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Trusted Servants

Delegate...

Hello Everyone,

I'm home from the General Service Conference held in Rye Brook this year. I don't know if it was because this is my second, and last, year but the Conference had a completely different flavor. It may have been the location, as Rye Brook is so very peaceful and serene compared to the city. The Delegates exhibited a sense of cooperation and compromise that wasn't so evident last year. I could really feel the presence of a higher power at work. I met my two Delegate Buddies by phone a couple of months before the Conference and was excited to meet them in person. Steve, Western Washington, and Pat, Southern Illinois, are super guy's and awesome Panel 67 Delegates. I hope I showed them the kindness and support I was shown last year by my Buddy. AA is in good hands with Delegates like these guys.

It's been a super busy time since the Conference. I pre-

sented my Delegate's Report to Districts 11, 17 and 18, the second weekend after I returned home. It wasn't a polished report, but the nuts and bolts were there. I'll have a more complete and informative report ready for the Area 46 Convention in Ruidoso June 2nd through the 4th. It's going to be an exciting weekend. District 5 has pulled out all the stops to make it a great weekend. I hope to see you all there!

I have Districts 2, 4 and 8 scheduled for the summer but really need you DCMs to schedule a time for my report as soon as possible. Hurry – The good dates are going fast!

I have so much to tell you about the Conference. Exciting things are in store for the fellowship and I'm excited to be able to share them with you.
Call me – We'll have coffee, Jim H.

Delegado...

Hola a todos,

Estoy en casa de la Conferencia de Servicios Generales celebrada en Rye Brook este año. No sé si fue porque este es mi segundo y último año, pero la Conferencia tuvo un sabor completamente diferente. Puede haber sido la ubicación, como Rye Brook es muy tranquilo y sereno comparado con la ciudad. Los Delegados mostraron un sentido de cooperación y compromiso que no fue tan evidente el año pasado. Realmente podía sentir la presencia de un poder superior en el trabajo. Conocí a mis dos delegados por teléfono un par de meses antes de la Conferencia y estaba emocionado de conocerlos en persona. Steve, Western Washington, y Pat, Southern Illinois, son super chicos y impresionantes panel 67 delegados. Espero les mostré la amabilidad y el apoyo que me mostró el año pasado por mi amigo. AA está en buenas manos con delegados como estos chicos.

Ha sido un tiempo muy ocupado desde la Conferencia.

Presenté el informe de mi delegado a los distritos 11, 17 y 18 el segundo fin de semana después de regresar a casa. No era un informe pulido, pero las tuercas y los pernos estaban allí. Tendré un informe más completo e informativo listo para la Convención del Área 46 en Ruidoso del 2 al 4 de junio. Va a ser un fin de semana emocionante. Distrito 5 ha sacado todas las paradas para que sea un gran fin de semana. ¡Espero verlos a todos ustedes allí!

Tengo los Distritos 2, 4 y 8 programados para el verano, pero realmente los necesito DCM para programar un horario para mi informe tan pronto como sea posible. Prisa - Las buenas fechas van rápido!

Tengo mucho que contarle sobre la Conferencia. Las cosas emocionantes están en el almacén para el fellowship y estoy emocionado poder compartirlas con usted.
Llárame - Tendremos cafe, Jim H.

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Coming Events:

June 2-4, 2017 *Area 46 Convention, Living the Dream, Ruidoso, MCM Elegante.*

June 17, 2017 *Ex-tending the Hand of AA Workshop, District 2, Santa Fe, Friendship Club, 1:30-3:30*

June 18, 2017 *Founder's Day Picnic, Hyde Memorial State Park, See flyer, page 17*

June 24, 2017 *3rd Annual AA-Athalon! 12-3pm, picnic, games, and speaker...North Domingo Baca Park. Bring a dish, ypaa@aa-nm.org*

July 15, 2017 *Area 46 Service Forum, 2 speakers, 12 workshops, Nativity Church, ABQ*

Aug 4-6, 2017 *Rio Bravo Summer Campout, Campfire AA meetings 7:30pm Fri,& Sat, Sat pot luck 6pm, Pilar, NM.*

Chair...

The willingness to grow is the essence of all spiritual development.

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It's finally here – the 2017 Area Convention! Some of you may be reading this while at the Convention. I hope you are inspired to ask your district to put in a bid for the 2019 Area Convention. Bids will be accepted at the December Assembly. I am available to explain what is involved and to help any interested district prepare a bid.

I'm super excited about the Area 46 New Mexico A.A. Service Forum. On July 15th more than 30 panelists from across New Mexico will share their experience on 12 different topics related to A.A. service. There will also be a speaker from Oklahoma. I hope you'll make plans to attend this unique experience. If you can't afford lodging, let us know and we will arrange for you to stay in a member's home.

