

“Gratitude should go forward, rather than backward. In other words, if you carry the message to still others, you will be making the best possible repayment for the help given you.”

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Area assemblies always leave me with an overwhelming feeling of gratitude. But, as I have been taught, gratitude is much more than a feeling. It’s even more than an attitude. It is *action*. How amazing it is that the more action I take to express my gratitude, I am rewarded with even more gratitude. Only God could’ve devised such a wonderful system!

The December area assembly was fantastic. A terrific ending to a terrific service rotation. Thank you District 18 for your generous hospitality! Results of the 2017 area inventory have been posted on the area website at nm-aa.org/forms/assembly-business-items

For the first time ever, our March pre-conference assembly will be held during the last weekend of the month. More than a year ago, the Assembly voted to change the date so that the GSRs would have more time to discuss with their groups those topics that will be on the agenda of the General Service Conference in New York. For more information about the Conference and how your group can participate, I highly recommend you read the Area 46 pamphlet, “We Are A.A.” The pamphlet is posted on the area website at nm-aa.org/forms/documents-guides

As your delegate, I will receive a list of all of the Conference agenda items early in February and should receive background information for each item by late February. I will email information as quickly as possible to all registered GSRs and DCMs. If you are a new GSR, please make sure that you register with our Area Registrar so that you will receive this information.

Serving as your area chair has been an incredible journey for me. It has been the best service position with which I have ever been entrusted. Getting to know the districts, getting to know so many of you and seeing the wonderful work that is being done throughout New Mexico to carry our message of hope has been a blessing for which I am profoundly grateful. And, I will forever be grateful for having served with those who served as our area as DCMs, area committee chairs and area officers these past two years. You have all taught me so much. I am humbled to have served alongside of you.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to continue serving you and A.A. for another two years.

Your very grateful servant,

Teresa J.,
Area 46 Chairperson (outgoing)
Area 46 Delegate (incoming)