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# ***EL FAROLITO***

*Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous*

2017 Area Convention

## **Living The Dream**

*June 2, 3, 4, 2017*

*MCM Elegante Hotel and Ruidoso Convention Center  
Ruidoso, New Mexico*

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration: \$30.00 (Qty) \_\_\_\_\_

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## ***Trusted Servants***

### ***Delegate...***

Hello everyone, Just a quick note as I finish packing for the 67<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference in Rye Brook, New York. All the material has been read and studied, the feedback from our pre-conference Assembly cataloged and considered, and I am about as ready for the Conference as I can get. I am hopeful that I will represent Area 46 well. I spoke with my two Delegate "Buddies" and two other first time Delegates today to see if I could offer any last-minute help. I think we're all ready to go!

Thank you for your support and your participation in *your* General Service Conference. I have four Districts scheduled to hear my report so far, so I'm looking forward to sharing my experience with you this summer. Talk it over at your District meetings and let me know when you'd like me to visit your District.

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

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**June 2017  
Deadline for  
El Farolito  
Contributions:  
May 19  
Midnight**

## Chair...

*"Life will take on new meaning. To watch people recover, to see them help others, to watch loneliness vanish, to see a fellowship grow up about you, to have a host of friends — this is an experience you must not miss. . . . Frequent contact with newcomers and with each other is the bright spot of our lives." (Reprinted from Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 89, with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.)*

Once each year we throw a little celebration of sobriety we call the Area 46 State Convention. This year's convention will be held June 2-4 in beautiful Ruidoso. The weekend will be jam packed with six speakers from around the country and one from New Mexico plus an Al-Anon speaker. I hope you are making plans to attend.

I am sorry to announce that Ruth G. has resigned as Area finance committee chair. I know this was a very difficult

decision for her. I am ever so grateful for the wonderful work Ruth did on our behalf. Ed C. of District 12 has accepted the invitation to serve as our finance chair for the remainder of this rotation. He will serve as "acting" finance chair until he can stand for disapproval at the September Assembly. Thank you, Ed, for your willingness to serve. and welcome to the Area 46 team of trusted servants!

I am humbled by the great service work being done in the districts and by the Area trusted servants between Assemblies. Please let me know when you need assistance of any kind. As Area chair, I am here simply to be of service to you. So give me a call any time. I'd love to hear from you.

Your grateful servant, Teresa J.

## Alternate Chair...

Greetings Area 46, I hope this report finds you in good health and spirits. I had the privilege of attending a workshop in District 9 back on March 25. It was on Service Work, and I have to say District 9 put on a very informative workshop. See, here is where I get to reach out and say to all other districts, "If you are starting to see a decline in participation from groups attending district meetings, or it feels like it is just the same old district meeting, maybe it's time to have a workshop. Nothing brings a district closer together then having a workshop or hosting an Assembly. Even a Convention, for that matter. So reach out to me or Teresa J ( Area Chair ), we are at your service and very willing to come to your district.

I also had the privilege and honor to go to District 1 to attend a District Meeting. I want to shout out and say District 1 is up and running, excited and ready to participate in Area 46 once again. Oh, how we have missed you District 1 and we are excited to see you all in September at the Assembly. So GSR's and DCM's think about doing a workshop; there is still plenty of time in this rotation to have one.

Yours truly in service, Eloy M.

*Tradition 5 -- The ability of each AA to identify and bring recovery to the newcomer is a gift from GOD.*

***Please sign up!***

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

Thanks to District 11 for hosting the April Mailing Party  
Thanks to District 8 for hosting the May Mailing Party

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

## Registrar...

*"Because it is now become plain enough that only a recovered alcoholic can do much for a sick alcoholic, a tremendous responsibility has descended upon us all, an obligation so great that it amounts to a sacred trust. For to our kind, those who suffer alcoholism, recovery is a matter of life or death. So, the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous cannot, it dare not, ever be diverted from its primary purpose."*

*Reprinted from (Language of the Heart – Bill W p 82), with permission of The A.A. Grapevine, Inc.*

New groups start up, and old groups close. That is just the nature of our program. So far, this rotation we have had 12 new groups form and register, we have had 3 groups come from Inactive to Active, and we have had 3 groups change their names. We have had 28 groups become Inactive, and we have had 1 group choose to associate with another Area. We have 1 group who would like to associate with a different District.

