



EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

Incoming Delegate

Warm Greetings and Happy New Year to everyone in Area 46. Welcome to a new rotation in Service. As we start this new rotation filled with excitement and enthusiasm and some trepidation about our new positions, rest assured that all of our program operates the same way. We serve in any given position for two years, starting out not fully knowing our position or the work that it will entail. Yet, we approach it with all of the enthusiasm and excitement that we have. That wonderful nervous energy conquers our "Fear of looking like we don't know what we are doing." And by the end of the rotation, with guidance and dependence on our Higher Power, we realize that not only did we make it through, we grew and learned from our service experience, and we find Gratitude. At which time...we rotate into another position which we don't yet fully un-

derstand and feel like we are fearful about it. And on and on it goes, every two years we enter into a new arena that we are not familiar with. Let me assure you, it gets better and it gets easier as you go along. And when that happens, that fearful feeling gets replaced by trust in our Higher Power and gets replaced with curiosity for what's ahead, rather than fear of what's ahead. I have done this rotation thing nine times now, and I have come to learn to trust my Higher Power and my experiences such that I do not have to be so nearly fearful of a new position. This is where I find myself at the beginning of this rotation as Delegate. I am not fearful, as I know from experience that it always turns out OK. This allows me the freedom to enjoy and look forward to the upcoming rotation with pure love and enthusiasm and curiosity, with no hinderance from our bedeviling friend "fear". What a true bless-

ing it is to learn all of this through the act of being of service and trying to give back the program that we all love so dearly. If you are new to this rotation process, let go of the fear, and embrace the curiosity, and you will have more fun sooner.

I look forward to this rotation, and will be awaiting the Conference Agenda Items, and background material arriving in February. March will open with our Trusted Servants and DCM Orientation on the 1st. The 6th, 7th & 8th will take me to a speaking engagement in Amarillo at the Top of Texas Anniversary celebration. The 13th, 14th, & 15th will be over to Oklahoma City for the SW Region Delegates Assembly. And the 27th, 28th & 29th will be in Taos for our Pre-Conference Assembly.

In Love and Service,

Bill L., Area 46 Delegate

Delegado Entrante

Saludos cordiales y Feliz Año Nuevo a todos en el Área 46. Sea Bienvenido a una nueva rotación en el Servicio. Ya que comenzamos esta nueva rotación llena de entusiasmo y cierta inquietud acerca de nuestras nuevas posiciones, estar seguro de que todo nuestro programa funciona de la misma manera. Servimos en cualquier puesto dado

durante dos años, comenzando sin conocer plenamente nuestra posición o el trabajo que implicará. Sin embargo, lo abordamos con todo el entusiasmo y la emoción que tenemos. Esa maravillosa energía nerviosa conquista nuestro "Miedo a parecer que no sabemos lo que estamos haciendo". Y al final de la rotación, con la orientación y la dependencia de nuestro Poder Superior, nos damos cuenta de que no sólo lo logramos, sino que crecimos y aprendimos de nuestra experiencia de servicio, y encontramos Gratitude. En ese momento....rotamos en otra posición que aún no comprendemos completamente y

sentimos temerosos al respecto. Y así sigue, cada dos años entramos en una nueva arena con la que no estamos familiarizados. Déjeme asegurarles que se pone mejor y se hace más fácil a medida que avanza. Y cuando eso sucede, ese sentimiento de miedo es reemplazado por la confianza en nuestro Poder Superior y es reemplazado por la curiosidad por lo que está por venir. He hecho esto de rotación 9 veces ahora, y he llegado a aprender a confiar en mi Poder Superior y en mis experiencias de tal manera que no tengo que estar tan cerca temer-

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Incoming Alternate Delegate

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Eloy M., outgoing Area Chair and newly-elected as your Area 46 Alternate Delegate. In speaking with the outgoing Alternate Delegate Bill L. who is now the newly-elected Area 46 Delegate, it was suggested we send in the reports for the January *El Farolito*. Bill has already forwarded me some information to read from GSO for the upcoming

General Service Conference. Besides getting prepared to attend the General Service Conference in case the Delegate can't make it, I am responsible to chair the GSR Orientation at Area 46 Assemblies and also co-chair the Area 46 Service Forum which is held on the second and final year of Service rotation.

