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Hoover Middle School • 12015 Tivoli NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111

## **FRIDAY**

*(Faith Lutheran Church • 10000 Spain NE)*

7:30 pm Fellowship & dessert potluck (No business will be conducted on Friday)  
8:00 pm Speaker Meeting Hosted by District 12 and the Friday Night Smokeless Group

## **SATURDAY**

*(Hoover Middle School)*

**8:30 am CALL TO ORDER**  
**8:40 am DELEGATE'S PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY REMARKS**  
**8:55 am COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** GSR Orientation, Cooperation w/ Professional Community (CPC), Corrections, Special Needs, Website, Assembly Development & Fun (ad hoc)  
  
9:45 am 10-minute break  
**9:55 am COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Bridge the Gap (BTG), *El Farolito*, Grapevine/La Viña, Public Information (PI), Young People  
10:45 am 10-minute break  
**10:55 am COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Archives, Bilingual, Finance, Literature, Treatment Facilities, Area 46 Convention  
**11:45 am Lunch Break — on your own —**  
**1:00 pm MEETINGS:** GSRs, District Committee Members (DCMs), Area Trusted Servants, Past Delegates  
1:50 pm 10-minute break  
**2:00 pm CALL TO ORDER – Business Meeting**  
2:15 pm INTRODUCTIONS – Area Trusted Servants, Past Delegates, Districts (DCMs, GSRs & others), visitors.  
2:45 pm SECRETARY'S REPORT: Summary of Minutes – September Assembly - District 10 Carlsbad  
2:55 pm TREASURER'S REPORT (while 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket is passed)  
3:05 pm REGISTRAR'S REPORT  
3:15 pm DELEGATE'S REPORT  
3:25 pm ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT  
3:30 pm 10-minute break  
**3:40 pm ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**3:55 pm OLD BUSINESS**  
Convención Hispana de Nuevo México report  
2017 Convention report: June 2-4, 2017 – District 5, Ruidoso  
2018 Convention report: June 1-3, 2018 – Albuquerque Districts  
Area 46 Assembly report: September 9 & 10, 2017 – District 4, Las Cruces  
Area 46 Assembly report: December 2 & 3, 2017 – District 18, Rio Rancho  
NM AA Service Forum report: July 15, 2017 – Albuquerque  
  
**4:25 pm NEW BUSINESS\***  
Bids for Pre-Conference Area Assembly, March 24 & 25, 2018  
Motion regarding procedure for inviting Al-Anon participation in Area 46 Conventions  
Other new business  
  
5:30 pm Dinner Break  
**7:00 pm Fellowship, Fun & Dessert Potluck –** Hosted by District 12 and the Young Peoples' committee  
**7:30 pm SHARING SESSION –** Area Delegate, Jim H.

## **SUNDAY**

*(Hoover Middle School)*

**8:00 am CALL TO ORDER**  
**8:10 am VOTE** on previous day's bids and motions  
8:25 am ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORTS\*\* (includes Committee, GSR, DCM, Trusted Servant, and Past Delegate meetings)  
9:20 am 10-minute break  
9:30 am ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORTS\*\* (continued)  
10:30 am Ask It Basket and Sobriety Countdown  
10:45 am 0-minute break  
**10:55 am GSR SHARING –** GSRs can comment on Conference agenda items of concern to your groups. (up to 3 min. each)  
**12:00 pm Adjourned until September 9 & 10 – District 4, Las Cruces**

— The Planning Meeting for the next Assembly will be held on July 22, 2017 —

\* See the article "Making Motions at Area 46 Assemblies" in this issue of *El Farolito*.

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

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**April 2017  
Deadline for El Farolito  
Contributions:  
*March 24***



## **VIERNES**

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7:30 pm Compañerismo & comida del postre (Ningún negocio se llevará a cabo el viernes)  
8:00 pm Orador Reunión Organizado por el Distrito 12 y el Grupo Friday Night Smokeless

## **SÁBADO**

**(Hoover Middle School)**

**8:30 am LLAMADA DE ORDEN**

8:40 am LOS COMENTARIOS DEL DELEGADO DE LA ASAMBLEA DE LA PRE-CONFERENCIA

**8:55 am REUNIONES de COMITÉS:** R.S.G. Orientación, Cooperación con la Comunidad Profesional (CPC), Correccionales, Necesidades Especiales, Sitio Web, Desarrollo de la Asamblea y la Diversión (Ad Hoc)

9:45 am *10-Minutos de Receso*

**9:55 am REUNIONES de COMITÉS:** Uniendo Las Orillas (BTG), *El Farolito*, Grapevine y La Viña, Información Pública (PI), Los Jóvenes

10:45 am *10-Minutos de Receso*

**10:55 am REUNIONES de COMITÉS:** Archivos, Bilingüe, Literatura, (Centros) de Tratamiento, Área 46 Convención

11:45 am *Almuerzo — Cada quien por su Cuenta —*

**1:00 pm REUNIONES:** R.S.G.'s, M.C.D.'s, Servidores de Confianza, Delegados del Pasado

1:50 pm *10-Minutos de Receso*

**2:00 pm LLAMADA DE ORDEN** – Junta de Negocio

2:15 pm INTRODUCCIONES: Servidores de Confianza del Área, Delegados del Pasado, M.C.D.'s, R.S.G.'s, (otros) y Visitantes