One of the projects that the Registrar is undertaking is to modernize the Area Map with all of the District Bounda-

ries. We have one boundary that needs to be re-drawn due to a group District reassignment, and there are some other boundary alignments in discussion. These boundaries will be discussed and agreed to by affected Districts, and ultimately, a proposed new map will be brought before the Area for final approval to be included in the next AIP. No groups will have their District assignment changed, unless they have specifically submitted a request to have a District Re-Assignment.

Don't forget to make your plans to attend the first ever New Mexico AA Service Forum, coming July 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be held in Albuquerque, so let the excitement begin. It will be here soon.

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)

In Love and Service, Bill L. Area 46 Registrar

## Treasurer...

Hello All, Our contributions were down from last month and we had a lot of expenses due to the assembly. At this moment, we are just over \$1500 below our prudent reserve. That is due to all the expenses at the area assembly.

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

Yours in Service, Kurt K.

## Committee Reports

## Archives...

Happy windy spring! Archives was pretty quiet this month. I opened the office on April 8th and did some sorting and wrote down all the missing back issues of the El Farolito. Jay M came by with a box of scanned documents and picked up another. His time and efforts are so greatly appreciated.

On Thursday, Olivia and I are headed to Sedona to par-

ticipate in an AA History symposium. Jay will be a speaker! I'm very excited to be a first-time participant; it will be Olivia's second time.

As always, I am available to visit your district to discuss archives or play a game of JeopAArds! Give me a call! Gratefully yours in love and service, Michelle B.

*Send contributions for El Farolito to:*

*El Farolito*

*PO Box 35876*

*Albuquerque, NM 87176*

## ***CPC...***

Hello All, Things have been pretty quiet here for the last month. District 18 reports the CPC Committee had been invited to speak at a panel meeting with addiction specialist April 16 at UNM.

District 8 reports meeting at the DWI Magistrate Court, with judges, police officers, probation officers and some

counselors, discussing "What A.A. does and doesn't do". The court classes have been going strong and now expanding to other panel meetings.

Please send your districts CPC reports so that the Area can see what the other committees have been doing.

In Gratitude and service, Mikel W. Area 46 CPC Chair

## ***Corrections...***

Greetings Area 46, Hope things are well with everyone. I have had lots of opportunity to serve, and things are well with me.

There is a need for volunteers to take meetings into the Central New Mexico Correction Facility at Las Lunas. The next training for the state will be at the New Beginnings Church 3601 Montgomery Blvd NE Albuquerque 87109 on May 27<sup>th</sup> from 8am till noon. Contact me and I will have someone go with you. (we are not alone). This training will clear you for all New Mexico prisons.

Two more Districts have received literature, that brings the total to 8. Please let me know your needs.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the State Convention in Ruidoso June 2,3,4

The extending the hand of AA workshop in Santa Fe on Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> at 1316 Apache Ave. starting around 1:30 and The Service Forum to be held in Albuquerque on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

As always, if there is anything I can do for any of you, please let me know

David D. Area 46 Corrections Chair

## ***Finance...***

Greetings, It is with sadness that I announce that I am stepping down as Finance Chair for the Area. Pressures from my job continue to escalate and I find that I do not have either the time or energy to continue serving in this capacity.

I have never been in the position of not being able to complete a service commitment and I appreciate all the support I have received.

In grateful service, Ruth G.

## ***Grapevine...***

Hello everyone, A few announcements from the Grapevine to report. If you let your subscription expire, re-subscribe now for a \$4.00 discount.

They are accepting articles for upcoming issues. AA in the Military due May 5th. Share your challenges of staying sober in the armed forces. Service during the holidays due, July 5th. I am real excited about the new book coming out "Making Amends " finding a new freedom.

If you would like me to visit your group, or need any help from me please e-mail me or call. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our state convention in Ruidoso.

Log on to [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org) for more details or a better description of all products or services.

Yours in Service, Alice M. Area 46 GVR



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

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

**15 de julio, 2017**

8 AM – 5 PM

## *Literature...*

We placed and received a literature order since the March Assembly.

We have lots of DVD's and CD's for the state convention; we figure our next heavy sale date will be in Ruidoso at the Convention, so audio AA may be the in-thing with convention going AA's to have something to listen to while driving home. We also have a variety of AA approved books on hand for sale.