Which brings me to talk a little about the Service Forum. We will be

asking for districts to put in a bid to host the Area 46 Service Forum at the upcoming Assembly in March 28-29 in Taos. The forum month is July 2020, no date as of yet. One more thing – A shout out to District 17 for hosting the December Assembly in Albuquerque. Great job, District 17. Well that is all for me in this report ..
Yours in Service

Eloy M.

OUTGOING OFFICERS

Alternate Delegate

As we come to the end of the rotation, I would like to thank each and every one of you who have been involved in service this past rotation. I thank you for your participation in our service process and for your dedication to our Fellowship. Service is vital to AA and to our continued survival, both as individuals and as an area, district, or group. All of you performed your duties with exemplary effort. Congratulations and thank you to all. I hope to continue to see many of you staying involved

in service. Rotate on, not rotate out! For those of you who are debating whether or not to get started in service, I cannot recommend it highly enough.

November was mostly quiet. Primary activity involved participation on a couple of committees. I have completed my SW Region responsibilities as Secretary of the Alternate Delegate's Committee.

As is the case with every service rotation, I am grateful for the expe-

rience. With each rotation comes spiritual growth, and more learning and understanding of our beautiful Fellowship. I am forever grateful to Area 46 for the opportunities that have been afforded me in service to our program.

In Love and Service,

Bill L.

Alternate Delegate

Alternate Chair

What a bittersweet assembly we just had. My last one at the podium (and I managed not to fall). Looking out at all of you both old and new just fills my heart. I was especially touched by the size and participation at the GSR meeting as I walked around doing the five-minute warning. This is our future.

I have learned a lot in this rotation and enjoyed working with all of you even on some difficult issues. I welcome the new rotation and look forward to getting to know you better. This next Assembly in Taos will be the first time in six years that I don't have a "job" to do during the Assembly. I'm excited about being able to attend committee meetings as I search for a

way to continue in service.

I thought District 17 did a bang-up job of hosting. They worked hard with weekly meetings in the months leading up to it and had great attention to detail and obviously had a great deal of pride and joy in doing so. And we had fun.

One of my last duties is to clean up my webmail before passing it on to your new alternate chair, Ally T., and to meeting with her and Kurt K., our new Area Chair, after the first of the year to pass on anything that might be helpful to them, and then stepping away.

Thanks to all of you for allowing me to be of service to the fellowship

which has given me a sense of usefulness beyond my wildest dreams. See you in Taos if not before at many of the events going on during the holiday season and in the beginning of 2020.

Rosie 

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Editor's Note:

This month, we're including welcoming submissions from your newly-elected Delegate and Alternate Delegate, in addition to final reports from many of your outgoing Area 46 Officers, unless otherwise indicated.

—Tim M.

Chair

Greetings Area 46,

I hope this report finds you in good health and good spirits. First and foremost, I would like to thank District 17 for hosting the December Area Assembly. You all did a great job. Some of the business done at the assembly is that we now have a whole new set of area Trusted Servants. Kurt C., our Area 46 newly-elected chair, brought forth the Area Committee chairs for disapproval. We

also voted to go to Carlsbad next December for the December Assembly. We voted on the new 2020 area budget, a couple of motions from the Finance Committee, and a few others that came from the Accessibilities and Corrections committees, including a decision the AA literature from the old Albuquerque and Bernalillo County jail building. Kurt C. is our new chair – I think he is a great choice and I will be available to

help him. I hope he gets all from this Service position that I received.

Now, my goodbye. It was an honor to serve as your Area 46 Chair. What a blessing! I will take and hold these great gifts that I received forward to be of Service to God and my fellow man.

Yours in Service

Eloy M.

Registrar

Hello All,

What a great assembly. District 17 did a great job of putting this together. This was the last assembly I will be as the Area 46 registrar. It has been a privilege to serve Area 46. Now it is on to the next two years.

There have been no new updates to the database at GSO. I received a lot of change forms from the districts at the assembly which I will be sending to GSO. I will also be changing

the spreadsheet that I do have, because I am not sure when the database will be back up and we still need to get the Area information to new GSRs, like the *El Farolito* and any other pertinent information that we deliver.

I gave out group change forms at the assembly to give to each of the DCMs that will have the current information of each of the active groups in their district. When there

is a change, I will hope that they be sent to our new registrar or sent to GSO. I am also creating a list of all the unknown groups, which are groups without a mailing contact or GSR so they can be researched and hopefully updated to become active groups. There is a total of 397 groups in Area 46, which includes the unknown groups.

