



# EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

## AREA 46 ASSEMBLY AGENDA

September 12 & 13, 2020 • District 16 – (Host)

Virtual Assembly

### FRIDAY

6:00 pm Speaker meeting (GSO Staff Member)

(No business will be done on Friday)

### SATURDAY

7:15 am **Registration Open** – Please gather in main meeting room by 8:15 am so that the Assembly can begin on schedule.

#### 8:30 am CALL TO ORDER

8:45 am Move to Breakout Room (please be patient)

8:55 am **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** GSR Orientation, Bilingual, Corrections, Finance, Grapevine, Website

9:45 am Move to Breakout Room (please be patient)

9:55 am **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Cooperation w/ Professional Community (CPC), *El Farolito*, Finance, Treatment, Literature, AA Service Forum

10:45 am Move to Breakout Room (please be patient)

10:55 am **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Archives, Bridge the Gap (BTG), Public Information (PI), Accessibilities & Remote Communities (ARC), Young People, Ad Hoc Committee about the Books

11:45 am Move to Breakout Room (please be patient)

11:55 am **MEETINGS:** GSRs, District Committee Members (DCMs), Area Trusted servants, Past Delegates

12:45 pm **Lunch Break** — on your own — *(please stay logged in)*

1:45 pm **CALL TO ORDER** – Business Meeting

2:00 pm INTRODUCTIONS

2:10 pm SECRETARY'S REPORT: Summary of Minutes – May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 Assembly - Virtual

2:15 pm TREASURER'S REPORT

2:25 pm REGISTRAR'S REPORT

2:30pm DELEGATE'S REPORT

2:40 pm ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

2:50 pm 10-minute break (please stay logged in)

#### 3:00 pm ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 3:15 pm OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Post-Area 46 Convention Report: June 2020 – District 7, Roswell
- 2) Assembly Report: December 5 & 6, 2020 – District 10, Carlsbad
- 3) NMAASF Report: July 2021
- 4) Ad Hoc Committee About the Books Report

#### 3:40 pm NEW BUSINESS\*

- 1) Bids for Area State Convention June 4, 5, & 6 2021
- 2) Bids for March Pre Conference Area Assembly March 27 & 28 2021
- 3) Bids for September Area Assembly September 11 & 12 2021
- 4) Presentation of 2021 draft budget
- 5) Present motion by District 13
- 6) Motion from the Finance Committee -Online Contributions
- 7) Motion from the Website Committee
- 8) Other New Business

5:00 pm Dinner Break

6:00 pm **SHARING SESSION** – Bill L., Area 46 Delegate, & GSO Staff Member

### SUNDAY

7:30 am **Registration Opens**

#### 8:00 am CALL TO ORDER

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

8:30 am ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORTS\*\* Committees (limited), GSR, DCM, Trusted Servants and Past Delegates

10:00 am Ask It Basket and Sobriety Countdown

10:30 am **Adjourned until December 5 & 6, 2020 – District 10, Carlsbad**

— The Planning Meeting for the next assembly will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> —

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# ÁREA 46 ASAMBLEA AGENDA

## 12 y 13 de septiembre 2020 • Distrito 16

Virtual Asamblea

### VIERNES

6:00 pm Orador Reunión (miembro del personal de GSO) (Ningún negocio se llevará a cabo el viernes)

### SÁBADO

7:15 am **Se Abre El Registro** – (Por favor reunirse en el edificio principal a las 8:15 am para que la Asamblea comencé en horario.)

#### 8:30 am LLAMADA DE ORDEN

8:45 am habitaciones secundarias (por favor tenga paciencia)

8:55 am **REUNIONES de COMITÉS:** R.S.G. Orientación, Bilingüe, Correccionales, Finanzas, Grapevine y La Viña, Sitio Web

9:45 am habitaciones secundarias (por favor tenga paciencia)

9:55 am **REUNIONES de COMITÉS:** Cooperación con la Comunidad Profesional (CPC), El Farolito, Finanzas, (Centros) de Tratamiento, Literatura, Área 46 foro de servicios

10:45 am habitaciones secundarias (por favor tenga paciencia)

10:55 am **REUNIONES de COMITÉS:** Archivos, Uniendo Las Orillas (BTG), Información Pública (PI), Accesibilidad y comunidades remotas (ARC), Los Jóvenes, Comité sobre los libros (ad hoc)

11:45 am habitaciones secundarias (por favor tenga paciencia)

11:55 am **REUNIONES:** R.S.G.'s, M.C.D.'s, Servidores de Confianza, Delegados del Pasado

12:45 pm **Almuerzo** — Cada quien por su Cuenta

1:45 pm **LLAMADA DE ORDEN** – Junta de Negocio

2:00 pm INTRODUCCIONES

2:10 pm INFORME DEL SECRETARIO – Resumen de Minutos – Asamblea de mayo - Virtual Asamblea

2:15 pm INFORME DEL TESORERO

2:25 pm INFORME DEL REGISTRADOR

2:30 pm INFORME DEL DELEGADO

2:40 pm INFORME DEL DELEGADO SUPLENTE

2:50 pm 10-Minutos de Receso

3:00 pm **ANUNCIOS** – Eventos de A.A.

