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AGENDA for AREA 46 ASSEMBLY

March 24 – 25 2018 • District 7 – Roswell

Goddard High School 701 E Country Club Rd Roswell

FRIDAY

7:00 pm

Finger Food Fellowship 8:00 pm speaker meeting Jim H Serenity Club 1000 E. Bland Roswell
(No business will be conducted on Friday)

Goddard High School

SATURDAY

7:30 am

Registration opens – Please gather in main meeting room by 8:15 so the Assembly can begin on time.

8:30 am

CALL TO ORDER

8:40 am

Delegates Pre-Conference Assembly Remarks

8:55 am

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: GSR Orientation, Cooperation with the professional Community (CPC), Corrections, Accessibilities, website, ,

9:45 am

10-minute break

9:55 am

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: : Bridge the Gap (BTG), , El Farolito, Grapevine/La Vina, Public Information (PI), Young People, Ad Hoc committee

10:45 am

10-minute break

10:55 am

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Archives,, Bilingual, Finance, Treatment Area 46 Convention, Literature

11:45 am

lunch break on your own

1:00pm

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

1:50pm

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 –December Assembly - District 18 Rio Rancho

2:55 pm

TREASURER'S REPORT (while 7th Tradition basket is passed)

3:05 pm

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

3:15 pm

DELEGATE'S REPORT

3:25 pm

ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

3:35 pm

10-minute break

3:45 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS (any A.A. event in or around New Mexico)

4:00 pm

OLD BUSINESS

Area 46 Convention Report: June 1-3, 2018 – Albuquerque Districts

Convención Hispana de Nuevo México Report

Area 46 Assembly Report: Sept 8 – 9 2018 – District 5 Ruidoso

Area 46 Assembly Report December 1 -2 District 10 Carlsbad

Other old business

4:25 pm

NEW BUSINESS*

Bids for Area 46 Convention June 7-9, 2019

Bids for Area 46 Pre-Conference Assembly March 30 -31 2019

Motion from Finance Committee to fund a 2 interpreter to attend SWRAASA

Motion from Grapevine Committee for \$250 for inventory replenishment

Motion from District 2 re literature

Motion to change visit from GSO staff member from December Assembly to Sept Assembly

Other new business

5:30 pm

Dinner Break

7:00 pm

Fellowship, Fun & Dessert

7:30 pm

SHARING SESSION: Area Delegate Teresa J



SUNDAY

8:00 am

Goddard High School

8:10 am

CALL TO ORDER

8:25 am

VOTE on previous day's bids and motions

9:20 am

ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORTS** (includes Committee, GSR, DCM, Trusted Servant, and Past Delegate meetings)

9:30 a.m.

10 minute break

10:30a.m.

Assembly meeting reports Continued

10:45 a.m.

10 minute break

10:55 am

GSR Sharing: GSRS can comment on Conference Agenda items of concern to your groups up to 3 minutes each

12:00 pm

Adjourned until Sept 8 – 9 2018 District 5 Ruidoso

— The Planning Meeting for the next Assembly will be held on July 21,2018 —

HOW TO MAKE A MOTION

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

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

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ÁREA 46 PRE-CONFERENCIA ASAMBLEA AGENDA
24-25, de marzo 2018 Distrito 7 – Roswell
Goddard High School 701 E Country Club Rd Roswell

VIERNES

7:00 pm Una recepción de compañerismo con botanas 8:00 pm una reunión con orador Jim H
Serenity Club 1000 E. Bland Roswell (Ningún negocio será conducido el viernes)

SÁBADO

7:30 am Registración: favor de reunir en la sala principal a las 8:15 am

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 PERMANENTES:** El Representante de Servicios Generales (R.S.G.)

Orientación, Cooperación con la Comunidad Profesional (CCP), Correccionales, Necesidades Especiales, Sitio Web,

9:45 am *10-Minutos de Receso*

9:55 am **REUNIONES de COMITÉS PERMANENTES:** Uniendo Las Orillas (BTG), *El Farolito*, Grapevine,
Información Pública (IP), Los Jóvenes

10:45 am *10-Minutos de Receso*

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

11:45 am *Almuerzo (a su propio cuenta)*

1:00 pm **REUNIONES:** R.S.G.'s, Miembros del Comité del Distrito (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: Delegados del Pasado, Servidores de Confianza del Área, Distritos (MCD's, RSG's, otros), y Visitantes

2:45 pm RESUMEN DE MINUTOS – Asamblea de diciembre – Distrito 18 Río Rancho

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

3:35 pm *10-Minutos de Receso*

3:45 pm **ANUNCIOS**

4:00 pm **VIEJO NEGOCIO**

1) Área 46 Convención Informe: junio 1-3, 2018 – Los distritos de Albuquerque

2) Convención Hispana de Nuevo Mexico Informe

3) Área 46 Informe de la Asamblea: septiembre 8 – 9, 2018 – Distrito 5 Ruidoso

4) Área 46 Informe de la Asamblea: diciembre 1 – 2, 2018 – Distrito 10 Carlsbad

5) Otro Viejo negocio

4:20 pm **NUEVO NEGOCIO***

1) Oferta: para Área 46 Convención junio 7-9, 2019

2) Oferta: para Área 46 Pre-Conferencia Asamblea

3) Moción de la Comité de Finanzas para financiar 2 intérpretes irse a SWAARSA

4) Moción de la Comité de Grapevine pidiendo \$250 para inventario Nuevo

5) Moción del Distrito 2 para literature

6) Moción para cambiar la visita del miembro del personal de GSO de la asamblea en diciembre a la de septiembre
Otro nuevo negocio

5:30 pm *Receso para comer*

7:00 pm **COMPAÑERISMO Y DIVERSIÓN**

7:30 pm **SESIÓN DE COMPARTIMIENTO** – Delegado del Distrito Teresa J

DOMINGO

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

9:20 am *10-Minutos de Receso*

9:30 am INFORMES DE REUNIONES DE LA ASAMBLEA

10:30 am PREGUNTAS DE CANASTA y CONTEO REGRESIVO DE SOBRIEDAD

10:45 am *10-Minutos de Receso*

10:55 am RSG COMPARTIMIENTO – Cualquier RSG puede comentar sobre los puntos de la Conferencia de la preocupación de su grupo

12:00 pm **Asamblea se aplazó hasta septiembre 8 – 9, 2018 Distrito 5 Ruidoso**

La Reunión de Planificación para la próxima Asamblea será sostenida el 21 de julio, 2018

***HACIENDO UNA MOCIÓN:**

1) Cualquier miembro votante puede hacer un movimiento. Si usted necesita ayuda, ver a cualquier servidor de Confianza de Área, Delegado o MCD

2) Las mociones deberían ser escritos y dados al Secretario(a) cuando la moción es hecho. (Incluye su nombre y posición con la moción de voto)

3) Si su movimiento 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)

****LOS COORDINADORES DEL COMITÉ DEBEN PRESENTAR INFORMES DE LA REUNIÓN DE LA ASAMBLEA DEL COMITÉ AL EDITOR DE
EL FAROLITO**

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Delegate...