We did sell the two 1st edition anniversary big books we had ordered, but we'll reorder 2 more before the convention. We also received a special order, and paid in advance, Spanish prayer cards, and large print Spanish service manual; we're still working on getting them delivered to the customer.

We mailed out free literature to our corrections chair in Roswell, and mailed out, at no cost, Spanish literature to the district 17 chair.

In our recent order we requested what we could, of free literature and we'll pass out what we have to the commit-

tee chairs, whom we see at the convention. We'll try and get more free literature for our committee chairs; just a note, committee chairs can order the free literature themselves, we're just doing what we can as a courtesy, trying to have reading material for those that do outreach.

Our fellow Española AA's contacted us for some big books, but they also sent the request to our treatment chair, we are sending them some free material to get started, but someone will have to be responsible for purchase of the big books, we'll let you know how it works out.

We did a 12 step call in Ft. Defiance Az. this month and hoping we made another member out there.

Well we just have May to go, before the state convention. I'll be out of town for part of the month, but will return in time to load up and head out to Ruidoso, God willing.

Enjoy the May flowers brought in by April showers... lol.  
Manuel P. Area 46 Literature Chair Have a great day.

## *Special Needs...*

Greeting from Taos! We are continuing to get the word out on Special Needs. Special needs has a very broad range of responsibilities. It is suggested each district's help in the form of a designated individual who carries the message to the groups within each district. This is a big job but together we are confident that everyone who needs and wants the message of hope that Alcoholics Anonymous offers will have the chance to hear it.

We encourage Groups and District to complete the "Special Needs Survey" in efforts to assess how well special needs is being addressed. You can download a copy (both Group and District) surveys and/or complete the sur-

vey online from the New Mexico AA Area 46 website's Special Needs page. We suggest that you share your findings with the Area Special Needs Committee.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I am looking forward to the State Convention in Ruidoso in June and plan on attending the NEW "NM AA Service Forum" in Albuquerque in July. Wishing you all a safe and wonderful SUMMER.

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

## *Treatment...*

Hello Area 46, I hope everyone has been doing well!

I have spoken to several people around the Albuquerque area that are taking meetings in to treatment facilities; just to check up and see how everything is going. I have been asking around Albuquerque to see if there would be a group interested in taking a meeting into MATS on Saturday evening; but I have not had any takers yet. We hope to find one soon. If your group is interested in a Saturday meeting please let me know.

If you are looking for more information on treatment, the

GSO website has a lot of brochures and we have a list of treatment facilities around the state you can check out if you are looking for a facility that might like a group to take meetings in. You never know unless you ask! (Check the New Mexico AA website [www.nm-aa.org](http://www.nm-aa.org).) Of course you can give me a call or email anytime.

In Service, Paul P. Treatment Chair

## Web Site...

*"We feel that we were born to this life to grow--if only a little--toward that likeness and image. However small and prudent our next immediate step on the path of progress may be, we of AA can never set any hampering limitation upon the ultimate destiny of ourselves and our fellowship, nor any whatever upon God's love for us all. Individually and collectively, structurally and spiritually, we shall ever need to build for the future." (The Language of the Heart Bill W.'s Grapevine Writings. New York: A.A. Grapevine, 1988, pg. 311)*

Greetings, The Website is often, a behind the scenes type of service work. I often hear from those I do know but the purpose of the website is often sent via email to the newcomers, out of town visitors, and groups from remote New Mexico. I am so grateful for all the emails and conversations that have arose from service work. The most amazing people I continue to meet along this journey, fill me with a gratitude beyond words.

I had the pleasure of attending a meeting with the Teresa J, Area chair, in Santa Fe with Josh R, the programmer that is assisting in our new Meeting Database. He took time to meet for coffee while he was on a vacation with his family. I was struck with his ability to be of service in a way that keeps the newcomer and still sick and suffering alcoholic in focus with a respect for the twelve traditions

Our project now is ready to enter the Beta testing phase. Essentially, we will start testing to make sure we iron out any issues and fix them before installing on the website. I would like to thank the web chairs from Albuquerque Central Office, as well as Santa Fe and all those who helped cooperate with the area on this project. We are hoping to release in May. More details to follow.

As always if there is anything I can do for your districts or groups please let me know.

