



EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

Delegate Report

It was great to see everybody at the March Assembly in Albuquerque. Thank you, District 11, for hosting! Especially helpful to me were the Evening Sharing Session on topics selected from the agenda for our 2015 General Service Conference and the discussion on Saturday afternoon about the purpose and cost of the conference. I've also had the opportunity to hold workshops on Conference agenda items in Alamogordo and Albuquerque and I hope to schedule a third workshop in the northern part of Area 46. Your insight and experience are essential to me as I prepare for the Conference. One motto I take with me is that a delegate should go to the Conference informed but not instructed. That is, each delegate should try to get a sense of the concerns and wishes of the groups in their area, but not be bound to vote a particular way, in keeping with our Third Concept, which affirms our Right of Decision at all levels of service. Although I am a member of Area 46, I am sent to the Conference to represent AA as a whole.

At this year's Conference we will be completing our three-year inventory process, which will be presented in an inventory report coming out later this year. We will also be electing a new Southwest Regional Trustee, to begin a 4-year term immediately after the conference. The new trustee will be our guest at the September Assembly in Belen.

We often hear in AA that this is a selfish program, and it's certainly true that working with others helps keep us sober and enhances our lives. But I also try to keep in mind that the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* refers this as an *altruistic* program - a selfless program directed toward helping others. If I work with another alcoholic with the attitude that it's all about me, the experience will be of little benefit to either of us. In any type of service, it is dangerous to presume that the only thing that matters is that it's keeping me sober. I have to approach each service opportunity as the sacred trust it is, making every effort to share the life-saving gift of sobriety, yet mindful of the fact that my power is limited. As I go to the Conference, I have to check my motives. If I'm seeing this as a chance to have a life-changing spiritual experience, make my mark, or add a little to my personal prestige, then I'm being driven by self-will. I have to keep focused on my true purpose, which is to be a responsible member of Alcoholics Anonymous and to try to make decisions that will be benefit AA as a whole. If I happen to have a life-changing spiritual experience in the process, so much the better! But even without that, I'm grateful for this opportunity to be of service.

With love and gratitude,
Jen N

Delegado Informe

Fue genial ver a todos en la Asamblea de marzo en Albuquerque. Gracias, Distrito 11, por haber acogido! Especialmente útil para mí eran la tarde Sesión compartida sobre temas seleccionados de la agenda de nuestra Conferencia de Servicios Generales 2015 y la discusión en la tarde del sábado sobre el propósito y el costo de la conferencia. También he tenido la oportunidad de celebrar talleres sobre temas del programa de conferencias en Alamogordo y Albuquerque y espero marcar un tercer taller en la parte norte de la zona 46. Su visión y experiencia son esenciales para mí mientras me preparo para la conferencia. Un lema que llevo conmigo es que un delegado debe ir a la conferencia informado, pero no se le indique. Es decir, cada delegado debe tratar de tener una idea de las preocupaciones y deseos de los grupos en su área, pero no estar obligado a votar de una manera particular, de acuerdo con nuestro Tercer Concepto, que afirma nuestro Derecho de Decisión en todos los niveles servicio. Aunque soy un miembro del Área 46, he sido enviado a la conferencia para representar a AA como un todo.

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Delegado Informe Cont...

En la conferencia de este año estaremos completando nuestro proceso de inventario de tres años, que será presentado en un informe de inventario que sale a finales de este año. También vamos a elegir a un nuevo Custodio Regional del Suroeste, para comenzar un período de 4 años inmediatamente después de la conferencia. El nuevo custodio será nuestro invitado en la Asamblea de septiembre en Belén.

A menudo escuchamos en AA que este es un programa egoísta, y es cierto que el trabajo con los demás nos ayuda a mantenernos sobrios y mejora nuestras vidas. Pero también trato de tener en cuenta que el libro Alcohólicos Anónimos se refiere esto como un-un programa programa desinteresado altruista dirigida a ayudar a los demás. Si trabajo con otro alcohólico con la actitud de que todo se trata de mí, la experiencia será de poco beneficio para ninguno de nosotros. En cualquier tipo de servicio, es peligroso suponer que la única cosa que importa es que me mantiene sobrio. Tengo que abordar cada oportunidad de servicio como la confianza sagrada que es, lo que hace todo lo posible por compartir el don de ahorro de vida de sobriedad, pero consciente del hecho de que mi poder es limitado. Como voy a la conferencia, tengo que revisar mis motivos. Si estoy viendo esto como una oportunidad de tener una experiencia espiritual que cambia la vida, dejar mi huella, o añadir un poco a mi prestigio personal, entonces yo estoy siendo conducido por voluntad propia. Tengo que mantener la concentración en mi verdadero propósito, que es ser un miembro responsable de Alcohólicos Anónimos y para tratar de tomar decisiones que serán en beneficio de AA como un todo. Si resulta que tengo una experiencia espiritual que cambia la vida en el proceso, tanto mejor! Pero incluso sin eso, estoy agradecido por esta oportunidad de estar de servicio.

Con amor y gratitud,
Jen N.

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Chair

I offer a great big thank you to District 11 for hosting our March Assembly, they did a great job of taking care of us to allow us to take care of the business of AA.

Bid for hosting the December 2015 Assembly went to District 8, Farmington and March 2016 will be hosted by District 14, Taos. Three motions were passed unanimously which included purchasing a video projector and sending our Archivist to the National AA Archives Workshop. With Jay M. taking the helm as the new *El Farolito* Chair, another motion was passed to bring the publication in alignment with the needs of the Trusted Servants with regards to direct communication and accessibility within Area 46.