#### 3:15 pm VIEJO NEGOCIO

- 1) Informe de la 2020 Convención: junio 4- 6, 2020 – Distrito 7, Roswell
- 2) Informe de la Asamblea: diciembre 5 y 6, 2020– Distrito 10, Carlsbad
- 3) NMAASF Informe del Foro del Servicio: de julio de 2021
- 4) Informe de la Comité sobre los libros (ad hoc)

#### 3:40 pm NUEVO NEGOCIO \*

- 1) Oferta para el Área 46 Convención junio 4-6 2021
- 2) Ofertas para la pre-Conferencia Asamblea: marzo 27 y 28, 2021
- 3) Ofertas para la Asamblea: septiembre 11 y 12, 2021
- 4) Presentación del Proyecto de Presupuesto 2021
- 5) Moción del Distrito 13
- 6) Moción del comité de finanzas- contribuciones en línea
- 7) Moción del Comité del sitio web
- 8) Otros nuevos negocios

5:00 pm **Cena**

6:00 pm **SESIÓN DE COMPARTIMIENTO** -- Bill L., Area 46 Delegado y miembro del personal de GSO

### DOMINGO

7:30 am **Se Abre El Registro**

#### 8:00 am LLAMADA DE ORDEN

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

8:30 am **INFORMES DE REUNIONES DE LA ASAMBLEA\*\*** (Comités, R.S.G., M.C.D., Delegado Pasados)

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

10:30 am **Asamblea se aplazó hasta 5 y 6, de diciembre, 2020 – Distrito 10, Carlsbad**

— La Reunión de planificación para la próxima asamblea será sostenida el 24 de octubre, 2020 —

#### \*HACIENDO UNA MOCIÓN:

- 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 REUNION A LA ASAMBLEA AL EDITOR DE EL FAROLITO.**



## Delegate

I just want to express my gratitude to all of the members of Area 46 for all you are doing to carry the message in these confusing times. Here are two excerpts of what I stated in my Area highlights for the 70th General Service Conference.

"Area 46 is wonderfully supplied with much diversity in our population and our cultures, including our Native and Hispanic population. This diversity yields many cross-cultural spiritual ideas that lead to a wonderful exchange in carrying our message."

I am always in awe of the dedication and effort of our Area members in overcoming distance, language, and culture to carry our message; and for that I am so very proud of the membership of Area 46.

The General Service Board and the associated corporate Boards of

AAWS and Grapevine met for the August board weekend meetings July 31, August 1 & 2. Much activity is taking shape to implement the Advisory Actions as voted at the 70th General Service Conference.

Conference reports are certainly the focus of my efforts this time of year. June started us off with the state convention, District 2 and July saw conference reports in District 6, District 9, and in Districts 12/13. August had District 8, District 18, District 3, District 16, and District 4. DCM's, please consider scheduling a conference report. They can be live or virtual. Please feel free to contact me at any time. I have a delegate's calendar posted on the delegate's page so you can see what time slots are available. The electronic anonymity protested version of the General Service Conference final report is available online at [nm-aa.org](http://nm-aa.org). Hard

bound printed copies are due out soon. We will figure out distribution of the hard copies once they arrive. DCMs – stay tuned, I will be making arrangements with you.

As our groups all navigate how to conduct 7th Tradition collections, please consider making additional contributions to GSO. The health crisis has had a major impact on our General Service Office, and they can use our support. Individually, there is a birthday plan where we can express our gratitude for our sobriety with a direct contribution to GSO. You can look for details on AA.org. Over the years, there have been invitations to contribute a nominal amount, usually around the amount equal to GSO expenses per person. In recent years, this has been around \$8 or so.

In Love and Service,

Bill L., Area 46 Delegate

## Delegado

Solo quiero expresar mi gratitud a todos los miembros del Área 46 por todo lo que están haciendo para llevar el mensaje en estos tiempos confusos. Aquí están dos extractos de lo que dije en mis puntos destacados de Área para la 70ª Conferencia de Servicios Generales.

"El Área 46 está maravillosamente suministrada de mucha diversidad en nuestra población y nuestras culturas, incluso nuestra Población Nativa e Hispana. Esta diversidad produce muchas ideas espirituales transculturales que llevaron a un maravilloso intercambio en llevar nuestro mensaje."

Siempre estoy de asombro con la dedicación y el esfuerzo de los miembros de nuestro Área en la superación de la distancia, el idioma y la cultura para llevar nuestro mensaje; y por eso estoy muy orgulloso de la membresía del Área 46.

La Junta de Servicios Generales y las juntas corporativas asociadas de AAWS y Grapevine se reunieron para las reuniones de fin de semana de la Junta de Agosto el 31 de julio, 1 y 2 de agosto. Mucha actividad está tomando forma para implementar las acciones de Asesoramiento tal como se votó en la 70ª Conferencia de Servicios Generales. Mucha actividad está tomando forma para implementar las

Acciones Recomendables tal como se votó en la 70ª Conferencia de Servicios Generales.

