



EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

JOIN US IN HOBBS!

Greetings from District 10 and the 2015 Area 46 Convention Planning Committee. We just wanted to share some things our committee has in store for the 2015 State Convention in Hobbs NM. It will be held at the Lee County Event Center (5101 N. Lovington Hwy) on June 5, 6, & 7 2015. Our Theme is "Be in the Solution, One Day at a Time." There is nothing better than being in the solution and having fun in sobriety. Our Area meets four times a year, three of them for business meetings and one time for our State Convention. This is the time where we let down our hair, fellowship, listen to speakers carry a message of recovery and have fun, fun, fun! That is our focus for that weekend.

On Friday evening right before our first speaker we will have an AA skit presented by "The Ladies of District 10". I hear it is a gut buster so don't miss it. We have a host of speakers coming from South Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas, and a local NM NMYPCAA speaker who are going to share their experience strength and hope with us. Check out the Area Web Site and click on Dist. 10 for a list of names and at what time they will be speaking during the convention. Along with our Saturday speakers we will have a special AA history presentation titled "What Really Happened" presented by Area 67 Archivist John M. from El Paso TX.

We have a saying here in District 10: "Nobody goes hungry at a District sponsored event." So our Hospitality Chair promises a lot of tasty food, snacks, cold drinks and of course coffee to keep up your energy for the weekend of fun. Speaking of food, our banquet on Saturday is going to be a BBQ dinner with all the fixings for a mere \$20 for all you can eat. Our cook and his crew are the best this side of "The Pecos." They will also have chicken for the no beef eaters. This is the same crew that cooks for the Tumbleweed Conference every September in Hobbs. Once again you don't want to miss it. Tuxedos and cowboy boots are optional. Between the banquet and the Saturday night speaker we will have a raffle and the sobriety countdown, my personal favorite, as everyone else's I am sure. If any of our AA members from across the state would like to donate their works of art like pottery, paintings, sculptors or anything else of value please bring them with you as we would love to include them in our raffle or go to the Area Web Site and click on Dist. 10 to get a contact number.

Now after all that down time between the banquet, sobriety countdown, raffle and our Saturday night speaker you can join us for some ice cream at our ice cream social and also kick up your heels at the dance. Whew! I guarantee you will be looking for your bed once we get done with you by Saturday night. Not to worry because you will be able to sleep in on Sunday because our last speaker on Sunday morning is not scheduled till 10 am but of course we will be there at 8:30 for the early riser if you want to join us for coffee and doughnuts.

I encourage you to make reservations ASAP and you might want to consider an extra night because you might be too exhausted to leave or just don't want to leave. We affect people that way sometimes. Also we do ask that you please register early because it will make our registration chair and treasurer feel a lot better knowing that you did. Some of you have seen and or bought our T-shirt and our awesome looking mugs. We still will have some for sale that week end if you missed out buying one at our last two assemblies.

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Join us in Hobbs...

Well that is all we have for now, but we would like to leave you with this thought: the Big Book says that "We are not a glum lot" and that "We absolutely insist on enjoying life." and that is exactly what we have been talking about in this article. The other side of that and it clearly states it in our responsibility statement: "I am responsible when anyone anywhere reaches out for the hand of AA, I want the hand of AA always to be there and for that I am responsible." I am sure there will be some newcomers and or members attending for their first time and what a time to extend our hand out to them and carry the message of "Hope and Recovery by just being there" because you never know who you are going to reach. So we are going to "Be in the Solution" that weekend and we will also be having fun, and also be looking for that newcomer or someone looking a little unsure of themselves. We will be extending our hand to them! We hope that you come join us in doing that. Love and God Bless,

The 2015 Convention Committee

Late Breaking News: The early registration deadline has been extended to May 15!

El Farolito,

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"He says he'd try AA but he's afraid his neighbors will find out he's a drunk."

Reprinted with permission, AA
Grapevine, May 1971

Area Trusted Servants Reports

Delegate Report

The 65th General Service Conference was held April 19-25, with the theme of "Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity and Service – the Foundation of Our Future." In addition to addressing the agenda items, we finished up the three year-long inventory process, with a full report to follow, and elected a new Southwest Regional Trustee, who started a four year term immediately after the conference. (Since I'm writing this before the conference, I can't report who that new Trustee is. More will be revealed.)

I'll be giving a report on the Conference at our Area 46 State Convention in Hobbs, June 5-7. In addition, I'll be traveling throughout New Mexico giving reports to each of the districts. I hope to visit every district in Area 46 before the September Assembly. I appreciate everyone who takes time out of their schedule to make these reports happen - organizing, getting the word out, setting up, making the coffee, asking questions, and contributing ideas. Your involvement is the key to AA's future. If you'd like to schedule a report, or if you have questions or comments, you can reach me at ea46delegate@nm-aa.org.

When AA came of age at the International Convention in St. Louis, Bill W. put forward a resolution authorizing the General Service Conference to act for Alcoholics Anonymous. It includes this passage: The General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous should become, as of this date; July 3, 1955, the guardian of the Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous, the perpetuators of the world services of our Society, the voice of the group conscience of our entire Fellowship, and the sole successors of its co-founders, Doctor Bob and Bill." That's as clear a statement as I know of the purpose and meaning of our conference and it's a lot for all of us to live up to. Make sure your voice is included in that group conscience.

In grateful service,
Jen N.

Delegado Informe

La 65ª Conferencia de Servicios Generales se celebró 19 a 25 abril, bajo el lema de "Celebrando 80 Años de Recuperación, Unidad y Servicio -La base de nuestro futuro" Además de abordar los temas del programa, terminamos el 3-año-proceso de inventario de largo, con un informe completo a seguir, y se eligió un nuevo Custodio Regional del Suroeste, que comenzó un período de 4 años inmediatamente después de la conferencia. (Ya que estoy escribiendo esto antes de la conferencia, no puedo informar de que ese nuevo administrador es. Más será revelado.)