I appreciate the work of the Special Needs Ad Hoc committee in being able to develop resources for solutions to Special Needs in serving all members of AA. Lawrence, Treatment Chair and George, the Special Needs Chair for this Ad Hoc committee are working very hard to make the message of AA accessible.

As spring comes to New Mexico, the Area Chairs are getting motivated to offer workshops around the state.

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

Teresa F., Area 46 Chair

Alternate Chair

The March Assembly was a great success. I would like to thank District 11 for their hard work. The trusted servants of New Mexico AA appreciate your service to ensure we have a well-organized and comfortable environment to conducted Area business.

I would like to remind all DCM's to discuss the possibility of placing a bid for the September 2016 Assembly with your Districts. A call for bids will be taken at the next Assembly on September 12, 2015 in Belen. Please use the "Forms & Resources" link on the Area 46 website to access the "Suggestions for Districts Hosting Assemblies". This document will assist you to prepare for bidding and hosting an Area Assembly. Due to Labor Day, the Assembly will be held on September 10th & 11th 2016. I would like to thank District 14 (Taos) for bidding and being selected to host the March 2016 Assembly.

Thank you, Francisco A.

Area Trusted Servants Reports

Registrar

Spring is always a busy time for this service position. In the month prior to an Assembly I send out notice of the upcoming Assembly with the agenda, flier and a cover letter asking for any updates to service positions. I am always gratified by the response from DCMs and GSRs. (You guys are my committee) The Assembly itself is another great opportunity to gather more updates. As a result of reviewing the sign in sheets, attending the GSR orientation and talking to folks I made the following changes after the Assembly:

Registered 8 new GSRs - Registered 5 new alternate GSRs - Corrected 2 mailing Addresses - Corrected 1 phone number and 2 emails. - Notified GSO by email of 3 groups that are no longer meeting - Sent an inquiry to GSO to see if there is any way for a group that is participating over in District 9 but is on the other side of the Arizona state line to become a member of Area 46. (need to nudge them for an answer on this.)

Once that was done, I emailed the GSO/FNV file to my technical support (thank you!!!) for formatting. I'm now in the process of reviewing that document for any "tweaking" required. Once that is completed I will be emailing the directory to all trusted Servants, DCMs, District Registrars, and to Jay M the new *El Farolito* editor to use in mailing the Elf.

It was such a joy to participate in the Assembly as a member of the hosting District. It was great to see so many of you and what a pleasure to see the District come together in service. I am looking forward to finishing up my busy time and enjoying Spring Break with my grandsons. That relationship is a gift of this program. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Rosie F; Area 46 Registrar

Treasurer

The March Assembly was just fantastic. Thank you District 11 for hosting us. I seem to leave each Area Assembly filled with overwhelming gratitude for those who have gone before me and for those who currently give so generously of their time to General Service to both carry the message of AA into their communities and to make sure that AA will be around for future alcoholics.

At the March Assembly the Finance Committee determined it would be best to only post general information regarding Area 46 finances on the Area website. Since an electronic version of *El Farolito* is now available on our website, the amount of financial information normally published in *El Farolito* also needs to be considered. Our new *El Farolito* Editor, Jay, generously offered to either remove or print a modified version of the financial table in the web-version of the newsletter. This will be a work in progress as Jay, myself and the Finance Committee figure out what works best. (Thank you Jay for your help and support!)

So far this year (to February 28th), 60 groups have contributed 69 times to Area 46. In addition, the Area received a contribution from NMCYPAA. Expenses have included rent for Archives, one 12th Step event (a PI health fair) and the planning meeting for the March Assembly. In addition, the Delegate Fee for the 2015 General Service Conference was paid in February. This year the Area 46 Delegate Fee was equal to the estimated cost per conference member. It was funded using general funds (as per the 2015 Area budget), all of the 2014 Area 46 Convention overage and available cash at year end (as per the Dec. Assembly). We ended February with available cash above reserves of \$2,473. All of that money (and then some) was spent during the March Assembly.

Thank you so much for allowing me the great joy of being of service!
Gratefully, Teresa J.

Bilingual Committee/ Comité Bilingüe

Reunión la Asamblea 3-7-2015, coordinador Oscar R. del comité bilingüe empezó la reunión con un minuto de silencio oración de la serenidad. Se hizo presente la coordinadora de la Área 46. También se hizo también Jen, Delegada se hicieron presente Comité del Distrito 17. Comentario que esta pasando con el Distrito 19 de Las Cruces. El Distrito 17 trabajara de darle apoyo para que tengo función pero Tomas H., Alan, Jen y una visita a Las Cruces para discutir con Eduardo do Distrito 19. Eso fue todo. Lo que se comento. Tomas y Eloy servir para la traducción.

The meeting at the Area Assembly was led by the Chairperson Oscar R. and was started with the Serenity Prayer. The Area Chairperson and Jen, the Delegate were present, as were the District 17 committee. Discussion was around District 19 in Las Cruces. District 17 is working to help them function. Thomas H., Alan, Jen, and a visitor from Las Cruces discussed things with Eduardo of District 19. That is all for now. Thomas and Eloy translated for the assembly.

Oscar R., Bilingual Committee Chair

Service Committee Reports

Archives Committee

The Archives committee met at the Assembly with 15 people in attendance from 12 Districts. I would like to thank all who attended. After opening with the Serenity prayer and introductions, we had a brief update about the changes to the Archives Display. More background picture boards have been added, there is the addition of the electronic slideshow display on our donated display screen. Additionally, more local NM histories are re-printed and available as display items. If you have an opportunity, please stop by and see our display. Also, on the Area Website, Archives Committee page, I am now posting a couple of NM historical facts each month, so please visit the Archives web page and check out some NM history.

