



EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

Our Primary Purpose and Open Meetings

Delegate

Alcoholics Anonymous began with the sole aim of helping alcoholics to achieve lasting sobriety. Perhaps the clearest statement of this singleness of purpose is found in our Preamble, which states: "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that we may solve our *common problem* and help others to recover from *alcoholism*." But where does this Tradition of singleness of purpose come from?

Before he met Bill W., Dr. Bob was trying — unsuccessfully — to stay sober in the Oxford Group. And the Oxford Groupers really wanted to help him. Not only that, they had a program that was to evolve into our 12 Steps. But these well-meaning nonalcoholics were unable to reach Dr. Bob the way Bill W. could. For one thing, Bill knew a lot about alcoholism. Further, he had managed to stay sober using the same spiritual approach that Dr. Bob was attempting. *"Of far more importance was the fact that he was the first living human with whom I had ever talked who knew what he was talking about in regard to alcoholism from actual experience. In other words, he talked my language."* (Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 180) That identification was to form the basis for the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Tradition Three tells us that any alcoholic is welcome to join the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, regardless of what other problems they may have. Tradition Five states that each A.A. group has a single primary purpose, to carry its message to the still suffering alcoholic. Adhering to our primary purpose, which depends on identification, requires that our groups focus on our common problem and our common solution.

What about open meetings? I have to emphasize that each group is autonomous and there is no one in A.A. who can dictate how a group is to conduct its own affairs. That said, the aim of open meetings has traditionally been to allow nonalcoholics to find out more about A.A. and to support their alcoholic loved ones. Anyone who is unsure but thinks they may have a problem with alcohol is welcome to attend an A.A. meeting, open or closed. As stated in the pamphlet "The A.A. Group," "Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers. At both types of meetings, the A.A. chairperson may request that participants confine their discussion to matters pertaining to recovery from alcoholism." (p. 13)

During my reports, many people told me that they believed that singleness of purpose was one of the most pressing Traditions issues in A.A. today. I heard from people who said their groups were losing focus and from

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Alcohólicos Anónimos comenzó con el único objetivo de ayudar a los alcohólicos a lograr la sobriedad duradera. Quizás la declaración más clara de esta unidad de propósito se encuentra en nuestro Preámbulo, que establece: "Alcohólicos Anónimos es una comunidad de hombres y mujeres que comparten su mutua experiencia, fortaleza y esperanza con los demás que podemos resolver nuestro problema común y ayudar a otros a recuperarse del alcoholismo. "Pero ¿de dónde viene esta tradición de unidad de propósito viene?"

Antes de conocer a Bill W., el Dr. Bob estaba intentando—sin éxito—a mantenerse sobrio en el Grupo Oxford. Y el Oxford Meros realmente quería ayudarlo. No sólo eso, tenían un programa que iba a convertirse en nuestros 12 pasos. Pero estas personas no alcohólicas con buenas intenciones no pudieron llegar a

Dr. Bob la forma en que Bill W. podía. Por un lado, Bill sabía mucho sobre el alcoholismo. Además, había logrado mantenerse sobria utilizando el mismo enfoque espiritual que el Dr. Bob intentaba. "De mucha más importancia fue el hecho de que él era el primer ser humano de estar con quien yo había hablado que sabía lo que estaba hablando en relación con el alcoholismo de la experiencia real. En otras palabras, él hablaba mi idioma. "(Alcohólicos Anónimos, p. 180) Esa identificación fue formar la base para la Comunidad de Alcohólicos Anónimos.

Tercera Tradición nos dice que un alcohólico es bienvenido a unirse a la comunidad de Alcohólicos Anónimos, independientemente de lo que otros problemas que puedan tener. Tradición cinco estados que cada A.A. grupo tiene un solo objetivo primordial, llevar el mensaje al alcohólico que aún sufre. Al cumplir

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nonalcoholics who attended A.A. because they felt there weren't any other options for them. To me, this highlights how much we need to talk about our Traditions and the ways that we grapple with them in our groups and districts.

Our Traditions have no living power unless we understand where they came from and what purpose they serve, both practically and spiritually. And I think, too, we need to consider real challenges to our Traditions. We are a society that values the minority opinion. It is not enough that we memorize and blindly follow our Traditions. Our Traditions come alive when we can openly discuss what they mean to us today and how we can put them into action.

In Grateful Service,

Jen N.

Alternate Delegate

Hello Everyone,

We just returned from a remarkable weekend in Corpus Christi at the Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly (SWRAASA). At last count there were 680 registered for the event. I participated in workshops on Linguistic Districts, Intergroup/Central Office, Delegate/Alternate Delegate, Literature – Paper vs. Electronic, and Service Sponsorship. SWRAASA is a veritable supermarket of workshops! The biggest problem is deciding which to attend. Area 46's own Rosie F., Eloy M., and Michael W. from Albuquerque Central Office were workshop presenters and did an incredible job. On Friday night our Delegate gave an excellent talk on the necessity of the General Service Conference's inventory. Area 46 has much to be proud of in our Trusted Servants.

Perhaps the highlights of SWRAASA for me was to hear of Southwest Regional Trustee, Clayton V., deliver his farewell speech on Sunday morning and to visit with Dr. John Fromson, a Class A (non-alcoholic) Trustee.

Clayton has been an outstanding asset to Alcoholics Anonymous, the SW Region, and to Area 46. He is rotating out of general service but will still be around providing his insightful service to A.A. He is a most interesting guy and a wealth of A.A. knowledge.

Dr. Fromson was a real surprise. First of all he's a funny guy. His humorous anecdotes made his talk on Saturday night a real pleasure to hear. He also related some very tragic stories from his medical practice. He understands the A.A. program and is a great friend to Alcoholics Anonymous.

If you would like to hear more about our experience at SWRAASA please attend the Assembly planning meeting on November 1st at 11 am at St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church, 425 University Blvd NE in Albuquerque. Jen, Rosie, Eloy and Michael will relate their experience and impressions

of SWRAASA. I hope to see you all there.