Voy a dar un informe sobre la conferencia en nuestra Área 46 Convención Estatal en Hobbs, junio 5-7. Además, voy a estar viajando a través de Nueva México dando informes a cada uno de los distritos. Espero poder visitar todos los distritos de la zona 46 en la Asamblea septiembre. Agradezco a todos los que lleva tiempo fuera de su horario para hacer estos informes suceden-organización, hacer correr la voz, configurar, hacer el café, haciendo preguntas y aportando ideas. Su participación es la clave para el futuro de AA. Si desea programar un informe, o si tiene preguntas o comentarios, puede ponerse en contacto conmigo en area46delegate@nm-aa.org o (575) 636-4534.

Cuando AA mayoría de edad en la Convención Internacional en St. Louis, Bill W. presentó una resolución que autorice la Conferencia de Servicios Generales para actuar por Alcohólicos Anónimos. Incluye este pasaje: [L] a Conferencia de Servicios Generales de Alcohólicos Anónimos se convierta, a partir de esta fecha, 3 de julio de 1955, el guardián de las Tradiciones de Alcohólicos Anónimos, los perpetuadores de los servicios mundiales de nuestra Sociedad, la voz de la conciencia de grupo de nuestra Comunidad, y los únicos sucesores de sus co-fundadores, el Dr. Bob y Bill. "Eso es lo más claro una declaración que yo sé del propósito y el significado de nuestra conferencia y es mucho para todos nosotros para vivir hasta. Asegúrese de que su voz está incluido en esa conciencia de grupo.

En servicio agradecido, Jen N

Chair

Spring is showing up around the state with warm weather causing us to wake up out of our sleepiness and into action. I notice that Spring also brings larger meetings with interested newcomers and visitors that come to New Mexico to view the beauty of our state. These are the reasons we do the service we do in Area 46 to make ourselves visible to those seeking sobriety and support for others continued sobriety.

How do we make sure alcoholics can find us? As I go down the list of our Area Committee Chairs, I understand how each and everyone is an important aspect of in answering that question. Archives that reminds us of the history of AA meetings in New Mexico to our Website that gives information for meetings location and AA events that enhance both newcomers' and visitors' sobriety. Newcomers can find Treatment Centers on our website. CPC, Treatment and Bridge the Gap Chairs are the fingers pointing in the direction of meetings, with Literature and the Grapevine, a meeting in print, in providing ways to stay sober in between meetings whether a newcomer or those on the road. Bilingual and Young People committee chairs make sure that anyone seeking a meeting knows they are welcome. I hope that all those in service to Area 46 recognize the importance of each of our service positions in serving the alcoholic. Thank you all for your examples of love and service.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our State Convention in Hobbs in June 5-7 this summer.

Teresa F., Area 46 Chair

Registrar

I did it. I got the English version of the directory for the balance of this rotation out to all Trusted Servants, DCMs, Past Delegates and District Registrars electronically by the March 31 deadline. It was a complete new directory so there was no "remove this page and replace it with" instructions. I have had some positive feedback and will be contacting the DCMs by phone in the next two weeks to make sure that they got it and can open it, etc. Anyone needing a printed copy should contact me and we can make arrangements for that to happen.

The Spanish version went out to the Bilingual Chair and I have asked Oscar to contact the DCMs in District 17 and 19 to see if they want the whole directory or just those two Districts. I am trying to be a good steward of the Area's financial resources while also getting the information out in the most useful format. Thanks to everyone who helped by getting information to me and helped with the technical end of things.

I was really excited to be a part of the first mailing party for this rotation of the El Farolito. It was fun. There was good fellowship and coffee and doughnuts and the job got done quickly and well. Here's another good reason to get up to date information on GSRs to me as Jay and I will be sharing our mailing lists. So, if he asks your District to host the mailing party it's a great way to do a little bit of service and get to know this new Trusted Servant. Thanks for the opportunity to be of service.

Rosie F, Area Registrar

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Trusted Servant Reports

Treasurer

The Area ended March with available cash BELOW reserves of \$775. This is the first time in many, many years that the Area has operated below reserves. Group contributions for the first quarter of 2015 were down by over \$2,000 compared to the same quarter of 2014. Fewer groups are giving to the Area and groups are making smaller contributions on the whole. If this trend continues, the Area will have to go deep into its Prudent Reserve in order to meet its budget obligations this year.

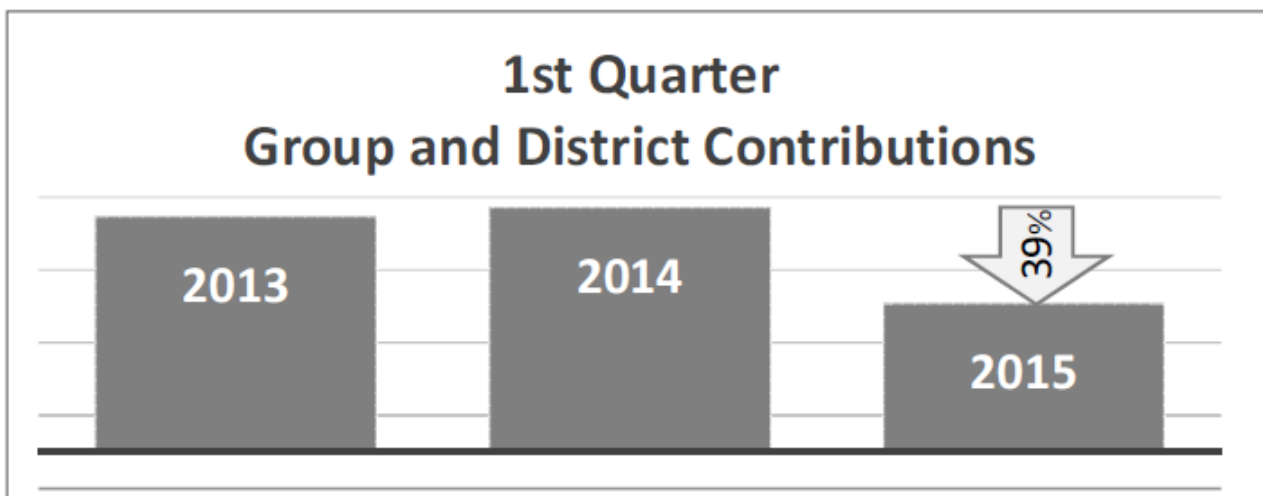
Unfortunately I don't know why group contributions dropped this last quarter. I would like to invite groups, GSRs and individual members alike, to share with me any information you have that might help me to understand why group contributions have dropped.