We briefly discussed requesting "Group Histories", and as such, I will place that request again to each of you here. If you group already has a history written up, could you send it in to us at the Archives, and if your group doesn't have one, would you consider creating one and sending it to both your local District, and to the Area for recordkeeping?

We spent most of our meeting discussing funding for our newly appointed Archivist to attend the 19th Annual National AA Archives Workshop. The resulting motion came forth to request 1/2 of the necessary funding to send our Archivist to the workshop. Discussion followed around the balance of the funding required. Numerous Districts have shown interest to participate in fund raising activities to generate the rest of the necessary funds. Since we are going to be asking for contributions, it was voted by committee to approach the Area 46 Treasurer and request her support to track and allocate the contributions. Upon agreement with the Finance Committee, and specifically, the Area 46 Treasurer, any specifically earmarked contributions will be made to the Area Treasurer, and allocated from the Area Treasury. This will keep 100% transparency for any specially earmarked contributions to send our Archivist to the National Workshop.

With the remaining time we discussed upcoming events. The Area Archives display will be setting up at the District 18 Service Workshop in May in Rio Rancho, and at the Area Convention in June in Hobbs, and again at NMCYPAA in August in Roswell. Several committee members volunteered to support our display at these events. Thank you volunteers. If you have any events coming up in your District, and would like have our Area Archives Display at your event, please feel free to contact me. Our Archivist continues to sort and digitize our Archives Holdings, and we are in the beginning stages of creating our database of the digital information. There will still be a lot of development to come.

Thank you for the opportunities to be of service. In Love and Service,
Bill L - Archives Chair



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Service Committee Reports

YPAA Committee

The Area 46 Young People's committee had 28 people in attendance at the March 7th assembly in Albuquerque. After introductions and a brief Committee report, we broke out into groups of five and discussed some questions many AA members have requested information on.

The first question dealt with unity and how we can foster inclusiveness within YPAA and in AA as a whole. Some suggestions were to hold workshops and include members who got sober young to share on how they have maintained sobriety through the years.

Second, we discussed some of the challenges that young alcoholics face that makes young people's meetings attractive; also discussing "What is unattractive about young people?". The feedback given was that the energy and enthusiasm for service are everywhere but that young peoples specific meetings may not attract all newcomers. We then introduced NMCYPAA and came up with ways to show support to Roswell this August. One suggestion was to utilize the existing service structure to outreach to your home groups and Districts. The last two questions discussed the direction of the Committee's next service project. We wanted to know what kinds of questions and information would be of use to districts and groups that may not know anything about YPAA.

The committee hopes to produce an YPAA informational PowerPoint for each district. Additionally, we want to utilize the YPAA committee web page to include a FAQ section, YPAA meetings by city in area 46, and to recommend literature that you may find helpful. We are creating more service positions at the District level. I would like to welcome the newest District 2 YPAA chair in Santa Fe! Thank you for this opportunity to serve. As always please let the committee knows if we can extend the hand of AA in your groups and districts.

In love and Service, Ally T - ypaa@newmexicoaa.org

Grapevine Committee

There were 12 individuals in attendance at the *Grapevine* meeting held at the March 2015 Area Assembly. The committee discussed methods to develop interest regarding the *Grapevine* within groups and districts. Suggestions included the following 1) Some groups purchase a one year subscription for group members who celebrate one year of sobriety. 2) Some groups purchase a few subscriptions and place them in the 7th tradition basket and encourage members to take a copy. 3) Some groups utilize the *Grapevine* to pick a topic for meeting discussion. 4) Some *Grapevine* Representatives create poster boards that highlight *Grapevine* issues and other literature published by the *Grapevine*. These poster boards are set up with the literature display at Group and District meetings. There was discussion regarding the fact that many people may not be aware of all the other type of literature that is published by the *Grapevine* beyond the typical "Grapevine Our Meeting In Print."

There was some discussion regarding user challenges of the online version of the *Grapevine*. Members have been finding it difficult to search for particular topics in past issues that have been archived. One member of the committee is going to document the challenges they have been having and will circulate that document to other members of the committee. If there are no resolutions, the matter will be discussed at the September Assembly in Belen. The committee will decide at that point if the matters should be submitted to the Grapevine Publishing Committee for review and consideration.

Thank you, Francisco A.

Web Committee

The Area Assembly was very productive for the Web Committee. We reviewed progress on the new website. The goal is to have a working and tested site that is ready to roll out for use by the September 2014 Assembly. If you are interested in the progress please check the web page for the Web committee on the current Area 46 website.

Brett B. Area 46 Web Chair

Bridging the Gap Committee

At the March assembly there were about 65 people in attendance. The BTG Committee Alternate Chair Nicole R. from District 4 shared on the BTG dos and don'ts.

I reported that there are 114 people who have signed up to be BTG contacts across the state and when the sheet came back there were 14 new names to be added. We brainstormed ideas on how to add more people to the Committee, while there is no perfect answer, workshops seem to help with this. Speaking of workshops, there is a workshop with the BTG, Corrections and Treatment committees being held on March 28th and hosted by District 4 Las Cruces.

Next month we will be headed to Silver City with the addition of the PI and CPC committees joining us. There was a good discussion on how to handle a request for BTG coming from a treatment center patient who might identify as an addict. General consensus was that our third tradition spelled it out, as long as the contact was aware of the difference between an open and closed meeting, they only need to have a desire to quit drinking.

A question arose about the best way to contact other Districts when a contact is going to be headed to that District, the answer is if the originating District is able to contact the receiving District by all means do it. If that is not possible, both Nicole and I have the Area 46 Directory and we can get ahold of most any place in the state. Thank you for the opportunity to serve, this BTG committee has taken legs of its own and it is truly wonderful to watch it grow. There have been expenses totaling \$46.75 this year to date.