Los Informes de la Conferencia son sin duda el centro de mis esfuerzos en esta época del año. Junio nos inició con la Convención Estatal, Distrito 2 y Julio vio Informes de Conferencias en el Distrito 6, Distrito 9, y en los Distritos 12/13. Agosto tiene Distrito 8, Distrito 18, Distrito 3, Distrito 16, y Distrito 4. MCDs, por favor

considere programar un Informe de la Conferencia. Pueden ser en vivo o Virtual. Por favor, no dude en contactarme en cualquier momento. Tengo un Calendario de Delegados publicado en la página del Delegado para que pueda ver qué hora las ranuras están disponibles. La versión del Informe final de la Conferencia de Servicios Generales, que se ha presentado en forma Electrónica como Protesta por el Anonimato, está disponible en línea en [nm-aa.org](http://nm-aa.org). Las copias impresas encuadradas en formato duro se publicarán pronto. Averiguaremos la distribución de las copias impresas una vez que lleguen. MCD' - mantente atento, voy a hacer arreglos con usted.

A medida que nuestros Grupos navegan por cómo llevar a cabo colecciones de la 7ma Tradición, considere hacer contribuciones adicionales

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## HOW TO MAKE A MOTION AT THE SEPTEMBER ASSEMBLY:

1) Any voting member can make a motion. If you need assistance preparing a motion see any Area trusted servant, past Delegate, or DCM.

2) Motions should be emailed or texted to the Secretary when the motion is made. (Include your name and voting position with the motion)

3) If your motion will require Area funding, include as part of the motion the costs and where the funding will come from (see Finance chair for help)

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

## OFFICERS

### Alternate Delegate

Greetings Area 46,

I hope this email finds you in good spirits and good health. The biggest news in this report is the cancellation of SWRAASA – the South West Region Alcoholic Anonymous Service Assembly which was to be held in Amarillo, Texas and hosted by Area 66 (Northwest Texas) on October 9-11. After many meetings and deliberations the event planning committee chose to cancel. I personally know of the work that went on to put on a SWRAASA. Area 46 hosted it back in 2012. The Chair was chosen four years prior and the committees followed suit a year later. It

took three years of work to put on a SWRAASA. And that is the same amount of work and time the Area 66 SWRAASA Committee put into hosting theirs, The Southwest Region is made up of 11 Areas in seven states. SWRAASA is rotated every two years by the 11 states making it 22 years for Area 66 to be able to host again. So I am sad for them. They also decided no virtual meeting would be held. As a member of the Southwest Region Alternate Delegate Committee, we had quite a few conference calls with the SWRAASA committee during the last few months and I personally know this was not an easy decision to make.

On another note, the 2021 Area 46 Service Forum Committee is up and running – for now we meet on the second weekend every month with the next meeting occurring during the September Area 46 Virtual Assembly. If you care to join us, get a hold of myself or Kerri K., Forum Chair. Also I send in a report for the South West Region Newsletter every quarter – the next one due in September. Well that's all from me for now. Until next time.

Yours in Service,

Eloy M.

Panel 70

### Delegado

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a la OSG. La crisis de salud ha tenido un impacto importante en nuestra Oficina de Servicios Generales, y pueden utilizar nuestro apoyo. Individualmente, hay un plan de Cumpleaños donde podemos expresar nuestra Gratitud por nuestra sobriedad con una Contribución Directa a la OSG. Puedes buscar detalles en AA.org. A lo largo de los años, se han hecho invitaciones para contribuir con una cantidad nominal, generalmente alrededor de la cantidad igual a los gastos de la OSG por persona. En los últimos años, esto ha sido alrededor de \$8 más o menos.

En el Amor y el Servicio

Bill L., Delegado del Área 46

### Chair

Hello Area 46,

I hope everyone is well. It sure seems like this social distancing and staying at home is here for some time yet. I know it is tough to do but I believe that our higher power will keep us safe and protected.

I have reached out to districts through email and at the last planning meeting to see if anyone's district would be willing to put in a bid for the 2021 State Convention. Yet, I have not heard from anyone. The state convention does require time to put together especially if it is done in person which is what I would be hoping for. We have done conventions for many years now and it would be a shame if we did not continue with this annual event. One of

the biggest things to prepare for this event is having a venue, and with this pandemic going on it is probably not on anyone's mind to go and see about getting a venue for next year. I think it is still a good idea to make the calls to find out. If the pandemic is still around next year of course we would be looking at doing it virtually. District 7 pulled it off and it turned out okay. Keep this in mind.

The area assembly is coming up the 12th and 13th of September and I hope to see you all there.

Stay safe, stay healthy. Hope to see you all soon.

Yours in service,

Kurt K.

Area 46 Chairperson



# Treasurer

Happy assembly month, Area 46! As I write this I'm looking forward to our first full assembly presented virtually. While this *El Farolito* issue will be the one available at the assembly, the included financial report is not the one I'll be presenting at the assembly as I will have the September financials available by then.

At this assembly, I hope to make a motion in cooperation with the Finance committee to create a way for the area to accept online contributions from our groups and members. This would most likely go through our area website in conjunction with

a third party payment service, such as PayPal or Venmo. I believe that this motion will solve the issue of our 7th Tradition collection at virtual assemblies as well as provide a convenient method for contributing to Area 46 at any time.