By now all of the GSRs in Area 46 should have received a copy of the Conference agenda items and summary background material for each item. If you are a registered GSR and have not received this information, please contact either me or your DCM to get a copy. I hope your homegroup will meet to discuss the Conference topics before the Area Assembly. Give me a call if you need suggestions about how to have a group discussion about the Conference agenda topics.

The DCM and area trusted servants orientation was held in February. It was great to see all of our new leaders together in one place. I think we're in for a wonderful rotation! Thanks so much to everyone who participated. And a special thank you to Jim H., our newest past delegate, for chairing this event.

I will be attending the Southwest Regional Delegate Assem-

bly, SWRDA, March 9 – 11. I'm looking forward to this chance to learn more about serving as your delegate. Honestly, I really don't know what to expect as I go to my first SWRDA. I'll let you know all about it in my report at the area assembly.

I've started scheduling delegate reports beginning in June. I'm excited that our alternate delegate, Bill, is willing to travel with me in order to facilitate a short service workshop along with my delegate report. Y'all know I LOVE visiting the districts! So, if your district has not scheduled a time for me to visit, please check your schedule and give me a call.

Hope to see you in Roswell!

Your grateful servant, Teresa J., Area 46 Delegate

Delegada...

Por ahora todos los RSGs en el Área 46 deberían haber recibido una copia de los puntos de la agenda de la Conferencia y material de referencia sumario para cada artículo. Si usted es un RSG registrado y no ha recibido esta información, por favor comuníquese conmigo o con su MCD para obtener una copia. Espero que su grupo base se encuentre para hablar de los temas de la Conferencia antes de la Asamblea del Área. Llámeme si necesita sugerencias sobre cómo tener una discusión en grupo sobre los temas de la agenda de la Conferencia.

La orientación de los MCD y servidores de confianza fue sostenido en febrero. Fue genial ver a todos nuestros nuevos líderes reunidos en un mismo lugar. ¡Creo que estamos en para una maravillosa rotación!

Por lo tanto, muchísimas gracias a todos los que participaron. Y gracias especiales Jim H., nuestro pasado delegado más nuevo, para presidir este acontecimiento.

Asistiré a la Asamblea del Delegado Regional Sudoeste,

SWRDA, el 9 - 11 de marzo. Mirando hacia adelante a esta oportunidad de aprender más sobre servir como su delegado. Honestamente, realmente no sé qué esperar cuando voy a mi primer SWRDA. Le dejaré saber todos sobre ello en mi informe en la asamblea del área.

He empezado a programar delegado informe a principios de junio. Estoy emocionado de que nuestro delegado suplente, Bill, esté dispuesto a viajar conmigo y a facilitar un taller de servicio corto junto con mi informe de delegado. ¡ustedes saben que me encanta visitar los distritos! Por lo tanto, si su distrito no ha programado un tiempo para que yo lo visite, por favor revise su horario y llámeme.

¡Espero de vernos en Roswell!

Su muy agradecida sirvienta, Teresa J., Delegada del Área 46

Alternate Delegate...

When we take on a new service position in AA, how do we figure out how to serve in that position? Well, that is the beauty of AA Service, we figure it out as we go, and by the end of the rotation we have it sorted out, just in time for rotation. A good first resource is usually our sponsor, or service sponsor. There is always the least read piece of AA literature – The AA Service Manual, which covers what we are talking about. Then we can look to others in our program who have served in the same position previously. Groups and Districts and Areas and Regions present information for us to learn from. These come in the form of workshops and orientations and forums, and service assemblies.

The Trusted Servant / DCM Orientation hosted by Area 46 was held on February 3rd. This was a successful event with strong attendance. One of the items that came from the DCM Orientation was an interest in GSR Orientations. The Alt Delegate presents the GSR Orientation at each Assembly and there were in-

quiries from several Districts to have the Alt Delegate come to their District and present a GSR Orientation for those GSR's who cannot make it to the Assembly. I am happy to travel to any District and present a GSR Orientation on request. I am also available to be a part of any workshops that you may want to host in your Districts. Feel free to contact me at any time about any kind of workshop.

March will busy with the Southwest Regional Delegates Assembly, and our Area 46 pre-conference Assembly. SWRDA, will be March 9-11 in Oklahoma City, and is in preparation for the 68th General Conference. Just as our Area 46 provides orientation for new trusted servants, so too does our SW Region provide orientation for the Delegates and Alt Delegates. Our Area 46 pre-conference Assembly will be March 24-25 in Roswell.

In Love and Service, Bill L Panel 68, Alternate Delegate Area 46 – New Mexico

Chair...

Greetings Area 46, I hope this report finds everyone in good spirits and good health. It was very nice to finally get together with all the Area 46 Committee Chairs and a few DCMs at the Trusted Servant DCM Orientation. Not all of Panel 68 were present, we had a few DCMs not able to make it. I hope we get an opportunity to see everyone who didn't make to the orientation at the next assembly.

Speaking of the Area 46 Assembly it will be at Roswell at Goddard High School on the 24th and 25th of March. By the time the assembly comes around, Teresa J will have received

The General Service Conference materiel and hopefully distributed it to the rightful Committee Chairs and most of the GSRs.

By now, all the Districts should have had a District meeting and the DCMs know where they are lacking in Committee Chairs. Remember, we at Area 46 are at your service for Workshops. Even a Area 46 Committee Chair can come and explain what said committee does.

