AA-athlon and it was a tremendous success. I want to thank everyone for all their help and support with this event.

We have been graciously invited to put on a workshop in District 9 that will be held August 26th. More information to come on that as we continue our planning. *Check our*

page on the NM-AA.org site to keep up with the latest committee info. We will be meeting in Albuquerque at 119 Coles Rd NW at 7pm on the 20th of July to plan the workshop, and conduct other committee business. Please join us and let us know how we can serve the area. See you all at the service forum!

God Bless, Mike L

Assembly Development and Fun Raising...

We hope to be able to report in August that the first Area 46 Service Forum was a success. And that attendees want more service-focused events like this in the future.

In the meantime, the future of our committee is being studied. As an Ad Hoc Committee, we were formed by the Area Chairperson in 2014 to serve as an advisory committee. Our purpose has been: *"To consider ways to make our Area Assemblies more attractive to those who attend assemblies and the general AA population in Area 46 by making our Assemblies more interesting, relevant, efficient, and fun. Our focus has been to improve unity and fellowship while generating more enthusiasm for General Service."*

The committee has met monthly and has proposed a number of changes to our Assemblies, all of which have been approved and implemented. They include:

(1) Recommending that any activities on Friday nights before our Assemblies be included in the Assembly agenda so those arriving before the Assembly can get together for such program, food and fellowship as the host district might plan.

(2) Changing our March Assemblies to pre-Conference assemblies, so our Area would be more in-

involved in the issues affecting AA as a whole.

(3) Creating a pamphlet in English and Spanish which describes the year-round Conference process and suggests ways districts and groups can prepare for the General Service Conference.

(4) Working with host districts and our Area Young People's Committee to increase attendance at our Saturday evening Assembly Sharing Sessions by including food and entertainment.

(5) Creating a form for motions at Assemblies, and encouraging motions to be publicized in advance whenever possible so they can be discussed in our groups.

(6) Streamlining Introductions at Assemblies.

(7) Planning and hosting the first Area -sponsored Service Forum.

We have received much positive feedback about our work. More people attend our monthly meetings as interest in the work of our committee grows. For these reasons, and because we believe that there will always be work to do to improve our assemblies, we will be proposing a motion at the September Assembly to make Assembly Development a permanent committee.

In love and service, Jaclyn S., Chair

District Reports

District 1 Santa Rosa, Portales, Clovis, Tucumcari...

Is it July already? Do you know what that means? Next month is District 1's UTE LAKE RETREAT! The Civic Center in Logan has been reserved for the 2nd week-end in August (11th, 12th, and 13th) and we have some amazing speakers lined up from all over New Mexico. Flyers are ready and available through the Portales website aaportales.org. They should also be available shortly on the Area Website (nm-aa.org). If your group would like one via email, please email our Web Chair Michael O. at mortega@metaphysicspirit.com and he will send one as soon as possible.

We also have Portales' September Picnic at Oasis State Park coming up. It will be September 10th starting at 1pm. That flyer will be available on the Portales website

in the near future.

Our next District 1 meeting will be held July 8th at 1:15 pm at the Clovis Fellowship Group, 1119 Thornton St, Clovis NM, and this month we will have speaker meetings in Clovis and Portales. The Clovis Fellowship Group will have Bill B. from Las Cruces NM on July 8th (second Saturday of the month). Potluck is at 6:30pm followed by the speaker at 7:30pm. Lamplighters in Portales will have their speaker on July 21st (third Friday of the month) at 7:30pm located at C.O.C. Student Center, 207 S. Ave K, Portales, NM.

In love and service, Joy H.

Portales: We are busy with meetings every day of the week here in Portales. We invite visitors or members to see our full schedule on the Portales A.A. Website: aaportales.org.