As always, if I can be of service please don't hesitate to email me. My contact info is located in our El Farolito. Call me – we'll have coffee.

Jim H.

Treasurer

Before I get into the numbers, I want to let you know I've added a line to the "Ordinary Revenue" section at the top of the *Financial Reports* table. In the past, I've reported 7th Tradition contributions which the Area receives during Assemblies by lumping them in with "Group & member contributions." After all, they are contributions from members, right? However, it recently came to my attention that 1) not everyone knows we pass the basket at Assemblies and 2) a few people weren't sure about whether those contributions were retained by the Area or given to the hosting District. So I've added the new line item in the interest of transparency.

September "Ordinary Revenue" totaled \$1,906. These revenues included \$1,331 received from 30 groups. The total number of groups contributing to the Area this year is now 148. I'd like to note that the Comite Pro-Convenciones made a 7th Tradition contribution to Area 46 based on the success of this year's NM AA Hispana Convencion—congratulations and thank you.

There was "Other Revenue" received in September in the amount of \$826. This was additional convention overage received from the 2014 Area 46 Convention. This additional overage came as a result of the Area paying the Convention Committee for the lodging expenses of 4 Area Trusted Servants (Grapevine Chair, Delegate, and 2 translators) whose hotel rooms had previously been paid for by the Convention Committee. During its Assembly meetings, the Finance Committee determined that this error should be corrected so that the AIP would be followed and the accounts would reflect actual history. The total overage realized by the 2014 Area Convention is now \$1,811.

September expenses totaled \$9,660. One item I wish to mention is the SWRAASA expense of \$3,000. The Area Delegate, Alt. Delegate and 3 presenters attended SWRAASA in October, expense checks were provided in September. Unfortunately, the Area was unable to find translators available to attend SWRAASA, so, \$1,200 of the budget went unspent.

The Area now has an ordinary net gain of \$933 for this year. This is a very good position to be in with two months to build for our next Assembly.

In grateful service,

Teresa J.



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con nuestro objetivo primordial, que depende de la identificación, requiere que nuestros grupos se centran en nuestro problema común y nuestra solución común.

¿Qué pasa con las reuniones abiertas? Tengo que destacar que cada grupo es autónomo y no hay nadie en AA que puede dictar cómo un grupo es llevar a cabo sus propios asuntos. Dicho esto, el objetivo de las reuniones públicas ha sido tradicionalmente para permitir que los no alcohólicos para averiguar más acerca de AA y para apoyar a sus seres queridos alcohólicos. Cualquier persona que no está seguro, pero cree que puede tener un problema con el alcohol es bienvenido a asistir a un AA reuniones, abiertas o cerradas. Como se indica en el folleto "El A.A. Grupo "," no alcohólicos pueden asistir a las reuniones abiertas como observadores. En ambos tipos de reuniones, el A.A. presidente puede solicitar a los participantes que limiten sus comentarios a los asuntos relacionados con la recuperación del alcoholismo. "(p. 13)

Durante mis informes, muchas personas me dijeron que creían que la unidad de propósito era una de las tradiciones cuestiones más apremiantes en AA hoy en día. He oído de personas que dijeron que sus grupos estaban perdiendo enfoque y de los no alcohólicos que asistieron a AA porque sentían que no había otras opciones para ellos. Para mí, esto pone de manifiesto lo mucho que tenemos que hablar de nuestras tradiciones y las formas en que lidiamos con ellos en nuestros grupos y distritos.

Nuestras Tradiciones no tienen poder vivir a menos que entendamos de dónde vienen y cuál es su utilidad, tanto práctica como espiritualmente. Y creo que también debemos tener en cuenta los desafíos reales a nuestras Tradiciones. Somos una sociedad que valora la opinión de la minoría. No es suficiente que memorizamos y ciegamente seguimos nuestras Tradiciones. Nuestras Tradiciones cobran vida cuando podemos hablar abiertamente de lo que significan para nosotros hoy en día y cómo podemos ponerlos en acción.

En servicio agradecido,

Jen N.

Deadline
for submission of material:
15th of month before publication.

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Please consider a
maximum of 300
words per report.



Area 46 Financial Reports		
January 1 - September 30, 2014		
Revenues and Expenses		
	Aug	YTD
Ordinary Revenue/Expense		
Revenues		
Group, Dist. & member contributions	1,331	19,133
Assemblies & planning mtgs	473	1,071
Conventions (Spanish convention)	50	50
AIP self-support	52	239
Other - interest income	-	43
Total Revenues	1,906	20,536
Budget Expenses		
· Twelve Step Services		
12th Step work / events	318	677
Website hosting fees	-	172
Printing BTG cards	25	48
Total Twelve Step Services	343	897
· Area-wide Services		
Archives storage & supplies	-	948
Area convention	619	1,291
DCM Orientation	-	185
Printing AIP & Area directory	-	574
Total Area-wide Services	619	2,997
· Delegate Related Expenses		
Delegate's service expenses	448	448
Delegate fee to GSC	-	1,600
Travel to GSC & SWRDA	-	1,500
Travel to SWRAASA	3,000	3,000
Total Delegate Related Exp.	3,448	6,548
· Assemblies		
Assembly seed money	2,000	3,000
Assembly planning meeting	-	45
Committee / Service expenses	181	369
Travel to assemblies	3,007	4,927
Insurance	-	657
Printing & postage for agendas	60	126
Total Assemblies	5,249	9,123
· Operations	-	38
Total Budget Expenses	9,660	19,603
[A] Total Ordinary Gain/(Loss)	(7,754)	933
Other Revenue/Expense		
Non-budget Revenue		
Convention seed money returned	-	5,000
Area 46 Convention overage	826	1,811
Total Non-budget Revenue	826	6,811
Non-budget Expenses		
Convention seed money out	-	6,000
GSC / GSO contribution	-	4,516
Other - El Farolito contribution	-	1,500
Total Non-budget Expenses	-	12,016
[B] Total Other Gain/(Loss)	826	(5,205)
Net Gain /(Loss) [A+B]	(6,928)	(4,272)
Cash Statement		
Beginning Balance January 1		34,966
Net Gain/(Loss)		(4,272)
Ending Balance September 30		30,694
Reserve funds		
Prudent Reserve		15,028
Convention seed money		5,000
Translation equipment fund		3,500
2014 Area convention overage		1,811
Budget support (3 months remaining)		870
Total reserve funds		26,209
Available cash above/(below) reserves		4,485

Service Committee Reports

Archives

Sorting of the many boxes of material collected in our archives continues. Our Archivist, Olivia, is diligently working on the seemingly unsurmountable task of organizing our archives. Many thanks go out to her for her efforts. We will be working to set up equipment to begin the process of digitizing our archives as well. A laptop has been donated, but will need some software upgrades to be useful.