Yours in Love and Service,

Kurt K.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2019 AREA ASSEMBLY

December 7-8 2019, Hosted by District 17 Linguistic District North

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. Committee meetings and Trusted Servants, Past Delegates, DCM's, GSR's and GSR orientation was held from 8:45 a.m. to 12:35 p.m.

Afternoon session was called to order at 1:45 p.m. We opened with How it works, The Traditions and readings from *As Bill Sees It* in both English and Spanish. Ten people were attending their first Assembly. We did introductions.

Secretary's Report Given by Ana G.

Recapped the September 2019 Assembly, passed motions and changes

to the AIP.

Treasurer's Report Given by Ally T.

Went over gains and losses as well as balance. 2020 budget will be presented for acceptance later today. Motion to accept made by David L., District 18, second by Paul C., District 13.

Registrars Report Given by Kurt K.

There are 396 groups registered as of October 2019. 366 are active and 30 groups with an unknown status. GSO has shut down the system to registrar for changes and to update the incoming Trusted Servants. There were 118 voting members and

61 non-voting members in attendance so far.

Delegates Report Given by Teresa J

Teresa thanked everyone for choosing and supporting her for the past two years. GSO is expanding their office space by 5,000 sq. ft. Cost will be less than the amount requested. There will be a call for sharing coming from GSO for both districts and groups. Teresa and Bill both attended the Southwest Regional Forum in Houston. A summary of Teresa's share is in the November *El Farolito*.

Announcements

Announcements were made for upcoming events for around the area.

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Old Business

June 5-7, 2020 Convention Report, presented by Lori, Convention Chair

Convention will be held at Goddard High School in Roswell. Flyers and registration forms are available. Merchandise is also available. Convention will be catered by Pepper's and cost will be \$25.00 a person. There will be 30 discounted rooms so far. Please contact Ron A. for fundraising questions and information.

March 2020 Assembly in Taos report

They are meeting at the Taos Charter School. A map and also a list of restaurants and rooms will be available soon.

September 2020 Assembly Silver City

The Assembly will be held September 12-13. They are working with hotels on discounts and are trying to get committees together.

New Business

Eloy read the procedures for making a motion.

Bid for 2021 Convention June 2-4, 2021. No districts came forward.

December 2020 Assembly bids:

District 10 in Carlsbad put in a bid. The venue is the NMSU campus.

New committee chairs were presented by Kurt K. for approval.

Proposed Budget for 2020 presented for approval by Christoph, second by Michelle, District 18.

Motion by Accessibilities Chair Robin, second by Dagmar, District 10. To change the AIP to reflect a

name change to "Accessibilities and Remote Communities Committee."

Motion by Finance Chair Christoph, second by Michelle, District 18, to increase the seed money for the annual Area 46 Convention to \$7,000.00 starting in 2020.

Motion by Finance Chair Christoph, second by Lori, District 7, to engage a CPA and tax attorney to look into becoming a non-profit.

Motion by Ron N., District 4, second by Dave L., District 18. Regardless of the outcome of the motion, to keep the books or not, that a decision be made by and at this assembly as to what to do with the books.

Motion by Stephanie M., District 12, second by Christine, District 5, that the AIP be changed to say that all donations received by the corrections committee be considered strictly for literature.

We broke at 5:30 p.m. for dinner at 7:00 p.m. we returned for fellowship, fun and ice cream. At 7:30 p.m., Eloy M., Area Chair, gave the Area Inventory.

Sunday December 8, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. Eloy M., Area Chair, went over the voting procedures and minority opinion used in Area 46. A list of bids and motions was handed out.

Bids:

District 10 makes a bid for the December 2020 Area Assembly to be held in Carlsbad. Motion by Dagmar Y. PASSED

Motions:

Finance Committee:

To accept the 2020 Area 46 Pro-

posed Budget

Motion by Christoph, Committee Chair, second by Larry, District 9. PASSED

Finance Committee:

Area 46 to increase the seed money for the Annual Area 46 Convention to \$7,000.00 beginning with the 2020 Convention. This increase will be funded by the 2019 available cash and does not require any changes to the AIP. Motion by Christoph, Committee Chair, second by Michelle, District 18. PASSED

Finance Committee:

Area 46 Finance Committee to engage the services of a Business Tax Attorney and a Certified Public Accountant specializing in non-profit accounting for consultation. These services will be funded up to \$1,000.00 utilizing the 2019 available cash. Motion by Christoph, Committee Chair, second by Lori, District 7. PASSED

Accessibilities Committee:

Add Line item 1.6.a.iv to the AIP to read

"Facilitate, coordinate and support information, assistance and guidance for Remote Communities service opportunities and activities in Area 46, be they remote by location, or by language, or by culture." Also update AIP to reflect the name change to Accessibilities and Remote Communities Committee. (ARC)

Motion by Robin T., Committee Chair, second by Emmet, District 12. PASSED

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February Edition Editorial Deadline: **Wednesday, January 15 @ 11:59 p.m.**
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Motion:

That regardless of the outcome of motion 7 "to keep or not keep AA books held by Area 46" that a decision be made by and at this December 2019 Assembly of Area 46 to the distribution of said books or the destruction of said books. That is, the Assembly NOT pass this decision on to the newly incoming Area Trusted Servants. Motion by Ron N., District 4, second by Dave, District 18. FAILED.

Corrections Committee:

That the following paragraphs be added to page 16 of the AIP:

1.6.f.viii "The Pink Can" is a way for A.A. members and AA groups to contribute to the purchase of AA Conference approved Literature and Grapevines/ La Viña for those who are confined in correctional institutions, Pink Can funds are exclusively to be used for this stated purpose and are to adhere to the same guidelines as set forth in paragraph vii as above." 1.6.f.ix – There is no difference between "Correction donations" and "Pink Can" donations. All donations to the Corrections Committee ARE Pink Can Donations." No funding is required. Motion by Stephanie M., District 12, second by Christine, District 5. FAILED.

Ad Hoc Committee:

That Area 46 shall keep the books. Motion by Teresa J., Area Delegate,

second by Paul, District 13. PASSED.

Assembly Meeting Reports

Committee Chairs will submit their reports to be published in the January *El Farolito*. All who presented reports thank the Assembly for their support and welcomed the new incoming chairs. Summary of the following are presented as they do not otherwise appear in the *El Farolito*.

GSR Report:

Presented by Myron, District 17. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The newcomers and incoming GSRs were welcomed. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

DCM Report:

Presented by Jerry, District 9. There was 25 people in attendance. There were nine outgoing and four incoming DCMs. The outgoing DCMs gave advice and answered questions for the new DCMs.

Delegates Report:

Presented by Teresa J., Delegate. Teresa thanked everyone for supporting and choosing her. GSO is expanding their office space by 5,000 sq. ft. in the same building. Funding requested was up to \$ 1,000,000.00. It will actually cost less than the funds requested. There will be a "Call for Sharing" from GSO for both districts and groups. Teresa and Bill L. both attended the Southwest Regional Forum in Houston. A summary of

Teresa's share is in the November *El Farolito*.

Past Delegates Report:

Presented by Jim. There were four Past Delegates in attendance. George gave an update on the well being of Dick C., Past Delegate. The topic of discussion was adulting in sobriety.

Trusted Servants Meeting:

Rosie started with a moment of Silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. There was 22 people in attendance, both incoming and outgoing. We went around the room and did introductions. Eloy thanked all outgoing trusted servants. There is going to be an orientation for incoming Trusted Servants on February 1. Location will be emailed at a later date. The Three Legacies Workshop will be held on January 25, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at The Heights Club. We closed with The 3rd Step Prayer.

Sobriety Countdown

Countdown held by Bill L. Book was given to Monica, District 7 with 8 days by Terry District 4 with 49 years.

7th Tradition

Saturday's total was \$449.25. Sunday's total was \$259.87 TOTAL \$709.12, AIP \$54.00.

Meeting was adjourned until March 28-29 in Taos.

Area 46 Secretary,
Melissa R.

**Tradition
of the
Month**

ONE

**"OUR COMMON WELFARE SHOULD COME FIRST,
PERSONAL RECOVERY DEPENDS ON A.A. UNITY."**

Accessibilities & Remote Communities

Happy Winter Area 46!

Thank you District 17 for hosting such a wonderful assembly. The Accessibilities committee had 12 in attendance. We opened with the serenity prayer and introductions.