2:45 pm INFORME DEL SECRETARIO – Resumen de Minutos – Asamblea de septiembre – Distrito 2 Santa Fe

2:55 pm INFORME DEL TESORERO – (mientras la Séptima Tradición se pasa)

3:05 pm INFORME DEL REGISTRADOR

3:15 pm INFORME DEL DELEGADO

3:25 pm INFORME DEL DELEGADO SUPLENTE

3:30 pm *10-Minutos de Receso*

**3:40 pm ANUNCIOS** – Eventos de A.A.

**3:55 pm VIEJO NEGOCIO**

Informe de la Convención Hispana de Nuevo México

Informe de la 2017 Convención: junio 2 - 4, 2017 – Distrito 5, Ruidoso

Informe de la 2018 Convención: junio 1 - 3, 2018 – Distritos de Albuquerque

Informe de la Asamblea: septiembre 9 y 10, 2017 – Distrito 4, Las Cruces

Informe de la Asamblea: diciembre 2 y 3, 2017 – Distrito 18, Rio Rancho

NM AA informe del Foro del Servicio: el 15 de julio de 2017 – Albuquerque

4:25 pm **NUEVO NEGOCIO \***

Ofertas para la pre-Conferencia Asamblea: marzo 24 y 25, 2018

Moción sobre el procedimiento para participación de Al-Anon en Área 46 Convenciones

Otros nuevos negocios

5:30 pm *Cena*

**7:00 pm Compañerismo, Diversión & Comida de Postre** – Patrocinada por el Distrito 12 y el Comité de los Jóvenes.

**7:30 pm SESIÓN DE COMPARTIMIENTO** – Jim H, Área 46 Delegado

## **DOMINGO**

**(Hoover Middle School)**

**8:00 am LLAMADA DE ORDEN**

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

8:25 am INFORMES DE REUNIONES DE LA ASAMBLEA \*\* (Comités, R.S.G., M.C.D., Servidores de Confianza, Delegado Pasados)

9:20 am *10-Minutos de Receso*

9:30 am INFORMES DE REUNIONES DE LA ASAMBLEA \*\* (continuo)

10:30 am Preguntas de Canasta y Conteo Regresivo de Sobriedad

10:45 pm *10-Minutos de Receso*

**10:55 am R.S.G.'s., COMPARTIMIENTO** – El RSG puede comentar sobre los temas de la preocupación a sus grupos.

**12:00 pm Asamblea se aplazó hasta 9 y 10, de septiembre 2017 – Distrito 4, Las Cruces**

— La Reunión de Planificación para la próxima Asamblea será sostenida el 22 de julio, 2017 —

\*Vea el artículo "Hacer Propuestas en las Asambleas del Área 46" en esta edición de *El Farolito*.

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

# Trusted Servants

## Delegate...

One of our greatest treasures is our experience to be shared and learned from, and good communication is the key. The A.A. Service Manual says that ***"Good communication is of vital importance. In personal Twelfth Step work, there is no end to communication. The sponsor talks with the drunk; speakers share their experience; we share with each other. But when it comes to general service work, communication has a tendency to break down. It can take hard work to get the attention of alcoholics, but with a creative approach, they can be encouraged to take time out from the nuts and bolts of recovery to think about another phase of their new lives. Once A.A. members become well informed about service, they often want to become involved and take on their own service responsibilities."***

Communication will be the theme at the March "Pre-Conference" Assembly. Each of you will be given the

Uno de nuestros mayores tesoros, es nuestra experiencia para ser compartido y aprendido, y una buena comunicación es la clave. El A.A. Manual de servicio dice que ***"La Buena comunicación es de vital importancia. En trabajo de Duodécimo Paso personal, no hay ningún final a la comunicación. El Padrino habla con el borracho; Oradores comparten sus experiencias; Nosotros compartimos con los demás. Pero cuando viene al trabajo del servicio general, la comunicación tiene una tendencia de estropearse. Puede tomar trabajo para captar la atención de alcohólicos, pero con un enfoque creativo, pueden ser animados a llevar tiempo de los elementos básicos de recuperación para pensar en otra fase de sus nuevas vidas. Una vez que los miembros de A.A. se hacen bien informados sobre el servicio, a menudo quieren involucrarse y asumir sus propias responsabilidades de servicio."***

La Comunicación será el tema en la Asamblea de la "Pre-Conferencia" de marzo. Cada uno de ustedes tendrá la oportunidad para temas seleccionados de la agenda de la

opportunity to consider selected General Service Conference agenda topics, with your Home Groups and Districts, prior to the Assembly. Your feedback on the topics that interest you or are pertinent to Area 46 will allow me to better represent Area 46 at the Conference. The weekend following the Assembly I will be in Oklahoma City at the Southwest Region Delegates Assembly, also in preparation for the General Service Conference. I'll report on this next month.