I attended SWRAASA in Corpus Christi Oct. 10-11-12. As always, what a great event SWRAASA is. The Archives workshop was informative and several ideas for our traveling display were gathered. Area 46 had 3 workshop presenters at this year's event; Michael W – Intergroups and Central Offices, Rosie F – Registrar, and Eloy M – Corrections. Additionally, our Delegate Jen N and Alt Delegate Jim H had presentations and participation. Attendance this year was 680. It is always a thrill to spend a weekend with 680 other members of our fellowship. The energy and sense of community are an exceptional experience.

The Archives committee will set up the traveling display at the upcoming District 18 Sponsorship Workshop October 18th.

I look forward to upcoming opportunities to be of service.

In Love and Service,

Bill L.

Bridge the Gap

Things have been rolling along lately, I have distributed my contact list to a lot of the district chairs and it seems to be working pretty good so far. Of course we will rarely know the results of our efforts this is when it is time to trust in our HP and hope for the best. No word lately about any workshops being requested, so I would encourage all DCMs to talk to your districts and see about setting up a workshop. It is a great way to network with others in service and it can also be a great learning experience. We can never have too many people doing BTG work. Till next month,

Yours in service,

Dave F.

Corrections

Greetings area 46

I just came back from SWRAASA at Corpus Christi where I was asked to participate by conducting a Correction workshop. It was truly a blessing and honor. I was real nervous but once we got started the meeting took off, there were about thirty people at the workshop. And I was afraid I was preaching to the choir. It turned out virtually everyone in attendance seemed to be taking meetings into correction facilities. The response and participation was very good, some who got up to share were a little lengthy but in all it was a good workshop. So districts we are waiting to come to be of service please get in touch with me and I'm sure I can get Bridge The Gap and Treatment to come with me to your district for a combination workshop.

Until then stay safe.

In your service

Eloy M.

El Farolito

Look for El Farolito on the Area 46 website. When you're on the homepage, go to committees, then to El Farolito and then look for the November issue. Soon the website will also provide the option for AAs to sign up to receive e-mail notifications when a new issue is published each month.

The newsletter will still be printed and mailed to all groups who want it and to subscribers. Many people expressed a need for personal phone numbers in El Farolito so we voted to include a paper insert in each month's hard copies with full names and personal contact information of Area trusted servants, area standing committee chairs and DCMs. The newsletter committee voted to support a recommendation to the area to form a committee to review El Farolito to make it more manageable and make it possible for more people to qualify for the newsletter editor/chair position.

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Subscribers, please remember your subscription expires after December. Only \$20, what a deal.

In the spirit of love and service,

Meredith B.

Finance

Hello All,

A month has passed since the September assembly and all is well. Not much has changed in the world of finance since last month. Teresa J. and I have got together to discuss the budget and a couple of other items which will be brought up in the next assembly.

For committee chairs and trusted servants the proposed draft budget is on the area website under the finance committee section. Feel free to browse and if there are any questions, pop a line my way and I will do my best to give you an answer.

Yours in service,

Kurt K.

Literature

Sober greetings;

I just returned to New Mexico from a two week job in Vallecito Lake, Colorado. The fall colors, the lake and the mountains are just breath-taking this time of the year. I was blessed to have no TV, radio or internet while I stayed on the job site in my truck camper. (AKA "The Big Book Mobile") It gave me an excellent opportunity to read. I finished re-reading "A New Pair of Glasses", which although it is not Conference Approved Literature, I like to include it every few years in my "to read" list. (this copy also has the first 164 of the B.B. included)

The mornings I read from the "Daily Reflections" and 3 other daily spiritual texts. The evenings I like to read from the Big Book or the 12x12; they seem to calm me and usually I wake up with the book on my face or pillow! Thank AA and God for ALL the literature.

I received over 6 calls and emails wanting know how to obtain the "Free Literature Display." The display consists of one each of ALL conference approved pamphlets and one Cover of each AA

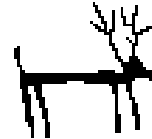
approved books. Here is how to order: either by phone @ (212) 870-3019 or email literature@aa.org.

I purchased \$652.30 of literature on 9/14/14, giving a new balance of \$234.58. I now have a copy of ALL books and pamphlets, including large print, Braille, CD's and a few posters for your groups. Please contact me if you want a special order or piece of literature. I will be happy to include it in the next order.

I also, am available for your group or district workshops. Just let me know.

TYFLMBOS,

John T.



Public Information

This October I had some opportunities where I was able to participate. I was able to sit in on a great district workshop on public info speaking. The district PI/CPC group in Santa Fe and we discussed where to carry the message and practiced giving a lead at such different types of facilities. It was educational and a great way to learn how to do this type of service. They also discussed places and ways to get involved in such places as treatment centers, professional groups and schools.

We had a presence at the Recovery People event held at the Fellowship club in Santa Fe recently. It was successful, as in well attended. The upcoming event in Albuquerque will be November 7 at the convention center. We plan on bringing a literature, as well as the statistics poster we display at events. I will be attending the Young People's PI/CPC meeting at the end of October.