Please contact me, I am at your service, Eloy M

Alternate Chair...

Procrastination...my primary character defect. Was thinking earlier today that I have 12 hours till deadline. Really enjoyed seeing all of you at the TS/DCM orientation. I actually found my note where Jeffrey asked that we use Times New Roman 10 pt for our reports. I have no expenses to date.

I'm looking for someone to ride share (from the Albuquerque area) and room share at the March Assembly to keep my expenses down and be a good steward of the Area funds. My phone number is in the printed El Farolito or you can email me at altchair@nm-aa.org. Eloy and I are working on agenda for

Trusted Servants meeting at the March Assembly and looking at when to review the Area Inventory as we ran out of time at the Orientation.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service to the fellowship that not only saved my life but also has given me a rich and full life.

Rosie F, Area Alt Chair

Registrar...

Hello All, I hope all is well with everyone. The transition from being treasurer to be the registrar has left no room in between. There is a lot of work to be done at this time of year. I am trying to keep up with all the changes within the groups. I need to get all the changes made by the end of February so that I can get the directory out by the March assembly.

I hope all the groups and districts have filled out their group change forms and either sent them to me or to GSO. So far being the registrar has been a lot of fun. I am looking forward to the next couple of years to be of service to the groups of Area 46.

Yours in Love and Service, Kurt K.

Secretary...

Hello Everyone, "It is an honor and a privilege to serve as Panel 68 Area 46 Secretary". I am grateful for the opportunity to learn from and surround myself with some of the most dedicated members of Alcoholics Anonymous that I am in the presence of now.

As Secretary, I hope to facilitate the Traditions, Concepts, and Guidelines as laid out for our benefit. It is my job to serve, and I hope to live up to the path that has been laid out by the Members that have preceded me in this position.

Attached are the Area 46 Planning Assembly Minutes taken on Saturday February 3, 2018.

If you have any questions, please free to email me at secretary@nm-aa.org

With Affection and Love for Service, Ana G

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April El Farolito Deadline: Midnight - Thursday, March 15th

Treasurer...

"The amount of our contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that unites all groups around the world." (Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix)

Greetings Area 46, as I open mail from the groups who send contributions I'm filled with gratitude to all that continue to help Area 46 carry the message. The spirituality of the Seventh Tradition reminds us it's not the amount that matters. It is the spirituality behind giving what you can and participating in the service structure.

Contributions were received from 37 groups across Area 46 in January. Other revenue, included interest income on the two CD's held by the Area. The financials for January 2018 show a 7% decline in contributions compared to January 2017.

Our expenses for January included a correction for the de-

posit made into the wrong account in December.

The prudent reserve was increased to bring it to the amount approved by the assembly in December 2018. Available cash was allocated to the 2018 operating budget, to bring it to max operating funds. The area delegate General Service Conference fee was fully funded this year and a contribution to the general service office will be made in February thanks to the Convention Overage from the 2017 Ruidoso Convention.

The finance committee will be making a motion in December to add an interpreter to the Budget for 2018 to travel to SWRAASA.

If you have questions I am always available by email and phone.

In Love and Service, Ally T Area 46 Treasurer treasurer@nm-aa.org

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Thank You.*

Committee Reports

Accessibilities...

Happy March from the Accessibilities Committee! I attended the March Assembly planning meeting last month and boy is there a great assembly planned for all of us! Our committee will be finally approving the bookmarks to be distributed around the area. Thank you Lawrence for a great design. I am looking

forward to our committee setting goals and finding great ways to reach them. I hope to see everyone at the Assembly!

Yours in service, Robyn T

Archives...

Greetings to all in Area 46! I am looking forward to seeing you all at the upcoming Area 46 Assembly. District 7 is hosting it in Roswell and we are excited to be of service. The March assembly will be my first opportunity display the Archives materials.

After the February planning meeting in Albuquerque, I visited the Albuquerque Central Office and peruse the volumes of historical material that is held and displayed in the Area Archives room. Area Archivist, Olivia O. and Past Archives Chair, Michelle B., have worked diligently to organize and file an abundance of rare and precious materials from which we can learn about our history. Please know that the Archives Room is

available for you visit. Make an appointment. It is an exciting experience that you will enjoy!

As your Archives Chair, I am happy to visit your group or district at any time to share the Archives material that I have with you. If I can be of service, please let me know.

I look forward to seeing you all in Roswell for the March Assembly!

Yours in grateful service, Jennifer W District 7

Bridge the Gap...

Greetings area 46, things are going well with Bridge the Gap. I am using some of what I learned from the past Bridge the Gap Chair and it's working. I am updating the contact list and receiving pictures of Bridge the Gap cards instead of waiting for them to arrive in the mail.

I am looking forward to the assembly in March and will have an updated contact list for all the district bridge the gap chairs by then. If you

are a new district bridge the gap chair, or any member that wants to volunteer please send me your information.

I am looking forward to hearing from you and being of service in any way I can.

Love and Service- David D btg@nm-aa.org

2018 Convention Committee...

Hello Area 46! Grateful for the opportunity to serve as your 2018 Area 46 Convention Chairperson. The committee has been hard at work filling out the program, selling merchandise, signing up groups to host Hospitality and Marathon Meeting times, publicizing the convention, and processing registrations. District 12 hosted a wonderful Taco Dinner & Silent Auction in February; District 11 is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner & Lip Sync Contest on March 17th at St. Mark's (please note location change), and District 13 is hosting a Potluck & Dance on April 7th at St. Mark's as well. For more information, please see the individual District pages on nm-aa.org or the events tab of albuquerqueaa.org. Please join us in supporting these District events where all proceeds will help make this year's convention possible!

Commemorative merchandise can now be purchased online, and will be available in limited quantities at all District fundraisers. The 2018 Convention will be held June 1-3, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Albuquerque. Call or reserve your room online prior to May 3rd using group code: A46 to receive the special \$89 room rate for our event. Register at the early bird price of \$15 until April 15th, at which point the cost will increase to \$20.

Banquet tickets are also available at \$40 each. The banquet will include an additional AA speaker and there are four meal choices to select from. Menu details are listed on registration flyers and online registration pages. Seating is limited, so don't delay and reserve your seat!