Last month I had the blessing of attending a district meeting and district inventory in District 14, Taos. I've participated in many group and area inventories but this was my first district inventory. What a wonderful experience! Thank you, District 14, for allowing me to observe this enlightening and unifying event.

District 18 welcomed me to their district meeting in May. How wonderful to hear about all of the great service work being done by so many trusted servants in Rio Rancho, Bernalillo, and Sandoval counties. After the district meeting I had the pleasure of hearing Jim's first delegate report on the 2017 General Service Conference. Thank you for your service, Jim!

Please let me know if you need assistance of any kind. As Area chair, I am here simply to be of service to you. So give me a call any time. I'd love to hear from you.

Your grateful servant, Teresa J.

Alternate Chair...

Greetings Area 46

I hope this report finds you well and in good health. Since the May report I have been asked to speak at a few meetings. One was at Zuni 4th Dimension Group. Thank you Tony for the invite. Also, I have jumped in with the Assembly Development and Fun Raising Committee, as the group works very hard on the NM AA Service Forum coming July 15. On another note, there is still plenty of time for workshops in this rotation. There are quite a lot of districts that could benefit from a workshop or hosting a

assembly. Workshops can be anywhere from the 12 Traditions to being of service. Teresa J and myself are always willing to come help put together a workshop or help you host an assembly. By the time this El Farolito comes out, it will be the Area 46 Convention time at Ruidoso, NM.. Yours in service, Eloy M.

Tradition 6 -- *We could not be all things to all Men. We saw that we could not lend the AA name to any outside activity.*

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Registrar...

For example, we can say quite emphatically that neither AA as a whole nor any AA group ought to enter any other activity than straight AA. As groups, we cannot endorse, finance, or form an alliance with any other cause, however good; we cannot link the AA name to other enterprises in the alcohol field to the extent that the public gets the impression we have abandoned our sole aim. We must discourage our members and our friends in these fields from stressing the AA name in their publicity or appeals for funds. To act otherwise will certainly imperil our unity, and to maintain our unity is surely our greatest obligation – to our brother alcoholics and the public at large. Experience, we think, has already made these principles self-evident.

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As we enter the summer season, activities abound for our enjoyment. State Convention in June, many Districts have Founder's Day Picnics on June 10th, Service Forum

July 15th (make your plans now), YPAA has some summer events coming along, NMCYPAA has a State Convention, and overall, there are just any number of activities on the schedule. "We are not a Glum Lot".

We continue to develop the new Area Map with all of the District Boundaries. A proposed new map will be brought before the Area for final approval to be included in the next AIP. No groups will have their District assignment changed, unless they have specifically submitted a request to have a District Re-Assignment.

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

In Love and Service,
Bill L
Area 46 Registrar



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 —

Please sign up!
***El Farolito is holding "Mailing Parties" to tape, label
and stamp each of the 450 or so copies for mailing.***

Thanks to the District 8 for hosting the May Mailing Party.

The host family for the editor are real good spellers and

Thanks Debbie for your facility.

Can your group or district help? It takes little time.

Committee Reports

Archives...

Hello, everyone, I'm writing to you from Ohio where I'm visiting my aunt for her 80th birthday.

It was another slow month in archives. I was at archives last weekend. Teresa J. met me and we went through the maps available so a District map for assemblies can be created by our very own ELF editor, Jeffrey!

I'm looking forward to the State Convention in Ruidoso

and will announce the archives contest! - Stop by the table for details.

As always,,keep me in mind for any event for a round of JeopAardy or any other archive presentations. It would be my honor to visit your district!

Gratefully yours in love and service, Michelle B.

Bridge the Gap...

Greetings Area 46,

What a beautiful summer to service AA. I would like to thank District 2 for having Paul, David and myself for our Treatment, Corrections and BTG workshop. If any other districts are interested in having us please feel free to con-

tact us, we are here to serve. If you need help in your district please contact me.

In Love and Service, Nicole R.

Corrections...

Greetings Area 46

It's been an exciting month. I had been able to order books for two more Districts.

I have been contacted by a CYFD volunteer in Albuquerque, things are going well there and we are getting started in Las Cruces.

Things are going well here at the local jail and we are still working on getting into the local prison.

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.

See you Ruidoso. Love and Service, David D. Corrections Chair

El Farolito...

Greetings,

It has been a gas, working a whole weekend once a month with this newsletter. And then, getting to travel the state for a mailing party in different districts. The last party was so wild that a cup of coffee spilled at the labeling station. So a hand full of people probably missed out on their paper copies. Let us know if you missed your paper copy. We will try to be more careful.

Jay, who runs the money side of this newsletter, says we will be broke by this fall. So send contributions, please. In my District 15 meetings we have discussed sending a contri-

bution. We have some money set aside. We just forget to do it. There are other districts thinking, 'Yeah, that's us'. So, let's all try to remember to put it on district and group agendas.