The PI committee asks your district for donations of time and literature to distribute in area4s of NM. A special thanks to the New Frontier group in Albuquerque for donating a box of big books to be distributed at libraries, schools and hospitals in the area.

I am available to assist you and get info, speakers

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and literature to places where it can be used. Contact me email – area46pi@nm-aa.org. My year to date budget expenditures is \$50. I will be spending another \$50 on a literature rack.

Gratefully serving,

Tom C.

Treatment

I am happy to announce that the updated “Treatment Center List” (i.e., contact information) has been posted on the NM AA website. The list of treatment centers is broken down into three areas: Residential, Detox, and Outpatient Treatment Centers. Please review and let me know if there are any corrections required. Also Carrie N. from Las Cruces joined the team as the Alternate Chair. Please feel free to contact either Carrie or me at area46treatment@newmexicoaa.org. Thanks Carrie for your willingness to be of service. This month is short and sweet. Blessings to all my fellow members during the Thanksgiving Holiday!

In the Spirit of Service,

Lawrence M.

Website

I was disappointed that life got in the way of my attendance of the September Assembly. Thank you too all that attended the web committee meeting and a special thanks to Tom C. and Dave F. for carrying the torch.

I have very little to report at this time. The November issue of this newsletter will be posted on the El Farolito page.

There has been an increase in the amount of spam received by a number of trusted servants. There is very little that I can do as I am having the same type of difficulties with my personal email accounts. There are a number of things that we can do to protect our email accounts and reduce the amount of future spam attacks. First, and most importantly use your email very limitedly. Communication within the Area or with districts, groups and individual members is fine but please don't use your email address to log on

to commercial or public sites. Ordering concert T-shirts, Simpson's bobble heads or any type of magazine subscription tells the spammers that you have way too much time on your hands and that you might really enjoy sorting spam mail to fill up your day. Second, as a practice we have tried to refrain from putting email addresses spelled out (in the clear) on web pages. So you know that you are not alone, according to the emails received info@newmexicoaa.org has been very busy ordering plane tickets, cruises and a wild assortment of things that I did not know you could order on the internet. Near as I can tell Mr. or Mrs. Info is very lonely and bored with a desire to visit all of the continents by the end of the year.

If you have any suggestions or if you experience any difficulty with the web site or email service please contact me at webchair@nm-aa.org

In Service,

Brett B.

Young People's

From the beginning, communication in AA has been no ordinary transmission of helpful ideas and attitudes. It has been unusual and sometimes unique. Because of our kinship in suffering, and because our common means of deliverance are effective only when constantly carried to others, our channels of contact have always been charged with the language of the heart.

- *The Language of the Heart*, p. 243

Greetings!

Since September, the YPAA committee has been working on opening up the channels of communication between the Area Committee and the Districts that we serve. One way we hope to remain responsive to the groups in Area 46 is by communicating with the DCM in each district. Each DCM was sent an email detailing how the creation of a District Young People's Chair would help bridge this communication gap and create service opportunities for young people in their district. Additionally, we held an YPAA subcommittee meeting on September 29 in Albuquerque and

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discussed the specific goal of creating a Young People service document. One idea was to create an YPAA informational PowerPoint presentation. The PowerPoint could then be used by Districts in some of the harder to reach communities as a tool. I would like to thank all the District Young People's Chairs for their enthusiasm and participation. We will be meeting on October 27 at 7pm to bring ideas together for planning an YPAA workshop. Please email me if you would like more information or if I can help your group or District carry the message. In love and service,

Ally T.

*Special Needs Ad Hoc
Committee*

Going to my first area assembly Special Needs meeting, I was surprised to see that the room was very full. Area 46 has people who have worked on Special Needs committees in other areas before. There are people who work in the trades and are familiar with building requirements that assist special needs people. Others are professionals and have experience or knowledge they are willing to share. Still others just care and want to be of service to people with special needs. Some group members shared with me how they have reached out to and

accommodated some of our special needs persons. A few others have voiced concern, such as distraction from a sign interpreter, about their own focus and understanding being affected if we provide this help. All opinions and feedback are welcome. This is how we can learn from each other so that we all can improve.

It is important for me to note that at the individual and group level, AA members already do a great deal and are flexible when someone shows up with special needs. Group members have carried wheelchairs up steps, provided translators, provided literature in ASL, large print or braille, and spent time with disorganized / disturbed members and much more. These things indicate that the true spirit of AA is alive. If we take the opportunity, we will be carrying the message to those who have additional burdens on their journey to sobriety and be better people because we made this effort.

I have started contacting DCMs to learn more about their awareness, difficulties and resources for each district. I will be passing on any information that might benefit stronger and wider collaboration at individual and group levels within each district. I will report what I find to the assembly. With more involvement, the entire fellowship is likely to benefit.

Yours in Service,
George M.

District reports

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Fall is upon us! As we trudge together into colder weather, District 2 is busy having budget meetings, discussions on the Concepts before our District meetings, planning celebrations, and filling committee chairs. I have the privilege of sitting back and listening to everyone. Our Corrections committee is taking meetings into the prison and county jail. By the time you are reading this, the Day of the Dead party, with a meeting, stand up comedy, and dancing, will be sober entertainment for all who choose to suit up and show up... It is my privilege to be of service. Thank you,

Laura W., District 2 Farolito Rep

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Greetings, from District 3! We held our October district meeting and picnic on Oct. 8th. Even though it was later than usual to have a picnic, the weather was great and the picnic turned out very well. We had a lot of old-timers in attendance, which made it even better.

Since we received the bid for the September 2015 Assembly, scheduled to be in Belen, we began the process of getting it together. We have a lot of service-oriented members in District 3 and we're looking forward to this Assembly, since it's a voting Assembly. Thank you again, for those who voted for Dist. 3.

The Cosmopolitan Group hosted an “Anonymity

News from around the state

Workshop” at the Isleta Club and it went very well. The Metropolitan Group will be celebrating their 65th Anniversary on Tuesday, November 25th, potluck from 6pm to 7pm and a Speaker at 7pm. Please come join them in this celebration. (4th and Silver).