DCMs – Please start thinking about when you would like for me to visit your District to give my report on the General Service Conference. If possible, think about combining Districts to make my travel a little easier.

I have had no expenses to date.

Call me, we'll have coffee. Jim H.

Conferencia de Servicios Generales, con su Grupo Base y Distritos, antes de la Asamblea. Sus comentarios sobre los temas que le interesen o son pertinentes al Área 46 permitirá que yo represente mejor el Área 46 en la Conferencia. El fin de semana después de Asamblea estaré en Oklahoma City en la Asamblea de Delegados de la Región Sudoeste, también en preparación de la Conferencia de Servicios Generales. Haré un informe sobre esto el próximo mes.

MCDs – Por favor comiencen a pensar en cuando les gustaría que visite su Distrito para dar mi informe sobre la Conferencia de Servicios Generales. Si es posible, pensar en la combinación de Distritos para hacer mi viaje un poco más fácil.

No he tenido gastos hasta la fecha.

Llámemme, tendremos café. Jim H.

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## Chair...

I'm giving my space this month to Bernard Smith, one of the architects of the General Service Conference. Bern's 1954 talk on why we need a Conference is fantastic. I hope you enjoy it.

### Why Do We Need a Conference?

*The late Bernard B. Smith, nonalcoholic, then chairperson of the board of trustees, and one of the architects of the Conference structure, answered that question superbly in his opening talk at the 1954 meeting: "We may not need a General Service Conference to ensure our own recovery. We do need it to ensure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to ensure the recovery of a child being born tonight, destined for alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth that brought us back to life.*

*"We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effect of the human urge for power and prestige which we must ensure can never invade A.A. We need it to ensure A.A. against government, while insulating it against anarchy; we*

I just love service work, I love being of service and I love hearing about what others are doing in service, so give me a call anytime.

Your grateful servant, Teresa J. Expenses this year: \$66

need it to protect A.A. against disintegration while preventing over integration. We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its services.

"We need it to ensure that changes within A.A. come only as a response to the needs and the wants of all A.A., and not of any few. We need it to ensure that the doors of the halls of A.A. never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome. We need it to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is."

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## Treasurer...

Hello All, One heck of a beginning for the new year. Last month I said the money above the prudent reserve was to be sent to the General Service Conference. I was wrong. That money stays in the area and we will discuss what to do with it. We ended the year with a about \$2200 above the prudent reserve.

I hope to see the group contributions stay at a steady rate so that the area can provide more 12 step services to our area. The groups and districts can invite area trusted servants to help with putting on workshops for them. That is how we can carry the message throughout the state. If

you have suggestions on how our area can do more, please show up at the assemblies to let us know.

The contributions and expenditures are listed in the table that is also submitted and if you have any questions about income and spending just get hold of me and I will be glad to answer them. The left-hand column is as of December 31, and the right-hand column is for January of this year. Committee expenses: \$66.21 Travel to assemblies, planning meetings: \$425.

Yours in service, Kurt K.



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 —

## Conference Theme, Presentation and Workshop Topics

The theme of the 67th General Service Conference is:

### **“Supporting Our Future”**

The Presentation/Discussion topics will include:

#### a. Growth:

1. Diversity – Outreach and Attraction
2. Safety – An Important Consideration
3. Communication – Today and Tomorrow

#### b. Participation:

1. Fellowship vs. Membership
2. Leadership: “I am Responsible...”
3. Is Your Voice Heard?

#### c. Contributions:

1. Spirituality and Money
2. Fully Self-Supporting Our Obligations
3. Apathy and Power of the Purse

The Workshop Topic will be:

### **Anonymity—The Spiritual Foundation**

These are wonderful basic A.A. topics that can be talked about and discussed throughout the Fellowship, in assemblies, districts, intergroups/central office gatherings, and in groups.

**Confidential AA material...do not use outside the Fellowship.**

*Send Contributions for Area:  
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## **Registrar...**

*“our membership ought to include all who suffer alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend on money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group.” This clearly implies that an alcoholic is a member if he says so; that we can’t deny him membership; that we can’t demand from him a cent; that we can’t force our beliefs or practices upon him; that he may flout everything we stand for and still be a member. In fact, our Tradition carries the principle of independence for the individual to such an apparently fantastic length that, so long as there is the slightest interest in sobriety, the most unmoral, the most antisocial, the most critical alcoholic may gather about him a few kindred spirits and announce to us that a new Alcoholics Anonymous group has been formed.*

*Reprinted from (Language of the Heart – Bill W p 33, July 1946), with permission of The A.A. Grapevine, Inc.*

February typically is very busy. Starting with creating the mailing of the Area Assembly Flyer and Agenda. Hopefully everyone received their copy, either electronically or by paper mail. Late in February, the directory information was downloaded from the National Database, and our Area 46 Directory was created, both in English and in Spanish. Advance orders were taken from those receiving directories to determine how many paper copies were going to be necessary. Because many the Trusted Servants are OK with PDF version of the Directory, our Area printing costs are significantly less than in the past.

The Downloadable PFD Group Information Forms and New Group Forms on the Area 46 website were all reviewed and modernized to request all of the pertinent information for the National Database and the online web based schedules.