Carl B. passed away last Friday, May 9. Carl had 48 years of sobriety. He was a memorable character who lived and traveled all around our New Mexico. A memorial service is being planned. If you would like to be notified when more information is available, please contact Evie (D16 DCM) at district16@nm-aa.org.

Loving the service, Jeffrey H. El Farolito Editor

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Literature...

The Literature Committee has reached out to districts 3, 11 & 4's literature chairs upon knowledge of the literature chair position being filled, and, or contact from the chair; we'd like to hear from the literature chairs of all the districts, and, or groups for updates of how things are in your district, or group, and how we can be of assistance; please call or email us, our phone # and email address is listed under literature committee on the 1st page of this publication. We also suggest contacting GSO in NY, and requesting a starter packet, then we'd like to discuss functions a literature committee can do for a group or district.

Barrios Unidos in Chimayó received their pamphlets we sent, at no charge, to help a new group get going, unfortunately we were unable to provide BB's at no charge, but we'll have BB's on hand in Ruidoso & they can be bought there with no postage fee. (Ed. note: The pamphlets were on the table at our Saturday morning breakfast meeting in Chimayó. Thanks Manuel).

We finally delivered the Spanish prayer cards and large print Spanish service manual upon a prepaid special order; the orderer said she had wanted, and waited for the prayer cards for 30 years, and upon contacting our committee just took a few months, and were delivered in person, thus another happy ending.

A member had offered to print as many as we wanted GSO's notice on safety in meetings, we contacted him and he graciously offered to send 100 booklets so we can have on hand at the state convention. Thank You, you know who you are, and know AA is better for your service in our opinion.

We are looking forward to the State Convention in Ruidoso NM, June 2-4; we have reserved 4-5 tables for our literature display, and will be fully stocked & functional.

On a personal note, as Dr. Bob stated in our 11th Tradition, it's not breaking anonymity within the rooms. (**"He [Dr. Bob] said there were two ways to break the Anonymity Tradition: (1) by giving your name at the public level to press or radio; (2) by being so anonymous that you can't be reached by other drunks."** In an article in the February 1969 Grapevine: "Dr. Bob on Tradition Eleven," Volume 25, Issue 9, D. S. Of San Mateo, California, wrote that Dr. Bob commented on the Eleventh Tradition, "We need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films," as follows:

"Since our Tradition of Anonymity designates the exact level where the line should be held, it must be obvious to everyone who can read and understand the English Language that to maintain Anonymity at any other level is definitely a Violation of this Tradition."

"The AA who hides his identity from his fellow AAs by using only a given name Violates The Tradition just as much as the AA who permits his name to appear in the press in connection with matter pertaining to AA.")

ELF is a confidential publication, as are emails, but not, in some cases. Facebook for whom non AA's may see & read AA correspondence, careful with that in today's world, so I'll mention, be on the lookout in the July issue of the Grapevine, a picture of my home group, the Cosmopolitan Group in Albuquerque will be printed. We are happy the picture was chosen upon the many they receive we're sure.

We're Looking forward to seeing you all at the convention. Drive safe to Ruidoso.

Manuel P. Area 46 Literature Chair. Have a great day



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...

Greeting from Taos!

With a lot of conferences going on this time of the year, I thought it would be good to share with you about special needs at AA conferences (AA Guidelines). Providing services for AAs who are deaf or hard of hearing may need special considerations when attending an AA conference or convention. For those who have a fair amount of hearing and/or who read lips, seating near the speaker may be all that is required. In some cases amplified headsets are provided. Others who are deaf may require the use of a sign language interpreter.

Here are some points to consider when planning a conference or meeting that will be attended by deaf or hard of hearing A.A.s. 1. reserve interpreters well ahead of time because they are in great demand; 2. budget the interpreting expenses. Find out early what the estimated cost will be, whether by the hour or by the day. If you are holding concurrent workshops, you may need more than one interpreter at the same time. If your event is small (and short) you may be fortunate to find a qualified volunteer, but do not expect to rely on volunteers; 3. in arranging preferred seating for deaf or hard of hearing members, designate the reserve area clearly: "Please reserve for hearing-impaired members"; 4. sensitize workshop leaders and meeting chairpersons to the use of the interpreter; 5. stick with your plans once you have announced that an event is sign-language accessible. Consider that there may be fewer events accessible in ASL to deaf members. Any unexpected or last minute removal of services could be problematic, especially for those members who may have travelled long distances to attend; 6. if the event is a large one with concurrent meetings and workshops, plan for continuous availability of several interpreters; 7. if you are listing the event with the Area 46, your local intergroup, or in any A.A. publication, specify that it is sign language interpreted.