Our district committee chairs continue to stay active and are doing a great job. We are also planning a Treatment, Corrections, and Bridge the Gap Workshop in District 3 again. This will be planned for next spring. More information to follow, when it's arranged.

Thank you, to the Round Up Group in Los Lunas for hosting our October District meeting and picnic and those who brought all the great food! It was a very good picnic and great fellowship time.

Our November District meeting will be held in Magdalena, at the Magdalena Community Church, on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Potluck at 1:30pm and meeting at 2pm.

Thank you to all the people who are a part of my continued sobriety and thank you for letting me be of service.

In gratitude...

Carmen O., District 3 Farolito Rep

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We had a real nice October District potluck hosted by Happy Hour Group with Jan H. as the speaker. The Halloween decorations were great. ESP hopes to do a Thanksgiving potluck, as they almost always do. ESP has a Big Book study on Thursday nights. Keep It Simple group, a newcomers/beginners group, is refreshing the six-week format, after using the same one for about six years. Primary Purpose Big Book, the only closed meeting in Las Vegas, meets at 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays at the back of the Presbyterian Church on Douglas, and sticks to using the literature. San Miguel Group has been struggling and could use support (7 pm Mondays at the San Miguel parish hall). Early Birds at 9 a.m. on Saturdays is maintaining.

The District secretary spoke with the warden at the county jail, and reports that they want AA meetings again. We are hoping to have a jail

literature fund again soon too.

Please come to our district GSR meetings, the first Tuesday of every month (Nov. 4), 6 p.m. at Faith Hall, 8th and National in Las Vegas, whether you're a GSR or not. Find out what's going on. Call the district hotline, 505 425-3577, if your group needs more meeting schedules or anything.

Yours in service,

Carla Lorraine O., Dist. 6 Farolito Rep

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District 8 court classes continue to run smoothly with Guy reporting good turnouts and with lots of people helping out and making presentations. Guy reports that he is still talking to adult probation and parole.

Lois is still going to the women's jail and getting a large turnout. Candy was in town and helped Lois recently.

Mikel, our DCM, has been attending various meetings and group consciences; he talked to Jordan about District 8 young people and talking to other young people to help out.

The District meeting decided that the Christmas Banquet, December 6 at St. Mary's Church Hall, will be organized by the District committee and are asking for representatives from all groups to help. The first organizational meeting is Saturday October 18, 1:00 p.m. at 4D, 404 W. Animas.

Nancy W., District 8 Secretary

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Greeting from District 9:

All is still going GREAT here in the NorthWest corner of our Land of Enchantment. If you have anything you would like to pass on to our district or anything that you think might be of interest or use to us, please let me know.

Our district meetings are on the second Sunday of every month, but they are held at various locations throughout our large district. If you are interested in participating in these meetings, please contact our DCM. His contact information is in our El Farolito.

There was a very successful "GALLUP

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District News

GATHERING,” scheduled on Friday, September 26, 2014 and continued until Sunday, September 28, 2014, at Gallup Catholic School in Gallup. Friday night led off with speaker Paco D, from San Jose, California at 8PM. Saturday will feature speaker George E. form New York, New York at 10AM with a lunch to follow at noon consisting of Navajo Tacos (Yum!). Sunday, the speaker will be Trinity R., from Redwood City, California again at 10AM. The fee for the event was \$10 for folks in the Gallup area and \$20 for folks from outside the Gallup area. There were about one hundred persons present at this event. The breakdown was about thirty folks from out of town and seventy from the Gallup area. The idea is being brought to fruition to make this an annual event. An organizing committee has been established and the seed money required to make this happen has already been collected. All in all in the eyes of all present this was a resounding success. Here’s praying that next year’s will attract more participants and better carry the work of AA in our district and region. That’s all that I have for now, so until next month please keep well.

Yours in Service

Danny S., District 9 Farolito Rep

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Eleven (11) groups were represented on Saturday, October 11, at Grace Methodist Church at 9am. District 11 Archivist seeking AA materials for a poster to be displayed at the upcoming Traditions Conference October 25th at Nativity Church. Seeking Serenity hosting the 7th Newcomer’s Workshop at Nativity Church on 4th St at Alameda on Saturday morning, November 22nd. District 11 will host a Young People in AA workshop during the first quarter of 2015. Planning underway by the Young People in AA groups. District 11 is hosting the March 2015 Area Assembly: lots of volunteer opportunities available. Corrections noted that CYFD meetings need support.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris H., District 11 Farolito Rep

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District 13 thanks everyone who contributed their time, raffle items and energy to helping us pull off a successful Intergroup Speaker Meeting on October 4th. The experience, strength and hope shared by Sam G and Myra T were moving, and memorable. We did raise a modest amount for Central Office and a good time was had by all. Last weekend we had eight attendees at our District meeting, including a new GSR, John A. from the Free Spirits group. Paul C., from Group 164, provided a well researched presentation on Concept 10. Diving into GSR Reports, we found out that Group 164 is no longer a closed meeting; Straight Pepper Diet is planning a Halloween Theme Meeting; Last Call and the 6 O’clock Irregulars will be involved in a shin dig benefiting the Desert Club on Nov. 1 which will include a potluck dinner, speaker and dance. Women In Progress noted that they are going through some growing pains with their adoption of a timer in their meeting but that the group is strong. Free Spirits has a very small group conscience and the group could use support. Next came the Committee Reports: Paul C, our new Bridge the Gap Chair, reported that he had contacted the Area BTG chair, Dave F., and is in the process of navigating his duties. Kade H., our Corrections Chair, reported that he is looking for AAs, men and women, who are interested to take meetings into MDC. If you are interested, please contact district13@newmexicoaa.org. Myra T., our PI/CPC chair noted that there was one event during work hours that she was unable to attend but that the Area Chair, Tom C., did attend. Jacob P., our YP Chair, added that he will work with the new YP Area Chair, Ally T., to fulfill the role. We created a new Needs Assessment Subcommittee for the district with the aim to be to figure out just exactly what our financial needs and dispersal will be in the future. We next talked about Meeting Outreach and decided on a new way to navigate in that direction. We invite anyone who wants to participate in District 13 activities to join us at our next meeting which will be held at St Thomas of Canterbury Church on November 8 at 10am. For more information, please contact Rich R., our DCM, at district13@newmexicoaa.org. Thank you!

