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Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

September 8-10, 2017 **AREA 46 ASSEMBLY AGENDA** District 4 – Las Cruces
Columbus Conference Center 901 Avenida de Mesilla, Las Cruces, NM, 88005

FRIDAY

7:00 pm
7:30 pm

Fellowship and dessert potluck

Speaker meeting – Yolanda F., Southwest Regional Trustee

(at Columbus Conference Center)

(No business will be conducted on Friday)

SATURDAY

7:30 am
8:30 am
8:45 am
9:35 am
9:45 am

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

CALL TO ORDER

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: GSR Orientation, Archives, Corrections, Finance, Grapevine/La Viña, Website

10-minute break

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Cooperation w/ Professional Community (CPC), *El Farolito*, Finance, Treatment, Young People, Assembly Development (*ad hoc*)

10:35 am
10:45 am

10-minute break

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Bilingual, Bridge the Gap (BTG), Literature, Public Information (PI), Special Needs, Area 46 Convention

11:35 am
11:45 am

10-minute break

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

12:35 pm

Lunch Break — on your own —

1:45 pm

CALL TO ORDER – Business Meeting

2:00 pm

INTRODUCTIONS: Area trusted servants, Past Delegates, Districts (DCMs, GSRs & others), visitors.

2:45 pm

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Summary of Minutes – March Assembly - District 12, Albuquerque

2:50 pm

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

3:00 pm

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

3:05 pm

DELEGATE'S REPORT

ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

3:20 pm

10-minute break

3:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3:45 pm

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Post-Area 46 Convention Report: June 2017 – District 5, Ruidoso
- 2) Area 46 Convention Report: June 1, 2, & 3, 2018 – 6 districts, Albuquerque
- 3) Assembly Report: December 2 & 3, 2017 – District 18, Rio Rancho
- 4) Assembly Report: March 24 & 25, 2018 – District 7, Roswell
- 5) NMAASF Report: July 15, 2017 – Assembly Development *ad hoc* committee

4:10 pm

NEW BUSINESS*

- 1) Bids for Area 46 Assembly September 8 & 9, 2018
- 2) Presentation of the Area Finance Committee Chairperson
- 3) Presentation of 2018 draft budget
- 4) Presentation on the "Right of Decision" and "informed group consciences" in Assembly business
- 5) Motion to make Assembly Development *ad hoc* committee a permanent committee
- 6) Other new business

5:30 pm

Dinner Break

7:00 pm

Fellowship & Fun (dessert and games) – Hosted by District 4 and the Young Peoples' committee

7:30 pm

SHARING SESSION – Jim H., Area 46 Delegate, & Yolanda F., Southwest Regional Trustee

SUNDAY

8:00 am
8:10 am
8:30 am
10:00 am
10:20 am
10:35 am
2:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

VOTE on previous day's bids and motions

ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORTS** Committees (limited), GSR, DCM, and Past Delegates

Ask It Basket and Sobriety Countdown

15-minute break

ELECTION for Area 46 trusted servants: Delegate, Alt. delegate, Area chair, Alt. area chair, Treasurer, Registrar, Secretary

Adjourned until December 2 & 3, 2016 – District 18, Rio Rancho

— The Planning Meeting for the next assembly will be held on October 28th —



* **HOW TO MAKE A MOTION:** See the instructions on "How to Make a Motion" in this issue of *El Farolito*.

** **COMMITTEE and TRUSTED SERVANTS' MEETING REPORTS** will be published in the next issue of *El Farolito*.

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**October Issue
Deadline:
Midnight -
Friday,
September
22nd**

Events Guide

*September 8,9,10...Area 46
Voting Assembly...District 4,
Las Cruces*

*September 14, 15, 16... Taos
Mountain Fiesta, AA
Speakers, raffle, dance. Sage-
brush Inn, Taos*

*September 14, 15, 16... Annu-
al Tumbleweed, AA
Speakers, Raffle, Ice Cream.
Lea County Event Center,
Hobbs*

*October 20, 21,22...Southwest
Regional Forum, AA speak-
ers, GSO members and panels.
San Antonio, Texas.*

*October 21...Traditions Con-
ference, 8am-2:30, panels and
speaker. Nativity Church Par-
ish Hall, ABQ*

*November 4...Central Office
Intergroup Speaker Meeting,
Potluck, 6:30. St Johns Episco-
pal Church, ABQ*

ÁREA 46 ASAMBLEA AGENDA

Asamblea de Elecciones • 8, 9 y 10 de septiembre, 2017 • Distrito 4 – Las Cruces
Columbus Conference Center • 901 Avenida de Mesilla, Las Cruces, NM, 88005

VIERNES

(En Columbus Conference Center)

7:00 pm

Compañerismo & comida del postre

(Ningún negocio se llevará a cabo el viernes)

7:30 pm

Reunión con Orador – Yolanda F., Custodia Regional del Sudoeste

SÁBADO

7:30 am

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

8:30 am

LLAMADA DE ORDEN

8:45 am

REUNIONES de COMITÉS: R.S.G. Orientación, Archivos, Correccionales, Finanzas Grapevine y La Viña, Sitio Web

9:35 am

10-Minutos de Receso

9:45 am

REUNIONES de COMITÉS: Cooperación con la Comunidad Profesional (CPC), *El Farolito*, Finanzas, Los Jóvenes, (Centros) de Tratamiento, Desarrollo de la Asamblea (*ad hoc*),