Also, if you have any questions or concerns regarding Area spending, feel free to contact me or Kurt K, the Finance Chair. I may be contacted by email at treasurer@nm-aa.org and my telephone number should be on the 2nd page of the printed version of this issue of *El Farolito*.

In other news, the Area received its first donation (\$100) on behalf of the Archivists' travel trust. The March Assembly voted to provide \$600 to send the Archivist to the National AA Archivist Workshop in September for training purposes. However, since the Archives Committee anticipates that the actual travel expenses will be far greater than the amount it requested, donations will be accepted from groups and members to cover the difference.

There will be a few expenses over the summer. Primarily, we will now begin building our operating cash over the next months as we prepare to pay the expenses of the election Assembly in September.

In grateful service, Teresa J.



Total 7th Tradition contributions to Area 46 from Groups and Districts dropped sharply in the first 3 months of 2015 as compared to the same periods in 2013 and 2014.

Secretary

We do not have room to publish the full minutes from the Area Assembly but have included the bids and motions. The minutes are available on the Area website.

Bids and Motions of the Area 46 Assembly March 7, 2015

Bid 1:

Bid for the 2015 Area 46 Assembly, December 5-6, 2015 (**PASSED**)

- District 8 - Farmington

Bid 2:

Bid for the 2016 Area 46 Assembly, March 5-6, 2016 (**PASSED**)
District 14 - Taos

Motion 1:

Web Committee: Motion made by Brett B., Web Committee Chair - Seconded: Jim (D4)

*"Purchase a video projector for use by Area 46. The total cost for the projector shall not exceed \$1000.00 and is to include the projector, protective carrying case, and video cable with adapters for HDMI, DVI, and VGA. The projector would be purchased by the web committee and owned by Area 46. The Web Committee Chair would be responsible for the equipment. The projector would be available by reservation for use by Area Trusted Servants and Area Committee Chairs during assemblies and for workshops. The money would come from the contingency fund. This item would be self-insured by the area through the existing prudent reserve". (**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**)*

Motion 2:

Archives Committee: Motion made by Bill L., Archives Committee Chair - Seconded: Rebecca S (D14)

*"Allocate \$600 to the Area 46 Archivist to offset travel costs and registration fees to attend the 19th National AA Archives Workshop in Cleveland/Akron Ohio, September 24-27, 2015. Any donations from Districts, Groups, or other fundraising will be accounted for and allocated by the Area Treasurer. Funding to come from the contingency fund." (**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**)*

Motion 3:

Brett B: Motion made by Brett B., Committee Member - Seconded: Rosie F (D11)

*"The [El Farolito] issue posted to the Area 46 web site (in accordance with current Web Site procedures and practices) to be published without last names, addresses and phone numbers of individual members. The [El Farolito] issue mailed to groups and individuals to contain personal contact information voluntarily made available by each trusted servant. The form of inclusion of this information will be at the discretion of the El Farolito Editor". (**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**)*

El Farolito is holding "Mailing Parties" to tape, label and stamp each issue.

Thanks to the following Districts for hosting Mailing Parties:

District 11 - April issue District 18 - May issue

I have 18 issues remaining in my rotation and Area 46 has 19 Districts...seems to me we can have every District host. So help me explore my adopted state by having your District host. It will take about 1-2 hours depending on the number of members who attend.

Here are the dates...bring up at your next District meeting and let me know what date you want:

June Issue	May 30	District 3	9:30	5600 Donna Marlane Ct SW, ABQ 87121
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July Issue	June 27 D2?	Aug Issue	July 25 D10?	Sept Issue	Aug 29
Oct Issue	Sept 26	Nov Issue	Oct 31	Dec Issue	Nov 28

Service Committee Reports

Literature Committee

Hello Fellow AA's;

Spring has finally sprung, and it sure feels good to go outside without looking like an Eskimo.

I am making my literature order in about 3 weeks, so if you have an order, please contact me at literature@newmexicoaa.org. I would be more than happy to include any books, pamphlets, video or meeting items in my order.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the State Convention in Hobbs this June. Come by the literature display and pick up some items.

I am available for workshops or events. Please let me know if need my help.

TYFLMBOS, John

YPAAA Committee

Greetings!

How do I start a Young People's meeting? This is a question many have asked the YPAA committee. In response to this question we are sharing one members experience strength and hope this month. We have a special report from Dominic T. our District 18 Young People in Service chair.