In Love & Service Dave F.

Corrections Committee

It sure was a pleasure to see so many old friends that attended the Assembly in Albuquerque. I want to thank our Delegate Jen N. for supplying the Background material for the General Service Conference Correction Committee. It was the basis of our Correction Committee meeting. We covered the three items that are being covered at the conference:

- A- Correction Correspondence service
- B- Ways to engage members in correction service
- C- Review contents of correction kit and work book

Most of our time was spend on the first item which says we are in dire need of men for inmates to write. I have a form you can fill out and send to GSO to get started. Women are holding their own. If you want to do service in corrections but cant get in to a Correction Facility you can do correspondence. There is so much more to report on and I just don't have space. Invite me along with BTG and Treatment to come to your District. We will be in Las Cruces on March 28 and Silver City April 25 hope to see you there.

In service - Eloy

CPC Committee

Thirty seven people attended the Area 46 CPC Committee meeting at the Area Assembly in Albuquerque on March 7, 2015 at 8:40AM. We opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer and an agenda/report was distributed. The topics that were discussed are listed below:

- Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook
- District 12 Meeting (ABQ), Saturday March 14, 2015
- District 13 Workshop (ABQ), Saturday April 18, 2015
- Area 46 CPC Workshop (ABQ), Saturday May 23, 2015
- Diversion Program Conference (ABQ), June 26, 2015
- Area 46 CPC at International Convention (Atlanta), July 4th, 2015
- Combining the CPC and PI committees in Area 46

Brian V



Service Committee Reports

Literature Committee

First, I want to thank Joseph, Henry and all of D-11 for putting on a great Area Assembly in Albuquerque on March 7-8.

The Literature Committee met at 9:40 AM with 18 members from 10 Districts present. Discussion started with the word "Moslem" in the forward to the 2nd Edition of the *Big Book* vs. the commonly used word today "Muslim." Suggestions included adding an asterisk and footnote to the page explaining: "In 1940's the word Moslem was a common use of people who 'follow Islam', but today the Arabic language describes the word 'Moslem as one who is evil and unjust', and that AA as a whole did not intent to be derogatory or belittle the followers of Islam."

Next we discussed several Literature agenda items that will be presented for comment or action at the General Service Conference in April which our Delegate, Jen N. will be attending. The first was the proposition to add the 12 Concepts to the back of the 12&12. Most thought it was a good idea, as long as they still printed the original 12&12. Questions arose over the cost increase, the need for more literature and also if it was just another way for GSO/AAWS to create more revenue. Most members thought that if the Concepts were in the 12&12, they would read and study them.

We then talked about the agenda proposition to publish a pamphlet specifically for the alcoholic with mental problems. It was first pointed out that most of us had mental problems when we first came to the rooms, but most of us recovered if we had the capacity to be honest. For those unfortunate ones however; such as traumatized, clinically depressed or those who suffer from other afflictions such as PTSD or OCD, it was generally thought to be a good idea to have an easy to pick up pamphlet which may shine some light to the still suffering alcoholic.

The other item was whether the recent price hike to the literature was necessary or not as the final audit for 2014 showed that GSO/AAWS were both financially sound. The question was whether GSO/AAWS was fear of future low book sales due to electronically downloaded AA literature, or was it just another example of today's acceptance of cooperate greed.

We asked Jen N. to look onto these questions in April and see if she can bring Area 46 some clear cut answers. We collected \$275.51 in book and pamphlet sales at the Assemble, which gives us a balance of \$515.61. (starting balance of \$240.10.) We collected \$16.24 from donations and "Books for Crooks" cans, which gave us the funds to buy a Retro Big Book to donate to the Assembly to the youngest AA member present.

I am available to attend your workshops, events or District functions. Please give me a call or email. [\(505\) 360-6450](tel:5053606450) TYFLMBOS, John T.

Public Information Committee

At the assembly hosted by District 11, we had a lively discussion. The PI/CPC committee in Santa Fe reported at the assembly on their progress with the DUI class and new-comer orientation on Saturdays – once a month. This has been very successful and they look for more people to share DUI experience strength and hope. District 16 – Silver City requested help on their upcoming workshop. Chris S volunteered to represent PI at that event. We also discussed where to put literature in public areas and how to obtain it... and it was brought to our attention that we could receive some types of FREE literature from GSO.

We have three events in the works. Two workshop in ABQ (1 to 3 pm on April 18th and 9am to noon on May 23rd) and one in Silver City (11am to 3pm on April 23rd). Keep your eye on the NM-AA.org website for event details. I passed out some one sheet instructions on how to form a PI committee in "your district".

Year to date I have spent \$150. Thank you to districts and groups who have committed and donated funds for literature and books. More is always appreciated. I will be getting more literature and supplies for the upcoming events.

In service of AA, Tom C

Envelopes Returned in December

Men's Stag
Force Fellowship
Roswell Young People's



Treatment Committee

Thank you District 11, for hosting the March Assembly! As usual the Assembly is always a time to fellowship, which I enjoyed very much. The Treatment Committee meeting went well with over 40 participants. Carrie N., Alternate Chair and I presented basic information related to service work in treatment facilities. There was discussion about upcoming workshops and other Districts are welcome to host a Treatment workshop. It has been the practice of having Treatment, Bridge the Gap, and Corrections together.

District 4, Las Cruces will be hosting a workshop on March 28th and District 16, Silver City will have theirs on April 25th. I contacted Districts 19, 18, 13, 12, 11, & 3 in efforts to propose a workshop sometime this year (perhaps summer or fall) related to Treatment Centers in the Albuquerque Metro area. At Area Assemblies in the past year, there has been discussion about treatment centers and the coordination of volunteers into the centers. Service work in treatment centers have been going on for years in Albuquerque.