10:35 am

10-Minutos de Receso

10:45 am

REUNIONES de COMITÉS: Bilingüe, Uniendo Las Orillas (BTG), Literatura, Información Pública (PI), Necesidades Especiales, Área 46 Convención

11:35 am

REUNIONES: R.S.G.s, M.C.D.s, Servidores de Confianza, Delegados del Pasado

12:35 pm

Almuerzo — *Cada quien por su Cuenta* —

1:45 pm

LLAMADA DE ORDEN – Junta de Negocio

2:00 pm

INTRODUCCIONES: Servidores de Confianza del Área, Delegados del Pasado, Distritos (M.C.D.s, R.S.G.s y otros), visitantes

2:45 pm

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

2:50 pm

INFORME DEL TESORERO (mientras la Séptima Tradición se pasa)

3:00 pm

INFORME DEL REGISTRADOR

3:05 pm

INFORME DEL DELEGADO

INFORME DEL DELEGADO SUPLENTE

3:20 pm

10-Minutos de Receso

3:30 pm

ANUNCIOS – Eventos de A.A.

3:45 pm

VIEJO NEGOCIO

- 1) Informe de la 2017 Convención: junio 2017 – Distrito 5, Ruidoso
- 2) Informe de la 2018 Convención: junio 1 - 3, 2018 – Distritos de Albuquerque
- 3) Informe de la Asamblea: diciembre 2 y 3, 2017 – Distrito 18, Rio Rancho
- 4) Informe de la Asamblea: marzo 24 y 25, 2018 – Distrito 7, Roswell
- 5) Informe del Foro del Servicio: el 15 de julio de 2017 – Comité *ad hoc* de Desarrollo de la Asamblea

4:10 pm

NUEVO NEGOCIO *

- 1) Ofertas para la Asamblea: septiembre 8 y 9, 2018
- 2) Presentación de la Silla del Comité de Finanzas del Área
- 3) Presentación del proyecto de presupuesto 2018
- 4) Presentación del "Derecho de Decisión" y "conciencias de grupo informados" en negocio de la
- 5) Asamblea Moción para que el Comité *ad hoc* de Desarrollo de la Asamblea sea un Comité Permanente
- 6) Otros nuevos negocios

5:30 pm

Cena

7:00 pm

Compañerismo, Diversión & Comida de Postre – Patrocinada por el Distrito 4 y el Comité de los Jóvenes.

7:30 pm

SESIÓN DE COMPARTIMIENTO – Jim H, Área 46 Delegado y Yolanda F, Custodia Regional del Sudoeste

DOMINGO

8:00 am

LLAMADA DE ORDEN

8:10 am

VOTAR en las ofertas y mociones del día anterior

8:30 am

INFORMES DE REUNIONES DE LA ASAMBLEA** (Comités, R.S.G., M.C.D., Delegado Pasados)

10:00 am

Preguntas de Canasta y Conteo Regresivo de Sobriedad

10:20 am

15-Minutos de Receso

10:35 am

ELECCION para Área 46 Servidores de Confianza: Delegado, Alt. delegado, silla de Área, Alt. silla de Área, Tesorero, Registrador, Secretario

2:00 pm

Asamblea se aplazó hasta 2 y 3, de diciembre, 2017 – Distrito 18, Rio Rancho

— La Reunión de planificación para la próxima asamblea será sostenida el 28 de octubre, 2017 —

*HACIENDO UNA MOTIÓN:

- 1) Cualquier miembro votante puede hacer un movimiento, Si usted necesita ayuda, ver a cualquier servidor de Confianza de Área, Delegado o MCD.
- 2) Las mociones deberían ser escritos y dados al Secretario(a) cuando la moción es hecha. (Incluya su nombre y posición con la moción de voto)
- 3) Si su moción requerirá la financiación del Área, incluya como la parte de la moción los costos y donde la financiación vendrá (ver al Coordinador de Finanzas para ayuda)

****LOS INFORMES DE LA REUNIÓN DEL COMITÉ Y DE LOS SERVIDORES DE CONFIANZA** se publicarán en el próximo número *El Farolito*.



Trusted Servants

Officers

Chair...

How exciting! It's the election assembly! If you'll be attending your first area election, then you are in for a real treat. Using our Third Legacy election procedure, current GSRs and other voting members of the Assembly will select the delegate, alternate delegate and area officers for the 2018-19 rotation. All current and past DCMs, current area committee chairs and officers, and the El Farolito editor whose rotation ended during the current rotation are eligible to stand for election. Additionally, anyone who has served as a DCM in another Area is eligible to stand provided they have Served in Area 46 for at least 6

months. All candidates must be present for the election. Be sure to pick a copy of Third Legacy Procedure on the morning of the election.

My expenses year to date are \$16 in committee expenses and \$173 for travel to convention planning meetings.

I'd love to hear from you! Drop me an email (chair@nm-aa.org) or give me a call any time.
Your grateful servant, Teresa J. Area 46 Chairperson

Registrar...