The recent decision to cancel the SWRAASA event scheduled for October has significant financial implications to Area 46. Our 2020 budget included expenses related to SWRAASA totaling \$3,500. Add this to the unspent \$7,400 budgeted for the March and September assemblies and we're looking at a significant

amount of projected available cash at the end of 2020. While I don't believe the area is necessarily "accumulating funds for no stated AA purpose" as Tradition 7 warns us against I do see the threat of "futile disputes over property, money, and authority" affecting our spiritual heritage. This is an issue I would like the groups to be keenly aware of and hopefully we can start to mitigate the situation sooner rather than later.

Be safe and serene.

Christoph, Area 46 Treasurer

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# Area 46 Assembly (Online)



September 12-13, 2020

Pre-Registration is highly recommended.

[Register Now](#)



Dial-In by phone available.

- Contact Jim H. at 575-706-2950 to register and obtain the Dial-in number.

This will be a complete assembly. All Area 46 business will be conducted including committee meetings on Saturday morning.

All AA members in Area 46 are welcome to attend!

To Register Visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/A46Sep2020>

## *Ad Hoc Committee About the Books*

Our committee continues to do its work on helping the Area decide what to do with the 6,000 pieces of literature from Metropolitan Detention Center. We have had active participation from District 17 and the Bilingual committee as well as several of our DCMs, Trusted Servants and other committee chairs. Teresa J. and Ray R. continue to give us "trusted elder" advice. So far we have looked into four of the five options set out by the previous book committee: Distribute the books to Corrections and Treatment; Distribute the books to those committees which express a need; Distribute the

books equally among the districts; and Distribute the books to those districts which do not have a Central Office so as not to adversely affect Central Office income. We have one more to go: Distribute the books to the districts proportionately, and we will take a look at that option this month. Our work isn't done, though! We need to take a longer look at the best way to distribute the 2,400 pieces of Spanish literature. There may also be combinations of the five original options which will work better than any particular one. We need to imagine practical issues like how to actually, physically distribute the

books. So we will not have a final recommendation before December and it may take a bit longer. Rest assured, however, we are looking carefully at each option and measuring it's practicality and harmony with AA Tradition.

We will have a full Assembly committee meeting in the third time slot on September 12. Please join us if you have questions or want more information.

Thank you for your trust,

In service,

Kristina F.

## *Archives*

Greetings to Area 46 AAs.

Can't wait to see your faces at the September Virtual Assembly. We will have our second committee meeting during the assembly. Our first committee meeting was on August 7 via Zoom. Through our Web committee, we were able to use the Area 46 Zoom account. We were also provided with technical assistance.

Thank you Kerri and Melissa. Thank you to all who attended this meeting. It was good to get going and be active in this rotation. We will now have virtual meetings once a month except for assembly and convention months.

Again the committee is encouraging oral and group histories. I am available to assist with virtual and

live histories. Also, what are we doing today is history tomorrow

Please send Michelle T. your group and district records of historic value. This is how we can preserve our New Mexico history.

In Love and Service,

Patience B.

Area 46 Archives Chair

## *Bridge the Gap*

Greetings and well wishes Area 46!

Over the past couple of months, I have received a couple of out-of-state referrals for folks returning to the Land of Enchantment from treatment facilities. It was good to have the opportunity to help out. Other than that, one might say "business is slow." However, there may be opportunities out there.

As always, our work is primarily contingent on AAs access to, and relationship with, Treatment and Correctional facilities. Given the

current state of restrictions, I would encourage all who are engaged in our efforts to reach out to those facilities in your district to see how we can best serve them. Are they participating in Zoom meetings? Can we provide them with Bridge the Gap referral cards, either hard copy or digitally? What timeline do they anticipate allowing access for in-person meetings? Can we provide literature? Do they have information on how to use the Meeting Guide app? I believe some of these outreaches may produce fruit.

I am excited to finally get the Bridge the Gap Committee together at the Area 46 Assembly next month. I look forward to hearing what successes and challenges you've encountered, and discussing how we collectively can effectively execute our mission to help the next suffering alcoholic!

In Love and Service ~

Steve V.

Area 46 - Bridge the Gap

Committee Chair



# Area 46 Assembly (en línea)



12-13 de septiembre de 2020

Se recomienda la preinscripción.

[Register Now](#)



Acceso telefónico por teléfono disponible.

- Comuníquese con Jim H. al 575-706-2950 para registrarse y obtener el número de marcación.

Este será un montaje completo. Todos los asuntos del Área 46 se llevarán a cabo, incluidas las reuniones del comité el sábado por la mañana.

¡Todos los miembros de AA del Área 46 están invitados a asistir!

Para registrarse visite:

<https://tinyurl.com/A46Sep2020>

## FRIDAY NIGHT SPEAKER BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY

### Friday Night Speaker before the Assembly

September 11 @ 6PM

Hosted on Zoom by District 16

<https://zoom.us/j/98421613751>

### Portavoz del viernes por la noche ante la Asamblea

11 de septiembre a las 6 p.m.