I believe a workshop with DCMs, District Treatment Chairs, and individuals who coordinate meetings in treatment centers can be beneficial in efforts to streamline the coordination of volunteer opportunities and if anything heighten awareness on who is doing what. I respectfully proposed the following: 1. Identify which District would be willing to take the lead on the Treatment & Bridge the Gap workshop by securing a facility to host a workshop. 2. All Districts help distribute flyers and get the word out. I shared that I will be volunteering at the Treatment Booth at the 2015 International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia in July. I am looking forward to attending the Convention and representing Area 46. Lastly, I have updated the New Mexico Treatment Centers' list. It was brought up via "ask-it-basket" about listing and concerns about "affiliation"; therefore, we have added the following: "The list of treatment centers may not show every center. The list does not in any way imply affiliation with or endorsement by Alcoholics Anonymous, AA World Services, Inc., or The AA Grapevine, Inc.". Thanks to Ralph T., Past Delegate and Brett B., Web Chair for providing input on how to address the issue. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you would like to host a workshop.

In the Spirit of Service, Lawrence M.

Special Needs Ad Hoc Committee

We had twenty one people at the meeting. Area chair, Teresa F. spoke to the group and reiterated the purpose of the Special Needs Ad Hoc Committee which is: 1. Review the current needs of Area 46 with regards to special needs. 2. Review if a special needs committee needs to be established. 3. Determine if this is already covered under a current standing committee or if it should be a subcommittee of another current standing committee. 4. Make recommendations to the Area Chairperson as to their findings.

What we can do to serve at the group level is what we are trying to find out. A questionnaire asking about this was handed out to each DCM during the assembly. The importance of sticking to genuine needs was mentioned in our meeting as our scope of work will get too wide and we will lose effectiveness. Inventories that could be passed on to districts and made available to groups were found on the Internet. That could help determine current special needs. Phone calls to districts have indicated that some districts have a designated person to cover special needs. One district had two such people. Still another district had one who had moved away and they were looking for a replacement.

The idea of having a 'toolkit' for the area to distribute was suggested that could possibly contain information, inventories and helpful material. This was received positively by the group. Another suggested idea, a suggestion box along the lines of our 'ask it basket' for the group level was brought up. This could be a safe and anonymous way for someone to get help who might not be comfortable being more direct with the group. The need for people to be seated so that they can see the speaker's face has again been mentioned. Seating people in a horseshoe arrangement and/ or using a podium are ways to bypass this difficulty. It is hoped that the September assembly will consider this matter in their planning. If you are interest in participating on the Committee, please contact me or the Treatment Chair.

Blessings, George M.

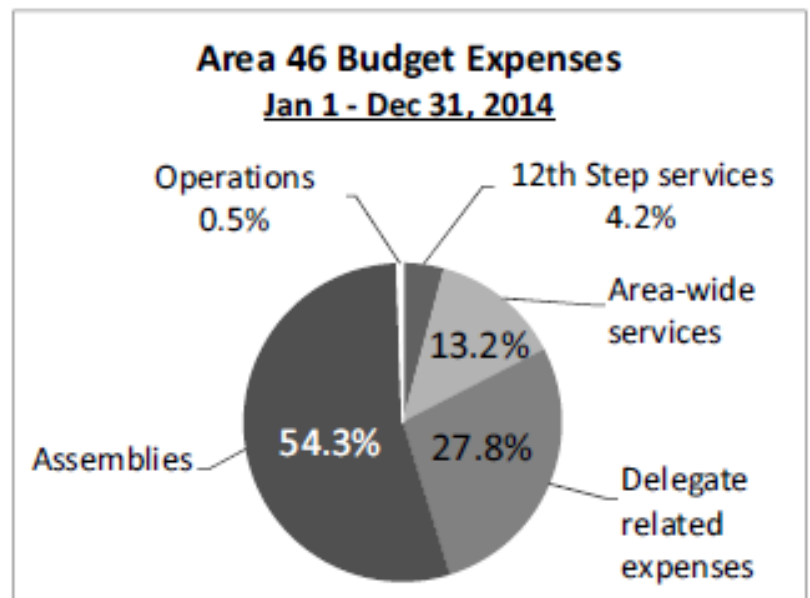
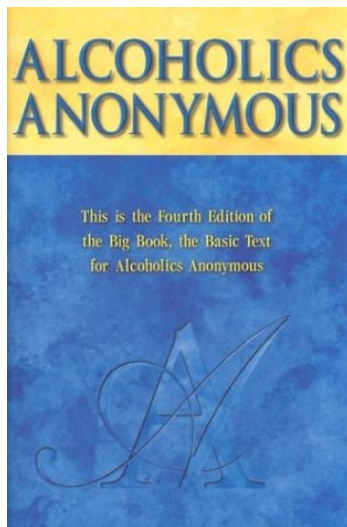
Service Committee Reports

Finance Committee

I went to the area assembly this past month down in Albuquerque. We had a good committee meeting with 24 people in attendance. We discussed what financial information should be reported on the web and came up with the conclusion that we will not put any of our financial information on the website. We can however put graphs or percentages of increases/decreases in income and expenses. You can also get in contact with myself or Teresa J, our treasurer for information.

We are also looking into a projector for the area so that we can do presentations at the assemblies and at area workshops. This will not exceed \$1000. As we have been using a members system it seems to have great benefits. 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. Expenses: Travel to planning meetings: 18; Travel and lodging assemblies: 120; Copies: 22.10

Yours in Service, Kurt K.