If "for our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience," it follows logically that A.A. leaders are not authorities in the usual sense of the word, but are rather servants and instruments of the group conscience. Their tenure will be brief, as it is in the evolutionary nature of A.A. that they are replaced by those coming up behind them.
(Pass it On – Bill W, P315)

The Two-Year tenure of each of our service positions for Panel 66 is coming to a close. Panel 66 will end, and Panel 68 will start in January 2018. There will be elections in September to determine the Area Officers for the next rotation. These are exciting Assemblies when you get to participate in our Third Legacy Process.

It is easy to let rotation begin too soon in our mind. We need to be ever mindful that there are nearly four months left in this term giving us all plenty of time to finish our work. What is left that I can still do in my position?

SW Regional Forum
in San Antonio, TX October 20-22, 2017 – Are you going?

SWRAASA 2018,
Branson, MO October 5,6,7 2018
– Are you making your plans yet?



If you are a GSR, and your group holds elections for your replacement between now and the end of the year, please visit the Registrar's Web Page at nm-aa.org and download a Group Information Change Form. Please work with your replacement to help them submit their completed information to Registrar@nm-aa.org. Can you also let me know if their term starts immediately, or if it will start January 1, 2018? I will enter their information when their term starts. (Bold, Editor)

Expenses since March are \$59.00 for postage to mail Area Assembly Agendas and Flyers and another \$27.72 for envelopes and name badges and supplies and travel to this Assembly.

In Love and Service, Bill L. Area 46 Registrar

Secretary...

If you are reading this it probably just arrived in your mail or in box or you've picked it up at the Assembly in Las Cruces. Many of us are thinking and praying on the spirit of rotation at this time, as we approach the election Assembly. How can I be of service in this upcoming rotation, do I have the time to discharge the responsibilities of a position that I am considering standing for, does the position require any particular technical skills, do I have them or am I willing to learn? These questions and more should be considered and discussed with your family and sponsor and service sponsor and most importantly prayed about.

So, if you are considering standing for Secretary (one of the 8 elected positions) come and talk to me on Saturday and I will be happy to share my experience in this position. It has posed some challenges but has given me opportunity to humbly ask for help with the parts that have challenged me and to perform the balance to the best of my ability. I would suggest reading page S45 in the AA Service Manual and Section 1:B. 6 in the current Area Information Pamphlet

A few words about technology...do you need a computer and internet access for this position? Probably but I was recently forced to take a look and see if I could finish out my term without one. The answer was yes but. *I could have adjusted my schedule and availed myself of the services of the public library It's free*. However, I frequently do a lot of the tasks that need to be done after the Assembly at odd hours when the library is not available. I do know someone who has done an outstanding job as a committee chair using this valuable resource. I elected to buy myself a new laptop so now I have the additional challenge of learning Windows 10. By asking for advice I was able to keep my expense to a minimum as that is not a reimbursable expense. I also did not ask for reimbursement when a friend's dog destroyed my screen.

The position does come with a recorder, a printer and you can be reimbursed for either copies made or ink so that you can use your own and produce bids and motions on site. As a trusted servant you do have a stipend for travel to Assemblies and Planning meetings. By traveling with others I have been a good steward of the Area finances and kept my out of pocket expenses to something that works on my budget.

Well, I have gone over my word allowance, so I will close and I look forward to seeing all of you in Las Cruces. Keep on trudgin'
Rosie F. Area 46 Secretary



**October 2017 Deadline for
El Farolito Reports:
September 22, 2017**

***Can your district or group
sponsor a Mailing Party ?
Friendly Service Work***
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CLAYTON))**
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Alternate Chair...

Greetings Area 46, I hope this report finds everyone in good health and spirit. This is the Assembly Report. And I hope to see as many GSR as possible attend this Assembly because we get to elect our Trusted Servants for the next Rotation. That means a new Delegate, Alt Delegate, Area Chair, Alt Area Chair, Treasurer, Area Registrar, and Area Secretary. This is a very important duty for you, GSR, to

voice your vote. DCM there is still time to get in a Workshop before this rotation is over if you need help with anything let me or Teresa J know. That is what we are here for!

In service, Eloy M.

Treasurer

Hello All, Our contributions were up from last month. At this moment, we are just above our prudent reserve. We are about 17% above what we were last year, at the same time, from group and district contributions. I encourage all our groups to keep up in their contributions to our area so that we can continue to carry the message to all the area of New Mexico.

I have received a check from the state convention with the seed money and a substantial overage. They did well. This money will be going to GSO as per the AIP.

Again, it is time for Ed and I to draft a budget for 2018. We will be trying to get enough to send extra people to

SWRAASA. It seemed like there was a lot of chatter about not sending others 2 years ago. We try to match expenses with income so if you have ideas about the budget and how we can accomplish our goals, please send me an email. As trusted servants of your money we love to hear from you.

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.

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

A very big thanks to District 2
Their turnout and speed set the record for my tenure.
19 AA members and completed in 30 minutes

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

All dates are open.

Please mail Jeffrey at elfarolito@nm-aa.org

Making Motions in an Assembly...

Making Motions at Area 46 Assemblies

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

Hacer Propuestas en las Asambleas del Área 46

1. Cualquier miembro votante puede hacer un movimiento. R.S.G.s y M.C.D.s, (o sus suplentes) Servidores de Confianza sean miembros con derecho a voto.
2. Las mociones deberían ser escritos y dados al Secretario(a) cuando la moción es hecha. (Incluya su nombre y posición con la moción de voto)
3. Si su moción requerirá la financiación del Área, incluya como la parte de la moción los costos y donde la financiación vendrá (ver al Coordinador de Finanzas para ayuda)
4. Si usted necesita ayuda, ver a cualquier servidor de Confianza de Área, Delegado o M.C.D.