Alojado en Zoom por el Distrito 16

<https://zoom.us/j/98421613751>

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### Corrections

Hello Area 46,

I hope everyone is in good health and is continuing to practice social distancing and wearing a mask as necessary. These are certainly trying times and Alcoholics Anonymous and its districts and groups are being presented with many new challenges. I am confident that if we persevere, we will come out of this ordeal stronger and further along in our spiritual growth. I received and deposited several Pink Can do-

nations as follows: New Beginnings Group, District 2, \$14.00; Westside Noon's Circle of Love, \$170.00; North Valley Group, \$6.00 for a total deposit of \$190.00. The ending bank balance for July is \$451.15 + \$190.00 deposit = \$641.15 for August. As of this writing, not much has changed in being allowed access into the prisons and jails. I had set up an Area Corrections Zoom meeting but there were a few conflicts so I have postponed it until September -

more information to follow. I have a spreadsheet that was created by my predecessor and the Area Web chair and I have been reviewing it and will be contacting Area prisons and jails to discuss possibly setting up Zoom meetings in their facilities. Stay safe and stay healthy!

Gratefully yours in service,

Jimmy F.

Area Corrections chair

### CPC

I would like to commend Districts 12 and 13 for hosting the "Reopening Meeting Spaces in New Mexico" workshop. The workshop was very informative for groups meeting in person and online. We are looking forward to meeting in person safely when the time is right.

During this pandemic crisis, CPC committees can be very effective in providing information to professionals. Thanks to our former

past Delegate, Teresa J., I was able to obtain data on AA members and meetings across the state. Are you aware within the state of New Mexico there are an estimated 9,000 members who attend approximately 1,500 meetings per week? Area 46 has listed around 450 groups. Informing professionals on how large AA is and how to access meetings is important, especially during this pandemic crisis. I encourage groups and districts to continue to engage in communi-

ty outreach informing professionals about AA in efforts to help those who are suffering from alcoholism.

For more information on CPC, I welcome you to join the Area 46 monthly CPC committee via Zoom on September 7 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact me at [cpc@nm-aa.org](mailto:cpc@nm-aa.org).

In the Spirit of Service,

Lawrence M.

October Edition Editorial Deadline: **Tuesday, September 15 @ 11:59 p.m.**

Please email to [elfarolito@nm-aa.org](mailto:elfarolito@nm-aa.org) and to [timmond@gmail.com](mailto:timmond@gmail.com)

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

Rcvd. Group	Amount	Rcvd. Group	Amount
July Foothills Group (Albuquerque)	31.00	Aug. District 16	100.00
July Early Birds (Roswell)	20.00	Aug. Sober at Sunrise	50.00
July B.Y.O.L. (Los Alamos)	60.00	Aug. Early Birds (Roswell)	20.00
July There Is A Solution (Taos)	35.74	Aug. Foothills Group (Albuquerque)	129.73
July Live and Let Live (Questa)	20.00	Aug. Cloudcroft Group	11.40
Aug. Cedar Crest	20.00	Aug. Experience, Strength & Hope (Taos)	28.80

Please send contributions to:

**El Farolito**  
**P.O. Box 1242**  
**Taos, NM 87571**

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

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### Grapevine/La Viña

Greetings Area 46!

I hope this finds everyone doing well. Area 46 had a pre-assembly meeting and an assembly planning meeting, and we are going to have a virtual Assembly on September 12 and 13. We will have the committee meetings on Saturday morning the 12th as we do when we meet face to face. Please attend the *Grapevine/La Viña* committee. Please check the area website [www.nm-aa.org](http://www.nm-aa.org) for more information.

I attended a virtual *Grapevine* writing workshop on July 18, hosted by Area 17 in Hawaii. A very informative and inspiring workshop was presented. I encourage all AA members to write their story and submit it to the *Grapevine/La Viña*. The *Grapevine* and *La Viña* are written by alcoholics FOR alcoholics. I also encourage all district and home group GV/LV reps to consider hosting a writing workshop. Contact me and we can discuss working together on a writing workshop!

On Sunday July 19, I held a Zoom meeting for the Area 46 GV/LV Committee at 6:00 p.m. *Grapevine/La Viña* is a wonderful way to give back to the program that has saved our

lives and I am pleased to hold this vital position. I am happy to report that we have 11 committee members!

On Saturday, July 25, District 3 had a virtual service workshop and I was invited to provide a presentation about the GV/LV Committee. I was impressed at how much thought and work District 3 put into this event. There were speakers for each committee, and each speaker spoke about the purpose of that committee. Good job D-3!

On Sunday July 26, I attended a virtual event hosted by Area 65, District 53 in Dallas titled, "The *Grapevine* and Carrying the Message to Inaccessible Places." The speakers were awesome and spoke on various topics such as the history of the *Grapevine* and Corrections.

If you are a District or Home Group GVR/LVR, please register

as one at [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org). Then *Grapevine* has your information and can send you newsletters and any other information pertinent to the *Grapevine*. Also, please let me know as I would like to include you in the emails and any of the GV/LV business. If you have questions or are interested in being a member of this committee, please contact me or attend the GV/LV committee meeting at the Assembly in September being held virtually on September 12. The *Grapevine/La Viña* Committee breakout session will be Saturday morning and we will have a separate breakout room for *Grapevine/La Viña* displays.