In Love and Service, Ally T. Area 46 Web chair [Webchair@nm-aa.org](mailto:Webchair@nm-aa.org)

## NEW MEXICO AA CONTACTS

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505 CAMINO DE LOS MARQUEZ,  
SANTA FE, NM 87505

**DISTRICTS 3, 11, 12, 13, 18**  
**ALBUQUERQUE CENTRAL OFFICE**  
505 266-1900

1921 ALVARADO NE  
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**DISTRICT 4 (LAS CRUCES)**  
575 527-1803

**DISTRICT 5 AA HOTLINE (RUIDOSO**  
**ALAMOGORDO)**  
575 430-9502

**DISTRICT 6 (LAS VEGAS, RATON**  
**CLAYTON))**  
505 425-3577

**DISTRICT 7 (ROSWELL, ARTESIA)**  
575 622-6560

**DISTRICT 8 (FARMINGTON)**  
505 327-0731

**DISTRICT 9 (GALLUP, GRANTS**  
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June, 2017 Deadline for  
El Farolito Reports:

**May 19th**  
**Can your district**  
**Sponsor the**  
**Mailing Party**  
**On May 27th?**  
**Call 505.603-9913**

*Send Contributions*  
*for Area:*  
**Area Treasurer**  
**PO Box 4224**  
**Santa Fe, NM**  
**87502**

## YPAA...

Hello Area 46, I hope everyone is doing well. The YPAA committee is gearing up for a road trip for a committee meeting in Las Cruces that will have taken place shortly before the publishing of this edition. I will report back in the next issue.

Other big news is our third annual AA-athalon this summer. This event will be held June 24<sup>th</sup> at North Domingo Baca Park in ABQ, and will go from 12 to approximately 3pm. With the support of the young people's groups we will have games, food and a speaker. Please come join us for this great annual event!

The other big news is coming from our sub-committee

that is developing a pamphlet to discuss anonymity on social media. The sub-committee has been studying and discussing the traditions in relation to this topic for the past year, and has developed lots of ideas. We want more input from members to help us get a stronger group conscious on the matter. Please contact me at [YPAA@NM-AA.org](mailto:YPAA@NM-AA.org), if you are interested in participating. Without more input we are afraid we will be unable to move forward on the project.

Please contact me if you have any interest in the topic or the project. Thank you all for your support and service. God Bless, Mike L.

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

Our committee continues to meet on a monthly basis. We are so busy that we have had to begin forming subcommittees to get all the work done! At our meeting in April, we reviewed the Pre-Conference Assembly, received feedback from some of the Committee meetings and, once again, concluded that the Pre-conference is a valuable tool in helping Area 46 to be connected with A.A., as a whole. Thanks to all of you who submitted evaluations which showed overwhelmingly that the pamphlet created by our committee was helpful to your understanding of the Conference process.

We continued our discussions concerning how the work of our committee can be continued after this rotation. We think there will always be work for a committee with our focus, but we do not think another standing committee is the answer. A new subcommittee was established, with Tom H. as Chair, to study this issue in depth and come up with a proposal to be submitted at the September Assembly.

We then turned our attention to the Service Forum which will take place on July 15. Many thanks to Bill L. who organized a fundraiser to help finance this event! Thanks also to District 12 which is donating money to support the Forum. The Program Sub-Committee has finalized the list of topics for the workshops and almost all the slots for presenters and discussion leaders have now been filled. The agenda for the event has been set and Teresa has created a new flyer with all the details which is posted on the Area website. We are excited that everything seems to be coming together and we hope that our enthusiasm for this event will infect all of you!

Respectfully submitted, Jaclyn S., Chair [dandfr@nm-aa.org](mailto:dandfr@nm-aa.org)

## *Area 46's Service Forum... You Are Invited*

Have you ever wondered or been asked "Just what is general service and does it differ from service in my home group?", or "Since I am very focused on my recovery, why should I worry about service?", or "Why do we have districts?", or "What is the purpose of an Area committee?" The Area 46 A.A. Service Forum, which will take place at Nativity Church in Albuquerque on July 15, 2017, will be the place to get answers to these and many other questions about service in Alcoholics Anonymous.

The idea for a service event arose from meetings of our Area's Assembly Development Committee where our most recent Area inventory suggested that more education about service was needed. While it would have been con-

venient to address service questions during a regular Area Assembly, the agendas for our assemblies are always packed and there is simply insufficient time to do justice to the task. So, the committee applied for and received approval from the Area to plan a separate service event.