Committee Reports

Archives...

I attended the first New Mexico Service Forum on July 15 with an Archive display. I love talking to the folks that are just looking at the pictures, then something catches their eye and the next thing you know, they are reading articles and looking at the history of their area of New Mexico.

I received two gifts while there: a copy of an interview with Leroy S, co-founder of the Sierra Group in T or C. Reading how there were no meetings, traveling to Albuquerque for the program, helping other alcoholics get sober - wow!!! We have it so easy today with our many meetings and large fellowship. The other gift was a program from the 30th Anniversary Year and International Conference held in Toronto on July 2-4, 1965. Hard-bound no less. The inside cover shows a map of the world and the membership in the different countries; there was an estimated total world membership of 350,000. If the archivist gives me approval, I will bring it to the Area Assembly in Las Cruces.

At the end of July, I attended the Young People's Conference in Rio Rancho - my first! What a great bunch of sober alcoholics, living happy, joyous and free. We played a game of Jeopardy at 10pm (past my bedtime) and it was so much fun!!!! It was the first time I played without the projector and everyone was patient and kind as I muddled my way through. I believe the game inspired some of the attendees to go read some literature to learn more about the history of AA. In the sobriety countdown I was privileged to present the Big Book to the young man who had the shortest time in the program. It brought me to tears to watch the enthusiasm and love in the room as we counted down the years to months and to days.

The Archives budget numbers are lost to me at the moment, but will collect them for the Assembly. I look forward to seeing you in Las Cruces in just a few short weeks.

Gratefully yours in love and service, Michelle B.

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COMITÉ BILINGÜE

Saludos a Todos,

Los conceptos son parte de nuestra agenda regular a medida que nos esforzamos por obtener más conocimiento y una mejor comprensión de la estructura que nos ha mantenido felices, alegres y libres durante los últimos 82 años.

La totalidad de 2 años han estado lleno de aprendizaje de cosas nuevas.

Continuamos con nuestro objetivo de mejorar la comunicación y la participación de los grupos a nivel de Distrito y de Área.

También estamos muy impresionados con toda la actividad que está sucediendo en los distritos y área con la comunicación y la información compartida que se está circulando por correo electrónico y en el calendario de la Área. La comunicación y la interacción es la mejor manera de que los miembros del servicio mejoren nuestra capacidad de llevar el mensaje.

El Comité Bilingüe ha asistido a la Asamblea de marzo en Albuquerque, Area 46 Convención en Ruidoso. Formamos parte del Comité Ad Hoc y el Foro del Servicio que fue sostenido en julio.

Nuestros gastos de viaje han sido presupuestados para mí y un traductor, por lo que estamos muy agradecidos.

Gracias por la oportunidad de estar en servicio. Por favor avísenos si hay algún modo que podamos servir a usted, su Grupo o su Distrito.

Comité Bilingüe Coordinadora: Ana G.

BILINGUAL COMMITTEE

Greetings to All,

The Concepts are part of our regular agenda as we endeavor to gain more knowledge and a better understanding of the Structure which has kept us Happy, Joyous and Free for the last 82 years. The entire 2 years have been full of learning new things.

We are continuing our goal to improve communication and participation from the Groups, at the District and Area level.

We are also very impressed with all the activity that is happening in the Districts and Area with the communication and shared information that is being circulated by email and on the Area calendar. Communication and interaction is the best way for Service members to improve our ability to carry the message.

The Bilingual Committee has attended the March Assembly in Albuquerque, Area 46 Convention in Ruidoso; we were also part of the Ad Hoc Committee and the Service Forum that was held in July.

Our Travel Expenses have been as budgeted, for myself and one translator, for which we are very grateful for.

The Committee is looking for active and service oriented, AA members, who are willing to be members of the Bilingual Committee for the next two years. We hope you will help us by making the following announcement at the meetings you attend: We are deeply grateful for your time, enthusiasm and commitment to make it all possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to be in service. Please let us know if there is any way that we can be of help to you, your Group, or your District.

Bilingual Committee Coordinador, Ana G.

Bridge the Gap...

Greetings Area 46, I am looking forward to seeing you all here in my home district. I am excited for upcoming elections and rotation.

This year out of my assembly travel budget I have spent \$150, travel and lodging for workshops \$110 and \$120, traveling to planning meetings. As always I want to thank you for this opportunity to serve, it is an honor.

Please let me know what I can do to help your district and if you are planning to put your name in for an area chair position please feel free to talk to me. I am available by phone, text or email. I will see you all at the assembly.

In Love and Service, Nicole R.

Send contributions for El Farolito to:
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Albuquerque, NM 87176

Corrections...

Greetings area 46, Things are going well with Corrections I was able to purchase more literature for a district in Albuquerque. I was able to connect a new volunteer for some meetings at the prison. Things are going well here locally it may be time for them to have their own meetings, maybe even register a group name with New York and some of them are wanting to be sponsored. The volunteers going into this facility here in Roswell have done a miraculous job of carrying the message.