Early registrations are one of the best ways to support the convention, so why wait? Register, order banquet tickets, make scholarship contributions, and secure your swag today via www.nm-aa.org/registration or www.nm-aa.org/inscripcion. Registration flyers are also available for distribution in English and Español.

The 2018 Convention Planning Committee meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month, 1:30 PM at the Heights Club. We are always looking for volunteers, so please join us at our next meeting to get involved.

In love & service, Laura S. convention2018@nm-aa.org

CPC...

Hello Area 46! To kick off the year Patty BT (D-18 CPC chair) and I met with a panel of behavioral health professionals at the Tewa Family Health Center. They were very engaged, responsive, had great questions, and appreciate us bringing AA to their community. AA members have been taking meetings there for some years now, and recently their therapy group has been very supportive of AA, and schedules their programs to allow meetings to take place. It has been a great example of AA cooperating with the professional community without affiliation or endorsement.

Last week was the orientation for the new rotation of trusted servants for Area 46. I learned many things, a couple being, find out what the groups and individuals in your area want and support that. You are one of those, so support that, too. Also that this is a marathon, not a sprint, so take it easy, jump in and have fun. I've been finding it's more fun to go with one or two others, not alone (said from my long term wisdom of 1 ½

months.)

On Valentines Day Claire D (former D-18 CPC rep) passed the baton to the new chair Patty BT by inviting us to the Presbyterian Medical Services board meeting which was just wonderful. Not only did we hear about what they do, but saw all kinds of opportunities to cooperate with them. Claire did a wonderful job establishing that relationship and has turned it over very well to Patty who will take it in her own unique direction.

I look forward to hearing what is beginning to start happening in the other districts as I reach out to the new CPC chairs and put together a CPC committee to support the commitments of our districts. I'm hoping to have monthly conference calls with the chairs and key participants. More on that later.

What a surprising and wonderful opportunity this is to be of service! Thank you. Sarah F. CPC chair, Area 46

Corrections...

Greetings Area 46: Not much to report this month being this is my second report, Grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Corrections Committee Chair. Looking forward to seeing you all in March at the Roswell assembly. If there is anything I can do for any of you please feel free to contact me by phone or email. Been real busy on the phone with

the new Corrections Chairs and DCMs; getting to know each other, and helping each to get some meetings started. Thank you for letting me be of service.

In Gratitude and Service: Tony G Area 46 Corrections Chair

Finance...

As I read through the February issue of El Farolito, I was reminded by several of the other unselfish committee chairs that I did not thank the outgoing Finance Chair for his service. My self-centeredness is alive and kickin'. So I would like to express my gratitude now to Ed C. and thank him for the job done on our 2018 annual budget. I'd also like to give a thank you to Ruth G. who served as our Finance chair earlier in the rotation and did a fantastic job.

A final "clean" version of the 2018 Area Budget has been emailed to all GSR's and DCM's. I'd like to apologize for our messy presentation at the December assembly as we were making several amendments on the fly. Thank you to the assembly for extending a lot of trust and approving the budget. If you did not receive a copy, please let me know.

Treasurer Ally and I have been going through the books conducting an informal audit on the finances of the last rotation. Kurt, our previous treasurer, did a great job maintaining his records and made our job very easy and straightforward. I'm happy to report that we have found very few discrepancies and the error factor is quite low. Our full audit report will be given at the March assembly.

I attended the Trusted Servant Orientation/ Assembly Planning meeting in early February. One comment that stuck out for me was the idea that Area 46 is in the middle of the AA service structure and is responsible for the most "2-way traffic" of communication. If a breakdown would ever occur, we don't want it to be at the Area level!

At the March assembly, the Finance Committee will present a motion that will fund an additional translator to SWRAASA in October. The budget currently funds one translator; however, funding has been found for a second. Please take some time to be "conscience" of this and let us know how you feel. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the March assembly. Thank you to Ally who will cover for me at our Finance Committee meeting.

I have examined the January Monthly Reconciliation and give a thumbs up for our current financial report.

My expenses this month were \$30 for travel to the TS Orientation/ Planning Meeting.

In service, Christoph, Finance Chair

Grapevine...

We have made contact with all the 18 DCM's. Districts 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16 & 18 have filled the Grapevine/La Vina Chair position & contact has been made with the new Grapevine/La Vina Chairs. Welcome aboard. **(Congratulations! Editor).**

Districts 1, 4, 6, 9, & 12 are still waiting on someone stepping up to fill the Grapevine/La Vina Chair position for their districts, & we're hopeful they'll fill soon. With District's 7, 13 & 17 they have a Grapevine/La Vina Chair, & I'm waiting on a reply from the Chairpersons. District 17 focuses on La Vina more, our Spanish version of the Grapevine, but all districts should be aware of Spanish meetings in their districts & make La Vina available too. I've reached out, & waiting for contact. With district 8 I have a question in to our registrar for information on who is the DCM for the Farmington Area. We don't see it listed in ELF.

I may not be real accurate on the status of every district yet,

I'm still getting organized myself, but I'm pretty close. We attended the District 3 meeting on the 2nd Saturday in February at 2pm, the District 3 Grapevine/La Vina Chair mentioned the Isleta Group ordering every month 10 extra copies of the Grapevine to sell or give out. District 3's Chair inquired about ordering used copies of the Grapevine, cost is 30 copies for \$54.00.

We also attended the writing workshop by the Witts End Group and even were invited to sit in on the panel. We also attended the new trusted servant orientation & assembly planning meeting. A \$201.00 order was made, unfortunately \$30.00 went to postage this time, this is our 2nd order placed already and we'll have a full inventory, although small, for the assembly in Roswell. We will be submitting a motion at the assembly for a onetime \$250.00 Area contribution to increase our inventory.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Manuel P Area 46 Grapevine/La Vina Chair Easy does it.

Public Information...

Greetings Everybody, I can't believe it is already February. This month, I would like to focus on getting in touch with all of the District PI Chairs. If the D.C.Ms could please forward me the contact information for your PI Chairs I would greatly appreciate it. Also if your district does not have a PI Chair yet, I would love to be able to come to your district and maybe have a workshop or just share a little bit on what the PI Chair does.