Area 46 State Convention

Date and Time:

Fri, 2015-06-05 - Sun, 2015-06-07

Hobbs, NM: Area 46 State Convention.

area46convention@gmail.com

www.nm-aa.org

District News

District 2

Hello from beautiful Santa Fe! Service is alive and active! In December we elected a new secretary, Gloria R, and treasurer, Joost L. We also elected our third DCM for this term. Amy B. unexpectedly had to move to Oregon, so Michelle B (that's me!) is now serving out the rest of the year. Thanks for your service, Amy!

GSRs are showing up in record numbers, with two more signed on just last month! It's exciting to see the service side of our triangle being honored. Our District 2 meetings are consistently well attended, and service positions within them are being filled in the spirit of rotation.

Our committees have also been active. The Archives Committee, led by Stephanie B, has been hosting "Long Timers" interviews, which is proving to be very timely. One of the gentlemen interviewed in October passed away in February. It's great to hear about the "good old days" of the late 70s and early 80s. Kristina F. has the CPC/PI Committee working in several different areas: public schools, faith community, Santa Fe Community College, and is making regular presentations to the DUI alcohol education class! She's on fire! Corrections has recruited another co-chair so they now have a chair for the prison, one for the women's jail and now one for the men's jail. The prison needs more volunteers, but the message is being carried as often as possible. At our last meeting, Kit B volunteered for the Events/Entertainment Committee, but only if he could rename it "Fun-Raisin Committee"! He's been involved in Santa Fe AA for a long time and has lots of experience in Fun to bring to the District! Can't wait to see what he comes up with! Our Grapevine Rep, John D, is spreading the word about the portability and availability of the Grapevine, as well as packets of old copies. Our new Registrar, Tess, has been getting trained on updating the group changes and sending them to Area. The Treatment Committee, led by Andy S, has been tracking all the different groups taking meetings in to the three facilities and two homeless shelters. Kudos to all the groups in town that are supporting these meetings!

And just last week, we approved a new committee – Young People in support of our Area 46 committee! Lastly, a new ELF liaison will begin next month.

May the enthusiasm of our District continue! Gratefully yours in service, Michelle B, District 2 DCM

District 3

Greetings! To everyone from District 3. This is great news that we have a new *El Farolito* Editor. Thank you Jay M. and welcome to the Area. I'm sure there's a lot of people who are happy about this too.

We're still holding planning meetings for the September Assembly. We have a lot of volunteers and experienced members helping out and we'll be ready when September rolls around. District 3 Assembly volunteers – our next planning meeting will be April 25th at the Round UP group in Los Lunas at 10am.

If anyone missed the March Assembly – we had copies of hotel/motel information for the Los Lunas/Belen area and directions to the Assembly there. This information will also be available on the Area's website also. www.newmexicoaa.org or www.nm-aa.org Our groups are doing well, and our District Committee Chairs are still doing great work. They had planned on having a "Bridge the Gap, Treatment, and Corrections" Workshop this spring but our Treatment Chair had surgery last month and they will wait to set a date, when he's feeling better. We will get this information out when a date has been set.

District 3 contributed to the "Pre-Conference Sharing Session" with Jen N. in March, as a one of the districts that sponsored the Sharing Session. Thanks to Jen N. for giving us an opportunity for input on the agenda items that will be presented in New York. Thank you to everyone for your service work also. Area 46 has a lot of great people doing service work.

As a reminder to our district service members: Our next district meeting will be hosted by the Rio Amigos group, on Saturday, April 11th, 305 Eagle Lane, Belen. Potluck at 1:30pm and meeting at 2pm.

In gratitude and service, Carmen O., District 3 Farolito Rep

District News

District 8

We are alive and kicking here in D-8. First, we are excited to be the host District for the December 5-6, 2015 Area 46 Assembly here in San Juan County. We are busy working on getting a venue established, and have the first planning meeting set for April 11th @ 1PM at The Well-Recovery Center in Farmington. (309 W. Animas) We will be getting ideas, treasurer's account set up, committee's, flyers, fund raisers, etc. up and running. Show up and help support this District 8 event.

Secondly, we have our annual District 8 picnic set up for August 9th at Kiwanis park off of 30th Street, Farmington. At our District 8 meeting on Thursday the 12th, The Aztec Group volunteered to host the picnic this year, but anyone can volunteer from other groups to help. More information will be posted when available.

Debbie M. will be the chair for the Annual District 8 Christmas Banquet this year December 12th at St. Mary's Parish Hall on 20th Street and Farmington Avenue. She is donating and raffling a custom covered 2nd edition *Big Book* to obtain a guest speaker. The tickets are \$5 piece. They can be bought at the Well and many of the groups. Call Debbie M. at (505) 592-1112 for more information. This book will be given away to the winner at the District 8 picnic on August 9th. Then from the picnic until the Christmas Banquet, we will be selling raffle tickets for \$5 each for an original 1st Edition Big Book. It will be given away at the raffle part of the Banquet.

At the District 8 meeting, Cate B. stood to be the new Women's Jail rep., as Lois B. recently suffered a stroke and is now recovering but cannot fulfill her commitment. We all pray she has a speedy and full recovery. Thanks, Cate! Another vacant D-8 service slot was filled, as Jordan D. stood to be the new Juvenile Jail Rep. Thanks for your service! Pat V. reported that the Spanish Group "Vover a Empezar" has closed its doors, but Pat says he is busy in getting another Spanish speaking group started in possibly a new location. Thanks, Pat.

The only committee/officers we are lacking now are Treatment Facility Chair and an Alternate DCM. If you are interested, attend our next District 8 meeting on Thursday, April 10th at 865 N. Dustin Ave., Farmington. See you there. TYFLMBOS, John T.