"Sobriety and excitement are two words I never fathomed combining into the same sentence. When the pains of alcoholism started to take its toll on me again, the only option I had left was to try AA. I thought my social life was over, and I would never again have what my simple, sad, closed mind perceived as fun. This was a hard concept to undertake. However my desperation and pain combined with the hope I was seeing in the rooms kept me searching through the doors for anything to hang onto. One day, during one of my searches through the website for a meeting, a friend suggested attending a Young People's Meeting. So I did. I showed up to one of the local Friday night YPAA meetings across town and was intrigued by the sobriety, excitement, and laughter. I wanted what those people had. As the year continued, I worked the steps with my sponsor and found a group of friends in my area of town. These people loved AA, loved laughing and loved having fun. We talked and there seemed to be interest in starting a Young People's meeting in our neighborhood. We prayed, left it in God's hands and things started to move, opportunities started to emerge and doors started to open. We took action, found a location, studied the Traditions, and asked people with experience for help and support. We soon found more and more people who had similar ideas about starting a meeting and by the Grace of God we all united. We held our first group conscience in a Village Inn (which we still attend regularly for fellowship following Friday Night Children of Chaos) and

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Public Information Committee

The PI and CPC committee had a medical professional workshop on April 18th. The event was a great success, thanks to Myra T! J We also had a workshop with the treatment, corrections and CPC in Silver City, which was a success. Thanks to our new friend, Chris for that service. Keep your eye on the NM-AA.org website for upcoming event details. This next month we have a CPC/PI event for the medical community on May 23 at Monte Vista Christian Church from 9 am to noon.

We continue to provide books and literature to people and places where the AA message can be carried. As always. thank you to districts and groups who have committed service and donated funds to their local PI... They can always use literature and books.

Your donations of time and service are always appreciated. I will endeavor to fulfill my service obligations and participate in upcoming events. It is a pleasure to serve.

In service of AA, Tom C

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YPAA...

the rest is history. God has blessed us with the promise from page 164 of the Big Book: "He will show you how to create the fellowship you crave." Thanks for letting me be of service- "Dominic T. ypaa chair district 18.

As Always, thank you for this opportunity to serve. If I can help extend the hand of AA in your group or district, please let me know.

In Love and Service, Ally T. Area 46 Young People Chair - ypaa@newmexicoaa.org

The YPAA Committee met on March 31st at Flying Star. Those in attendance were Ally T. (Area 46 YPAA Chair), Mike (District 12 YPAA Chair), Dominique (District 18 YPAA Chair), Michael, and an additional AA member.

Current projects:

YPAA Powerpoint and information packet.

We are putting together an information packet to send to those having general questions or want to start a young people's meeting.

Ask Districts if they would each contribute \$20 for literature for the YPAA committee.

YPAA Website

Currently the website committee is helping to develop a site where flyers of events, group lists, and information can be obtained on YPAA.

Reaching Young People

A meeting is brought into the adolescent unit at Turquoise lodge every Thursday at 7 pm. If anyone is interested in speaking, let me know.

Helping a group in Alamogordo that wants to start a YPAA meeting.

Planning a YPAA camping trip tentatively in July.

Upcoming Events:

5TH Annual 4-Corners Summit – Utah, "The Young and the Restless of Glenwood Springs Colorado"

May 15-17, Navaho Lake State Park

For more info. visit: www.4cornerssummitypaa.org

NMCYPAA 2015 – Roswell, NM, "On the Wagon for Keeps"

August 14-16, ENMU-Roswell Campus

Bridging the Gap Committee

Greetings Area 46,

I am happy to report that the workshops have begun. On March 28th District 4 hosted a workshop for Bridge the Gap, Treatment and Corrections. There were about 40 people in attendance and it went very well. Good food, good people and good topics. The next workshop coming is in Silver City on April 25 hosted by District 16, thank you for inviting us. This one will be even bigger as the PI & the CPC Committees will be joining us.

I had a nice surprise a bit ago, District 12 asked me to give a presentation at their April district meeting. The district is already quite busy with the work they do at Turquoise Lodge but it was nice spreading the word to people who might not necessarily have heard the BTG pitch before.

I have heard about two more workshops that are in the planning stages, so it seems like this summer will be quite full and I especially enjoy getting out and meeting new people from around the state. Keep the invites coming, and we will be there.

There have been expenses totaling \$46.75 this year to date.

In Love & Service
Dave F.

Service Committee Reports

CPC Committee

Plenty of activity happening on the Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee, starting with participation in the District 13. Workshop in Albuquerque on Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 1:00 to 3:00. Next, we have the Area 46 CPC/PI Workshop, focusing on Health Care Professionals, in Albuquerque on Saturday, May 23, from 9:00 to 12:00. Then, it's the Nursing Diversion Program Conference in Albuquerque on Friday, June 26. After that, it's the Area 46 CPC Chair volunteering to work the CPC desk at the AA International Convention in Atlanta on Friday July 3rd. Finally, the Area 46 Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee will be participating in the Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs Conference (CoLAP) from October 20 – 22, in Albuquerque. Anyone interested in participating in the Committees activities, please contact the Chair.

Brian V.

CPC/PI Workshop Working with Medical Professionals

An Area 46 Sponsored Event

**A Speaker Panel and Group Discussion
in cooperation with the
Medical Professional Community**

**Saturday, May 23
9AM to Noon
Monte Vista Christian Church
3501 Campus Drive NE**

Light Breakfast will be served

**An opportunity to interact
with doctors and nurses
about AA**

**AA members and Medical Professionals
will speak in a panel discussion forum
with a follow up Q&A**

Finance Committee

Another month down. Things are going well. Teresa, our Area 46 treasurer has informed me that contributions are way down at this time. At the end of the past year we had excess funds and sent that to GSO. The reason for this is because a lot of our Twelfth Step funds didn't get used. Also our prudent reserve is smaller for 2015 which led to more funds available.

We do set up the budget for the area going on what your groups have contributed in the past. I hope you all continue to support the area as you have been. If you have any questions or just want to discuss our financial situation in Area 46, feel free to shoot me an email or give me a call.

Yours in Service,
Kurt K.

Expenses:

Travel to planning meetings: 18 - Travel and lodging assemblies: 120 - Copies: 22.10

Treatment Committee

Silver City hosted a Treatment, Bridge the Gap, Corrections, and PCP/PI workshop on April 25th. Carrie N., Alternate Chair took the lead for this workshop. Other Districts interested in a workshop, please let us know. If you are interested in service work, you may want to contact your local Treatment Chair or DCM to inquire about service work opportunities to take an AA meeting into a treatment facility. Many treatment centers (inpatient and outpatient) have AA Meetings and clients generally find AA useful. For further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

In the Spirit of Service,

Lawrence M.