Kristen E., Alt DCM

More District News

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The AA picnic held on August 2 at the Taos Junction bridge was well attended (50-75). Great fun was had by all and consideration is being given to having this event every year.

A day long workshop and potluck on Emotional Sobriety was held October 18.

There were 20 people who attended the August 25 District meeting. Fourteen out of 24 home groups were represented by their GSRs or pass downs.

Deb M. informed the group that the district handbook will be updated by the end of this term (December of 2015). Samples are being reviewed and input is welcome.

Deb M. attended the area assembly September 5-7 in Carlsbad.

PI/CPC holds open committee meetings every Wednesday at Wired Cafe at 5pm. All are welcome and the committee is looking for volunteers to take AA literature to locations around town. Please contact Shanti T. or Bobby G. for more information.

We have the Corrections Chair and Archivist Chair positions open. Please contact the DCM if you are interested.

Taos Mountain Fiesta was held September 12 weekend with great success.

Questa Crossroads Group hosted a Fall Fellowship Campout, October 24-26 at Wild Rivers.

If your group has any news for El Farolito, please send it to district14@nmaa.org by the 10th of the month.

Thanks for letting us be of service,

Scott M. and Kate O., District 14 Farolito Reps

Greetings from your trusted servants of District 18! The Candlelight group held their monthly birthday and speaker meeting on Sept. 27th. I hope you were able to attend. Lunchbox group will be celebrating sobriety birthdays on the last Saturday of the month at Noon, join in as they celebrate recovery with cake and fellowship!

Sponsorship! Please join District 18 for the Annual Sponsorship Workshop this Saturday, October 18th 9am-230pm at the Rio West Community Church, 6751 Pasilla Road, NE, Rio Rancho, NM. Bring a potluck lunch dish, main course to be provided; 9:00am -12:00pm: Steps 1-9, 12:00pm-1:00pm: Potluck lunch; 1:0 -2:00pm: Steps 10-12; 2:00 -2:30pm: Questions and Answers. Listen to Sponsors and their Sponsees share on taking someone through the steps. Everyone is welcome.

Children of Chaos would still appreciate your continued support. They meet every Friday evening at 7:30 in the plaza two blocks west of 528 and just north on Sara Rd in Rio Rancho. If you are looking to get in a great meeting or would like to join the group, please come out and share your experience, strength, and hope with this new young people's meeting.

Until next time, stay dry my friends!

2014 Service Calendar:

Lunchbox Group Conscience - 3rd Saturday of every month @ 11am before the noon meeting. Held at the Mesa Club.

Saturday Nov. 8th at 10:30 am after the 9am meeting – District 18 business Meeting @ 136 W Calle Don Andres, Bernalillo, NM. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Hope to cya there.

JT, District 18 Farolito Rep

Happy Birthdays! Feliz Cumpleaños!

AUGUST

Arid Group

Joey P. 1 year
Kris T. 17 years
J.R.C. 26 years
Ingrid 30 years
Jennifer 33 years
Aztec group
Gloria T 11 years

Jack B. 2 years
Dennis B. 8 years
Terrie W. 12 years
Guy L. 4 years
Nancy W. 25 years
B Hill group
Joel J. 34 years
Michael 1 year
Brent H. 14 years

Cosmo

Ray R. 27 years
Doug 30 years
El Centro
Dave R. 2 years
Ernest 15 yrs
Sally F. 30 yrs
Ted M. 31 yrs
Foothills

Debbie M. 1 yr
Carlos G. 18 mos
Lanny G. 2yrs
Patrick H. 7 yrs
Jason D. 10 yrs
Charlie P. 15 yrs
4D group
Nick M. 4 years
Judy B. 27 years

Victor L. 23 years
Te II Lani T. 3 years
Hobbs Original Group
Robert H. 1 yr.
Isleta Group
Raedell 18 mos
Billy B. 1 yr
Adam 1 yr
Mary 4 yr

Steven G. 14 yrs
Ernest V. 15 yrs
Sally F. 30 yrs
Ted M. 31 yrs
Lucky Thursday Women's Group
Eve B. 23 years

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Birthdays! Feliz!

Kathy P. 24 years
Toni C. 15 years
Trish 5 years

New Life Group

Denese P. 26 yr
Ruidoso Arid Group

Karla T. 3 yrs.
Patience B. 13 yrs.
Jess 1 yr.
James P. 9 yrs.
Candice 6 yrs.
Tabatha 1 yr.
Bruce C. 32 yrs.
James H. 3 yrs.

Judy P. 26 yrs.
Mike S. 2 yrs.
Bethany S. 1 yr.
Phyllis N. 12 yrs.