There's still plenty to do let me know if I can do any-

thing to help any of you interested in taking a meeting in to any facility.

My year to date expenses are \$248 for travel to assemblies \$196 for travel to planning committee.

Looking forward to the election assembly in Las Cruces, hope to see you all there.

As always, if there's anything I can do for any of you, feel free to contact me by phone or email
David D, Corrections Chair

CPC...

Hello Area 46, I would like to thank the Ad Hoc Assembly Development and Fun Raising Committee for the great work they have done for our Area. The Service Forum was well put together, well attended, meaningful and educational. Thank you for opportunity to give a presentation on District 8's court classes.

Our service work encompasses professionals of all kinds. Some of us pursue the medical field, while others work with legal professionals. No matter what profession, they are all equally important in carrying the message!

Spirit of rotation is coming up at the September Assembly, I spoke to a couple of people on the committee asking if they would be willing to stand for the CPC Chair position. I will inform our Area Chair and Alt. Chair of who they are.

I recently attended the planning meeting, and I look

forward to seeing all of you in September.

The newest prospect we are working on here is going into the hospital and doing some 12 step work with patients. First, we are having meetings with the director and some staff members to make a plan.

I have received a directory of all the Central Offices in the United States. The information contained some old email addresses and some wrong phone numbers listed for Area 46. I was asked to try and help to get this straightened out. Any information that you may have would be greatly appreciated.

Also, please note that I have a total of \$220.00 to report for travel money.
See you all in September!

Mikel W., Area 46 CPC Chair.

Grapevine...

Hello Area 46 Family, It's been very busy few months since our my last report. I attended the State Convention in Ruidoso, I was present at our first every NM service Forum. I was honored to also share on the committee of literature and service work. I attended NMYPAA State Convention for the first time. What an energetic group of recovering alcoholics. I was pleased to expose the young, and the young in sobriety to the International Journal Of Alcoholics Anonymous aka as the Grapevine.

Since our last assembly my personal expenses consisted of \$ 110.00 dollars for a hotel at the State Convention. The rest of my spending was directly out of the Grapevine

Budget. The budget balance began 12-31-2015 with the total of \$447.90; the balance year- to-date is \$539.63. Donations and sales were up due to a new publication released this year.

The upcoming months promises to be just as busy with events to attend. The incoming trusted servants will be looking to fill chair positions. If you are interested e-mail me or call. I will give you the low down on what's involved.

Grateful to be of service, Alice M. Area 46 GVR

Literature...

Como estan todos en Area 46? We made a small order after the service forum, and with orders less than \$500.00 postage was charged, \$20.55 went towards postage of a \$155.00 order; the order came in and we will have a complete and full inventory of literature for the assembly in September.

Thank you to the individuals, sponsee, and a sponsee's

little daughter that helped out at the service forum at the Literature table. We all sat around most all of the forum, chatting and selling AA Literature. That's about all to report for now we'll see you all in Las Cruces, September the 9th & 10th. Drive safe.

Manuel P. Area 46 Chair Easy does it.

Public Information...

I continue to work on finding events for PI to attend in the Albuquerque Area and Opportunities to get information about AA out to our communities.

I have received several decisions that business that have in house health fairs do not wish us to attend there Health Fairs as they only want in-house people to present information and they basically present information on what their company offers in the way of health and well fair.

I still don't have a firm date for the Isleta Health Fair. I have registered to attend the Celebrate Recovery Event in Albuquerque and should have the information to register for the October Albuquerque Employees Health Fair this month.

I also received a list of recovery events for the state and have forwarded the information to DCMs to pass on to their PI chairs. The Albuquerque event last year was on the Civic Plaza in Albuquerque and we had a lot of people who just stumbled on the event and had a lot of traffic at our table. We talked with approximately 50 people and gave away 150 pamphlets and about 100 meeting schedules for the Albuquerque Area.

If you need help with any PI related issues please contact me.

Yours in service, Mike D., Area PI-Chair

Special Needs...

Greetings from Taos my fellow AA Members, If you haven't already seen the "Accessibilities Checklist", you can download the form from the General Service Office website. This is a very helpful tool related to How accessible is your meeting? This is a guide to help diminish the trials that people with access barriers may encounter in attending meeting in your location. There are a list of questions related to parking, route of travel, entrances, inside the building where the meeting is taking place, restrooms, and the meeting room. You can download the form by going to Alcoholics Anonymous website (aa.org) and search for "Accessibilities Checklist for Meetings and Groups."

I am looking forward to the September Area Assembly

in Las Cruces. Please consider attending the Special Needs Committee in efforts to share how your group addressing those with disabilities and special needs. We will be discussing creating a committee within Special Needs Committee to research what type of hearing devices would be best to use at Area Assemblies and our annual State Convention.

There has been no extra expenses related to the Special Needs Committee as of August. If you have any questions and/or need technical assistance, please feel free to contact me.

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

YPAA...

Hello Area 46, Will be excited to see everyone at the assembly in LC this month. It will be an exciting time as we vote in our new trusted servants. Please join us for a fun activity Saturday night before we hear from the SW regional trustee at the sharing session.

The Young Persons Committee has lots of cool stuff to report this month. We will have completed our workshop in Fort Defiance when this edition of the Elf is out. I want to thank District 9 and all the people involved in this event; it is truly an honor and a pleasure to get to participate in the fellowship with you guys.