We chose to make this event a forum because a "forum" is a place where people congregate to discuss ideas of mutual interest. We like the idea of approaching service topics through informal communication between presenters and attendees, rather than via lectures. We also wanted to distinguish this event from an "assembly" where attendees generally meet in committees, motions are voted on, and business is conducted. **Continued page 12**





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**  
8 AM – 5 PM

## *District Reports*

### *District 2 Santa Fe...*

Hello from District Two, Santa Fe AA. This month we don't have much to report, other than some fun and informative events that are on the horizon. Check it out...

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> in Ruidoso- **Area 46 State Convention**. Preregistration is \$30.00 until May 1, 2017, or \$35.00 at the door. Register online at [www.2017area46convention.com](http://www.2017area46convention.com).

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

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

Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Friendship Club, 1:30-3:30 PM- **Extending the Hand of AA Bridge the Gap Workshop for Treatment and Corrections**

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

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

That's it for this month! Wishing you serenity, courage, and wisdom. In joyful service, Kate T.

### *District 4 Las Cruces...*

District 4 is hosting the Area 46 General Service Assembly September 9 & 10 right here in Las Cruces! The Assembly will never be closer than this, and it's a VOTING Assembly!! If you're new, old or in-between please plan on attending this Area 46 Assembly!!!

Host Hotel & Conference Site: America's Best Value Inn & Suites 901 Avenida De Mesilla Las Cruces, NM 88005 Ph: (575) 524-8603

More information (special rate, code, map, etc.) will be provided soon!

The first official planning meeting was held on April 9. The next planning meeting is April 30, directly following the next District meeting. The planning meeting after that is scheduled for May 14. Please see, Assembly Planning Chair (Ron N.) for more information.

If you want to be of service and help host the September Area 46 General Service Assembly, please attend the next planning meeting, the next District meeting, or see Ron. If you have one day sober and want to be of service, there are opportunities to help.

As of the time of this writing, District 4 is currently be-

low it's prudent reserve. The District has cut spending including letting go of the storage space to save money. District 4 is supported by the groups in Las Cruces, and is responsible to those it serves. Ongoing expenses include: schedules, phone service, once per month meeting space, and other expenses; all group conscious approved, and designed to serve all the groups in Las Cruces, and the still suffering alcoholic.

For more information on District 4, please talk with your group's GSR, and/or attend the monthly District meeting to gain more information on how District 4 serves the still suffering alcoholic and the groups in Las Cruces. The treasurer's report on income and expenditures is available. Also, for more information on how groups contribute to AA as a whole, please see the Alcoholics Anonymous Conference Approved pamphlet "*Self-Support, Where Money and Spirituality Mix*" (F-3) available at aa.org, or speak with your group's Literature person to order from GSO. **Continued Page 10**

## ***District 4 Las Cruces...continued from Page 9***

The following are just a few opportunities to be of service at the District level:

Please join us at the **District meeting (May28)** or contact the following people...

-Women's Corrections, contact Theresa V.

[tcv359@msm.com](mailto:tcv359@msm.com) (1 year continuous sobriety required)

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

-Men's Corrections, contact Rey "with an E": [rey-](mailto:rey-)

[david767@gmail.com](mailto:david767@gmail.com) for dates, times, sobriety requirement, and other information.

-Also, see the above Area Assembly Planning Meeting information for opportunities to be of service! ---New Meeting: Children of the Korn, Friday nights, 7:30pm, Arid Club... 334 W. Griggs. (Strick meeting format unless there are newcomers.)

Thanks for letting me be of service--Robin

## ***District 5 Alamogordo, Ruidoso, Carrizozo...***

The 2017 Area 46 State Convention hosted by District 5 is approaching quickly and registrations have been trickling in; don't forget to register early! The district meeting for April was cancelled due to the Easter holiday. The Step House hosted a convention meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> which covered our current progress with budget, registrations, schedule, programs, and marathon meeting sign-ups. There are still numerous slots available for groups statewide to sign up to host marathon meetings throughout the duration of the convention.