Also, if district PI Chairs would keep me informed of any

health fairs that may be going on in their Districts I would love to attend and maybe help out the PI Chair. I am here to help in any way that I can. If you need any informational pamphlets or help to get information out there, please feel free to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from everyone and I am here to help in any way that I can.

PI-Chair Melissa R pi@nm-aa.org

**April Edition Deadline: Midnight , Thursday
March 15th**

Treatment...

Hello to all our DCM's and GSR'S and Trusted Servants of Area 46! Thank you for giving me this tremendous opportunity to work with DCM's and their District Treatment Chairs. I am so grateful to have the opportunity to serve in this position and look forward to meeting all of you at the upcoming Area Assembly in Roswell this March.

This will be a great opportunity for me to learn about what is going on in your district! If you have any treatment related questions or know of any treatment facilities that would like AA to take meetings in, please feel free to contact me anytime and we will try to accommodate them.

Any DCMs that would like to have a treatment workshop in your District, please contact me.

Hope to see everyone at the Assembly in March!

In love and Service, Carrie N.

Website...

Hello Area 46! It's been an amazing experience getting to know all of you. I'm looking forward to seeing you again at the assembly.

Good news about the meeting database! We have found the solution to repairing the refresh issue with the database. There is a lot of other work that needs to be done before we can apply

the fix. I am working my fingers to the bone to get it ready! I

Everybody take a minute to think about what you would like to see happen on the next rotation. Let's make the next 2 years count!

Love and service, Jason O.

YPAA...

Hello Area 46, What a month it's been in recovery! Challenges of checking e-mails everyday learning new skills on the computer and I love it. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to keep learning.

The 4th Annual Three Legacies was a great success. The speakers were amazing and kept people interested in their topics. Thank all of you for sharing your Hope, Strength and Experience with us. The turnout was well over 100 people and the Pot Luck was amazing. Thank all of you for being a part. Can't wait for the next event to happen.

The YPAA committee meets once a month at Choice Steel Company at 119 Coles Rd Albuquerque, NM 87107. Our next meeting will be on March 15 at 5:30pm. If any group needs or wants help, please reach out to us, that is what we are here for.

At the March Assembly we will be going over a couple of questions our Delegate will pass on to us. Mike & I wrote down some questions before the Spirit of Rotation, to ask you guys what you think about the YPAA Committee; we hope to get to one of them.

We need help with the YPAA committee. I'm looking for some service positions to be filled. We need a Secretary, Web Chair, Outreach Chair & a Treasurer. Please think about these positions. We hope to start making a traveling meeting soon. We may just pop up in your district.

Thank you all for Trudging the Road to Happy Destiny with me. In service Michelle M

District Reports

District 2 Santa Fe, Eldorado, Pecos, Madrid...

Greetings from District 2, for the current rotation, District 2 has added two service committees, which are Literature and Bilingual. Connor J. is the Literature Committee Chair, and Maria is the Bilingual Committee Chair. The district now has the same committees as Area 46.

There are some in the district that would like the GSO literature committee to consider the possibility of a Fifth Edition of the Big Book. (Usually depends, when all the 4th edition sells. Ed)

District 2 is considering making a bid at the March 23-25, 2018 Area Assembly, to host the May 31-June 2, 2019 State Convention in Santa Fe. An Ad-hoc Committee under the chair of Lynn K. has been formed to check on cost and availability of venues to hold this event. GSRs who were at the district meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 reported a favorable re-

sponse from their groups.

The subject of safety at and around AA meetings is a serious discussion item at Group Consciences in the district.

The district needs a chair for the Bridge the Gap Committee. In the interim, Oskar P., chair of this committee during the last rotation, is filling that position. In addition, a female co-chair for the Corrections Committee is needed.

New Moon Lodge at Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo, has an AA meeting on Thursdays at 7:00 PM and would like support from the AA community at large. Also, the Life Healing Center and the Recovery Center in Santa Fe are looking for groups to sponsor meetings in these facilities.

That's all folks for this month! In grateful service, Fred D. **9**

District 3 Belen, Los Lunas, Socorro...

Greetings from District 3! "At Wit's End" Group celebrated their anniversary on Jan 27 with a Grapevine writing workshop that went really well. 18 people attended the workshop which included speakers, writing and sharing sessions.

On March 17th at 7am at the Isleta Club, the Sunrise Catchers Group will celebrate 22 years with breakfast and a speaker meeting. Dan G. with 58 years of sobriety will speak. There will also be a 50/50 raffle benefitting the area convention. On the 4th Saturday of each month at 8am the Sunrise Catchers have a speaker meeting. What a great way to start the weekend!

PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) Training will be held Saturday, Mar 3rd, 12pm to 4pm at NM Women's Recovery Academy, 6000 Isleta Blvd SE, Abq. Anyone interested in work-

ing with the prison population is required to have this training. Women volunteers are especially needed!

The next District 3 meeting will be hosted by the Cosmopolitan Group at Rio Grande Presbyterian Church, 600 Coors NW, ABQ on Saturday, March 10th. Potluck at 1:30 pm, meeting starts at 2 pm. In Service, Dusty S.

ISLETA GROUP JANUARY SOBRIETY BIRTHDAYS

Dean	30 days	Gary S.	45 days	Rigo	2 years
Lora	5 years	Tom T.	6 years	Tomas	18 years
Pete H.	21 years	James G.	22 years		
Singh	28 years	Mari Anne	29 years	Cowboy Bob	33 years
Sabat	34 years	Roger L.	45 years		

District 4 Las Cruces, White Sands...

Hello from District 4—Big thanks & congratulations to Happy Hour Group for their success of the New Year's Eve celebration. They did a terrific job, everything turned out wonderful (especially the brisket!), and they were able to be completely self-supporting, and even donate funds back to the District for next year! Really big kudos to everyone who worked so hard!!!

Our first District meeting opened with a change of Treasurer. Thank you, John F., for being willing and able to serve our District! Next District meeting: March 25th, 10:30am, 903 Pinon... Home of the Downtown Group. We especially hope ALL GSRs from Las Cruces, and T or C join us. Of course, all members are encouraged to attend as well!

If you are interested in getting involved in general service, there are some wonderful opportunities available. Please attend the next District meeting.