Some of you may remember that last year the committee put together a video in response to GSO's request for videos for young people. If you were at the assembly in Santa Fe you may have had a chance to see the video we produced. We have been contacted by GSO to let us know that they have selected our video to be reviewed by the Public Information committee at the 2018 General Service Conference. After review and approval our video will be used by GSO to help attract and inform young people about AA.

God bless, Mike L

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

Our committee has been very busy since the March Assembly. Priority #1 was planning and hosting the first Area Service Forum which was held in Albuquerque in July. The event was very well attended (approximately 180 people!) and all the written evaluations we received sang praises about the event and requested that the Area organize another Forum in the future.

Although we had asked the Area to provide \$500 as seed money for the Forum which we hoped would be repaid through donations and registration fees, it turned out that we did not need to access the Area funds at all. The event was 100% self-supporting and raised a total of \$1523.64. Costs of the event were \$687.64, leaving \$836 which the Committee has donated to the Area.

The second committee priority has been to come up with a plan which will provide for the continuation of the Assembly Development Committee as a permanent Area Committee. We hope to accomplish this in a cost-saving manner by having the committee chaired by the Alternate

Area Chairperson. As the Alternate Chair position is separately funded for travel and other expenses, the expenses of the Committee will be minimal and not more than the operating expenses of the other standing committees (approximately \$30 per committee for basic expenses in 2017.)

Finally, we hope everyone recalls the pamphlet entitled "We Are AA- Getting Involved in the Conference Process" which our committee created in response to requests for more information about the entire General Service Conference process. The pamphlet explains verbally and via a diagram how the process progresses throughout the year and how AAs can participate in that process. To our knowledge, nothing like this pamphlet exists in AA literature, so we are asking the Assembly to approve our plan to submit the pamphlet as an agenda item for the 2018 General Service Conference.

In grateful service, Jaclyn S., Chair

District Reports

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

I can't believe it's over. Thank you everyone who came and made the August, Ute Lake Retreat a success. We look forward to carrying on this tradition next year. Special thanks go out to the **Alamogordo Step House** (bold, editor) for service and food provisions. We'd also like to thank our speakers Dan G., Eloy M., Megann R., Kristi S., and Cindy H. We are so grateful you took the time to come share your experience, strength, and hope with us. I'd also like to personally thank our DCM Dick P. and Alt DCM Andrew N. who oversaw planning this year and ensured things ran smoothly over the course of the weekend.

For September we look forward to Willow Group's Annual Picnic, Sunday the 10th at 12pm, located at Oasis State Park. Everyone is welcome! Hamburgers

and hotdogs will be provided and guests are encouraged to bring a side. For more information the flyer is available at aaportales.org.

As for special meetings, our next District meeting will be held Saturday, Sept. 2nd at 1:15 pm at the Clovis Fellowship Group, 1119 Thornton St, Clovis, NM. Clovis will have their speaker meeting Sept. 9th (second Saturday of the month) with potluck beginning at 6:30 pm followed by the speaker meeting at 7:30 pm; and Lamplighters in Portales will have their speaker on Sept 15th (third Friday of the month) at 7:30 pm located at C.O.C. Student Center, 207 S. Ave K, Portales, NM.

In love and service, Joy H.

District 4 Las Cruces, White Sands, Berino...

Sober greetings from District 4... In case you missed the District meeting in July, there was much loving discussion about the difficulties our neighbor district (District 16) is dealing with. In particular, District 16 requested we consider the possibility of their reuniting with District 4. They had a motion at their last district meeting, and brought it to us for consideration. In addition, there was also some discussion regarding reuniting with only the groups on the East side of district 16, this would include groups existing in Truth or Consequences, and any future groups of Tor C, Garfield and Hatch. There was discussion regarding our responsibilities, what would be

expected of District 4 as far as services to these groups, how we would be able to provide and include all the remote groups into our current district service structure, and the like.

District 4 decided to take this course: our GSRs need to have group discussions and bring the conscience of their groups back to our district meeting in August. And we will discuss District 16's motion further at that time, as well as any other ideas regarding reunification of the two districts.

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District 4 Las Cruces, White Sands...

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As of the time of writing this, our next meeting is scheduled for a week from Sunday (August 27th). I can't report on what hasn't happened yet, and I'm sure there will be more loving discussion when we (District 4) host the Area Assembly, which is to occur before this is published in September. I will have more information to submit in September, which doesn't get published until the October edition of El Farolito.

Also, District 4 will also be holding our Third Legacy elections. I will let you know more when I know more on all this and more, so stay tuned!

If you or members of your group have a sober anniversary, please let me know.

Thanks for letting me be of service, Robin
Robin12192@hotmail.com

District 5 Alamogordo, Ruidoso, Carrizozo...

Greetings from District 5. The last district meeting was cancelled in July due to the passing of Royce S., District 5's DCM; John F. serving as alternate DCM has stepped up to take his place until elections take place in September. Jeff F. from Ruidoso was nominated at the August District 5 meeting to fill in as Alternate DCM.