Fresh Group is hosting speaker meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month at 9:03pm, at 903 Delaware in Alamogordo, NM; special thanks to Jay from Las Cruces for

coming out to share his experience, strength, and hope last month. The Alamo Home Group special events committee's first event (a night at the movies) had a nice turnout and plans for the next event (brunch and a matinee) are underway for Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>. Full Moon Madness will be held at Aguirre Springs outside of Las Cruces on July 8th instead of White Sands due to a venue conflict.

It is inspiring to see the district coming together in unity for service, fellowship, and above all...our common bond of recovery. Grateful in the Fellowship of the Spirit, Kelsey B.

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

Three AA members attended our April district meeting. We lacked representatives (GSRs or anyone) from ESP, Early Birds, San Miguel Group, Mora Group and Springer Group. Members of Land of Enchantment, Happy Hour and Serenity groups were present. Paul, DCM, came from Raton and Kathy, our district secretary and treasurer, presented the March minutes and the treasurer's report. Paul, who attended the March Area Assembly in Albuquerque, described a very rewarding experience. Paul will serve as a panelist for the Area's July service workshop.

We are lining up a date for our July picnic at Storrie Lake. And we are trying to schedule a month to help Jeffrey with the Farolito mailing.

Volunteers are taking weekly meetings into the San Miguel County jail. More volunteers are needed there, also at the women's prison in Springer.

The hotline is in the hands of a Happy Hour member. He

has less than a year sobriety, but the word is he is getting support from other AAs.

Three AAs spoke to a Highlands University class called health and drugs. Students were very engaged and asked good questions.

HHH will host the May District potluck/speaker meeting Saturday, May 20, from noon to 2 p.m. at 310 Mills, Las Vegas. Land of Enchantment will host the June potluck/meeting June 17, 11 to 2 p.m. at the Methodist Church, 1501 S. Fourth St., Raton. The Serenity women's group hosted the April meeting and a meaningful time was had.

Several members are looking forward to the June Area Convention in Ruidoso.

Yours in service (and sometimes circus), Meredith B.

**June Issue Deadline: Midnight - Friday, May 19th**

## ***District 8 Farmington, Shiprock ...***

Our PI/CPC representative, Ron H., is becoming more involved in service work in the community. He met with parole and probation officers, police, judges, and folks from a local private company to describe what AA is and isn't. From 3,000 to 3,500 people in San Juan County are sentenced annually to attend AA meetings, so there is definitely a need for our services. The hospital has no rooms of any size that would work to resurrect a meeting there; Ron is thus exploring using Sycamore Park Community Center. Seventy people attended the panel that his committee presented at PMS.

Carrying the AA message to juvenile jail inmates is up and running, Mondays at 7 PM. We need people to do the same for men's and women's jail. Come to the district meeting for information.

Our new District 8 website ([www.4CornersAA.org](http://www.4CornersAA.org)) has

had a few glitches, but the bugs are being worked out. We should be able to print current schedules fairly soon. The website URL can be found on the front page of the paper schedules; please use that instead of searching on the web, because we have found that our website doesn't come up as an option yet. Questions can be directed to Erny Z.

A picnic and meeting will be held on June 10 at Civitan Park (north of Smith's) to raise money for a speaker meeting in September. "Award-winning" BBQ will be featured, and Tom M. will share his story. We still need a coordinator (person or group) for the annual District 8 picnic to be held on August 20 at Kiwanis Park.

Yours in sobriety, Andrea G.

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

Greetings from District 9. Our District Sobriety Gathering Planning Meeting will be on May 14 at the Day At A Time Club in Fort Defiance at 11:00 a.m. followed by our monthly district meeting beginning at 1:30.

Coming up: The Spiritual Awakenings group will be hosting a Step Five and Tradition Five Workshop on May 5, 2017 from 6-7 p.m. at the club 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.

We have yet more new groups to announce for our district, in Gallup. The Home Group at the Hozho Center is

hosting their potluck-speaker meetings on the **Third Friday** of the month beginning at 5:30 p.m. This month on May 19<sup>th</sup> the speaker is Pernell M.: speaker portion beginning at 6:30 p.m. There is also a candlelight meeting every Monday night from 6 to 7 p.m.

There are 2 meeting times for the new Java Group which meets at City Center Coffee at 501 S. Third. Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. And Saturday night Candlelight meetings also 7:30 to 8:30.

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

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

The Lovington Group has relocated and is back to life. Every Thursday night at 7, they meet at the First United Methodist Church on Main Street. Great bunch they have down there.