If you are a new GSR, or if you start a new group, please visit the Registrar’s Web Page at [nm-aa.org](http://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](mailto:Registrar@nm-aa.org)

Expenses to date are \$49.00 for postage to mail Area Assembly Agendas and Flyers and another \$36.79 for supplies. Final costs for printing the Area Directory are not yet available, but are estimated to be very similar to last year at approximately \$150.

In Love and Service, Bill L Area 46 Registrar

# *Committee Reports*

## *Archives...*

Since our Area Assembly in December, I have had the opportunity to visit two districts and play JeopAardy. The first was in Ruidoso for their Christmas Party on December 18, and then District 4 on January 21. It seems there are a few people interested in the history and collect the money sticks! February 18, I will participate in a District 3 workshop with the Step Sisters group on the importance of gathering a group history, and hearing how they did so. Another group will share their experience also.

The Archives located at Central Office in Albuquerque is open the second Saturday of each month. In January, one visitor came to visit; in February I was able to sort the group histories of each district. Copies will be available to each district at the March Assembly

Olivia, Area 46 Archivist, and I discussed our goals for this year. Group / individual histories are at the top of the list, as well as a new Area 46 Group History form.

The Convention 2018 chair sent an email announcing a "name the theme for 2018" contest (winner to be announced at the assembly!). Just last month, the list of all the past conventions with dates, places and themes was uploaded to the Archives webpage! I love it when a plan comes together!

At the March Assembly Grapevines will be available for a small donation, to enable us to purchase archive materials.

I have spent about \$70 for supplies for the JeopAardy game and copying. Thank you for the honor of serving Area 46. Hearing the experience, strength and hope of others trying to retain our history, has touched my heart. I am so fortunate!

Gratefully yours in love and service, Michelle B.

## *Bridge the Gap...*

Greetings Area 46,

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Albuquerque. As you know this is a pre-conference assembly, we have much to discuss. District 2 has set up a 3 way service workshop for BTG, Corrections and Treatment on June 17, 2017 more details to come. BTG budget for the year is \$80 and at this time I have not spent any money. A big thanks to Manuel our Area 46 Literature Chair for all of the pamphlets he has supplied during my rotation! Please let me know what I can do to be of service to your district. See you soon!

In Love and Service, Nicole R.

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## *Corrections...*

Things are going well both locally and up North. There will be a workshop in Santa Fe at the Friendship Club 1316 Apache St. on June 17<sup>th</sup> look for the flyer on the web site. Thanks Dist. 2 for asking me to be a small part of a great whole.

I am looking forward to the March Assembly, meeting some new servants and seeing some old friends.

Here are some upcoming times, dates, and locations for volunteer training in order take a meeting into the state prisons.  
Albuquerque May 27, 8am till noon at 3601 Montgomery

Blvd. NE (505) 883-9079  
Albuquerque Aug. 19, 8am till noon at 2335 Wyoming Blvd. NE  
Roswell March 25, call (575) 625-3110 for time and place.  
More can be found at [cd.nm.gov](http://cd.nm.gov) or give me a call.

My expenses for the year are \$72.00 travel to planning meeting. If there is ever anything I can do for any of you please call or email.

Love and Service David D Area 46 Corrections

## *CPC...*

Hello area 46, By the time this is out we will be at the March Assembly, There we will have the Agenda topics for discussion and be able to give Jim H. our group conscience decision on them. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you and grateful to be apart of this Area.

CPC in District 8 has been busy with the Court Classes and Panel meeting since the last Assembly. We were asked to submit an article that is also coming out in this issue so please take time to read it.

Would love to be get together with some of the districts and do some workshops this year. I have more information on them so email me.

There are no expenses to report since the December Assembly.

Look forward to seeing you all in March.  
Trudging the road of Happy Destiny  
In love in service, Mikel W. Area 46 CPC Chair.

## *Finance...*

Greetings All,  
There isn't much news to report from the Finance Committee between assemblies. However, after much planning trying to find dates that would work for everyone, the Finance Committee will be meeting 02/18/17 in Santa Fe. It is difficult to discuss all that we need to go over in a

one hour session at the Assembly.

Looking forward seeing everyone in a few weeks.

In service, Ruth G. Finance Chair

## *Grapevine...*

Hello to my fellow AA's,  
As usual its been a pleasure to serve. I did not attend the last assembly in Carlsbad, but my fellow Grapevine enthusiast Molly did a great job. Since my return I attended a "Writing for the Grapevine" workshop in the South Valley. What a great event with speakers and tutorial on what the GV will accept. and will not accept. Erica and Martha did a great job. I got some ideas to throw around.

I purchased \$123.75 of products for the December As-

sembly. Deposited \$122.75. I'm hoping to sell more books at the next assembly. Therefor I purchased more, and of a different variety in the amount of \$299.00. I have recently added another GV rep with as much energy and excitement for the GV as I do.

Looking forward to hearing new ideas from everyone. So please call or e-mail me

Yours in Fellowship, Alice M. Area 46 GV REP



## *Literature...*

As of this writing, mid-February '17, we have a full inventory for Literature, this issue of ELF will come out right about when the March Assembly starts, so details will change once the assembly starts and sales begin.