My expenses year to date are \$22.00.

In Love and Service,

Maddy L, Area 46

*Grapevine/La Viña* Chair

Did you know *El Farolito* is paid for almost entirely through Area 46 AA group contributions? Please consider contributing at your next group conscience.

Mail contributions to:

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## Treatment

Greetings.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have made the effort to try and maintain contact with treatment facilities and, in some cases, have been able to establish virtual meetings with the clientele. I am looking forward to our first ever full-

blown virtual assembly. A big shout out to those members who have put in many hours putting it together. For those of us technologically changed I am in awe. Looking forward to hearing from members about their efforts, successes, and failures. In addition, as Treatment chair, I have been participating in the Ad Hoc Committee

About the Books chaired by Kristina F. Through an arduous process, the committee members hope to provide the Assembly with viable options for potential distribution. Hope you participate in the assembly.

In Service

Jeff B.

## Web

Hello Area 46!

I look forward to seeing you all at the September Assembly on Zoom. Please look for the registration information in this copy of the *El Farolito*.

### Assembly Tech Team Quick Reference

Here is a quick reference guide of who to contact during the assembly for certain actions. The tech team will be named as listed below so they will be easy to locate.

We needed a large tech team (23 people) to make sure our online assembly runs smoothly. Please thank them when you have a moment. They will be working various shifts throughout the assembly.

#### Host

Melissa S. is serving as our tech lead for the assembly. If you cannot get your question answered by anyone else, she is your "go-to" person. You can reach her via chat in Zoom and also via email at [techlead1@nm-aa.org](mailto:techlead1@nm-aa.org).

#### Registration Room

We will have a breakout room open for registration-related issues. Everyone will be registered ahead of time, but this is the place to go if you need help renaming yourself or have need to talk to our Area 46 Registrar. Please ask the Host via chat to move to the registration room.

#### Tech Admin

This person is responsible for admitting people for the waiting room and may ask you to rename yourself if you have not done so when you join the assembly. Contact the Tech Admin via chat for assistance.

#### Tech Support

This is your best friend when you need tech help. For example: if you can't get your sound to work or your video to work, they can help you. Contact the Tech Support via chat for assistance.

#### Breakout Room Host

Each committee breakout room will have a Zoom co-host to assist the committee chair as needed. Contact the Breakout Room Host via chat for assistance during the committee meeting.

#### Moderator Host

This person will share slides for the chair or alternate chair and mute/unmute participants when appropriate. Raise your virtual blue hand to get in line to make a comment (during appropriate times only).

#### Motion Coordinator

This person will mute/unmute participants who wish to make a motion during the appropriate time of the assembly. Most motions are submitted ahead of time and appear on the agenda. If you are making a motion not on the agenda, please raise your virtual blue hand when

prompted by the chair or alternate chair to make your motion. Important note: if you are planning to make a motion please contact Kurt, Area 46 chair at [chair@nm-aa.org](mailto:chair@nm-aa.org) before the assembly.

#### Point Zoom Opp

If you wish to make a point of order, point of clarification or point of information during the assembly you must send your point IN CHAT to the Point Zoom Operator. This operator will inform the session chair (by voice) regarding the point to be made.

#### Ask It Basket

If you have a question you would like answered during the assembly send the question in CHAT to "Ask it Basket". The area chair and co-chair will do their best to answer your questions on Sunday morning.

#### Thank You Assembly Tech Team!

This assembly would not have happened without our tech team. I am so grateful to Melissa S. our Technical Lead, and each team member for attending team meetings and practice sessions before the assembly to make sure we all know what to do and when to it. You all are AMAZING!!!

In Gratitude and Service,

Kerri K.

Area 46 Webchair



## DISTRICT REPORTS

### *District 9 – GALLUP, GRANTS, LAGUNA, ZUNI...*

Greetings from District 9,

Due to restrictions of the COVID pandemic a lot of our meetings are still held on the Zoom platform. Including our District 9 business "Meeting of the Minds" held the second Sunday of the month. We sure miss the physical meetings yet Zooming is very doable and you're never late for a meeting 😊.

Make sure to check out our District 9 groups that are still active on Zoom

via [nm-aa.org](http://nm-aa.org).

We are working on our 7th Annual virtual Sobriety Gathering. Please visit the District 9 website for more information.

This event is scheduled for October 2-4. Online registration and mail registration coming soon. We are in the process of setting up a Sobriety Gathering website. Stay tuned.

Join us for the first ever Virtual Sobriety Gathering! Hope to see some smiling familiar faces there. Stay Safe. Stay Sober.

Sobriety Birthdays:

Lennie H., Java Group, 8 years, on 7/26/12.

In Love & Service,

Gallantry K., *El Farolito* Rep.

### *District 10 – LOVINGTON, HOBBS, CARLSBAD...*

Howdy from District 10!