One of the best quotes I heard as we lovingly discussed why are we at a district meeting: "Politics in Alcoholics Anonymous doesn't exist.", the member went on to say that we disagree passionately because we love Alcoholics Anonymous.

Meeting information: Meditation Meeting, Sundays, 4:30pm, 600 Holy Cross Road, Mesilla Park is a mixed meditation meeting, NOT a men's only meeting as was listed in the schedule. Also: Men's Thursday Night Q & A is no longer meeting.

There was loving discussion about service workshops. As of

this submission, Beginner's Group is hosting a Traditions Workshop, March 17th, 1:30pm—3:00pm, Arid Club, 334 W. Griggs, potluck. Format is to have two speakers discuss Traditions one through four, along with a questions and answer time and potluck. Beginner's Group is hoping to have the District co-sponsor this event, and have it extended to include all the Traditions... more will be revealed.

Congratulations to the following people with February birthdays:

Dawn, February 1, 2017, 1 year Kathleen F., February 2, 2003, 15 years Chad M., February 4, 2013, 5 years Mike P., February 4, 1999, 19 years Brian K., February 9, 2011, 3 years Jane R., February 11, 1985, 33 years Jay G., February 19, 2013, 5 years Carol S., February 20, 2008, 10 years Jack H., February 24, 1997, 21 years Shannon, February 26, 1984, 34 years Jennifer D., February 28, 2008, 10 years Steve D., February 28, 1992, 26 years

Please send your group's birthday info to me by the 10th of the month to have it included in the ELF! Just fyi... they like to publish birthdays AFTER the date has passed.

Respectfully submitted, Robin

District 5 Alamogordo, Ruidoso, Carrizozo...

District 5 held its first district meeting for the new rotation on the third Sunday of January in Ruidoso. The district is starting to prepare for the Area Assembly which will be held in Ruidoso in September. We are planning a dinner/speaker fundraiser to help with the assembly which will likely take place in early May in Alamogordo. (I would like to go. Ed)

Meeting attendance is somewhat slim throughout the district, and support throughout is needed. Wade, the new GSR from Serenity Group in Alamogordo reported that the 5:30pm meeting has been reintroduced on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday only, and birthday night is on the last Saturday of each month at 8pm. Group 63 in Alamogordo is alive and well and has its speaker meeting on the 1st Saturday of each month at 7:30pm; Gary G. from Arid Group Ruidoso spoke in February. Defec-

tive Character in Ruidoso continues to host its speaker meeting on the 2nd Friday of each month at 7:30pm; Jackie J. from Arid Group spoke in February, and Jim M. from Ruidoso will be speaking in March.

District 5 lost a trusted servant last month, Roger D. who was the district's corrections chair. Roger was an outstanding member of Alcoholics Anonymous and dedicated to service in the district. He will be greatly missed.

We look forward to seeing everyone within the Area at the March Assembly in Roswell!

In the Fellowship of the Spirit, Kelsey B.

District 6 Las Vegas, Raton, Clayton...

A few service activities are going on in District 6. At our February meeting we had five groups represented by eight AAs. We heard updates on the hotline (505 425-3577), the San Miguel county jail meetings, Bridge the Gap committee, an upcoming public information presentation at NMHU, efforts to acquire literature for the Springer women's prison and maybe start meetings there. We have enough in our treasury to subsidize the DCM's trip to the March area assembly.

We made plans for upcoming district speaker meeting/potlucks, and plans to make a date with our delegate for a Conference report, hopefully at a district picnic this summer. We got an updated meeting schedule to copy for our groups, and discussed keeping our information up to date on the website.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve, Meredith B.

District 7 Artesia, Roswell...

Well January and February have flown by, just like the rest of the other months and years. What is going on with that??

Just a little ODAAT group info for the ELF. Shawn D will have 4 Years February 15! ODAAT also had another huge year for our strawberry fundraiser for NMCYPAA!

In trying to stay unified we are having this district meeting in Artesia, Feb 18 @ 5:30. We also had a well attended first district meeting and the majority of the standing positions were filled! All meetings have been well attended this year, with the early birds having anywhere between 18 to 24. That's pretty good for

6 AM in the morning. Matter of fact, the best in history.

I forgot birthdays last month. Can't believe I spaced that out with myself having been blessed with one of those, so here they are, December - James S 11 - Patsy H 15 - January - Robert C - 3 Cheryl W - 18 Jennifer W 29 If still Alive,,,,,Sam J - 61 & Judy L 19.

Praying for rain today, as we have had no moisture at all this winter. So long for now,

Yours in service, Cheryl W, District 7 Elf Rep

District 8 Farmington, Shiprock, Aztec...

News from the Four Corners...District 8 has got talent. We held our first annual talent show to fund raise for our bi-annual speaker meetings and it was amazing. Over 100 people showed up with over ten acts. We are certainly not a glum lot. Everyone had fun with the spaghetti dinner and great entertainment. Tami P from California will be the guest speaker on March 24th at the Presbyterian Church on North Dustin in Farmington. Refreshments 5-7 followed by the speaker at 7:00.

District 8's seven-week Court Class is continuing to serve as an alternative to people that are court ordered. It meets each Friday at The Well at 5:30 and provides an hour where participants are provided a pre-planned walk through the steps. A reunite has recently begun with our sister program NA splitting the hour. If you are interested in finding out more about this program or are interested in taking on a session contact Ron.

Our district is still struggling with taking in the message in our local county men's and women's jail but have been very successful with our juvenile jail. A committee led by Summer meets once a month and has four consistent members taking the message to suffering young people. Thank you for your service.

With our new rotation, we have had several folks step up. Lance has taken on the challenge of Archivist to continue documenting District 8 old timers' stories digitally and Jan is our new Bridge the Gap Rep. Thanks to all of you who are committed to service, keeping the doors open and sharing the message.

February Birthdays: High Nooners: Ed M- 30 years Bob T- 29 years Charlie C-4 years Denise- 1 year; 4th Dimension: Dorothy B- 26 years Albert- 19 years

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

Greetings from District 9, our next **District Meeting** is March 11, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the Home Group which meets in the Hozho Center on Maloney in Gallup. Please don't forget Daylight Savings Time!