If possible, have a T.D.D. number that deaf people can call for more information. For A.A.s With Other Special Needs Committees assist A.A. members who have a variety of challenges to accessing the A.A. message. For example, if meetings are wheelchair accessible, this may be noted in the program. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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

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Treatment...

Hello Area 46,

I have just a few notes on what has been going on in treatment. I still have not had any groups offer to take a meeting into MATS in Albuquerque on Saturday evening but we are still trying. If your group or District is interested in taking on a treatment commitment please let me know!

If you looking for background information on treatment there is downloadable literature on the GSO website. We also have a list of treatment facilities on the New Mexico AA website www.nm-aa.org if you are looking for a facility that might like a group to take meetings into. You never know unless you ask!

We did have an issue with coordinating meetings between a couple groups on when and where they were taking meetings. No harm was done but it does show that we could benefit from having an updated list of groups and meetings. We have talked about it for years but it is a fluid situation and I have found it difficult to coordinate. Maybe the next treatment chair will have better luck getting something like that setup. Give me a call or email anytime if you have anything you would like to discuss. Keep up the good service work everyone!

In Service, Paul P. Treatment Chair

Web Site...

"Our whole AA program is securely founded on the principle of humility—that is to say perspective. Which implies, among other things, that we relate ourselves rightly to God and to our fellows; that we see ourselves as we really are—a small part of a great whole. Seeing our fellows thus, we shall enjoy group harmony. That is why AA Tradition can confidently state, Our common welfare comes first." (Bill W. Language of the Heart pg. 76)

Greetings,

The new website meeting database is here!

It is so neat to see a database that unifies all meetings in New Mexico.

As most of you know, the Area approved a motion in December to hire a programmer to help create a single unified database. A new feature was developed for the plugin: the ability to add 'data sources' which allow the plugin to

import meeting data on a regular schedule from remote websites. We use this feature to allow the nm-aa meeting database to stay updated with information from albuquerqueaa.org and santafeaa.org.

We could not have done this without the cooperation of the central offices of both Albuquerque and Santa Fe. The hope is that newcomers and any person from out of our area will be able to locate a meeting.

We will be working out certain tweaks this week but I think you will enjoy the new design.

You can view it here

<https://nm-aa.org/meetings/>

You can search up to 100 miles for a meeting, search near current location, and request changes to meetings through website. When submitting a request for a meeting change an email is sent to the registrar, the webchair, and the person when that change, that it was updated.

I'm excited for enthusiasm. I am also grateful for those who sent in changes or had feedback. Keep the committee updated! I hope to see you all at the Convention.

Thank you for Allowing me to Learn and Grow in service, Ally T., Area 46 Webchair, webchair@nm-aa.org

YPAA...

Hello Area, we had a good meeting in Las Cruces last month. I want to thank Nick and the Arid club for hosting us. The main topics of discussion were unity between young people's groups, and outreach to young people. We discussed how groups can support each other, and possible PI work directed at young people. Specifically the possibilities of speaking in schools.

We are excited to invite everyone to our summer event.

This will be our third annual AA-athlon on June 24th, 12pm-3pm at North Domingo Baca Park, but we will be there earlier if you want to come hold the spot with us. We will have food, drink and games. We will have a kick-ball tournament as well as some other fun games with prizes. The day will conclude with a speaker meeting. God bless, Mike L.

Ad Hoc Committee: Assembly Development & Fun Raising...

We are one active committee and we have been working on several measures to present at upcoming assemblies, but right now, **WE ARE ALL ABOUT THE SERVICE FORUM, happening on July 15 at Nativity Church in Albuquerque. Doors open at 8:00am!** This is the first area-sponsored service event and we are hoping it will be a big success.

There will be 2 great speakers talking about the special importance of service in AA and 12 workshops exploring the many ways each of us can be of service in carrying AA's message, how our service fits into the whole of Alcoholics Anonymous, and how service can be fun.

A special feature of this forum is that our workshop presenters are a diverse group from all over the state. They will discuss what service is like in the Spanish-speaking and Native American communities, in cities and in rural areas, in small and large groups and districts. Our committee has worked hard to insure that the Forum will have something to interest and inspire everyone.

In addition, our Area Literature, Grapevine and Archives Committees will be present and will have books, pamphlets and articles available for purchase which focus specially on service.

We know that many *El Farolito* readers are already involved in service and we are counting on you to come and bring your knowledge and experience with you. However, we want to do more than "preach to the choir". We want to attract more AAs to become involved.

So, we have a favor to ask: if you are a presenter or you are planning to attend the Forum, invite your sponsees, and members of your district or home group to come with you. A special invitation to a newcomer can make all the difference in whether that person attends the event. If you are coming from out of town, make a road trip out of this event. That is how it was always done in the old days!