Portales sent many representatives to the Area 46 Convention this summer in Ruidoso. We enjoyed seeing old friends, joining in meetings, and being a part of a terrific gathering of sober people from the greater region. We are busy with summer meetings, special events, and speaker gatherings. Please see the full listing at aaportales.org

The Men's Meeting, the Twisted Sisters Women's Meeting, as well as open general meetings are part of each day in living the good life here in Portales. We welcome newcomers and old timers, so join us if you can. All of our meetings are in the evening (so far), and we hope that is good for anyone interested in attending. We have literature, available sponsors, and we often gather for coffee or a meal in our local hang-outs. Join us!

In grateful service, Linda S.

District 2 Santa Fe...

Hello from Santa Fe AA! Summer got off to a great start with lots of fun and fellowship with events like the Area 46 convention, Founders Day picnic, and the Grapevine writing workshop. Thank you to all who participated and shared the AA love!

Check out our new bimonthly Santa Fe AA newsletter, aptly named *The SantaFeAAan*. You can find it online at santafeaa.org. If you'd like to submit a story or announcement, please email santafeaaan@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events:

July 15th, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM New Mexico AA Having Fun in Service Forum at the Nativity Church in Albuquerque. This forum is for everyone interested in doing service, upping their service game (so to speak), and it will be particularly helpful to those who wish to get more involved but are not exactly sure where to start or why they should bother. The day will include 12 panels and two

speakers. There is a \$5 cash- only registration fee at the door. Check out the flyer at www.santafeaa.org.

On **August 8th**, Jim H., Area 46 Delegate, is coming to Santa Fe (all the way from his home in Carlsbad) to recap his report on the 2017 General Service Conference. 6:00 PM at the Friendship Club.

Women, it's not too soon to register for the International Women's Conference, happening in nearby Phoenix, AZ on **February 15-18, 2018**. Visit www.internationalwomensconference.org for more information and to register.

Don't forget that meetings can be brought to homes and hospitals for individuals who cannot make it to meetings. People are eager, ready, and willing, so call the Central Office when in need.

That's it for this month! In joyful service, Kate T.

District 3 Belen, Los Lunas, Socorro...

Greeting from District 3 and Happy Founders Day!

Our meeting this month was held at the Isleta Club, hosted by Sunrise Catchers and was attended by 15 sober members. We crammed ourselves into the back room because the Spanish Speaking groups were holding a Founders Day celebration in the main room. It was a really enthusiastic and productive meeting. Tony G., our DCM, was in attendance and all were very happy to see him. His health is improving and he is able to get back to the business of being such an awesome DCM! He has been missed! Eric G. did an outstanding job stepping up the plate as our Alt. DCM. Thank you Eric!

Candice (Candy), who is in charge of the Women's Sobriety Fest website, visited us and gave a report on the progress of the event. Volunteers & donations will be gladly accepted! That address is www.nmaawsf.com and you can reach her there.

Dave F., visited us from the 2018 Area 46 Convention committee and told us all about the Logo Contest and also about the massive service opportunities that are going to be available at the convention coming to Albuquerque next year.

We currently have 2 service positions available at District 3; Archives Committee Chair and Literature Committee Chair. If interested, please visit us at our next District Meeting at the Isleta Club on 07/08/2017. Our District 3 Picnic will be held on 09/30/2017 and when we decide where we are going to hold it we will let you know! In addition, there is talk about an Intergroup Speaker Meeting coming in Oct. hosted by At Wit's End. More info to follow!

Be safe out there and have an awesome, sober summer! In love and Service, Melissa C., District 3 Secretary/ELF Rep

District 4 Las Cruces, White Sands, Berino...

Happy July from District 4!
We would like to thank Jim H. for sharing his conference experience, strength and hope with District 4! You are an inspiration to us all Jim, thanks!

The Italian night and Founder's Day Ice Cream Social were successful events, and District 4 would like to extend congratulations and gratitude to everyone involved! Keep an eye out for future announcements regarding the upcoming September Area Assembly.

If you need September Area Assembly lodging information, please check out the June edition of the El Farolito, or contact Ron N.