The Hobbs Original Group has made some changes to the layout. In an attempt to keep things fresh we listened to a couple members and moved our podium and performed some needed organization. Come on down next month and check it out when our dear friend from Lovington, Vernie, shares his story from the other side of the room.

Drew A. from Carlsbad did absolutely amazing sharing

his story this month. Drew thank you! If you missed it and would like a recording, I know a guy that can help ;-)

Special attention is due to the Carlsbad group. They have really shown the spirit of AA recently. They have moved their normal speaker meeting from the second Saturday to the third Saturday so that those of us in Hobbs can attend their speaker meetings and vice versa. In an area that is so spread out with a low population it is important for us to mingle as much as we can. Thank you. I look forward to visiting on May 20<sup>th</sup> to hear Dagmar the Incredible.

For the Love of Service, Jason O.

## ***District 18 Rio Rancho, Bernalillo, Corrales ...***

Spring has sprung in D-18, and the activities are growing as fast as new plants.

- May 13<sup>th</sup> – Delegate's Report – Nativity Church,  
2:00 PM (D-11 & D18 Host)  
May 13<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension – Meditation Workshop,  
St Thomas Aquinas, 3:00 PM  
May 20<sup>th</sup> – Intergroup Speaker's Meeting, St  
Thomas Aquinas, 5:00 PM Potluck,  
6:00 PM Speaker, Raffle to follow.  
June 10<sup>th</sup> – District Meeting at Rio Vista Park,  
10:00 AM  
June 10<sup>th</sup> – Founder's Day Picnic, Rio Vista Park,  
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Potluck,  
Speaker at 2:00 PM  
July 28 – 30 – NMCYPAA State Convention - Inn  
at Rio Rancho, Rio Rancho

The District meeting was held on April 8<sup>th</sup> with 24 enthusiastic service volunteers present. Archives Committee released the new Group History Forms which are now available to all groups. The CPC committee has been invited to participate in a quarterly presentation with Presby-

terian Medical Services, and is participating in a panel for Addiction Specialists at UNM. The Young Peoples Committee is planning for the Las Cruces "Area" meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>, and the upcoming AA Athalon on June 24<sup>th</sup>. District YPAA will support the Area event. Corrections is working with SCDC on potential new requirements for members who are taking meetings "Behind the Walls".

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

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

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

## ***Service Forum...continued from page 8***

Our forum will open at 8:00am for registration, coffee and fellowship. So that we can be self-supporting, a modest \$5.00 (cash only) registration fee will be requested. Although a successful fundraiser and a generous donation have insured that we can have donuts with our coffee, a basket for donations will also be available. Workshop leaders and facilitators from all over New Mexico have been invited to participate. These individuals are experienced in service and they include Central Office workers, GSRs, DCMs, Area Trusted Servants and Past Delegates.

There will be a total of twelve workshops offered during four breakout sessions. "What is the General Service Conference and how does it relate to me?", "What does my dollar do and what if I put in two?", "What is a Central Office and how can I help?", "Breaking Down Barriers between the English and Spanish-speaking A.A. Communities" and "Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need". What did Bill mean by that?" are just a few of the topics that will be discussed.

The program will also feature two speakers: Teresa J., our current Area 46 Chairperson, in the morning and Harold C., a past Delegate from Oklahoma who has a rich history in service, in the afternoon. Two "open mic" sessions are on the schedule so participants can ask additional questions or comment on the workshops they have attended. The Forum will close at 5:00pm. See the event flyer for all the workshop titles and more details.

Please spread the word about this event and plan to attend with a sponsee or guest. Arrive prepared to learn and share about how, through service, we can carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic, and how service can enrich and solidify our own personal sobriety. I look forward to seeing you there!