In love and service, Jaclyn S., Chair

District Reports

District 2 Santa Fe...

Hello from District Two, Santa Fe AA!

Santa Fe has lots of opportunities for A.A. members and groups who are interested in carrying the message of recovery to incarcerated alcoholics. Here are a few to consider:

- ~ Men and women are needed for county jail meetings.
- ~ The juvenile detention center needs people to bring meetings in.
- ~ Corrections Correspondence (The Corrections Correspondence Service links A.A. members who are incarcerated with A.A. members on the outside so that both can share their experience, strength, and hope with each other.).

If any of these service positions appeals to you, please contact district2@nm-aa.org.

Summer always bring wonderful opportunities for fellowship and learning. Here are a few local events coming to the Santa Fe area:

-June 5, 2017, 6:00 PM in Santa Fe- Meeting for the Central Office/Inter-group at St. John's Church, 1200 Old Pecos Trail.

-Saturday, June 10, 1:30 to 4:30 PM at the Friendship Club- **Grapevine writing workshop.** Become a part of this living history by writing your story for Grapevine!

-Saturday June 17, at the Friendship Club, 1:30-3:30

PM- Extending the Hand of AA Bridge the Gap Workshop for Treatment and Corrections

-Sunday, June 18, 12:30- 4:30 PM at Hyde Memorial State Park Campground #1. **AA Founders Day POTLUCK Picnic!** Volunteers wanted to help with parking, games and clean-up, if you can volunteer or need additional information, call or text Michael W. at (323) 839-2395. An AA meeting will take place at 2:00 PM. Please bring a side dish or desert (with serving utensils if needed.) Children are welcome!

-June 24, 12:00- 3:00 PM in Albuquerque- **Area 46 YPAA's 3rd Annual AA-Athalon!** Picnic, games and speaker. Please bring a side dish and dessert (burgers, hot dogs, and drinks are provided.) North Domingo Baca Park, 7521 Carmel Ave, NE.

-July 15, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM New Mexico AA Service Forum at the Nativity Church in Albuquerque.

We hope to see you at some or all of these events!

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! Wishing you serenity, courage, and wisdom. In joyful service, Kate T.

District 4 Las Cruces...

Greetings from District 4!

Our district is hosting the September Area Assembly. Included in this El Farolito is information on the host hotel: America's Best Value Inn & Suites (located right near I-10 at exit 140) and other hotels and eateries nearby.

District 4 invites everyone to celebrate Alcoholics Anonymous' 82nd birthday (June 10) with an ice cream social at the Arid Club starting at 1:30pm. This is a fund raiser to help support our hosting the Area Assembly.

Finances: Since last El Farolito, some of the groups and individual members have stepped up and made contributions that will allow the district to meet its financial obligations this month. We were able to bring the prudent reserve back up to group conscience level. We are thankful for each and every member for your self-support and for the opportunity to continue our service work at the district level!

Service Opportunities: There are many opportunities to have fun, be a part of (instead of apart from), and carry the message...

We need people to carry our message into Mesilla Valley Hospital (especially young people) – contact Maura Women's Corrections, contact Theresa V.

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.

We also have opportunities to help District 4 host the September Area Assembly; contact Ron

Yours in service, Robin Robin12192@hotmail.com

District 5 Alamogordo, Ruidoso, Carrizozo...

District 5 is busy with the countdown to the Area 46 Convention in Ruidoso. Capitan's Thursday night Hole in the Wall meeting has been changed from Thursday to Wednesday nights at 7pm at the Senior Center, and Alamo Home Group has recently added a Saturday noon meeting to the schedule. The district picnic will be held on Sunday, June 18th at the Cloudcroft Pavilion, in lieu of a district for the month of June.

The Alamo Home Group, Special Events Committee is also planning its next event "Hooked on Sobriety" at Silver Lake in July.

Alamo Home Group has moved its speaker meeting for the month of June to Friday June 9th as to not interfere with the State Convention. On Saturday June 10, Ray R. from Albuquerque (former Area 46, nominee for Trustee at Large) will be speaking at Serenity Group at 8pm.

We all look forward to seeing everyone from the Area in District 5 at the State Convention on June 2, 3, and 4th. In the Fellowship of the Spirit, Kelsey B.

District 6 Las Vegas, Raton, Clayton...

District 6 had three GSRs, some wearing several hats, at our May meeting. We covered a lot of important service topics.

Happy Hour group, Las Vegas, has turned over the district phone to ESP. Thank you to both groups. Three AAs are taking meetings into the San Miguel County jail on a weekly basis. Our Area corrections committee has supplied us with some great pamphlets, big books and Living Sober books for the jail meetings.