We discussed making a motion to include remote communities responsibilities under the Accessibilities committee responsibilities and how adding that will broaden the scope of what Accessibilities is already doing by including concerns that may be location, language and/or culture. A potential informational flyer or pamphlet with information on alternatives to face-to-face meetings such as email, Skype, phone, and snail mail was talked about to help provide information to remote communities.

The motion to make a motion to the assembly passed by the committee by majority, with one member against. This motion passed with the amendment to change the name of the committee to "Accessibilities and Remote Communities Committee" (ARC).

A member discussed a growing need for alcoholics who are becoming blind due to the illness of alcoholism and who do not read braille, to be able to participate more fully in service work, such as chairing a meeting. The committee discussed several clever ways to assist the blind alcoholic such as a person next to them to call on people in a meeting, recording the preamble to be played at the beginning of the meeting, and community resources for teaching braille to blind members that wish to learn. There has been a concern that helping members learn braille through an outside entity would break traditions, but the committee completely disagreed with this and explained why it does not. However, that member felt like GSO would not be supportive of their needs because they do not understand the issues that Native Americans face due to being in very

remote communities, who speak and read in their native languages, and have cultural differences. This issue is the exact reason for existence of a Remote Communities committee: location, language, and culture.

Another issue discussed was lack of physical ability to go to a meeting because of stairs or poor access. Again some creative ideas were shared by committee members for current situations as well as how to approach a group conscience about moving locations.

Another was about how to reach out to DCM and GSRs to show them the support that can be accessed since there are groups that are becoming inactive due to people moving away, death, illness, etc. and they were the only members that knew how to keep meetings alive.

The final issue discussed was about childcare and there are groups that have come up with some great ways after a lot of struggles with this particular issue.

I would like to thank this amazing committee for all their participation within the assembly but mostly for all the hard work they do within their groups and districts. Some very smart and ingenious ideas have come from these awesome members. I was so impressed by how this committee jumps in to help members that have brought concerns to the committee. They are dedicated and passionate about helping to find solutions. I know they will continue to bring awareness and solutions of obstacles we place in front of recovering alcoholics and offering ways to try to allow the message of AA to be available to everyone who seeks it.

Again thank you to the committee and the area for allowing me to serve as Accessibilities chair. It has been an honor and a privilege to be allowed this opportunity.

Love and service,
Robyn T.

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Nov. Farmington Group	\$120.00	Nov.	Westside Noon (Albuquerque)	\$272.00
Nov. HillTop (Gallup)	15.00	Nov.	Singleness of Purpose (Carlsbad)	25.00
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OUTGOING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Archives

Hello everyone!

Welcome to 2020 and the beginning of a new rotation at Area 46! I hope all of you had a Merry Christmas and are off to a good start for the New Year. I was sorry to miss the final assembly of my rotation as Archives Chair, but due to an unavoidable scheduling conflict I was unable to attend. Thank you to Debra K., Archivist, for chairing our committee meeting and to Patience B., incoming Archives Chair, for handling the archives display, for presenting the committee report to the assembly, and for providing me the information for this final report.

There were 10 people in attendance at the committee meeting. It began with the Serenity Prayer. Deb-

ra K. announced her resignation as Area 46 Archivist. She recapped the September meeting including the motion made and passed for her to research the availability and cost for Area 46 to rent space next to the Albuquerque Central Office to safely house and display the Area 46 archives.

Debra reported that there is space available that is large enough to fulfill the mission and scope adopted in September by the committee. The cost to rent the space would be \$3,000/year, including utilities, internet, cleaning, monitored security, and access to a conference room. Currently, the Area is paying \$900 per year to store the materials at the Central Office. Discussions included ideas for responsibility and pro-

cedures to manage the project and to subsidize the cost to Area 46. Patience B. agreed to research the idea of opening a bank account for monies collected. Patience also read the Mission Statement, as presented by Jennifer W. in the October *El Farolito*. Further action was tabled until March to include the new service rotation. Debra K. recommended that the area continue to send Archivists to the National Archives Workshops.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve Area 46 in the capacity of Archives Chair for the last two years. Welcome to Patience B. as the incoming Archives Chair!

In love and service,

Jennifer W.