We have Spanish big books, 12x12's, service manuals and pamphlets on hand since demand was high in Carlsbad for Spanish literature at the December '16 Assembly, we also have many of the same titles in English and whenever possible large print; not much in Spanish large print though. CD's and DVD's are popular and as we sell them we'll reorder more depending on popularity. A DVD of Bill W. speaking, and a DVD of Bill W. explaining the 12 traditions are amongst the favorites.

In the February ELF we suggested to try and visit our Central Office while in Albuquerque for the March Assembly; we hope many of you were able to do so. Usually for an assembly we try and go in with as much inventory as possible, fully stocked. The average in sales seems to

be around \$350.00-\$375.00 per assembly, so right after an assembly we inventory what was most desired, asked for, or needed, and place an order rather quickly after the assembly, to replenish stock.

If your group or district ever needs an item of literature and you can't find it, or make an order for whatever reasons be sure and let us know we'll see what we can do. We are currently looking for pamphlet # P-53, the co-founders, Biological sketches of their last major talks. We're hoping to find this pamphlet in Spanish.

Congratulations to District 11 for filling their Literature Chair position recently. We reached out, made contact, and suggested ordering a welcome packet from GSO, and gave the phone # of GSO 1 (212) 870-3400 to the new chair. Welcome aboard.

In loving service, Manuel P. Area 46 Literature Chair...  
Have a great day

## *Special Needs...*

We are happy to have completed the Special Needs first year as a new "Standing Committee" thanks to the support from Area 46. It is the Committee's goal to help pave the way for A.A. members with special needs to reach and participate in A.A. meetings, or to arrange to have A.A. meetings brought to them. For those Districts who do not have a committee, we encourage consideration of more actions towards working with local A.A. groups to find ways to make meetings available to all who want to attend.

The guiding principle of this committee is that there are no special A.A. members, only members with special needs. They are A.A. members who wish to have the same privileges and responsibilities as all A.A. members with regard to the activities we all consider necessary for our continuous sobriety. These include regularly attending meetings and special AA functions; speaking at meetings; and participating in 12 Step work, sponsorship, and service on both the local and area levels.

There has been discussion at our committee meetings regarding the purchase of hearing devices; however, due to the budget of Area 46, a purchase of over \$1,000 was not feasible. We will discuss at the March Assembly other alternatives in terms of less expensive equipment. The main question that came up: "was there a need for the devices?" We look forward to explore this opportunity. Lastly, there has been no extra expenses related to Special Needs and seems, we are within budget for 2016.

We encourage Groups and Districts to complete the "Special Needs Survey". You can download a copy (both Group and District) surveys from the New Mexico AA Area 46 website's Special Needs page. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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

## *Treatment...*

Hello Area 46, Since December things have picked up in Treatment. I was asked to meet with the Director of Turquoise Lodge, by two men who have been very active there. We had a good discussion on how to try to encourage people to go to meetings after treatment and Bridge the Gap.

**We still have a request for a group to take meetings into a detox facility in Albuquerque on Saturday evening.** If your group might be interested in taking on this responsibility please let me know. We are also having another BTG, Corrections, and Treatment workshop in

Santa Fe on June 17th. More information will follow.

I can't believe we are coming up on the rotation soon; seems like we just got started. Time for everyone to start thinking about possible service work in Area 46! At this next assembly we will be discussing any issues people are having, how to find a facilities to take meetings into and things that are working or not working in treatment. As always, if you have any questions or need help with anything Treatment related please let me know.

In Service, Paul P. Treatment Chair

## Website...

*"As we lay aside these very human aspirations, we believe that each of us takes part in the weaving of a protective mantle which covers our whole Society and under which we may grow and work in unity." (12&12 Tradition Twelve, p.187)*

Greetings! Since last Assembly the Website project has begun to take shape.

I am excited for everyone to see the Demo of the website Meeting Database. I also want to thank Albuquerque and Santa Fe for their cooperation in making this a reality. Josh, the programmer, has been awesome and I'm looking forward to the database redesign.

Thank you all for your support in passing the motion, in December, that asked the area for funding to hire a programmer to help integrate multiple meeting databases.

The result of which will be a single custom integrated database that will be designed for maintaining the integrity, security, and functioning of the website meeting database.

I am looking for meeting changes updates from anyone that can provide them. This will help us do an even better job in getting correct information to those who are looking for meetings.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve Area 46. I have grown up watching wonderful examples of sobriety, and helping me find myself along the way. As always, if there is anything I can do for your districts or groups please let me know.

Service Expenses \$12

In Love and Service, Ally T Area 46 Webchair web-chair@nm-aa.org

## Young People...

Hello, Hope everyone is doing well. The young person's committee would like to thank everyone who was involved in and attended our third annual three legacies workshop. It was an incredible experience for me. I know I gained a lot from each of the speakers as well as the fellowship we enjoyed. I am happy to report that were able to cover all our expenses for the event with the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition, and donations from D18 and D11. Thank you all for your continued support.

We will be donating the excess \$15.18 we received, to

the area. My expenses for the Carlsbad assembly were \$165.