District 11

District 11 is practicing the AA principles in all of our affairs. On March 7th & 8th, we hosted the Area 46 Area Assembly in Albuquerque. With 211 registered members from throughout New Mexico, it was a huge success! We want to thank everyone involved for making this one of the best Area Assemblies in recent history. Special thanks go to Paul P., Ron S, and Henry for their behind the scenes work to make everything run smoothly.

Our archivist, Elizabeth, is actively searching for groups to submit their group histories. This is a fantastic way to showcase your meeting, and to show groups in the future how AA works at the group level. Alaina reports that the Young People's is looking at having a Speaker Marathon series of young people who got sober in the teens or 20's, and now have 20+ years of sobriety. 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.

District 11 has planned a workshop to be held on June 20th from 9:00am – 1:00pm. The topic will be "How To Become An Old-timer". A planning committee has been formed. Anyone interested in participating may contact the DCM through the area website. 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. Also, work on the District 11 Traditions Conference has begun. Anyone interested in helping with this wonderful event can contact the DCM through the area website.

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

District 12

Spring means renewal to a lot of folks and all of us here in Dist. 12 are pleased to have the *El Farolito* back in circulation thanks to Jay M., the new ELF editor.

District 12 trusted servants just returned from a terrific Area 46 Assembly held the first weekend in March. Many thanks to the volunteers from Dist. 11 who hosted a great event. Other news in Dist. 12 includes our plans to host both a workshop and a Central Office benefit event this summer. We will also co-sponsor the upcoming "Mock Conference" sharing session on March 28th at Nativity Church here in Albuquerque.

Other items on the agenda for Dist. 12 in the weeks ahead include filling a couple of open committee chairs and finishing up on the printing and distribution of the Dist. 12 Information Pamphlet, that we recently completed. Lots of room in district meetings for anyone in our area seeking service opportunities.

Hope to see you all at a meeting soon. Yours in service, Milt B.

District 13

Greetings from District 13! We had 16 present on our "Ultimate PI Day" meeting and successfully passed a D13 budget...which we promptly began to spend. We allocated \$220 for our April 18th PI/CPC Workshop which will be held at the Grant AME Church (7920 Claremont) from 1-3 PM. Then we contributed \$50 to the Area 46 Sharing Session event this March 28th at Nativity Church from 2-4 PM. Good reports from all the D13 groups were shared. A couple of highlights were that the Any Lengths group is going to have a Group Inventory; Basement Steps is working to help support Corrections efforts; and Grateful Girls is going to be taking a meeting into YDDC. In New Business, our DCM, Rich, brought a survey regarding Special Needs to the group and asked for input. Tim from the Open Heart group requested support in the form of Big Book Donations. The New Frontier and 6 O'clock Irregulars groups answered that need by donating 5 books. Kristen asked for a sense of the group to see about supporting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to benefit sending our Area 46 archivist to the September convention in Akron. The group is in support. Tom, the Area PI Chair, announced that there will be a PI/CPC workshop at Monte Vista Christian Church, May 28th. The meeting then concluded at 12:22 PM. Please join us next month at our regular meeting time (10AM) and location, St Thomas of Canterbury Church. Have a great Month!

Respectfully submitted, Kristen E., Alt DCM - D13

District 16

District 16 held its quarterly meeting in T or C on Sat. March 14th. There were not enough members in attendance for any voting to take place. We encourage all GSRs and voting members to please attend these quarterly meetings so we can stay up to date on concerns in our District. Thank you to all the AA groups of T or C for hosting the meeting.

Dick S. has the District website up and running. To get to the site go to nmaa.org. go to the drop down menu on the left-hand side of the page; click on Districts; click on District 16. Dick has provided information pertaining to our district. This includes phone numbers, contact information, events happening around the district, etc.

The Grant County Central Office had its business meeting on Saturday 2/21/2015. The office will remain open as much as possible till June 30th. Provided there are volunteers for office shifts. GCCO is asking for your suggestions on how to better serve our District. Contact Dick S. or Paula L. to volunteer.

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District News

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District 16 cont. . .

Sherry D. and Merri B. have organized a workshop for Bridge the Gap, Treatment, Correction, and CPC/PI. Area 46 reps will be coming in to do the workshop. It will be held at the 180 Club in Silver City on Saturday April 25th at 11 am. This is a potluck meeting.

Don F. is happy to say AA is still alive in Columbus. The Borderline Group has a Monday night open meeting at 7pm and a men's meeting on Saturday at 4pm. The new meeting location is at the Old School on North Boundary. Check the district website for Don's contact info and directions.

The Columbus Borderline Group has also volunteered to host our next District meeting on June 13th at 10:30 am. The T or C Intergroup is having a Recovery Spring Fling on Saturday April 18th beginning at 1pm at the Elephant Butte Community center located at 313 Rio Grande Circle, Elephant Butte, NM. Intergroup will supply the BBQ Chicken, coffee, water and ICE CREAM. Bring out your favorite dish! There will be a speaker, raffle, countdown, ice cream and fellowship. Volunteers are needed to set-up, serve, raffle and clean-up. Donations are welcome. Look for flyers for directions and contact info.

District donations are down. Please send contributions to Margie O. our treasurer. Contact Merri B. for Margie's address. Tim R., District 16 CPC/PI, has resigned. This position is open along with reps for Corrections, Literature, Young Peoples, Archivist, Grapevine, Treatment and District 16 Newsletter. Service in Sobriety, Jan W.

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

Deadline for submission of material: 12
midnight. 15th of month before
publication.

**SORRY -
NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Happy Birthdays! Feliz Anniversario!

Arid Group (Ruidoso):

Bash 1 yr., Kim W. 13 yrs., Kent H. 14 yrs., Doris S. 18 yrs.,
Gretchen M. 27 yrs., Priscilla 29 yrs., Gene C. 29 yrs.