Delegado Entrante

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osa de una nueva posición. Aquí es donde me encuentro al comienzo de esta rotación como Delegado. No soy temeroso, ya que sé de la experiencia que siempre resulta BIEN. Esto me permite la libertad de disfrutar y esperar la próxima rotación con puro amor, entusiasmo y curiosidad, sin obstáculos de nuestro amigo afidia-

do "Miedo". Qué verdadera bendición es aprender todo esto a través del acto de ser de servicio y tratar de devolver el programa que todos amamos tanto. Si eres nuevo en este proceso de rotación, dejar ir el miedo, y abrazar la curiosidad, y tendrá más diversión más pronto.

Espero con ansias esta rotación, y estará pendiente de los artículos del programa de la Conferencia, y el material de antecedentes que llegan en febrero. Marzo abrirá con

nuestro Servidos de Confianza y MCD Orientación el 1º, el 6º, 7º y 8º me llevarán a un compromiso de oratoria en Amarillo en la celebración del Aniversario de Top of Texas. La 13ª, 14ª y 15ª será a Oklahoma City para la Asamblea de Delegados de la Región Suroeste. Y la 27ª, 28ª y 29ª será en Taos con nuestra Pre-Conferencia Asamblea.

En el amor y el servicio

Bill L., Delegado del Área 46

CPC

Well, we wrap up the year and the rotation with many accomplishments, things in progress and a good welcome to our new area CPC chair Lawrence M. and the upcoming district CPC chairs. Many districts were active this year as mentioned in previous issues of *El Farolito*. Healthcare was a profession well contacted this rotation, with students from UNM Medical School attending an AA meeting and Q&A early in their education, hosted the first year by District 13 and the second by the five Albuquerque districts. Our District 18 CPC chair, Janet A., has made further inroads into that organization, expanding reach into grad students, doctors and staff at the school. Juliet M, of District 2, has supported health

fairs and sobriety rallies a number of times during the rotation as well as getting public service announcements on the radio. Lori P. and Barbara C., District 15 CPC chairs, had an active committee in their spread-out district and made inroads at health fairs speaking to as many professionals as they could find. Many chairs contacted professionals one on one and lived to tell about it. Ron H. in District 8 continues to educate legal professionals and court officials about AA, even carrying the message into drug courts. What bravery and courage these members have. Only a higher power, right?

Coming up we have the opportunity to present AA to 18 Oxford House halfway houses in Albuquer-

que, and to staff an information booth as the Healthcare and Chaplaincy weekend at Buffalo Thunder in April. And we are still invited to attend the PMS community service review in the Rio Rancho district quarterly. This last one could easily expand statewide as they have clinics all over the state (but that's for the next rotation to decide.)

I've been honored to serve in this position. Thank all of the district chairs and their teams for their terrific work and support. I wish all the best to Lawrence and his new team of district CPC chairs. What a huge opportunity it is. Thank you again.

Sarah F.

Area 46 CPC chair 2018-19

Finance

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Area 46 and Alcoholics Anonymous for my sobriety and allowing me to be of service as your finance committee chairperson. As with any service performed in Alcoholics Anonymous, I have been given many opportunities to grow and experience humility. This kind of service is in line with my higher power's intentions for me and for which I receive the gift of sobriety and the blessing of serenity. I couldn't ask for more.

The December assembly was a busy one as usual for the finance committee. We finalized and presented the 2020 area budget as well as two other important motions for the area to vote on. Based on end of the year projections, the area will end 2019 with a significant amount of available cash which came into play for all three of our motions.

Our 2020 budget has increased from 2019 primarily due to all our

SWRAASA travel expenses as well as a printing of the AIP. Fortunately, we are able to balance this budget by allocating \$2,800 from available cash to our adjusted maximum operating budget. This keeps us in the black and I believe is a good use of the funds.

Through committee suggestions and discussion, we decided to ask the assembly to utilize the remaining 2019 available cash in a couple different ways. First, it was suggested that the convention seed money needed to be increased to cover higher upfront costs. We presented our motion requesting a \$2,000 increase making the seed amount \$7,000. Because we actually have, during about six months of the year, two sets of seed money out, this increase required a \$4,000 allotment. Our second motion came out of our committee discussion regarding our research into nonprofit and tax exempt status. It has become apparent we have to put up some funds to hire a CPA spe-

cializing in nonprofits. We proposed spending up to \$1,000. Both of these motions, as well as the 2020 budget, were passed by the assembly.

I'd like to welcome Julio from District 4 as our incoming Finance chairperson. Julio has been a part of our committee these last two years and is definitely up to the task of continuing our work. I look forward to our next rotation of service and the chance to continue trudging the road with Area 46. Thank you for allowing me to be in service.