The local hospital has once again invited us to have a presence at a health fair in May. We are holding monthly

district potluck/speaker meetings, hosted by the groups on a rotating basis. Happy Hour is hosting May and Raton's Land of Enchantment group is hosting June. Our picnic will be July 22 at Storrie Lake. Tom, our Bridge the Gap chair, reported several calls.

Happy Hour is holding monthly business meetings again after a hiatus. Our web guy Mario is keeping our meeting schedules up to date. We hope to schedule Jim H.'s Conference report soon.

Thanks for letting me be of service, Meredith B.



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July 15, 2017

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DATE —

District 7 Artesia, Roswell...

District 7 conducted a District inventory on May 21 with David L from Carlsbad as our service representative.

Early Birds will sponsor an ELF mailing party with Jeffery H. May 27 at 8:00am after the 7:00 am meeting, which includes a potluck breakfast at the Dry Harbor Club.

I don't know about everyone else, but I'm looking for-

ward to the Area 46 Convention in Ruidoso the 1st weekend in June.

Women N Recovery will host a Sponsorship Workshop on June 8th @ 5:00pm @ the Dry Harbors Club with McKenzie as our service representative.

Yours in Sobriety and Service,
Cheryl W Elf Rep District 7

District 8 Farmington, Shiprock ...

District 8 came together in a big way when we hosted the El Farolito mailing party. We had an amazing assembly line of 16 people all in all. It took about 1¼ hours to finish the task, and we got to meet new people and enjoy some fellowship. This was AA in action. Thank you to all!

In continuing our service work, DCM Debbie M. is still planning to go to Dulce to help establish a meeting there. Several people at the district meeting volunteered to go with her.

Summer J., juvenile jail representative, will be holding informal meetings at 10 AM on the first Sunday each month at Arid Acre, to discuss how things are going at the jail. If you are interested in going into the jail system to carry the message to young people, please come to Arid.

Steve D. has purchased literature from GSO and has it available for anyone to buy. Included in this order are predominantly Big Books and 12 and 12s, with pamphlets and a few other titles. Steve's email address is lobsterboy@hotmail.com. Aztec Group also has a good supply of books that can be purchased.

Don't forget the fundraiser picnic at Civitan Park, June 10 from 11AM to 3PM. Tom M. will tell his story. The BBQ is free and donations will be taken to support the speaker meeting on September 30th to be held in Farmington; more details will be forthcoming about that event later, but in the meantime, come support the district and have some great food and fellowship.

Yours in sobriety, Andrea G.

District 9 Gallup, Grants, Zuni, Laguna...

Greetings from District 9. Our District Sobriety Gathering Planning Meeting will be on Sunday, June 11 at the Laguna Evangelization Center at 11:00 a.m. followed by our monthly district meeting beginning at 1:30.

Save the date! The first annual Assayii Lake AA Campout is June 30th to July 2, 2017. There is a \$5 registration fee if you can, otherwise, come anyway. Assayii Lake is a beautiful mountain lake in the heart of the Chuska Mountains. The easiest approach, and one which any city car can handle, is from Route 12 at Navajo, NM on the West side of the mountains. Contact Lennie for more information.

District 9 was well represented at the 24th American Indian AA Red Road Convention which took place the first weekend in May. There were many people there to share

their experience, strength and hope, especially with newcomers and young people. Thank you to all the behind-the-scenes help and support, for making travel and hotel arrangements, providing food, and offering the hand of AA to our younger and newer brothers and sisters. It was a great weekend event made even greater by the generosity and support of our more established members.

Save the date! August 4-6th is the Third Annual Sobriety and Family Wellness Campout sponsored by the Day At a Time Club and the Spiritual Awakenings Group of Ft. Defiance. The campout is at Wheatfields Lake. Great food, great fun, games, prizes and of course, great fellowship. Contact Ambrose K. for more information.

In gratitude and service, Beverly T., El Farolito Rep

July Issue Deadline: Midnight - Friday, June 23rd

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.

Beginning with a pizza dinner, this exercise in rigorous

honesty allowed us to evaluate how well we as a district have been fulfilling our primary purpose. It also offered an appropriate time for individuals to voice specific concerns about our district.

Some of the matters discussed were ideas for increasing participation and enthusiasm for service positions in our district, and bridging the gap between people incarcerated or institutionalized and AA. We also discussed ideas for events geared toward carrying the message.

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

With a sad heart I report that our friend, Carl B. who was living at the T or C Home for Veterans passed away on May 9th, 2017. Carl was quite a nomad and loved traveling about in his van. He could be found camping at City of Rocks one day and in Cliff the next. Carl was a seeker of the spiritual and often shared his books and what he had learned with others.

He was fond of the AA rooms in New Mexico and Arizona. Carl wanted to speak on his 50th AA anniversary at the Old Timers group; he did not make this goal. He had 48 years of Continuous sobriety and on July 15th he would have made 49 years- In memory of Carl those groups that choose will be having a birthday cake celebration on this day.