Lynda L., our state convention treasurer, revealed the final report from the 2017 State Convention in Ruidoso which reflected its success. Roger D., District 5 corrections chair, reported that more men volunteers are needed to take meetings into Otero Country jail. Yemi from Fresh Group in Alamogordo was nominated to take over the

District 5 Young People's chair. Gary L., GSR from Alamo Home Group, established in 1948, reported that they have outgrown their current facility and are currently looking for a new location. The Sunshine Group in Carrizozo is hosting Zozobriety in Carrizozo at the Nike Bar September 29th-October 1st. Spirit of rotation elections will be held at the next district meeting in September and anyone who is interested in service at the district level is encouraged to attend.

In the Fellowship of the Spirit, Kelsey B.

District 6 Las Vegas, Raton, Clayton...

We had our annual picnic in July, sponsored by the district. About 30 people came, even from Clayton and Amarillo. We will have literature tables at two health fairs this month, one at Highlands University and one through the hospital.

ESP is in charge of the hotline. Our DCM, Paul, participated in a service forum in Albuquerque. The corrections

committee takes weekly meetings to the county jail. We have a new open meeting on Thursdays at 5 at the Presbyterian church, back door. It includes a short period of meditation before the regular discussion. Early Birds group will host the district potluck/speaker meeting Sept. 16.

yours in service, Meredith B. D6 Farolito rep

District 8 Farmington, Shiprock, Aztec...

The annual District 8 picnic will have occurred on August 20 at Kiwanis Park in Farmington. As I am writing this prior to the picnic, I am hoping that all had a good time and that Teresa J., area chairperson, shared an inspiring story.

The Friends of Bill W. Campout above Silverton, Colorado was a fun event. Among other activities, we shared a potluck supper and had a wonderful meeting under the stars. There was some rain, but lots of fellowship offset the much-needed moisture.

One of our members here is thinking of starting a young peoples meeting. It was suggested at District that

he support the already-running young peoples meeting at the Downtown group. If you are young at heart or young in sobriety, please consider joining them. All meetings at the Downtown group could use help.

District 8 is in need of treatment and men's and women's jail reps. The Alternative Sentencing DWI Center could use a few more people to carry the message to those incarcerated for 28 days. Please join us at the next District meeting September 14 at 7PM at 865 N. Dustin Ave. in Farmington.

Yours in sobriety, Andrea G.

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

Greetings from District 9, Save the Date! The District 9 Sobriety Gathering will be held this year at the Ford Canyon Senior Center at 908 Buena Vista, Gallup. The dates are October 6 to the 8th. This is a great yearly event with speakers, food and fellowship. Come for the week-end or the day.

Day At A Time Club in Ft. Defiance will be hosting their monthly step and tradition study meeting. The first Friday of this month is Sept. 1, 2017 for Step 9/Tradition 9 from 6 to 7 p.m.

On Sunday, September 3, the Home Group at 216 W.

Maloney in Gallup will be hosting an Italian-themed potluck beginning at 3 p.m. followed by a 4 p.m. meeting.

We had a great time at the Third Annual Sobriety and Family Wellness Campout sponsored by the Day At A Time Club and the Spiritual Awakenings AA Group of Ft. Defiance, AZ. The setting was beautiful, the food was great, the speakers were fabulous and the meetings were full of experience, strength and hope from our many newcomers and the great group of old-timers in attendance and doing service.

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

District 11 Albuquerque West...

The District 11 picnic has been a long ongoing tradition which has had its low and high points. Attendance has fluctuated from time to time, but continues to draw a crowd. This year the annual Jemez Falls event was attended by nearly seventy people. The weather was favorable, some people camped the night before enjoying a spiritual campfire meeting. There was hiking, volleyball and horseshoes followed by a well overstocked lunch, ending with our traditional AA meeting. The sobriety countdown revealed two newcomers having twenty-four hours of sobriety. They were presented with Big Books signed by those present.

D11 begins this picnic tradition with a breakfast burrito cooked right on site. In past years breakfast has been a treat provided by the El Centro group. However; due to low group attendance and membership, the group was unable to do that this year. The group does plan on returning next

year to continue that tradition. This year the breakfast was provided by members of D11. D11 would like to thank both Serendipity and Rebellion Dogs groups for donating towards the breakfast. Thanks to all the wonderful cooks that stepped in.

I would like to thank Jerry K., GSR of Serendipity group for co- chairing this project, also Damian C. and Brenda F. for their hard work in making this a great success.

In addition Thank you to all of those who brought something to share! Thank you to all who attended. Most importantly Thank the new comer for coming.

As always, in the spirit of the fellowship!
Chris S. Alt DCM District 11

District 14 Taos, Red River, Questa ...

We at District 14 are coming to the end of our two-year service rotation. Service at the district level means gaining a broader view of how A.A. works for the community, helping us collaborate with the surrounding region, and collaborating with other district chairs and members on how to serve and spread the A.A. message in a manner most appropriate to our local issues, and the Twelve Traditions. District service positions are so varied in scope and specialization that they can hardly be touched upon here, but in short, if you are interested in being involved in this kind of service work, we are interested in meeting with you! The elections happen in October; new chair people are appointed starting in January. For more information please contact our District 14 DCM, Christoph E: chris-

toph@cengledesign.com

If you haven't already, this is the last possible moment to sign up for The Taos Mountain Fiesta event, September 15th-17th. You can register anytime through the [Taos Mountain Fiesta website](#). This happy, joyous and free celebration will take place as always at The Sagebrush Inn and Suites. Rooms at the Sagebrush are already oversold, and there are no promises for rooms in town at the time of writing this—but if you are scrambling for a room during this busy weekend in Taos we'll see what we can find you.