Special Needs Ad Hoc Committee

Special Needs questionnaires were given to each DCM at the last area assembly. None have been returned yet and it has occurred to me that the prospect of reviewing things in each district or even at the group level may seem confusing, elusive or both. Lawrence M. is close to completing a Special Needs Kit that, along with a questionnaire that has been used by another Area that now has a standing Special Needs Committee, will soon be sent to each District. I believe that the information kit can make clearer what special needs means and what information would be helpful to our attempt to get a picture of the Area's condition for special needs. I will follow up with phone calls to make sure that the package has been received and encourage review of the kit and response to the questions. While my report to the assembly will not be made until September, it is perfectly ok to contact me at any point to ask questions, discuss things or express opinion. I would enjoy hearing from you. Thank you for letting me be of service

George M.

District News

District 2

Greetings from District 2! Another great month of carrying the message and being of service. District is thriving. We held a St. Patrick's Day Potluck/Speaker/Dance, led by John Michael, our out-going Events and Entertainment Chair. He forwarded a text from a newcomer, thanking him for showing how to have fun in sobriety. That just about says it all.

As DCM, I'm becoming more comfortable conducting the district meetings, learning processes and procedures as I go. Kudos to the Alt DCM, Treasurer and Secretary as they support our District.

Our committees continue to carry the message: Archives is planning their next long-timer interviews; CPC/PI is doing a great job with the DWI school and other outreach programs; BTG made contact with one of the treatment centers; Corrections is excited about an upcoming prison orientation and hoping to get more volunteers involved. Our Grapevine Chair is encouraging all the GSRs to get a GV rep for their group; our new Registrar is handing out welcome packages to new GSRs as she collects their contact information, and Treatment Facilities is liaison extraordinaire with all the facilities needing meetings and getting groups to sponsor said meetings. It is exciting to be involved with Service in Santa Fe!

Gratefully yours in service,
Michelle B., District 2 DCM

District 8

Greetings and Salutations;

Wow, we are busy as beavers on trucker's aspirin up here in the Four Corners.

First, I want to clarify my error in the last issue. The Annual District 8 Christmas Banquet will be on Saturday December 19th at 6:00 PM, not December 12th as I misreported. The Banquet will be at St. Mary's Parish Hall At 20th Street and Farmington Ave., Farmington, NM. Debbie M. and her Banquet committee are raffling off a Second Edition Big Book for \$5 per ticket to raise money for the event. This book will be raffled off at the Annual District 8 Picnic on August 9th at the Kiwanis Park on 30th Street, Farmington. Also, a First Edition Big Book will be raffled from the picnic until the Banquet, also for \$5 per ticket.

Call Debbie M. or our DCM to get tickets and/or many groups have tickets available. Don't miss out on this chance to get an AA artifact! Pr contact

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District News

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District 8...

We had our 1st planning meeting for the December 5-6 Area Assembly that District 8 is hosting. We are still in search of a venue, but we have a lot of irons in the fire, and with prayer and God's help, we will nail it down soon. We have committee's formed and started, but are still looking for more volunteers. The next planning meeting is scheduled for May 9th at 9:00am at the Well Recovery Center, 309 W. Animas, Farmington. See you there.

Also, the Annual Friends of Bill W. Family Campout will be July 17-19 above Silverton, CO in Cunningham Gulch.

God bless AA. TYFLMBOS, John T.

District 13

Happy May from District 13! Our monthly meeting had a dozen attendees and we began the meeting with a presentation on Concept IV, the "Right of Participation" by our treasurer, Maureen J. We approved the minutes as emailed, then approved the Treasurer's report. We then launched into GSR reports. Paul C. reported that there will be a Bridge the Gap/PI/CPC workshop held in District 4 - Silver City in March and that there will be more info to follow.

Mary Beth is culling through D13 Treatment center information to validate what is there. Kade reported that he is coordinating with another AA in the district from the Basement Steps group regarding collection cans for Corrections. In Old Business, we discussed next week's PI/CPC workshop we are hosting at the Grant Chapel AME Church from 1-3 pm focusing on "Strengthening our Community and Team" where Judges, probation officers, clients and AA members are encouraged to attend. Yes, there will be food!

In new business we discussed our upcoming District 13 Picnic! It will be July 25th so SAVE THE DATE! More will be revealed about this awesome event for fellowship and fun! Live and Let Live is having their 30th Anniversary Spaghetti Dinner and Speaker meeting May 9th from 6-9 at MCC Church and while there will be vegetarian sauce available, the meatballs will be AMAZING and homemade! Suggested donation is \$5. Any Lengths reported that they have begun their group inventory process and it is ongoing. We concluded the meeting at 10:48am. That is all folks! Hope to see you at some of the D13 events and have a great Spring!

Respectfully submitted, Kristen E, Alt DCM - D13



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District 16

Grant County Central Office (GCCO) celebrated their one year anniversary with a Root Beer Float party at their office. Thanks to all who attended. Their next business meeting will be Saturday May 9th at 2:00 pm. at the office located at 800 W. Market Street in beautiful historic Silver City. Call Bob S. if you are interested in volunteering for 12 step work.

The Borderline Group of Columbus will host the District meeting on Saturday June 13th at 10:30 am in center city Columbus at the Old School located on North Boundary Rd. Turn left at the playground. Look for cream colored building on left.

With summer come lots of events and functions. Give me a call or drop me an email if you would like it listed in the El Farolito.

Happy to serve, Jan

May Birthdays!

February Singleness Of Purpose:
Shannon G. 23 yrs.

February 12 Squared:
Tim L. 15 yrs.
Jimmy F. 5 yrs.