We hope everyone is enjoying the summer and you are following safe distancing guidelines and wearing masks when you need to. Our July District 10 business meeting went very well, we are still using Zoom to communicate with one another because at this time it is the safest means to keep our interactions safe. There was some discussion about the December Area

Assembly and we believe it will be a virtual assembly, more details will be coming out soon. Some, but not all, of our district groups have opened their doors for face-to-face meetings and we will continue to adhere to recommendations for social distancing and/or facial coverings. We want to recognize our family and friends whom have celebrated a recent birthday: Hobbs: Cassi, Casey C., Larry T., and Josh C. In Carlsbad: Kelsie C., Maria G., Jandi

K., Manuel D., J., Katelyn T., and C J G.

The Summer Sunday Picnic Series will be held Sunday, September 20 starting at 12:30 p.m. at Carlsbad Park on the corner of Blodgett & Riverside Dr. Hamburgers and hot dogs are provided, Please bring food to share and a smile! Take care and stay safe!

Gratefully yours in service,

Jimmy F.

### *District 11 – WEST ALBUQUERQUE...*

Greetings from District 11.

Feeling grateful today that the members of AA are resilient and adaptable to the necessary changes required to keep the hand of AA outstretched for people in sobriety. The District 11 meeting was held on August 8 at 9:00 a.m. It was a hybrid meeting with face-to-face and Zoom participants which generally worked well; we will add a microphone in the room for next month's meeting which will make the audio much better. Last month's meeting was cancelled due to technical difficulties.

Rosie proposed, and it was approved, to disburse a supplemental Circle of Love contribution in a 50/50 split between GSO and Central Office of \$161.10. Please check the website for updates to District 11 meetings as several meetings have adopted either hybrid meeting strategies, added Zoom meetings simultaneously, or meet on alternate days in addition to the resumed in-person meetings.

The main topic of our meeting this month was the Traditions Conference. As a group, we were essentially split on the idea of having the conference

via zoom in October vs. cancelling or postponing the meeting. It was agreed to allow the Traditions Conference committee to vote to either conduct it via Zoom, postpone until spring, or cancel and resume next year. Jerry R., our most tech-savvy member, would be willing to provide the necessary technological support if it were decided to proceed with a virtual meeting. Next month's meeting will be September 12 at 9:00 a.m. Area members are welcome to attend.

Yours in Service, Ross B.

#### **THE 37TH ANNUAL TAOS MOUNTAIN FIESTA WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 26-27.**

The 2020 Fiesta will be held virtually (on Zoom) from 9:00 a.m., Saturday, September 26 through 1:00 p.m. Sunday, September 27.

Taos Mountain Fiesta's primary purpose of joining in fellowship is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

For more information and to register, visit [taosmountainfiesta.org](http://taosmountainfiesta.org)



## DISTRICT REPORTS

### *District 13 – SE ALBUQUERQUE, TIJERAS, MORIARITY, MOUNTAINAIR...*

Greetings from District 13!

We typically meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m., however we rescheduled our September meeting to not conflict with the Area Assembly. We are in need of a Bridge the Gap chair and a Young People chair. If you are interested and available to serve in either of these positions, join us so you can be elected! Our next meeting is on Saturday, September 5. For the foreseeable future we will be meeting online via Zoom. Feel free to join through video or phone. Our Meeting ID is: 719-543-888 on the Zoom app or you can dial in: 1-346-248-7799, Access Code: 719-543-888.

District 13 co-hosted a virtual workshop with District 12 about group considerations and concerns related to reopening meeting spaces in New Mexico on August 2. We are so grateful for the support of 115 attendees from all over New Mexico, as well as several participants from other parts of the country. Five local panelists, along with three non-AA guest speakers, shared their personal experience and professional expertise navigating this topic. The purpose of this workshop was neither to encourage nor discourage groups from holding in-person meetings at this time. It was not intended as a directive, especially with information changing so rapidly. We respect that each AA group is autonomous. We simply wished to offer information and resources so that each group might make informed de-

cisions about reopening their meeting space in light of COVID-19. Links to the audio recording and online resource guide are posted here: <https://nm-aa.org/districts/district-13/>. A CD also will be provided to the Area 46 Archives, as well as the Albuquerque Central Office media library.

District 13 is continuing to focus efforts on providing more of a public information presence during the COVID-19 crisis. Our goal is to communicate to the public that Alcoholics Anonymous is here, both online and in person, if they or someone they know needs help with a drinking problem. We currently have GSO-approved public service announcements airing on a free broadcast, podcast and streaming radio platform, and are working on submitting similar information to local newspaper outlets.

Our district is presenting a motion regarding substantial unanimity at the Area 46 Assembly in September. Please visit <https://nm-aa.org/districts/district-13/> for links to the written motion and background information, pages from the General Service Conference Communications Kit: how the conference operates, area comparison sheet, and definitions of policy vs. procedure. Feel free to distribute the information found in the links to GSRs and your groups. If you have any questions, please email us at [district13@nm-aa.org](mailto:district13@nm-aa.org).