We also have opportunities to help District 4 host the September Area Assembly. Please join us after each District Meeting to be of service before, during and after the Assembly.

District 4 will be holding District Service Elections at the August District Meeting. Please join us on August 27th at 10:30am, at the home of the Downtown Group, 903 E. Pionon, if you can be of service to District 4 Alcoholics Anonymous,

or if you're just curious how the District holds elections. All are welcome! GSR's are especially encouraged to participate. This is one way each group member is in charge of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Service Opportunities:

Again, there are many opportunities to have fun, be a part of (instead of apart from), and carry the message...

We need members to carry our message into Mesilla Valley Hospital (especially young people) – contact Maura Women's Corrections, contact Theresa V. or tcv359@msm.com (1-year continuous sobriety required).

Adolescent Female Unit @ Mesilla Valley Hospital, contact Camille L.: for dates, times and sobriety time requirement.

Men's Corrections, contact Rey "with an E": rey-david767@gmail.com for dates, times, sobriety requirement, and other information.

Gratefully submitted, Robin Robin12192@hotmail.com



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District 7 Artesia, Roswell...

Howdy from District 7 Roswell.

Women N Recovery hosted a sponsorship meeting in June with McKenzie as our speaker. District 7 is looking forward to a panel of 6 service reps, including the Area Chair, Theresa J to hold a Service Sponsorship Workshop, July 1, at the Serenity Club, 1000 E Bland.

Women N Recovery will also be hosting a fundraiser for the Women's Recovery House in Alamogordo August 5th. Speaker will be Cindy H and 3 of her girls. \$5 spaghetti dinner with a raffle will be at the Dry Harbor Club, 200 E Van Buren at 5:30pm. \$2 for children. Please help out by joining us for this informative event. It'll get ya out of the heat too!!

Kirk K recently returned to Roswell after working in the

Middle East for 12 years.

He also celebrated 32 years of sobriety at the Early Birds, the most powerful hour in Alcoholics Anonymous, anywhere you might go. We are all glad to have him back home.

Other Birthdays in June were Dean S with 16, Alan R 36, and Bill G 11. Congratulations to these God loving Men and may God continue to work miracles in all our lives as he has done for many, many years. FYI,,,,, SATURDAY JUNE 10th, 1935 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS WAS FOUNDED IN AKRON, OHIO, BY DR ROBERT HOLBROOK SMITH & WILLIAM GRIFFITH WILSON

Thank you God for these men!!! Yours in gratitude and service, Cheryl W, District 7 ELF REP

District 8 Farmington, Shiprock, Aztec...

Food, fun, and fellowship were plentiful at the June 10 fundraiser picnic held at Civitan Park in Farmington. Potluck items supplemented the main dish of smoked pork butt, and Tom M. shared his story of recovery. Donations covered the expenses for the picnic as well as the speaker that District 8 will bring to Farmington on September 30. Picnic organizer Guido F. reported it a "total success." He always throws a good party!

Coming up August 4-6 is the Friends of Bill W. Campout above Silverton, Colorado. The Saturday night potluck and Rick G.'s famous cobblers in Dutch ovens are

always a big hit. Be prepared for rain at this time of year, and bring warm clothes for the high elevation. For information, call Rick or Andrea at 505-564-8117; flyers are posted at different groups, too.

As always, if you need a service position, come to the next District meeting July 13 and we'll put you to work. District meets at 7PM at the Downtown group's meeting place on Dustin Ave.

Yours in sobriety, Andrea

District 10 Hobbs, Carlsbad, Lovington...

Thanks to a helping I have from my HP I have been able to give AA information pamphlets to Jonah House, Alternative Sentencing Unit, Adult Probation and Parole and the Drug Court personal. I was greeted warmly and with

appreciation for the service AA provides the community. I appreciate the opportunity to be of service Tina A Co chair of CPC/PI District 10

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District 11 Albuquerque West ...