Serenity Group

Alamogordo

Roger D. 33 Years
Colleen L. 17 Years
Cindy H. 8 Years
Kristy 7 Years
Karen C. 7 Years
Joe B. 5 Years
Erica L. 1 Year
Bryan H. 1 Year

Singleness of

Purpose:

Monique K. 2 yr
Sunday Night Serenity
Patrick K. 12 years
12 Squared
Manny D. 4 yrs

SEPTEMBER

Aztec Group

Mel 18 years
4D Group
Michael W. - 11 years

Errol L. - 3 years
Freddie - 4 years
High Noon Group
Katherine R. 38 yrs
Dan S. 11 yrs
Dan K. 20 yrs
Angeline S. 1 yr
Theresa 26 yrs
Sue 1 yr
Jennifer S. 1 yr
Diane O. 38 yrs
Kris D. 11 yrs
Tanya L. 7 yrs
Geoff B. 1 yr

Steve E. 31 yrs
Tom K. 1 yr
Ron 9 yrs

Isleta Group

Joe Q. 9 yrs
Hinjo 19 yrs
Gayle W. 31 yrs

Serenity Group

Alamogordo:

Steve W. 32 Years
Russ R. 23 Years
Lee W. 22 Years
Greg B. 20 Years

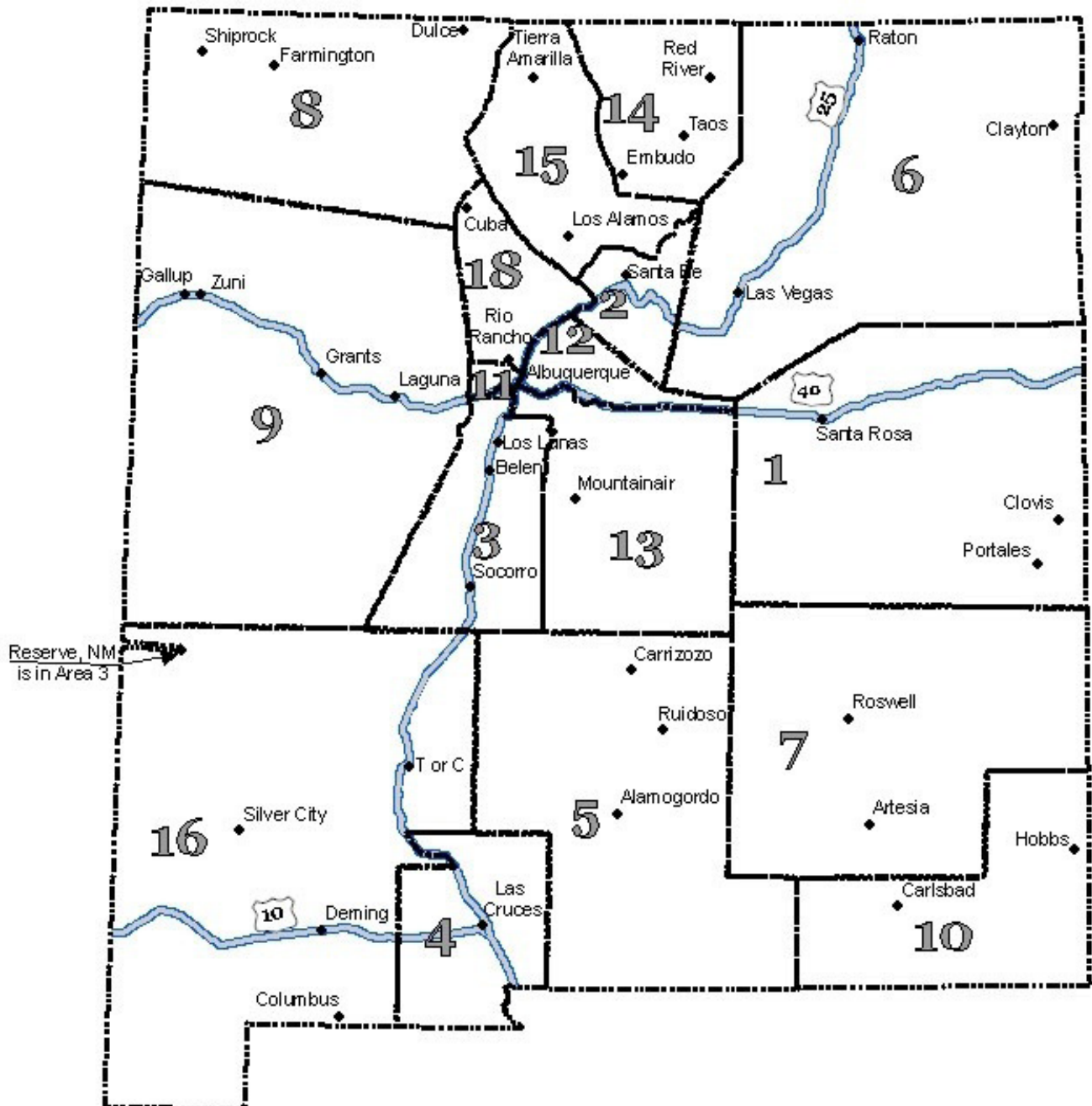
Kathie M. 14 Years
Dan B. 10 Years
John F. 1 Year
David 1 Year
Elias 1 Year
Briana 1 Year
Anna L. 1 Year

Singleness of Purpose

Michael H. 2 yr.
Steve M. 7 yr.
Dagmar Y. 11 yr.
Thurs. Women's Mtg
Jan B. 25 years

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AREA 46 MAP





**Metropolitan Group
Celebrates 65 Years!**
November 25, 2015
6 p.m. Potluck
7 p.m. Meeting

Do you have a November AA Anniversary?
Come celebrate with us!
318 Silver Ave SW
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Metropolitan provides main dishes
Please bring side dishes, desserts,
sodas or just yourself and a friend!



District 12 and
the Heights Club

INVITE YOU AND YOURS TO CELEBRATE WITH
US AT A MOST FANTASTIC
THANKSGIVING FEAST
11 AM to 2 PM
Thursday November 27




Donations and volunteers are welcome to help out.
Sign up at the Heights Club Office
or contact Cindy F. or Pat B.

Coming Attractions

Nov. 1, Saturday, **Area 46 Assembly Planning meeting**, 11 am to 2:30 pm
St. Thomas of Canterbury Church,
425 University Blvd NE, ABQ 87106.
11-12:30 Workshop; 12:30-1
Potluck; 1-2:30 Assembly Planning
meeting for December Assembly.

Nov. 22, Saturday, 7th annual
Newcomers Workshop, hosted by
Seeking Serenity Group, 8:30-11
a.m., at Nativity Ch., 9502 4th St.

NW, at Alameda. Potluck breakfast,
speakers.

Nov. 25, **Metro Group anniversary**,
see above.