District 13 intends to put together

a bid to host a 2021 Area 46 Assembly, however we are conscious that many venues are not yet communicating about booking space for large gatherings. In the interim, if you have any suggestions for a hosting venue in Albuquerque (S. of I-40 & E. of I-25), Tijeras, Moriarity, McIntosh, Willard, Mountainair, or Corona, please email [district13@nm-aa.org](mailto:district13@nm-aa.org).

Please consider including District 13 when your group makes quarterly distributions. It is through your generous contributions that we are able to provide services to our local A.A. community. Checks can be made out to District 13, and mailed to P.O. Box 11134, Albuquerque, NM 87112. We are also now able to receive digital contributions via a smartphone app-based payment platform. To contribute digitally, follow this link:

<https://venmo.com/?txn=pay&audience=private&recipients=district-13>, or send contribution in Venmo to user: district-13.

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

In love and service,

Laura S.

DCM, District 13

[district13@nm-aa.org](mailto:district13@nm-aa.org)

### *District 14 – TAOS, EL PRADO, RANCHOS DE TAOS, TALPA, QUESTA...*

Greetings friends,

As some Taos AA meetings begin to open up gradually, there is some concern that groups still need to follow mask and social distancing requirements. The Taos online Zoom meetings continue to be well-attended, but there is ongoing discussion that our online

meetings are not adequately reaching newcomers. Also, the local jail administrators are looking into implementing Zoom AA meetings for the inmates, but this will not happen until 2021 at the earliest.

Taos Mountain Fiesta on Zoom is coming up! Great speakers including

our very own Rosa Padilla will start us off on Saturday, September 26 at 9:00 a.m. Registration is open now and cost is only \$1.00: [www.taosmountainfiesta.org](http://www.taosmountainfiesta.org). We hope you can join us virtually in Taos--Living the Dream 2020.

Be kind and stay healthy.

Kelly O., District 14 El Farolito Rep.

**Tradition  
of the  
Month**

**NINE**

**“A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”**

## ASSEMBLY ZOOM PRACTICE

**W**e will be holding two practice sessions on Zoom for the online assembly. The purpose is to allow everyone (attendees and presenters) to get comfortable with a large meeting on Zoom.

We will go over the following:

- How to raise your hand,
- How to rename yourself for voting,
- Which Zoom co-host to contact for which purpose,
- Moving in and out of breakout rooms for committee meetings on Saturday
- Language Interpretation

Attendance at either practice is optional. Feel free to join us. The Zoom information is the SAME for both practice sessions.

Assembly Practice #1 Wednesday, September 2, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Assembly Practice #2 Tuesday, September 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/94895501170?](https://zoom.us/j/94895501170?pwd=ZGc4Qm5pWnNvTytsMGd-MamFFdDZrQT09)  
[pwd=ZGc4Qm5pWnNvTytsMGd-](https://zoom.us/j/94895501170?pwd=ZGc4Qm5pWnNvTytsMGd-MamFFdDZrQT09)  
[MamFFdDZrQT09](https://zoom.us/j/94895501170?pwd=ZGc4Qm5pWnNvTytsMGd-MamFFdDZrQT09)

Meeting ID: 948 9550 1170

Passcode: Area46

Dial In: +1 669 900 6833

### Práctica de zoom de ensamble

Tendremos dos sesiones de práctica sobre Zoom para la asamblea en línea. El propósito es permitir que todos (asistentes y presentadores) se sientan cómodos con una reunión grande en Zoom.

- Repasaremos lo siguiente:
- Cómo levantar la mano,
- Cómo cambiarse el nombre para votar,
- Qué coanfitrión de Zoom contactar para qué propósito,
- Entrar y salir de las salas de reuniones para las reuniones del comité el sábado

- Interpretación de idiomas

La asistencia a cualquiera de las prácticas es opcional. Siéntase libre de unirse a nosotros. La información de Zoom es la MISMA para ambas sesiones de práctica.

Práctica de asamblea # 1 Miércoles 2 de septiembre de 6 a 8 p.m.

Práctica de asamblea # 2 Martes, 8 de septiembre de 6 a 8 p.m.

Unirse a la reunión de Zoom

[https://zoom.us/j/94895501170?](https://zoom.us/j/94895501170?pwd=ZGc4Qm5pWnNvTytsMGd-MamFFdDZrQT09)  
[pwd=ZGc4Qm5pWnNvTytsMGd-](https://zoom.us/j/94895501170?pwd=ZGc4Qm5pWnNvTytsMGd-MamFFdDZrQT09)

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ID de reunión: 948 9550 1170

Código de acceso: Area46

Llamar: +1669900 6833

Hope to "see" you there!

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Yours in Service,

Robyn T.

Area 46 Registrar

## 2020 New Mexico Virtual 33rd annual A.A. Women's Sobriety Fest with Al-Anon participation, ASL interpretation, and real-time Spanish translation



### Saturday, September 26, 2020

### Registration (no cost) via

[WWW.NMAAWSF.COM](http://WWW.NMAAWSF.COM)

- Conference begins at 9 and ends around 4.
- We will offer a short guided meditation at the end of the conference.
- Merchandise will be available for purchase from the website.
- There will be a virtual basket to honor the 7th Tradition.
- All other information (Program & Speakers, Zoom code, password, etc.) may be obtained at our website.