February New Life Group:
Amber S. 3 yrs.

Cosmo Group:
Melissa 5 months
Kate 6 months
Jim 9 years
Laura 10 years

El Centro Group of Albuquerque District 11.

February 2015
Robert G. 1 year
Steve 35 years

March 2015
Amanda P. 4 years
Debra W. 21 years
Gene K. 26 years
Chris S. 31 years

Isleta Group Sobriety Birthdays

March 2015

Vanessa	90 days
Steve	1 year
Sam	2 years
Anthony	10 years
Susan	25 years

Arid Group Riodoso

We only have a couple birthdays this month.
Robert T. 3 yrs.
Tony S. 14 yrs.

Apparently my group overlooked my AA B-day in March. The group is Los Mesilleros and my date was 3/1/95 20 years, Bill S.

Envelopes Returned in April

One Step Beyond Woman's Group
New Hope Group
Grupo El Milagro
Dog On The Roof Group
Lambda Group
Las Mujeres Group
11th Step Mens Group
Alamo Home Group
Friends in Sobriety Group

News from around the state

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SERVICE WORKSHOP

Hosted by District 18

Topics: Service Work: A major key to continuous sobriety. What is service work? How does service work help to keep us sober? What are the different types of service work available? How long do I need to be sober to do service work? Who do I contact or where do I go to get involved?

This workshop will cover various service work positions at the group, district and area levels. Presenters will share their experiences in different service work positions. Each presenter will explain their service work position, what type of work is involved, their personal experience and how it contributed to lasting sobriety.

Sponsors: This is a great opportunity to let your sponsees get a better understanding of what service work is and help them get involved.

Sponsees: Encourage your sponsor to attend. Many service positions are available that your sponsor may not be aware of. Fact: Sponsors are always looking for new information and are never too smart to learn something new!

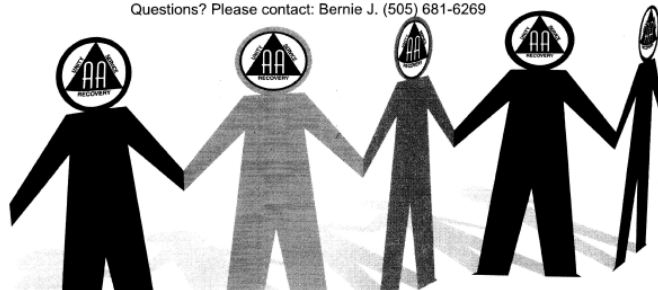
THIS WILL BE A WONDERFUL LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL!

Saturday - May 23, 2015

8.00 am - 12.00 pm

Church of the Incarnation, Rio Rancho
2309 Monterrey Rd NE Rio Rancho, NM 87144
(State Highway 528 at Pasilla Rd.)

Donuts and coffee will be served early, beginning at 7.30 am.
Questions? Please contact: Bernie J. (505) 681-6269



Upcoming Area Events

Area 46 Convention Hobbs June 5 - 7

Area Assembly September 12, 13 Belen

Area Assembly December 5,6 District 8;
location TBA



El Farolito Committee

Here are the donations, revenue/Expense and Balance Sheet from January 1 - 04/18

4/2/15	Aztec Group	Aztec	120.00
2/23/15	Brown Baggers	Albuquerque	30.71
3/26/15	Brown Baggers	Albuquerque	33.67
2/23/15	Cloudcroft Group	Cloudcroft	15.30
4/3/15	Crossroads	San Luis	20.00
2/23/15	Dawn Patrol	Albuquerque	10.89
3/26/15	Dawn Patrol	Albuquerque	7.00
2/23/15	Daybreak Group	Farmington	14.73
1/8/15	District 11	Albuquerque	36.75
2/23/15	Foothills Group	Albuquerque	42.40
4/14/15	Foothills Group	Albuquerque	37.45
2/23/15	Forever Eleven Group	Taos	6.60
3/11/15	George B		20.00
1/8/15	Hi Nooners	Farmington	10.00
2/23/15	Hi Nooners	Farmington	10.00
2/23/15	Hi Nooners	Farmington	10.00
3/22/15	Hi Nooners	Farmington	10.00
2/23/15	High Noon Group	Albuquerque	45.00
2/23/15	Highlands Happy Hour	Rociada	20.00
3/22/15	Highlands Happy Hour	Rocianda	20.00
3/30/15	How It Works	Taos	15.60
2/23/15	Into Action Group	Taos	15.71
3/28/15	Isleta Group	Albuquerque	46.75
4/2/15	Jaywalkers	Taos	50.00
3/22/15	La Buena Vida	Espanola	10.00
3/28/15	Los Alamos Women's	Los Alamos	46.00
2/23/15	Los Mesilleros	Las Cruces	15.00
2/23/15	Mayhill Miracles Group	Mayhill	30.00
3/22/15	New Life Gr	Hobbs	7.00
3/11/15	Richard M		1.00
1/8/15	Ruidoso Arid Group	Ruidoso	50.00
2/23/15	Serenity Group	Albuquerque	43.45
2/23/15	Serenity Group	Alamogordo	80.44
2/23/15	Serenity Group	Los Alamos	43.00
4/11/15	Serenity Group	Alamogordo	82.68
1/8/15	Sober at Sunrise	Las Cruces	25.00
2/23/15	Sponsorship & Growth	Albuquerque	8.78
4/3/15	Steven S	Albuquerque	8.63
1/8/15	Sunday Night Step Study	Albuquerque	13.43
2/23/15	TGIF Taos	Taos	50.00
2/23/15	Too Much for Us	Tijeras	32.00
2/23/15	Trinity Site Group	Alamogordo	47.88
2/23/15	Westside AA	Albuquerque	6.49
2/23/15	Westside Noon	Albuquerque	40.00
2/23/15	White Rock AA Group	Los Alamos	16.50
2/23/15	Women's Gratitude	Albuquerque	20.00

Thank You!!