GSR Workshop, Open to Everybody: Please join District 9 for an informative and interactive workshop regarding the roles, expectations, hurdles, and joys of leading your group conscience meetings. Open to all GSRs, alternate GSRs and those who have ever thought about becoming a GSR. Saturday, April 14th at The Day At A Time Club in Fort Defiance, AZ, 10:00 a.m. To 2:00 p.m. with main dish provided by Fort Defiance. Bring a side dish and a sponsee.

Save the Date: The 32nd Annual Indians in Sobriety gathering is being hosted by the Spiritual Awakenings Group this year, July 12th to the 15th at the beautiful campgrounds at the base of

Tsaile Peak just north of Wheatfields in the Lukachukai Mountains. Mark your calendars now.

In Memoriam: District 9 has lost a good friend in AA. Ambrose K. passed away shortly after the New Year. Ambrose was a helpful and contributing regular at several meetings in our district with friends everywhere. He had 4 years of sobriety. It was a joy to see our group in Fort Defiance step up to help with his service and reception and to be a support for his small family. It was a beautiful tribute to a beautiful and sober man. May he save us all a seat at the Big Meeting in the Sky.

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

Birthdays: 4th Dimension, Zuni, NM Vonda B. - 8 years on February 3 Raelynn C. - 8 years on February 1

Area 46 March Assembly
Goddard High School
701 E Country Club Rd. - Roswell NM 88201

Meet & Greet – Friday, March 23, 2017 (Serenity Club)
7:00pm Hosted Pot Luck, 8:00pm Speaker, Jim H., Carlsbad

Assembly - March 24 & 25, 2018 (Goddard High School)
(See agenda for schedule)

Hotels (within 1 1/2 miles of venue):

Best Western, 2205 N Main (575) 622-2721
Comfort Suites, 3610 N Main (575) 623-5501
La Quinta Inn, 200 E 19th St. (575) 622-8000
Holiday Inn, 3620 N Main (575) 623-3216
Motel 6, 3307 N Main (575) 625-6666
Days Inn, 1310 N Main (575) 623-4021

Baymont Inn, 2300 N Main (575) 208-0536
Budget Inn, 2101 N Main (575) 623-6050
Comfort Inn, 3595 N Main (575) 623-4567
Super 8, 3575 N Main (575) 622-8886
Hampton Inn, 3607 N Main (575) 623-5151

Restaurants: We will provide a list of nearby restaurants at the registration table.

Assembly (Goddard High School)
701 E. Country Club (Sat/Sun - See agenda)

Meet & Greet/Speaker, Jim H. (Serenity)
1000 E. Bland – Friday 7:00pm

Goddard



Serenity Club



Turn East on N. Main at Country Club. Goddard will be at the first light, at the corner of Garden and Country Club (701 E Country Club).

Turn East on S. Main at Bland. Continue for 10 blocks and across the railroad tracks to 1000 E. Bland.

For more information: Ron A.

Send contributions for El Farolito to:
El Farolito PO Box 35876
Albuquerque, NM 87176

District 10 Hobbs, Carlsbad ...

Hello from District 10. New Life Group in Hobbs held its Annual Valentine's Day Cake Auction with speaker Kelli A., ABQ. We had a great turn out and lots of bidding! If anyone went home wanting sweets it was their own fault! Thanks to all that attended and opened their wallets!!! The NMCYPAA Chocolate Covered Strawberry Fundraiser was a huge success raising

almost \$1,500.

Looking forward to a beautiful spring.

Love and peace, Kendra C.

District 11 West Albuquerque...

Hello Area 46! BIG NEWS: District 11 Fundraiser for State Convention--Spaghetti Dinner and Lip Sync Contest on Saturday, March 17th, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 431 Richmond Place NE, ABQ (close to UNM). 6PM Spaghetti Dinner, 7PM Lip Sync Contest. Suggested donation \$8. This is a CHANGE IN VENUE. Remember: See you at St. Mark's! There will be prizes and surprises, including your chance to win a 32" LG Smart TV! Be bold and give us your impression of "Proud Mary" or whatever song you, or you and your friends, choose. Enjoy the show, the company, and the dinner prepared for you by genuine AA leprechauns! You can also buy tickets to vote for your winning lip sync choice.

We had a real nice El Farolito mailing party right after the 3 Legacies Workshop (thank-you, Young People, for the workshop!). Many thanks to all who stopped by the table to help, including Incoming Delegate Teresa J. and Past Delegate David. A mailing party is a great and quick service opportunity for your District or group. Dates for mailing parties are easy to find on the nm-aa.org website. Please contact El Farolito Editor Jeff H. to arrange one.

In other D11 news, Mary P. and husband, Singleness of Pur-

pose Group, and Serenity Group have taken and are taking meetings into La Posada Halfway House; Singleness of Purpose did a Group Inventory; the Women's Gratitude Group hosted an El Farolito mailing party and will host a Hospitality hour at the State Convention.

D11 DCM Jerry R. and team off to a great start! Alaina is Alternate DCM, Brenda is Secretary, Todd is Website Chair, Mike is Grapevine Rep, Jerry is Intergroup member, and Stu will continue with Corrections. We still have some open positions. Come on by at 9:30AM, second Saturday of the month, at Shepherd of the Valley, and see if one of those positions is just right for you! We're meeting and parking in the front of the building now.

The March Assembly in Roswell is coming up. Just made reservations! Assembly info on AA website. And State Convention is coming soon in June in ABQ. Hope to see you and your sponsees everywhere! Love our program!

Thank-you for letting me serve. In gratitude, Beth

District 14 Taos, Red River, Peñasco...

We're already heading into the spring season! D14 is going over the General Service Conference material passed down from Teresa J to help her prepare for the trip to New York next month.

On February 24th we held our first workshop that was on Steps 6 & 7 (as well as a delayed 2017 Delegate's report pre-

sented by our past DCM, Christoph E). Chairpersons of the various committees are "getting their feet wet" and trying to create an actual committee in order to provide service opportunities for others as well as preventing early burn-out. Looking forward to the first 2018 Assembly in Roswell and getting the chance to share ideas and get a wider view of how to carry the message.

El Farolito is holding "Mailing Parties" to tape, label and stamp each of the 420 or so copies for mailing. Email the editor for your group or district spot. The dates open are listed on the El Farolito information page on our Area 46 website.