The district is very busy heading into summer. Planning is well underway for the annual picnic August 5th at Jemez Falls Group picnic area. There will be food, fun, fellowship and an AA meeting. Hamburgers and hot dogs are provided so bring a side dish or dessert. There will be kickball, horseshoes and volleyball. Kids and leashed dogs are welcome. Bring a chair to pull up for visiting with folks.

A number of District members had the good fortune to attend the State Convention in Ruidoso for fun and fellowship. We have great representation on the planning committee for the 2018 Convention to be held in Albuquerque hosted by the 6 Districts in the Alb Metro area. What a great opportunity to get involved.

Planning has also started for the annual Traditions Conference. Due to a scheduling conflict with Nativity Church

the date will be Saturday Oct 21st rather than the last Saturday in October. Watch for Save the Date flier to come.

The Women's Gratitude Meeting is having their Anniversary potluck at noon on July 12th.

It's a way's out but the September District meeting will be Sept 16th so as not to conflict with the election Assembly in Las Cruces.

As we approach the last few months of this rotation we have a few service opportunities that have come up. This is a great opportunity to "try out" a service position. There are 6 months left in the rotation so you can try it on for size and if you like it you can always stand for a full rotation. If you want to know more Debra's contact email and phone number are in the front of the El Farolito. Temporary elf rep Rosie F

District 12 Albuquerque East...

Greetings, from District 12!! Save the date Saturday August 12, from 11:00 to 3:00 PM D12 will be hosting its first ever annual picnic. Location: Los Altos Park, 10300 Lomas Blvd NE, Albuquerque 87112. Come join us for food and fellowship. There will be a flyer produced and distributed very soon.

We have the following committee positions available:

Web Chair, Young Peoples, Grapevine, and Special Needs. If one of these positions peaks your interest, we look forward to seeing you at the next District Meeting. We meet the second Saturday of each month 10:30 AM at the Heights Club – and remember it is all non-smoking!! Gratitude is a verb, grateful to be of service, Janet F., D12, Secretary

District 14 Taos ...

On April 24th, District 14 conducted a district inventory under the supervision of Francisco A. Teresa J, our Area 46 Chairperson was also present for ideas and support.

Just like the inventory in our own personal recovery, inventory done at the service level is a chance to check our spiritual condition and discover the truth about our "stock in trade."

This was the first district inventory since 2012, when past

Area 46 delegate Ray R. came up north to facilitate.

On June 17th, an A.A. picnic was organized and hosted by one of our own groups at Kit Carson Park. This is an annual potluck event. It was well attended (40-50 A.A. members, some with family) and included a speaker at 1pm. Thanks to There Is A Solution Group for organizing and hosting this celebration of sobriety!

District 16 Columbus, Deming Silver City, T or C ...

District 16 reported a 6 to 1 vote to disband at their district meeting in Columbus. All sorts of procedures lay in their future, as they indicated they wanted to join District 4. EL Farolito editor.

District 18 Rio Rancho, Bernalillo, Corrales ...

Zia Pueblo – Jemez Springs – Santo Domingo

Summer is upon us, and the activities are continuing.

July 15 – New Mexico AA Service Forum, Nativity Church, Albuquerque

July 28-30 – NMCYPAA, Inn at Rio Rancho, Rio Rancho

December 2-3 – Area 46 Assembly, at Nativity Church, Albuquerque

The District meeting was held on June 10th in the Rio Vista Park where the Founder's Day Picnic was held. It was a beautiful day and the picnic was a wonderful success. Our program has such a rich and wonderful history, it is always gratifying to take some time to reflect on where we came from.

Archives Committee continues to collect Group History Forms, CPC participated in a quarterly presentation with Presbyterian Medical Services, Young Peoples Committee is planning the upcoming AA Athalon on June 24th. Our local young people's group, Children of Chaos, is working

on their final preparations as host of the 2017 NMCYPAA State Conference coming to Rio Rancho in July. Corrections is working with SCDC on new requirements for members who are taking meetings "Behind the Walls".