The committee is excited for our upcoming assembly. We will be hosting an activity before the delegate sharing session so come to the desert potluck and look for us. Hope everyone has a safe trip to ABQ.

God Bless, Mike L

## Ad Hoc Committee: Assembly Development & Fun Raising

We are on the eve of our second Pre-Conference assembly! Our committee hopes that all the "bugs" from last year have been eliminated. As of this writing, we still have not received the final list of Agenda topics and background material from GSO for the 2017 Conference. However, by the time of our Assembly, we hope our groups will have had an opportunity to review these, and our GSRs, DCMs, and Trusted Servants will be familiar with the issues. Please let us to know how you experience the pre-conference Assembly this year by completing an evaluation from, which will be available on Sunday morning.

Our Committee met in February to work on the Service Forum, which will take place on Saturday, July 15 at Nativity Church in Albuquerque. There are "Save the Date" flyers available on our area website and albuquerqueaa.org, and we will have them available at the Assem-

bly. In an effort to have the Forum be fully self-supporting, a modest \$5.00 registration fee will be requested at the door. Bill L. has graciously volunteered to organize a fund-raiser for the event sometime this spring, so stay tuned for an announcement about that.

We will have the workshop topics for the Forum finalized by March 1, and our Program Chair, Kristina F., will be on the lookout at the Assembly for AAs willing to be speakers, discussion leaders or panelists. Our Registration Chair, Melissa S., and our Hospitality Chair, Michelle B., may also be on the lookout for volunteers. Our goal is to have the entire state of New Mexico involved. We will be talking about the Forum in detail at our committee meeting at the Assembly at 8:55am, so please come and share your ideas.

In grateful service, Jaclyn S. Chair

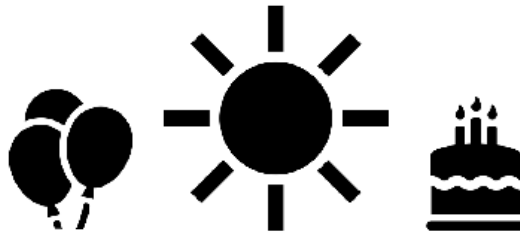
## ***How to Make an Assembly Motion***

### **Making Motions at Area 46 Assemblies**

1. Any voting member of the Assembly can make a motion. GSRs and DCMs, (or their alternates) and Area trusted servants are voting members.
2. Motions should be written out and given to the secretary when the motion is made. (Include your name and voting position with the motion)
3. If your motion will require Area funding, include as part of the motion the costs and where the funding will come from. (see the Finance chair for help)
4. If you need assistance preparing a motion, see any Area trusted servant, past Delegate, or DCM.

### **Hacer Propuestas en las Asambleas del Área 46**

1. Cualquier miembro votante puede hacer un movimiento. RSGs y MCDs, (o sus suplentes) Servidores de Confianza sean miembros con derecho a voto.
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)
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# District Reports

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

Greetings, from the Fellowship Group in Clovis NM. We are pleased to announce that Speaker Meetings are now being held on the second Saturday of the month, with potluck starting at 6:30pm, followed by the speaker at 7:30pm. Graham F. from Denver, CO will be our speaker March 11<sup>th</sup>.

7:30pm located at 1119 Thornton St. Clovis, NM.

For information on AA meetings and events held in Portales please see their website [aaportales.org](http://aaportales.org)

In love and service, Joy H.

Open meetings are also held every day at 12pm and

## District 6 Las Vegas, Raton, Clayton...

We had four of our district's eight groups represented at the February district meeting. Our treasury is in good shape. Mary has done a great job with that, and Kathy will take over while Mary is undergoing medical stuff. Kathy will also take minutes at the district meeting while Mary is out. Meredith will write *El Farolito* reports.

The San Miguel group via Robert is currently in charge of the hotline. Mario is keeping our schedules and website up-to-date. Our DCM Paul and others are planning to at-

tend the March Assembly.

We made a new schedule for the Round Robin district potluck/speaker meetings hosted by various groups. Tom, our Bridge the Gap chair, reported linking up with a newcomer fresh out of treatment who is now going to meetings. Three members are taking meetings into the county jail on Tuesdays. A Highlands professor has requested an AA speaking engagement for his class, date tbd. Adiós por ahora. Sincerely, Meredith

## District 8 Farmington, Shiprock ...

Folks in Dulce, New Mexico are hoping to start an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, in the near future. Our DCM, Debbie M., will be coordinating this effort, and I'm sure she could use support from us. Representatives for both men's and women's jail are still needed. Summer J., our juvenile jail representative, has enough help right now and awaits background checks and confirmation of meeting times on Wednesday. This is vital work, so please keep it in mind as you think about service commitments.

Steve D. is the new district literature representative and is asking groups to make lists of any literature they would like to order through the district, to contact Steve by March 9, which is the next district meeting. His email is [lobsterboy@hotmail.com](mailto:lobsterboy@hotmail.com).

Guido F. is establishing a committee to bring circuit

speakers to our district. He has talked with the folks in Cortez, Colorado and will coordinate with them to make sure there is no overlap in events. If you are interested, call Guido at 505-716-1158.