Christoph

Chair Finance Committee



Corrections

The corrections database is still in process. It will give updated information on contacts like chaplains, volunteer coordinators as well as orientations. It will also be helpful to our Bridge The Gap volunteers. I will continue to help the new corrections chair, Kristina F., in developing and maintaining this.

Introducing Kristina F. as new corrections chair:

- Prior experience
- Women’s meeting at Santa Fe jail
- Women’s meeting at Springer
- Coordinator of the Springer meeting

Pink Can

Donations - \$395
 Expenses for literature - \$396
 Reserve - \$744.13

A motion to combine corrections contributions with pink can was approved with substantial unanimity in the committee, but it failed at the assembly vote.

Reflection

We give a glimmer of hope to inmates. Don’t give up.

I want to thank everyone for allowing me to serve as your Correction committee chair. It’s been a learning experience for me I’m so grateful – thank you.

December Bank Statement – Pink Can & Donations

Beginning Balance 09/30/19	1,446.13
Central Office Books Pamphlets10/11/19	-606.00
Balance	840.13
Central Office Books10/30/19	-85.00
.....	755.13
Bank Service Fee10/31/19	-5.00
Balance	750.00
Bank Service Fee.....11/30/19	-5.00
Balance	745.13
Sunrise Catchers D3Pink Can	75.00
Downtown Lunch Bunch D3Pink Can	15.00
Downtown Lunch Bunch D3Pink Can	15.00
Westside Noon Group D11Pink Can	65.00
Westside Noon Group D11Pink Can	10.00
North Valley Group D11Pink Can	89.00
North Valley Group D11Pink Can	9.00
Los Lunas Ladies D3Pink Can	37.00
New Beginnings Group D2Pink Can	80.00
Total	\$395.00
Balance Forward	\$745.13
Total Bank Balance	\$1,140.13
A.A. Central Office Books 12/5/19	- 396.00
Total Balance	\$ 744.13
North Valley Group D11Pink Can	8.00
Laguna Group D9Pink Can	83.04
West Side Noon AA Group.....Pink Can	50.00
Total	\$85.17

Please forward all donations to Kristina’s address:

189 Thornton Ranch Road
 Lamy, NM 87540
 Kristina F: 415-271-8560

Tony G., Corrections Committee Chair, 505-435-8584

Treatment

Thank you District 17 for hosting this assembly! Such wonderful hospitality!

Our meeting was well attended with 30 people in the room. We began our meeting by introducing Jeff B. as the incoming treatment chair. Welcome Jeff!

The treatment facilities list was handed out to the group and some

changes were made to it by committee members. We discussed the types of meetings that are being taken into the treatment centers and the groups supporting that effort. We talked about the importance of being able to share the AA experience with clients of treatment centers. One alcoholic helping another is where it begins. Trust of the facility is a key issue and the importance of honoring and re-

specting the policies of the facility was discussed.

Thank you Area 46 for the honor and privilege to serve as your treatment chair. I am truly grateful to have had the opportunity to be of service.

In Love & Service,
 Carrie N.

Grapevine

Greetings!

On December 7, 2019 at the Area 46 Assembly in Albuquerque, Alice M. chaired the breakout session for Manual P. the outgoing Grapevine/La Viña Chair as he was out of the country. There were 14 people in attendance. Alice introduced Maddy L. as the incoming Area 46 Grapevine/La Viña Chair beginning her rotation in January 2020. Maddy spoke about her experience with Grapevine from the time she entered recovery to present. She will also have a story printed in the Grapevine in January 2020 edition. She is extremely grateful to be serving in this position for the fellowship that saved her life.

Alice shared some of the history about the Grapevine and information that was very helpful to new

Grapevine reps or any of the attendees interested in Grapevine/La Viña. Alice also spoke about some of the purposes of the Grapevine/La Viña rep position such as promoting the subscription, submitting stories and a reminder that it takes time for stories to get printed. We can use the Grapevine/La Viña to assist in our 12th step work as the magazine may peek a newcomers interest and help them identify with alcoholics. It is a vital tool for the 12th stepper and the recovering alcoholic. The magazine can also be used for topics for discussion meetings and to take to treatment facilities or correctional facilities to be used as a tool to assist in carrying the message. The Grapevine is online for those who prefer to read it that way.

I would like to thank District 17 for hosting an awesome assembly.