Many of us know and love Carl- The world is a much better place for him having been here. Rest in peace and in

the Spirit my friend.

Memorial Day there will be a celebration of life for Carl at Elephant Butte Lake, Contact Evie B. for more information and I will try to get the word out when more is known.

Columbus will be hosting the District 16 business meeting on JUNE 17TH AT 10:30 am. It is at the old school. Please send your GSRs to this meeting as there will be a vote on the tabled motion to reintegrate District 16 back into District 4 (Las Cruces). If this motion passes the process will begin. If it does not pass then District 16 needs trusted servants, at this time our district has all but 3 positions empty.

Yours in Service, Merri B.

District 18 Rio Rancho, Bernalillo, Corrales ...

As usual District 18's May meeting was full of enthusiasm with 21 people in attendance, including our Area Chair, Teresa J. No one is bored in our district! Please come and join us - we welcome all.

Our committees are all active and busy. If anyone has the desire to be a part of AA, any of our committees will welcome you! Volunteers are always needed. CPC met with UNM Specialists in Addiction with a panel of 4 to present on "How A.A. Works". They did a wonderful job and were invited to make the presentation again. PI continues to distribute A.A literature and pamphlets. BTG has a recent flurry of contacts, and stays busy with that effort. Young Peoples Committee is getting ready for the A.A. Athalon coming in June, and Children of Chaos is really winding up for NMCYPAA in July. All in all, the message is being carried in our District. Hooray for our service members doing all that great work!

District 18 in cooperation with District 11 hosted our Delegate, Jim H. on May 13th in Albuquerque for his Delegate's

report. As always, it is fascinating to hear about the Conference.

District 18 held an Intergroup Speaker's Meeting May 20th at St Thomas Aquinas.

Upcoming Events

June 10th – District Meeting at Rio Vista Park, 10:00 AM

June 10th – Founder's Day Picnic, Rio Vista Park,
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Potluck, Speaker at
2:00 PM

July 28th – 30th – NMCYPAA State Convention -
Inn at Rio Rancho, Rio Rancho

December 2nd and 3rd - Area 46 Assembly – Nativ-
ity Church

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. (We serve cookies, doughnuts and fruit!)

In Love and Service, Maddy L. District 18 ELF Rep

CPC in Action, Again...

District 18's Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) committee met with a panel of UNM addiction specialists who are part of the ASAP, Addictions & Substance Abuse Program, at 2600 Yale Blvd on April 18th. With the allotted time of 30 minutes the CPC committee of four AA members was prepared to carry AA's message, giving the panel of specialists enough time for a brief question and answer period at the end.

Using the Preamble as the basic guideline, each committee member spoke for five minutes on important aspects of what AA does and does not do; our non affiliation with outside organizations and institutions; and our singleness of purpose, weaving in their personal stories of recovery.

The 12 member panel of doctors, counselors and mental health professionals were able to see how the AA program works in the personal accounts of experience, strength and hope from AA members with sobriety ranging from 20 plus years to the youngest member with two years.

The first question asked by the panel: What is the most important step?" was met with a resounding response: Step One! As the four committee members spoke, the skepticism and doubt seemed to melt away and the warmth that is always felt in the fellowship of the rooms became evident. It was a fine example of AA non-professionals meeting with professionals on the same level playing field of the life and death struggle with addiction. It worked and the committee has been invited back to meet with another group of specialists in the near future.

September 2017 Assembly...

September Area 46 Assembly Hotel Information

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

<u>Hotels:</u>	<u>Price given when called</u>
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<u>America's Best Value Inn & Suites (Host/Site Hotel)</u>	\$54
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901 Avenida de Mesilla	(575) 524-8603
Exit 140 off I-10, then northeast onto Avenida de Mesilla/NM 28. Destination on right, enter from Hickory Drive.	

<u>Days Inn</u>	\$54
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755 Avenida de Mesilla	(575) 526-8311
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<u>La Quinta Inn & Suites</u> (behind host/site hotel)	\$62
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1500 Hickory Drive	(575) 523-0100
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<u>La Quinta Inn Las Cruces Mesilla Valley</u>	\$55
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790 Avenida de Mesilla	(575) 524-0331
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<u>Hampton Inn & Suites</u>	\$109
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1641 Hickory Loop	(575) 541-8777
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<u>Springhill Suites</u>	\$99
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1611 Hickory Loop	(575) 541-8887
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<u>Drury Inn</u>	\$110
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1631 Hickory Loop	(575) 532-4100
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Area 46 New Mexico AA Service Forum



Bring your experience, strength and hope...

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Growing in understanding **about** service
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Having Fun in Service!