Thanks again for everyone's support. Also, thanks to the Districts who have stepped up to hold mailing parties.

Districts 11, 18, 3 and 2 have stepped up. Let's get some of the districts outside the ABQ area to host. Help me explore my adopted state!

This month we will be expanding in the web version to 20 pages. So write or send longer reports that can be fit in the longer on line version.

Also, you will note this issue is in black and white. Removing color saves \$85 every month.

So I look forward to meeting many of you at the State Convention!

For the couple of people who submitted after the 15th deadline, sorry I could not get in this version but it will be in the web version.

Jay M.

No expenses and in case you are wondering I am not charging mileage for the mailing parties. I think it is a good excuse to explore NM!

Below are who I show as the ELF Reps. The ones with a * mean I do not have contact info and an address so I can add you to the mailing list.

- 1 Sabrina G *
- 2 Laura W *
- 3 Carmen Otto
- 4 *
- 5 Ed Burns
- 6 Carla L. *
- 7 Tika *
- 8 Nancy W *
- 9 Danny S *
- 10 Dagmar Y *
- 11 Kevin Clowe
- 12 Milt Barron
- 13 Lora T *
- 14 Kate O *
- 15 Charlie B *
- 16 Merri Bright
- 17 Ana G
- 18 Janis Marsh
- 19 *

Past the Deadline Corner

Archives Committee

Do you have an event coming up? Would you like to plan an evening event of fun and trivia? The Archives Committee has developed several editions of an AA jeopardy game. They are in electronic form (PowerPoint), and is ready to go. It is aptly named AA JeopAArdy. There was a paper version from previous Archives Committee efforts, and that is now revived as well.

The Archives committee has been releasing a “Did you Know?” series with New Mexico history on our web page. If you have an opportunity, please visit the Area 46 website/Archives page and read through some of the interesting New Mexico history.

Tularosa, NM – 1949

In early 1949 Art T in Tularosa was having some trouble with his drinking. He was looking through some old magazines and ran across an issue of the Saturday Evening Post of March 1, 1941 which contained the Jack Alexander article about Alcoholics Anonymous.

After reading the article, Art T wrote to Akron for some literature. By the time he received the literature he had contacted another man in Tularosa who was also having some trouble with his drinking. The two of them contacted one of their drinking friends named Jess T. The three of them started holding a meeting in Tularosa once a week in the Fall of 1949.

The Archives Traveling Display has been enhanced and now includes an electronic slideshow, thanks to a donated portable monitor which can be used for the slideshow display. Also added are more standing poster boards and various “Histories” that have been submitted. If your District has a “District History” that you would like added to the display, please contact anyone from the Archives Committee.

In Love and Service, Bill L.
Area 46, Archives Chair

District 11

Welcome to District 11. We are a very active district and strongly supportive of service and recovery. We have a number of service opportunities available. Please contact us or join us at the next District meeting if you would like to participate.

District 11 May 2015 Report: District 11 is continuing to trudge the road to happy destiny. We have reconciled all income and expenses for the Area Assembly last month. Again, we would like to thank all of those who took their time and energy in making the Assembly a huge success.

We are now looking forward to our next service project...tentatively titled, “How To Become An Oldtimer.” We have reserved the Shepard of the Valley Church on June 9th from 9:00am to 1:00pm for this event. Speakers are being lined up. Anyone interested in participating may contact the DCM through the area website.

Congratulations to Miguel V. for being elected to chair the upcoming 2015 Traditions Conference. If you are interested in helping out with the great event, please contact Miguel V. Alaina is doing a fantastic job as chair of the Young People in AA committee. The YPAA has set up their 5th Annual 4-Corners Summit at Navajo Lake State Park on May 15-17th. More info and directions can be found at <http://www.4cornerssummitypaa.com/home.html>

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District 11...

NMCYPAA is also putting on a conference titled "On the Wagon for Keeps" on August 14-16 at the ENMU Roswell Campus. Contact Alaina for more info.

Elizabeth reports that Central Office is still in need of volunteers to answer the phones, especially in the evening shifts (6:00pm – 10:00pm). There are also shifts available every other weekend. This is very gratifying service work. Six months of sobriety is required.

We have set the date for the annual District 11 Jemez Falls Picnic... it will be August 8th. Mark that on your calendars, as this is an incredibly fun and fulfilling annual event. A planning committee has been formed, and more details will be coming.

District 11 has several open service positions, and could use your help in carrying the message. Service is a vital component to staying sober, and helping others. I am grateful for that opportunity.

Yours in service,
Kevin C.

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The Twelve Concepts of AA

- a Beginner's Guide

A reprint from the
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Understanding AA's Third Legacy

The Twelve Concepts of AA were a mystery to me for a long time in recovery. They were not a very compelling mystery since they were seldom referred to at meetings I attended. An oversimplified notion of service was part of my early training in sobriety; concepts of world service that provide principles like "the right of decision," the importance of hearing minority opinions, and "the right of appeal" were not brought to my attention. Only gradually did I notice how the third side of the triangle of recovery, unity, and service was overlooked.

It is not surprising that I have been a slow learner in recovery. Even those window shades with AA's Steps and Traditions were off-putting to me at my first meetings. This drunk had eschewed belief systems any more subtle than the Ten Commandments. I was raised in a nonreligious household and developed a strong sense of self-sufficiency and independence. So, it was not surprising then that, for me, a practical sense of what produces instant gratification provided a system adequate for living. Or so it seemed, for a couple of decades of serious drinking.