District 8 will host an El Farolito mailing party on Saturday, April 29, 1:30 PM at The Well. This is an occasion to meet the El Farolito editor, Jeff H., and help him seal and add postage stamps to copies of the monthly newsletter for mailing.

The revamped website for the district is up and running. It can be accessed at [www.4cornersaa.org](http://www.4cornersaa.org). Thanks to Erny Z. for his work; it is simple and works great.

Yours in sobriety, Andrea G.



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**

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

Greetings from District 9. We have the addition of a brand new meeting in Zuni for Women, a Big Book Study group, which meets on Saturdays 10am to 11:30 a.m. at the Zuni Recovery Center in Blackrock.

Also, we have two meetings which have been resurrected: Tired of the Bus Stop also meeting in Zuni at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays at the ZRC and the Tohatchi Meeting now starting at 7 p.m. at Big John's Powerhouse on the St. Mary's Church Mission grounds.

Coming up: The Spiritual Awakenings group will be hosting a Step Three and Tradition Three Workshop on March 3, 2017 from 6-7 p.m. at their home group in Ft. Defiance, AZ. This will be a monthly tradition this year on the **First**

**Friday** of the month as we review our 12 Steps and 12 Traditions.

District 9 is also sponsoring a workshop on the Responsibilities of the Trusted Servants on March 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a potluck lunch at the Zuni Recovery Center.

Our next District 9 Gathering planning meeting for another weekend convention is March 12<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. followed by our monthly *District Meeting of the Minds* at 1:30 p.m. at the Zuni Recovery Center.

Beverly T., El Farolito Rep

## ***District 10 Hobbs, Carlsbad ...***

Wow another month into 2017!

Lots of fun in February! The Hobbs original Group went through a long overdue group inventory. We gathered a ton of useful information and found some key points to work on. What an experience! Thank you again Robyn T. for facilitating. I highly recommend inviting her to your groups for a checkup.

And, back in time one day, from the inventory the NLG had another awesome cake auction. Hobbs really came together for this. Great job Wendy B. for sharing such a

powerful story of love in sobriety (and out).

In Carlsbad on March 11<sup>th</sup> the committee for the SENM Men's conference is putting on a spaghetti dinner to raise money for this year's conference. Check District 10's web page for details or contact Jimmy F. for tickets.

I can't wait to see you all at the pre-conference assembly!

Thank you for my Life, Love and Service, Jason O.

## ***District 11 Albuquerque East ...***

Great start to 2017 here in District 11. We meet the 2nd Saturday of every month at Shepherd of the Valley 1801 Montano Rd. NE and we're loving our new location!

We've had interested people showing up at our meetings representing new group participation. Welcome to Mary P. our new Treatment Chair, Heather D. who has accepted the Bridge the Gap Committee Chair position and to Andrea N. for stepping up as Literature Chair. Debra has put them in touch with the Area Chairs for these positions to help them get started. We still have a few committee chairs open but the list keeps getting shorter.

D11 plans to host the El Farolito mailing party for April. The District was the first to host a mailing party 2 years ago. We had a blast and are looking forward to getting to know Jeffrey H. our new editor.

At our March 11th meeting, we will be making decisions with feedback from our GSR's on what events we want to host this year. Everyone is welcome to attend all our meetings. By the time you get this newsletter we will have hosted an Intergroup Speaker meeting to help support Central Office here in Albuquerque. It's been a lot of fun planning the event.

*Send contributions for El Farolito to:*

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## ***District 12 Albuquerque Northwest...***

Greetings, from District 12. We are in count down time to the March Assembly in Albuquerque. By the time this issue of ELF is printed the Assembly will have happened. We know it will be successful and we thank all that have assisted us in this endeavor.

We have the following committee positions available: Archives, Web Chair, Young Peoples, Grapevine, Literature, 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!!

Our committee positions that are filled are active and we are excited about adding others to our Team. If you want more information about District 12 positions another good point of contact is to talk to your home group's GSR. The GSR's are very active in the District meetings, you can attend a District Business meeting with them to see what it is all about.

Gratitude is a verb, grateful to be of service, Janet F., D12, Secretary

## ***District 15 Española, Los Alamos, Abiquiu, Chama...***

There were seven people in attendance at our District 15 meeting. We started with a moment of silence and the Serenity prayer. Now that everything has calmed down from the Holidays and everything that comes with the new year, District 15 has agreed that we need to pull together and really wake up the district.

We would like to welcome Greyson R. to our little family. He has just become the new G.S.R for the Dixon group. I know he will do great things and we are all here to help with what ever he and the group needs.

We also discussed how much we all grew in our sobriety when we were honored to host the 2016 AA Convention in Abiquiu. We are planning to start holding workshops and other fun events this Year. Including the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilar Camping trip in August. Last year's was so much fun, we can't wait to do it again.

District 15 is planning a very sober and eventful year. We will keep everyone posted as things appear.  
Melissa R. District 15 D.C.M

## ***District 18 Rio Rancho, Santa Ana, Corrales ...***

Once again, February's District 18 meeting was full of enthusiasm with 26 folks in attendance. It is wonderful to be a part of this fellowship where people are so grateful for what has been so freely given to them by Alcoholics Anonymous.