12 PANELS • 2 SPEAKERS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experiencing the Traditions in our groups: Safety, addicts, and court papers.• What are the Concepts...and why should I care?• What is the General Service Conference...and how does it relate to me?• "Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need." What did Bill mean by that?• What is a Central Office...and how can I help?• What does my dollar do...and what if I put in two? | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remote communities and A.A. Service• Breaking down barriers between English and Spanish speaking A.A. communities.• The upside-down triangle – Service at all levels.• All about the home group. What is it? Should I have only one? Group inventories?• Better A.A. business meetings?• I Want to Know More: Finding A.A. Literature about Service |
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July 15, 2017
8 AM – 5 PM

REGISTRATION, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP 8 – 9 AM

\$5 registration

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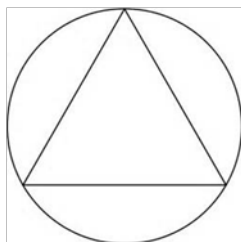
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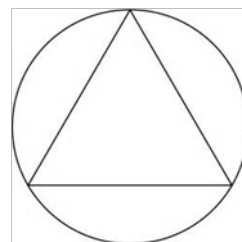
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Area 46 New Mexico AA Service Forum



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday, June 10, 2017



Our very own "Founder's Day" to

Celebrate Alcoholics Anonymous' 82nd Birthday

While we might not all get to make the trip to the party at Dr. Bob's house in Akron, Ohio this June, District 4 would like to invite you to an Ice Cream Social to celebrate Founder's Day right here in Las Cruces. Treat your family, sponsee, main squeeze, or sponsor!

Arid Club 334 West Griggs Las Cruces Need More Information? Contact Ron

Fun, Fellowship, Family, Sobriety!

This is a District 4 fundraising event to ensure we live up to our financial obligation to host the September Area 46 Voting Assembly.

Birthdays!

District 4

Birthday Congratulations

Ziggy	4/10/1993	24 years
Jim S.	4/18/2014	3 years
Nicole R.	4/22/2013	4 years
Tina C.	4/25/1989	28 years
Maurice	5/1/2001	16 years
Cammy M.	5/6/1999	18 years
Tom M.	5/6/1999	18 years
Jen N.	5/7/2003	14 years
Lee O.	5/16/2003	14 years
Piper	5/19/2016	1 year
Bob H.	5/26/2015	2 years
Rita	5/30/1991	26 years
Virginia W.	5/30/1986	31 years
Wayne T.	5/31/2016	1 year
Michael M.	5/31/1993	24 years
Dennis	6/7/2015	2 years
Sara S.	6/11/1998	19 years
Beverly C.	6/23/1989	28 years
Martina H.	6/26/1986	31 years

District 7

February --

Barry P 10 Bill J 17

March --John C 31

April --Laney C 19

Riding 10

Bernie 7

May--One Day At A
Time

David D 10

May Birthdays – One Day At a
Time – Bernalillo

Mike C. 5/2/1988 - 29 years

June Birthdays – One Day At a
Time – Bernalillo

Pat C. 6/4/1990 – 27 years

Carleen R. 6/11/2002 – 15
years

Maddy L. 6/27/1985 – 32 years

Home Group in Gallup:

Pernell M. - May 19th – 1 year

Spiritual Awakenings Group in Ft. Defiance, AZ

Edwin May 23 - 6 years

Lupe May 24 - 3 years

Laguna Group

Naleen N May 3 - 2years

Esperanza L. May 22 - 1 year

Gail M. May 30 - 1 year



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AA Founders Day Picnic

Sunday, June 18, 2017

12:30 - 4:30 (Food 12:30 - 3:30)

Children are welcome!



Hyde Memorial State Park
740 Hyde Park Road, Santa Fe
(8 miles from the Plaza)
Campground # 1

- 12:30 Arrival and picnicking
- 2:00 Meeting
- 2:45 Games, campfire, s'mores, more hanging out
- 3:30 Food wrap-up
- 4:30 Party's over!
- 4:35 Campsite clean-up
- 5:15 Leave campsite as we found it



20 volunteers wanted to help with parking, games and clean-up

Please bring a side dish or dessert AND serving utensils
(sodas, burgers, hot dogs, b-beans and chips provided)

Carpool if you can as parking is limited.

Call or text Michael W. [phone number] with questions

Drinks Provided:

Coke, Diet Coke, 7-Up
Diet Dr. Pepper
Sparkling waters
Lemonade
Iced tea
Ice & Cups

Ideas for Side Dishes

Potato or Bean Salad
Dips with Chips
Quinoa or Cous-Cous
Green Pea Salad
Cole Slaw
Macaroni Salad
Any Baked Side Dish

Ideas for desserts

Cake
Pie
Fruit Salad
Cookies
Brownies
No-Bake Bars
Lemon Bar

Thank you Michael W., District 2 Events Coordinator, for planning this event!