Jaclyn S. Chair, Assembly Development Committee

# Birthdays!

## Isleta Group Sobriety Birthdays

Zac	30 days
Christina	30 days
Scott	6 months
Dolores	18 months
Alex H.	23 years
Susan D.	27 years

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 \* Wings of the Storm in Gallup: \*  
 \* \*  
 \* Brian Z. – 11 years on April 10<sup>th</sup> \*  
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 \* Dave T. -16 years on April 1<sup>st</sup> \*  
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 \* Beverly T. - 10 years on April 30 \*  
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Jim, March 15, 21 months.....District 2

## District 4

Billy S.	March 1, 1995	22 years	Valerie M.	April 1, 2013	4 years
Joe	March 1, 1984	33 years	Susan M	April 1, 2013	4 years
Alice P.	March 3, 2012	5 years	Summer	April 1, 2002	15 years
Kim M.	March 6, 2010	7 years	Jeannie H.	April 1, 1982	35 years
Steve E.	March 6, 1984	33 years	Kathryn	April 4, 1981	36 years
Andrea B.	March 7, 1996	21 years	Diane S.	April 9, 1983	34 years
Aimee S.	March 8, 2006	11 years	Ilda D.	April 17, 2010	7 years
Mary G.	March 12, 2012	5 years	Nicole	April 22, 2013	4 years
Sherrell G.	March 13, 1987	30 years	Rose H.	April 22, 1994	23 years
Billy K.	March 16, 2015	2 years	Tina C.	April 25, 1987	28 years
Julio R.	March 16, 2000	17 years	Caroline P.	April 25, 1982	35 years
Matthew	March 16, 1990	27 years	Art	April 25, 1980	37 years
John E.	March 19, 1994	23 years	Faith S.	April 26, 1982	35 years
Jerry L.	March 19, 1968	48 years	Roger B.	April 27, 1975	42 years
Jack W.	March 23, 1974	43 years	Sammie	April 27, 1961	56 years
Marilyn F.	March 31, 2011	6 years	Nan S.	April 28, 1990	27 years

## ISLETA GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

70<sup>th</sup> Club Anniversary: Saturday 4/29/2017

6:00 Pot Luck

7:00-8:00 Speaker Meeting

9:00 - 10:00 Dance/DJ

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## *Ask It Basket...from March 2017 Assembly*

The following questions were answered from the mic at the March Assembly:

**Q1:** "If a group is meeting at a location such as a church that requires liability insurance can a group use the Area's liability policy?"

**Answer:** (Kurt K., Area Treasurer) Each group would have to make their own arrangements.

**Q2:** "Could a list be set up at the Area Level for phone sponsorship for those in remote communities?"

**Answer:** (George B.) Why not? Is it any different that a BTG list or Corrections Correspondence. The challenge is who would create it and how would it be maintained. While face-to-face sponsorship is preferred, some sponsorship is better than none.

*The following questions were received late, so, they were not answered at the March assembly. Because they are very similar, the two questions have been answered with one response.*

**Q3.** "A DCM wants to know? Would like to set up a 'Trust' (or another means), for funding travel, literature and other expenses for districts and groups within those districts who have limited funds and ability to thrive due to low attendance and remote locations.

This was the hot topic during the DCM meeting yesterday. There are some districts with an abundance of funds. They posed the question if they could make donations to the groups in their area that are struggling. A 'Trust,' at possibly the area level was suggested. That way, the groups/districts would not have to wait until an assembly to ask for the funds needed."

**Q4.** "Is it possible for the district to help struggling groups in the district financially?"

**Answer.** *The following is a short answer to these two questions; the full response can found on the Area website ([nm-aa.org](http://nm-aa.org)) in "Assembly Information" under the "Area Documents" tab.*

Tradition Seven is clear ... "Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting ..." (short form), and "The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members" (long form). The A.A. pamphlet *Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix* contains the statement "Our support of services actually amounts to a recognition on our part that A.A. must everywhere function in full strength – and that, under our Tradition of self-support, *we are all going to foot the bill.*"

These Ask-it-Basket questions talk about using group/district money to fund the travel and literature of other groups/districts that are struggling financially. While this is a generous idea, it runs counter to the principle of self-support, puts at risk the autonomy of the groups and districts, and essentially changes the purpose and the nature of the upside-down triangle. (These ideas are discussed in the full response available online.)

Although providing money to "struggling" groups and districts is probably not good for the receivers, the givers, or A.A. as a whole, there are many ways that groups can and do provide support to each other. The full response (online) offers a several ideas about how we might better support each other. The topic of "Remote Communities" will be discussed at the Area 46 Service Forum on July 15 – perhaps we can use that opportunity to share even more ideas about how we can better be of service to each other.

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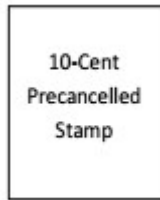






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