Nov. 27, Thursday, Dist 12 &
the Heights Club's **Thanksgiving
celebration**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at
Heights Club, Albuquerque.

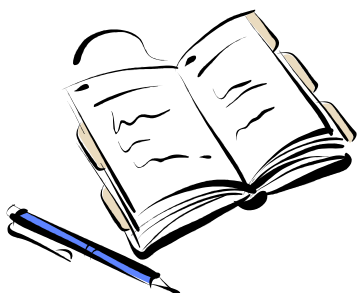
Dec. 6-7, **Area 46 December**

Assembly, Court Youth Center, Las
Cruces.

May 1-3, 2015, **NM American
Indian Red Road Convention, new
date & location**. Crowne Plaza
Hotel 1901 University Blvd. NE,
ABQ. www.nm-redroad.org

July 2-5, **International AA
Convention**, Atlanta, GA. www.aa.org, 212 870-3400.

Happy Cumpleaños!



OCTOBER

Aztec Group

Tonya 14 years

Theresa G. 2 years

John T. 14 years

Wes 22 years

Serenity, Alamogordo

Lavon 42

Arturo 30

Linda S 26

Tami 13

Eva M 7

Shane 6

TK 3

Brittany P 2

Crystal M 2

Jasmine 1

Michealle G 1

Stacy N 1

Edna W 1

Ruby S 1

Daniel T 1

Sunday Night Serenity

Megan F. 30 years

Diane V. 26 years

White Rock Women's

T. K. 21 years

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Roswell Young People's
Guiding Faith Group
Six O'Clock Solutions
Strange Mental Blank Spots

Upcoming Area Assemblies

Assembly Planning Mtg. Nov. 1,

St. Th. o Canterbury, ABQ

Assembly, Dec. 6-7, Court Youth Center, D4, Las Cruces

Assembly, March 7-8, 2015, Nativity Church, D11, ABQ,

Assembly, Sept. 12-13, 2015, D3, Belen

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September 15 - October 15, 2014

Beginning Balance **\$3434.43**

INCOME

Group Contributions		Amount
Ruidoso Arid Group	Ruidoso	40.00
Isleta Group	Albuquerque	67.77
ODAT	Bernalillo	80.15
Lunch Bunch Dist. 7	Roswell	20.00
Brown Baggers	Albuquerque	26.16
How It Works	Taos	19.00
Dawn Patrol	Albuquerque	12.66
Questa Crossroads	Questa	10.00
Students of the Big Book	Silver City	20.00
White Rock Women's Gr	Los Alamos	43.00
Early Birds	Las Vegas	5.00
Hi Nooners	Farmington	10.00
Aztec Group	Aztec	140.00
Dixon Group	Dixon	20.00
Sober at Sunrise	Las Cruces	25.00
Los Mesilleros	Las Cruces	15.00
no name	Albuquerque	9.44
Highlands Happy Hour	Las Vegas	20.00
Serenity Grp	Alamogordo	70.25
Serenity Grp	Albuquerque	29.53
Westside Noon	Albuquerque	60.00
Daybreak Grp	Farmington	14.29
Share the Legacy	Albuquerque	10.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$767.25

EXPENSES

Printing (Oct. issue)	-\$562.07
Printing Contact Sheets	-58.85
Mailing (Oct. issue)	-84.00
Labels	-6.00
Misc. mailing	-3.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	-\$714.42
Net gain for the month	\$42.83
Ending Balance	\$3477.26
Prudent Reserve	\$2500.00
Amount above Prudent Reserve	\$977.26

Thank you to all groups who contributed.

This is your receipt.

***Please put group name on check or envelope
or an enclosed note or SOMEWHERE.***





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Dis	DCM	ELF REP	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
1	Deanna L.	Sabrina G.	3rd Sat	4:00 PM	Call DISTRICT for location
2	Amy B.	Laura W.	2nd Tue	6:30 PM	St. Vincent's Hospital, Santa Fe
3	Martha G.	Carmen O.	2nd Sat	2:00 PM	Call 505 266-1900 for location
4	Ron N.		Last Sun	10:30 AM	903 E. Pinon, Las Cruces
5	Patience B.	Andy K.	3rd Sun	10:00 AM	Cree Meadows Country Club in Ruidoso
6	Coral C.	Carla L.	1st Tue	6:00 PM	Faith Hall, behind St. Paul's, 8th & National, Las Vegas
7	Nabor M.	Tika	2nd Sun	1:30 PM	Dry Harbor Club, Roswell
8	Mikel W.	Nancy W.	2nd Thur	7:00 PM	Presbyterian CH. 865 N. Dustin, Farmington
9	Steve D.	Danny S.	2nd Sun	1:30 PM	Serenity House, HWY 66, Gallup
10	Marcus B.	Dagmar Y.	4th Sun	3:00 PM	Call DISTRICT for location
11	Joseph T.	Kris H.	2nd Sat	9:00 AM	Grace Methodist Church, 420 San Lorenzo NW, Alb
12	Jaclyn S.	Milt B.	2nd Sat	10:15 AM	Heights Club, 8520 Marble NE, Alb
13	Rich R.	Lora T.	2nd Sat	10:00 AM	St. Thomas of Canterbury, Alb
14	Deb M.	Kate O.	4th Mon	6:15 PM	Taos Youth and Family Center, 407 Paseo del Canon East, Taos
15	Jeffery H.	Charlie B.	4th Sat	4:00 PM	Alternate: St. Stephen's Episcopal, Espanola, and Triangle Club, Los Alamos
16	Merry M.	Jan W.	Quarterly	10:00 AM	Call DISTRICT for location
17	Antonio C.	Ana G.	2nd Sat	1:00 PM	Call DISTRICT for location
18	Mike D.	John T.	2nd Sat	10:30 AM	United Methodist Church, 136 W. Calle Don Andres, Bernalillo
19	Edward J.		4th Sat	6:00 PM	Grupo Amistad, Las Cruces



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