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

Please email Jeffrey at elfarolito@nm-aa.org

District 15 Los Alamos, Española, Abiquiu...

Hello Sisters and Brothers of District 15!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS, Bring your Sponsees to the next meeting and get them into service on the District Level. It broadens and strengthens our sobriety and spreads the JOY!

March District Meeting, Sunday the 11th, at 1:00 PM, Triangle Club

District 15 is grateful to welcome the following Trusted Servants to the new Rotation. Barbara C., GSR, Serenity Group; Carol G., Long timer, with much to contribute. Eloy R., DCM, Temporary Young People and Bridge the Gap; Eddie K. Just shows up to help; Grapevine/La Viná and GSR La Buena Vida, Jim G. ; Greyson R. GSR Dixon Group, Jeffery H. El Faralito; Kristen GSR, Lucky Thursday Women, and District Treasurer , Laura D. Corrections and Alt. GSR Continuous Action; Libby, District Secretary and Web chair; Linda G. Alt. DCM and ELF committee, Linda G; Melissa R. Area Public Information; Vee, BYOL GSR, (on family leave).and Nico as Treatment Chair. As you can see, many of these AAs are holding more than one position and would appreciate VOLUNTEERS to Help with the workload. Thank you!

District 15 is pleased to announce our Unity and Responsibility Initiative. We are pursuing several projects to bring the AA Message to Alcoholics who still suffer. We need your assistance for the following...

- 1 Members of the District 15 Committee will be visiting all groups in the District.
- 2 We will be having workshops and events every 3 months throughout the district. Please Contact our DCM to be referred to the Committee of your choice. District15@nm-aa.org,
- 3 If your Group would like to Sponsor or plan an Event, contact Eloy R. at 505-929-8118.
- 4 If your meeting is not registered or listed on the District or Area Schedules or you do not have a Representative (GSR) at District call Eloy at 929-8118.

Thank you for your consideration of this appeal. We hope to meet you soon "as we trudge the happy road of destiny." Linda G. Alternate DCM, and Elf Rep.

District 16 Columbus, Deming, Silver City...

District 16 Mtg. In Deming, NM on March 17 @10:30, Luna County Open Participation (LCOP), 206 Pine St. Potluck after.

Requesting volunteers from all groups in the district to discuss PI, contact Merri B.

Anyone celebrating a birthday, please contact your new ELF representative, Erma L.

Yours in service, Erma L

District 18 Cuba, Jemez Springs, Rio Rancho, Placitas...

Hello from District 18. Our February meeting was well attended. GSRs reported meetings are going well. Ray R. said the Vagabonds planned to attend the Hwy 44 group in Cuba on Sunday and invited those interested to join them. The Morning Serenity group reported they may stop their meetings after March. There were a few changes in committee chair positions with Archives and PI being available and Steve V being elected to be our new D-18 BTG Chair.

The past Archive and PI Chairs volunteered to cover the responsibilities until new people express interest in those positions. The Chile Cook Off was a success. Gayle said they made over \$900 to give to the Area 46 Convention Committee. Gayle also related ideas about having another friendly competition at the Founder's Day Picnic, possibly a rib and BBQ cook-off, more to come. If your group is interested in hosting the Founder's Day Picnic, please come to our next D-18 meeting and let us know. GSRs from The Drunken Donuts and Wakeup Call groups

volunteered their groups to host the D-18 Intergroup Speaker meeting and fundraiser, no date has been set yet. ELF Rep , Susan D is still seeking volunteers to have folding parties, if your group is interested contact Susan @ or Jeffrey, ELF Editor.

D-18 had a lively discussion about changes to the District 18 information pamphlets (DIP). It was decided that an Ad Hoc committee be created to review the D-18 DIP for needed changes or corrections before next publishing. D-18 will hold a new GSR orientation at United Methodist Church on 2/24/18 presented by Bill L. Our next district meeting will be held on March 10, 2018 at United Methodist Church, 136 W. Calle Don Andres, Bernalillo, NM 87004 at 10:30am (snacks provided). Please come visit us.

Sincerely, Susan D. District 18 ELF Rep.

Send Contributions for Area 46 to:
Area Treasurer
PO Box 90762
Albuquerque, NM 87199
Thank You.

El Farolito...

El Farolito contributions were going well last month; first time, since I have been aboard. Sometimes groups and districts get distracted from the norm; the norm I hope is *a regular* contribution to El Farolito. I get our small Chimayo Breakfast Club Meeting to give \$10 every two months. The group contributes to district, rent, and food of course. The problem is remembering to send the money, so it is always a work in progress.

With all the GSO Conference motions steaming our way, anything that might be of concern to this column maybe insignificant. Like why so many emailed reports to El Farolito are in Calibri font? Who in the world ever uses that font? Does anybody remember requesting it? Is it the default setting for Word? Amazing. I do change the font to Times New Roman. Once a month, one contribution may arrive in the later font.

Now here is a bigger issue with this column. "Accessibilities" which so far I have not found in the English language. Try it. Any spell check will tell you it is a misspelled word. My confidential

word source says, "If it's accessible, it's accessible and using a plural is pretty ridiculous." this research person averages 37 points per word in the game of Scramble, almost.

Now, I'll continue a little with this. It does relate to this GSO Pre-Conference Assembly. Yes, this is in jest on one level. We did vote in a previous assembly to rename the Special Needs Committee to Accessibilities Committee because, in the main, GSO renamed it that way. Am I saying GSO does not know how to spell? No, they probably have some reasonable, cautious, un-thought good reason to choose this time to go against the science of linguistics. I was thinking there might be a rule that lets you misspell a word for certain reasons, like the one that lets you use e before i after c and sometimes y or w. In jest, my guess says if enough people believe it is word than by darn, it is.

Jeffrey H. El Farolito Chair/Editor and admittedly a bad speller.



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SANTA FE, NM 87505

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575 527-1803

DISTRICT 5 AA HOTLINE

575 430-9502

DISTRICT 6 (LAS VEGAS)

505 425-3577

DISTRICT 7 (ROSWELL)

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DISTRICT 9 (GALLUP)

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575 397-7009, 392-5259

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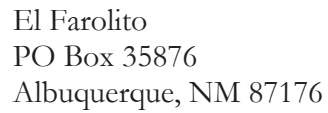
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