All the District committees are active and busy. If you feel the urge to participate, each committee can always use volunteers.

Our Public Information committee has been distributing literature and schedules to hospitals and probation offices in Rio Rancho. They also helped man the booth at the KOB Health Fair in Albuquerque in support of the Area PI Chair. As he described it, "The face of AA was there".

District 18 is still requesting a group or committee to host the Intergroup Speaker's Meeting this spring. The plans for the December 2017 Area Assembly are under way. It appears to be a really wonderful rotation closing

event in the making.

Our Area 46 Registrar gave a pre-conference assembly presentation. The conference process was highlighted, with emphasis on the GSR's role in this process. In addition to the "Conference Process" pamphlet that is being developed by Area 46, the Conference preliminary agenda items were distributed for review. This will be very helpful for the GSR's in preparation for the upcoming Assembly in March.

D-18 is a busy District and we invite you to join not only 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 and doughnuts)!!

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



### **Spiritual Awakenings, Ft. Defiance, AZ**

Francina W. - 1 yr Joslyn H. - 1 yr Lorne P. - 8 yrs  
Sue S. - 34 yrs. Myron E. - 26 yrs. Ardythe Y. - 22yrs.

**Tohatchi:** Doris B. with 5 years

**Española:** Melissa R. with 5 years

## ***CPC in Action...***

Over the past 25 years, the court system has been referring people in the system to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, in hopes of reducing the high incidence of alcohol related offenses in the Farmington area. Recently, some members of AA approached District 8 with a proposal to provide classes to people on probation as an alternative to having them 'sentenced' to attend meetings. A series of classes, based on other working models from other areas, would be presented in a venue provided by the probation system and with attendance verification being monitored by court personnel, rather than an AA member signing off on a court slip. After several meetings with the Drug court manager, spirit of rotation and a change in management in Drug Court, the PI/CPC chair was able to meet with the new manager. Willingness was the key to unlock the door; a committee was formed with District 8's PI/CPC chair and up to 10 volunteers from the District. An outline for the classes was created and approved by the committee.

The classes were set up to be a 7 week series, covering the following topics: 1. What AA is and is not. 2. The Doctor's Opinion. 3. There is a Solution. 4. The 12 Steps. 5. The 12 Traditions. 6. Sponsorship and 7. An AA Member's Personal Story. This is a panel meeting with two presenters per class, held at The Well, our local recovery club, in a classroom style setting with tables and chairs. Drug court pays the rent for the meeting room and signs the participants in before the class starts. Class sizes range from 6 to 20 in a one hour period. The classes give participants information that could take years to learn just going

to meetings, helping them make an informed decision on whether A.A. is for them.

Though there is no way for us to monitor how many people continue to go to A.A. or how many actually complete the Drug court program the results have been positive; the seven-week series has been presented to Drug Court for nearly 5 years, with a much larger percentage of clients choosing to pursue recovery. The program has created a spin-off panel that presents a similar message to clients in Intensive Out Patient counseling. With the venue set up and paid for by the counseling agency. A panel of 6 presenting to 50-55 patients in a theater style setting. The panel uses "What A.A. does and doesn't do" "The Twelve Steps" and "Sponsorship" in a two hour time slot.

While not eliminating the problem of unwilling attendees in meetings, because of court papers and not having a choice of attending meetings, getting all of the various arms of the courts on board, there has been, overall, a great response to the efforts here. The ultimate goal remains to see AA meetings focusing once again on helping the still suffering alcoholic, while the courts focus on compliance. In the meantime, the committee is satisfied with accepting progress, not perfection.

Mikel, CPC Chair Area 46

## ***Pre-Conference Request from Remote Communities...***

Remote Communities are generally understood to be any part of an Area where it is difficult to carry the message because of language, culture or geography. However, each Area determines how to apply this definition to its specific circumstances. Remote Communities can be found in most if not all Areas in North America.

This non-Conference event is an opportunity to learn how A.A. Members across the U.S.A and Canada transcend the barriers of geography, language, culture and life conditions to carry the message to all who seek it. There will be three components to this meeting and we invite you to become involved in the sharing of your Area's experience strength and hope with respect to remote Communities.

***'The Remote a Communities Meeting Committee produces the annual journal of the Remote Communities Meeting called the "Remote Communities Communicator" which is a compilation of submissions from Areas outlining the types of challenges Areas face;***

***solutions that have proven effective; and plans for future act items.***

*We encourage each Area to submit an article of between 500-600 words. We would appreciate articles from as many Areas as possible. Articles might include anything that can help those involved with Remote Communities and might address such topics as the history of an Area's Remote Communities efforts, the types of challenges Areas face, solutions that have proven effective and plans for future activities.*

**The deadline for submission of these articles is  
March 31, 2017 and can be sent to either  
Jim C. or Larry M. (addresses below).**

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Panel 66 Delegate  
Area 84 Northeast Ontario  
[panache@fibreop.ca](mailto:panache@fibreop.ca)

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