District 18 has taken on the responsibility for Hospitality at the 2018 State Convention in Albuquerque next year. This subcommittee is just getting formulated and will be getting on their feet in the coming months.

All the District committees remain engaged in the effort to carry our message. Many thanks to all who endeavor to help the next suffering alcoholic. If you feel compelled to get involved, every committee could always use volunteers.

D-18 is an active District and we invite you to join not only for events, and to volunteer, but also please come to the District meetings the Second Saturday of every month, 10:30 AM, at the United Methodist Church, 136 W. Calle Don Andres, Bernalillo, NM 87004. (Snacks provided)

In Love and Service, Maddy L District 18 ELF Rep

Birthdays were caught in a computer glitch and will be
back in August!

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Area 46 New Mexico AA Service Forum

El Farolito Editorial...

WE COULD USE SOME HELP

Maybe it is the summer doldrums, but total contributions to the ELF in May and June have totaled only \$535.76. We need to average \$664 per month to fund the budget and continue to publish one of the oldest Area newsletters.

Currently, we are running a deficit over \$900. The checking balance stands at \$2034.61 and after paying the printer for this issue we will be close to \$1,000 under the \$2,500 prudent reserve.

As you can see from the statements, we are following the budget and spending no money on unnecessary expense. We shop carefully for tape, labels, etc and try our best to be good stewards.

To those groups listed who have contributed, thanks you. To those not on the list we ask you prayerfully consider supporting *El Farolito*. Some groups do not even realize that we are self- supporting with our own budget, we take no money from Area 46.

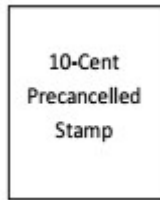
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(following list includes facilities near site/host hotel & conference location)

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Price given when called

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\$54

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Exit 140 off I-10, then northeast onto Avenida de Mesilla/NM 28. Destination on right, enter from Hickory Drive.

Days Inn

\$54

755 Avenida de Mesilla (575) 526-8311

La Quinta Inn & Suites (behind host/site hotel)

\$62

1500 Hickory Drive (575) 523-0100

La Quinta Inn Las Cruces Mesilla Valley

\$55

790 Avenida de Mesilla (575) 524-0331

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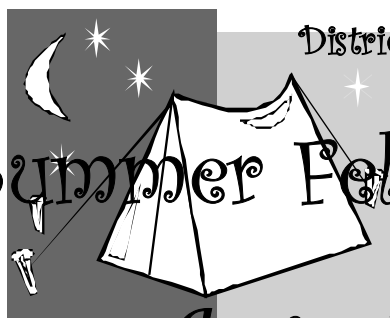
Old Town Restaurant (Breakfast only)

Starbuck's

Subway

K-Bob's

Village Inn



District 14 and 15 Hosts



Summer Fellowship Campout

August 4,5,6, 2017



Rio Bravo

"Let Go and Let God for the Weekend in Pilar!"

Group Shelter & Campground is located in the

Rio Grande Del Norte National Monument Lower Gorge.

Pot Luck Saturday evening at 6:00pm

Campfire AA meeting at 7:30pm Friday & Saturday night!

AA meetings, workshops and events at the Rio Bravo Group Shelter. More to come!

Directions: Rio Bravo Group Campsite and Recreation area are along the Lower Gorge of the Rio Grande River. Located at the intersection of NM68 in Pilar New Mexico and NM570 northwest to the recreation area.

- **Day Use** \$3.00/day per vehicle to use the area for 30 minutes or more.
- **Camping** There are 7 campgrounds in the Lower Gorge area near the RIO BRAVO group site. **First Come First Serve!**
 - \$7.00/night for one vehicle, \$10.00 for two. Maximum 2 vehicles and 8 people per site. (Additional vehicles may park in day use parking areas at \$3.00/day.) Annual day use passes do not apply to camping fees.
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