Full of negative attitudes, distorted instincts, distrust, superstitions, and low self-esteem doing nearly constant battle with inflated self-worth, I was primed for a harsh bottoming out from years of daily drinking. Fortunately, my resistance to help had only a few days to fortify itself before I was dragged to my first meeting. As I sat there quaking in dread and confusion, listening to three speakers share their stories, one after another, of how it was, what happened, and what it was like now, I underwent a spiritual transformation. Hope was instilled where before there had been only an empty place deep within. By the end of the meeting, the outlines on the window shade, the brightly-lit room, and the many strangers were no longer threatening. They held the promise of support in whatever might lie ahead. They held the promise of recovery.

In the next few weeks, while coming out of the fog of long-term addiction, I heard many speakers tell of recovery in the narrative of their stories. When I heard reference made to Steps as they were functioning in sober living, I would look at the shade to ponder the spiritual principles involved. Soon I was familiar with the phrase "these are the Steps we took to recover" and I looked at recent experience to see if the Step referred to was working yet in my new life. Often it was and I came to know the Steps of recovery.

Now and then, in the first few years of attending meetings, I found myself in a meeting whose focus was not on recovery but concerned with matters of running the meeting, housekeeping, and all sorts of details that evoked discussions--sometimes heated. There had been ample opportunity to notice that those who attended meetings had little in common other than their addiction to alcohol and a desire not to drink by sharing experience, strength, and hope. With such incredible racial, educational, ethnic, and cultural diversity, not to mention the variety of temperaments and individual neuroses, we should never have been able to sit together and peacefully mediate so broad a range of opinions as we brought to bear on each topic on the agenda. And yet, at each of these meetings, a group conscience emerged that addressed our common welfare. When the meeting

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would come to logger-heads, someone with experience would focus attention on the Tradition whose principles applied to the matter at hand. I came to see that when two or more people were involved and affected, AA has Traditions of unity.

From my first encounter with AA, I was encouraged to pick up after myself and to assist in making the meetings possible. It was the rare meeting that had hired help, so it was essential that each member contribute service to ensure the smooth running of the meeting. And as I gained familiarity with the Steps of recovery, the principle of carrying the message and, eventually, of the many ways of doing this in a spirit of anonymity, became an important service that enriched and insured my own sobriety.

Since volunteer service had not been a part of my life in active alcoholism, chairing meetings, answering telephones at our Intergroup office, and keeping commitments to go outside of AA to do public information speaking when asked--these were a major change in my priorities and provided important exercises in character building. I was beginning to understand AA's third legacy of service.

Not until I was sober for a decade, with considerable experience in AA service, did I become General Service Representative (GSR) for my home group. It was then that I began to notice the Twelve Concepts for World Service. If the Steps and Traditions had been off-putting to me when I was first sober, the Concepts were doubly so now. The spiritual principles that I saw embodied in them were familiar and to some degree already functioning in my sobriety. It was the formal, business-like sound of them that seemed to place them outside of day-to-day sober living. Bill W. wrote them out of his long experience as an analyst of business structures and his nearly twenty-five years of involvement in various capacities with the running of the corporate structure of AA. Then in 1962, the General Service Conference accepted the Concepts as part of the Third Legacy of Service. But AA as a whole has never really gotten that message. While recovery and unity are conscious elements in the process of living sober, the Concepts remain the domain of trusted servants in the general service structure. Many members, however, are curious about this important omission and are ready to add this leg of the triangle to their program. Although Bill entitled his writings *Twelve Concepts for World Service*, many of us have found the Concepts essential in our service activities whether we think them world in scale or not.

Concept I contains the notion of the collective conscience of our Fellowship to augment our group conscience and our common welfare. These are essential to assuming final responsibility for and ultimate authority in making support available to groups through publishing and other services necessary to passing our message on.

In Concept II, we AAs entrust the actual voice and effective conscience of our whole society to the General Service Conference through our elected area delegates. The traditional right of decision is outlined in Concept III as a spiritual principle to assume the means of creating and maintaining a working relationship amongst us members. We cannot force anyone to participate actively in the decision-making process, but the right must be there or we fail to work together. This right of participation assumes that minority opinions are heard and considered, that a majority will not dictate decisions, and that voting blocks will be discouraged. And when all is said and done, the right of appeal, as described in Concept V, ought to prevail with personal grievances carefully considered.

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Concepts VI through VIII describe the corporate structure and relationship amongst the Trustees, the General Service Board, and the General Service Conference, which should operate in such a way that the business of AA and the spirit-led work of our members inform one another at each step of any activity of our Society.

In a fellowship that has an actual spirit of democracy, where all members are peers, and there is no authority, Concept IX reminds us of the necessity of good service leadership at all levels. Our sound and appropriate ways of choosing leaders and adhering to timely rotation have served us well.

Concept X challenges our ability to match service responsibility with equal authority so that a trusted servant can fulfill the well-defined tasks expected of that member. It is always important to carefully select members of committees, elected officers, or any other doing the work of AA so that we have the best qualified. Our Twelfth Step speaks of practicing these principles in all our affairs while our Twelfth Tradition reminds us to place principles before personalities. In the one case, the principles referred to are those of recovery as outlined in the Steps; in the other the principles of unity, as presented in the Traditions. Yet, in pondering both practicing the principles and principles before personalities, there emerges a further set that are outlined in Concept XII in the very specific form referred to as warranties. They have proved to be spirit-inspired standards that are evident in most service activities in the Fellowship. We should maintain the spirit of AA tradition: by avoiding the concentration of perilous wealth or power; by maintaining sufficient operating funds and prudent reserves; by declining to create positions of unqualified authority over others; by reaching decisions through discussion, vote, and substantial unanimity; by refusing to engage in personal punishment or incitement to personal controversy; by avoiding acts of government; by always remaining democratic in thought and action.

As symbolized by the triangle in the circle of Fellowship, the gifts bestowed on us recovering alcoholics known as the three Legacies--the Steps of *recovery*, the Traditions of *unity* and the Concepts of *service*--have proved to be invaluable. For these I'm grateful.

Boyce B.
Brooklyn, New York