Here is the list of A.A. Birthdays for March.

For the Sunday Night Serenity Group-

Jon B. 3-14-1986 29 years

Vee M. 3-17-1998 17 years

For the Thursday Noon Lucky Women's Group-

Cindy W. 3-17-1987 28 years

Jackie P. 3-17-1990 25 years

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

Thanks to District 11 who hosted the
inaugural mailing party March 28th!

I have 20 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:

May Issue - April 25

June Issue - May 30

July Issue - June 27

Aug Issue - July 25

Sept Issue - Aug 29

Oct Issue - Sept 26

Nov Issue - Oct 31

Dec Issue - Nov 28

El Farolito Committee

I hope everyone is enjoying the April issue. I am so pleased and honored to have been given the opportunity to serve Area 46. For those of you who do not know me, I am a refugee from Ohio who moved to Albuquerque a bit over a year ago for work. I got sober in Cleveland and had lived in Akron for 20+ years. I love New Mexico and have made it my home, I plan on retiring here. Four feet of snow and -9 is not missed! I served Area 54 for many years in a number of different positions.

I very much appreciate all of the help I have been given and hope you forgive any mistakes or omissions. For example, the *El Farolito* financial report is not in this issue as I have to get caught up on the bookkeeping. (We are solvent, thanks Teresa) It will be included next month. I have read through the past minutes and the survey questions and have taken them to heart. Some changes will be coming down the road, and one change has already been made.

For those groups getting multiple copies in the past we were putting them all into an envelope and sending them first class mail. That cost almost as much as the bulk mail for the rest. So rather than getting 3 or 5 or 10 copies in one envelope you will get them sent bulk separately. This change will save close to \$500 per year! I hate to waste AA money. I also want to hear from anyone on printing in black and white rather than the headings in color. Changing that would save \$1,020 per year. The color looks really nice but that is quite a bit of money.

I will do everything in my power to get everything in the issue. I reserve the right to edit for space if I need to. I will not remove anything vital and if in doubt will call you. I will also edit for grammar and can be a bit brutal on that.

Please feel free to contact me via email: elfarolito@newmexicoaa.org or call me at 505-503-1907. I welcome your comments, suggestions, criticism, etc.

Finally, the mailing list is the current, active groups and I am using the primary contact. I believe some groups wanted it sent to another contact, but there is no way for me to tell if the name is different from the current database I received from the registrar because there is a new GSR or because the group wanted it sent to someone else. If that is the case please let me know, I have added a comment section on my mailing list to note that. Also, groups that were not in the list of registered groups were removed. If A) you are a registered group and b) just don't have a primary contact listed with GSO let me know. If you are not registered with GSO then please register. Jay M, Editor

Get sober with your group, stay sober with service work!

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



T or C Recovery SPRING FLING

The T or C "Intergroup" is
putting on a gathering:
Saturday, April 18th

COME JOIN US!!!

FOOD, FUN, SPEAKER, & FELLOWSHIP

WHERE: Elephant Butte Community Center

313 Rio Grande Circle, Elephant Butte, NM

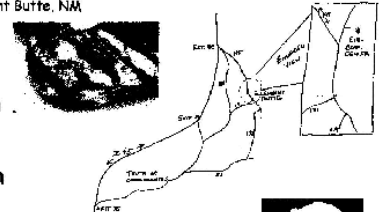
START: 1 pm

MEAL: 2 pm

SPEAKER(s): 3:30 pm

COUNTDOWN: 5 pm

ICE CREAM: 5:30 pm



Intergroup will provide BBQ Chicken, Coffee & Water.

Oh yeah... Did we mention... ICE CREAM!!!

All attending are asked to bring: DISH-TO-PASS

There will be a 50/50 raffle

Donations are welcome and we are looking for volunteers to help
with set-up, serving, raffle and clean-up.

Please contact us @ 575-740-9380 to donate or volunteer.



"Strengthening our Community and Team"

Fellowship and Workshop
Saturday, April 18, 2015
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Sponsored by: PI/CPC of District 13
Grant Chapel AME Church
7920 Claremont NE
(Between Utah and Texas)
All are welcome!

Ministers, Congregants, Youth, and AA Members, please come. Special Panel of experts. Get your questions answered and enjoy some re-

INTERGROUP SPEAKER MEETING

PRESENTED BY DISTRICT 18

When: April 18th 5-9 pm
Where: Placitas Presbyterian Church,
7 Paseo de San Antonio, Placitas, New Mexico
87043
What: 5-6 pm Pot Luck dinner- bring something yummy to share.
6:15-7:30 Speaker with Sandy H. from "In the Book" group.
7:30-8:30 Raffle - Contact Andrea T. at 620-5446 to donate raffle items.

All proceeds go to the Central Office

May 1-3, 2015



All AAs, Al-Anons
and Alateens welcome!

Speaker & Marathon Meetings

Raffle

Full Al-Anon &
Alateen Program

**Pow Wow—Saturday Night
Everyone Welcome**

Opening Ceremony

Friday Morning 9:00 a.m.

Catered Meals Available

MEAL PURCHASE HELPS PAY MEETING

ROOM RENT (7TH Tradition)

Saturday Banquet

Friday Dinner

Breakfast (Fri-Sun)

PLEASE PURCHASE MEALS
IN ADVANCE

See Menus online

LIMITED MEALS AVAILABLE AFTER
March 31, 2015

Hospitality Room with free
coffee and snacks

Register ONLINE

Early Registration

Discount Ends

March 31, 2015

3rd Annual New Mexico Roundup of Alcoholics Anonymous

May 15 & 16, 2015



Nativity Church

9502 4th Street, N.W.

(at Alameda Blvd.)

Albuquerque

www.nmroundup.org