(Camping is usually open in the Taos Canyon or Pilar.Editor)

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District 15 Española, Los Alamos, Abiquiu, Chimayó

••Thanks to all who attended the District 14 and 15 Rio Bravo Campout on the Rio Grande. It was miraculous scenery of the Taos Gorge walls and the river. The off and on rain brought out a double rainbow. Yes, the traditional bridge jumpers were there.

New blood from Los Alamos is participating in District 15. Thank God. You will meet them at the voting assembly in Las Cruces.

Our Tuesday Sandwich meeting during the Living In the Solution noon hour is popular. As is the Saturday at ten, Chimayó Breakfast Meeting: organic pancakes, spicy sausage and bacon, don't tell your doctor, with reading selections from current Grapevines.

Thanks, ELF rep, Jeff H.

District 18 Rio Rancho, Bernalillo, Placitas ...

The dog days of summer have come and gone for the season. District 18 held its August meeting with continued enthusiasm and participation. We had a wonderfully large attendance in August.

District 18 Young People's Group, Children of Chaos hosted the 2017 NMCYPAA State Convention in Rio Rancho July 28th-30th. Having personally attended, I can tell you that it was a spectacular event, and the circumstances surrounding the 1 day newcomer Saturday night were a perfect reminder of why we do what we do in service. Thank you to the D-18 Young Peoples Groups for all of their hard work in putting on a State Convention.

The Wakeup Call group is actively planning our fall workshop. Initial planning will have it be about Emotional Sobriety being presented by our local old-timers. December will bring an Area 46 Assembly to District 18, and along with the other Albuquerque Districts planning is under way for the 2018 State Convention. There are many needs for volunteers for both events. If party planning is not your thing, and you still feel compelled to get involved, Corrections, Treatment, and Bridge the Gap Committees are in need of additional support to carry our message. All service opportunities bring with them a lot of

fun, growth, and rewards.

One of our D-18 groups, In the Book, hosts a Vagabond Meeting. It is a collection of group members that travel around each month and visit other groups. It makes for a fun, short road trip that helps support small meetings, adds fun and fellowship to bigger meetings, and draws the entire district closer together by getting to know folks that you don't normally go to meetings with. What a great idea!

It is not too soon to begin thinking about the upcoming District 18 Elections to be held in October. All District officer positions and all of the Committee Chair positions will be up for election.

We invite you to come and visit our District meeting, and to volunteer if you are so moved. The September District 18 meeting will be held Saturday September 16th at 10:30 AM, at the United Methodist Church, 136 W. Calle Don Andres, Bernalillo, NM 87004. (Snacks provided)

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

Birthdays...

Congratulations to the following members with continuous years of sobriety:

District 4

Tommy G.	8/8/1988	29 years
Ryan B.	8/9/2015	2 years
Martin M.	8/15/2014	3 years
Jim	8/21/1999	18 years
Miles	8/23/1973	44 years
Helm Z.	8/25/1991	26 years
Michelle C.	8/27/2013	4 years

One Day At A Time Group-D18

Amy T. - 2 yrs 9/1/2015
Al W. - 28 yrs 9/17/1989
Pat M. - 36 yrs 9/18/1981

Spiritual Awakenings Group in Ft. Defiance, AZ

Brian M : 4 years in August
Marcy: 7 years in August

Home Group, Gallup:

Leona: August 3 - 1 year
Herman Y: August 28 - 1 year



El Farolito Editorial...

Greetings Area 46, There appears to be more activity in the area these days. I am thinking of the picnics, campouts, annuals for this and that, some celebrating over 30 years, and of course the forums and conferences and assemblies. Gee, I thought the June convention was the only big deal around. Consider the young people's events are growing in popularity and variety.

Then there are the workshops. We hardly see them in my district but we see flyers for many going on around the area. I know there are service sponsors maybe we need events sponsors? "You already went to three this month, stay at home!" might be your Events Sponsor's advice.

I believe El Farolito was \$800 or so below prudent reserve last month and only \$400 below this month. So

thank you for your contributions. In both cases we printed. This was with an optimistic view that we would receive enough contributions down the road to make our way to the prudent reserve and possibly more. This method lacks a certain amount of security.

Each month El Farolito needs to collect over \$600 to be printed and mailed. I'm thinking a group or district could say "Count on it" and somehow, maybe electronically, automatically route their contribution to us, it would help us both.

Love in service, Jeffrey H.





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Terry P., North Valley Group

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Area 46 Election Assembly*

September 9-10, 2017

Hosted by District 4 – Las Cruces

*In addition to the regular business of the Assembly, elections for the 2018-2019 rotation will be held during this Assembly.

Location: Columbus Conference Center
(at America's Best Value Inn & Suites)
901 Avenida de Mesilla, Las Cruces NM 88005

Directions: Exit #140 off I-10, then northeast onto Avenida de Mesilla/NM 28.
Conference Center is on the right, enter from Hickory Drive.

Hotel Information

(The following is a list of facilities at or near the Assembly location)

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<u>Days Inn</u> 755 Avenida de Mesilla	(575) 526-8311	\$54
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