What a great job they did, not only with hosting but all of their hard work in getting all of the necessary tasks completed in a timely, efficient manner – even in the rain! They also provided some serious groceries!

I look forward to servicing in this vital service position and am extremely grateful to those who have made this possible. I would also like to thank Manual P. and his people for making my transition into this position so smooth and seamless. I will perform the duties to the best of my ability. If you have questions or need assistance with Grapevine/La Viña, please feel free to contact me.

In Love and service,

Maddy L., for Manual P.

Area 46 Grapevine/La Viña Chair

Web

Don't Miss Important Area Communication!

ATTN: Incoming GSRs, DCMs and Area Trusted Servants

Congratulations on your new service position serving Area 46, your district and your group. Your service matters as we carry the message of AA throughout the state. It is mission critical for all of us to stay informed so that we can inform those we serve.

If your email provider is Yahoo! Mail or AOL, you may not receive



email from anyone who has an Area 46 email address. These email providers block most emails that come from Area 46.

To ensure you are getting import-

ant communications please white list our domain by adding the Area 46 domain (nm-aa.org) to your safe senders list.

You can find whitelist instructions for your email provider at https://nm-aa.org/email-mgmt/. You can also email webchair@nm-aa.org for direct help from me.

I am honored to be of service.

Kerri K.

Area 46 Webchair

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Young People

Happy Holidays Area 46,

The December Area 46 Assembly that was hosted by District 17 was a great assembly. In the Young People's committee meeting we had 17 members in attendance. We talked about what the area would like from the next rotation: additional service workshops, focus on accessibility within the Young People's community of those who are hard of hearing, helping those with illiteracy, assisting Spanish-speaking members, and child care.

How do we get more young people involved? District 14 requested a list of young people speakers for special events. These folks are the ones that draw and attract young people. Making this message accessible to other young people can encourage participation. Workshops don't typically attract young people unless they're put on and run by young people.

Requests for a Young People's workshop in your Area?

Carlsbad, SilverCity, Gallup, Farmington and Taos all showed interest.

6th Annual Three Legacies Workshop is January 25, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at The Heights Club in Albuquerque. Snacks will be provided, but there's no potluck. Nine speakers from around the state will be scheduled – three on recovery, three on unity, and three on Service.

Announcements

Anyone can call in for the monthly committee meeting at FreeConferenceCall.com (605) 475-4063, access code 546-917, online meeting ID: ypaa.

NMCYPAA 2020 hosted in Albuquerque. 62nd ICYPAA will be held September 3-6, 2020 in New Orleans, LA.

Fun and Fellowship Scavenger Hunt and serving ice cream.

Young People's treasury: \$159.17

Elections will be held at next committee meeting for chair positions. Any member can be a part of the committee.

Area 46 Young People's next Chair will be Andy T. from Las Cruces.

Hope to see all of you at the Three Legacies Workshop in January.

It has been a privilege to serve all of you. Thank you for the experience. I hope to see all of you while I keep trudging the road to happy destiny.

In Love for Service,

Michelle M.

Area 46 YPAA Committee Chair: ypaa@nm-aa.org

Area 46 YPAA Committee web chair: kenvaldo@gmail.com

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 3 – BELEN, LOS LUNAS, SOCORRO ...

Happy New Year from District 3! Our next District meeting is on Saturday, January 11, hosted by the Isleta Group at the Isleta Club, 1829 Isleta Blvd. SW, Albuquerque. Potluck at 1:30 p.m. and meeting at 2:00 p.m.

The Happy Valley Group will be celebrating their 52nd Anniversary with a potluck and speaker on Saturday, January 25 at 1:00 p.m. at the Wellness Center, 3445 Lambrose Loop, Los Lunas. Come on out to

hear a good speaker and have good fellowship!

In November, the Isleta Club celebrated the following birthdays: Joe J., 19 years; Tonny S., 32 years; Tom S., 6 years; Lydia, 9 years; Rosanna, 19 years; Edward B., 11 years; Alfred, 14 years; Bob, 43 years; Juanita, 12 years; Jacob, 8 years; Daniel Z., 26 years; Jovanna, 3 years; Steve, 1 month; Elizabeth, 8 months; Nick, 2 months; Scott A., 1 month; Jollena, 4

months; and Jane, 1 month.

The Cosmopolitan Group celebrated the following birthdays in November: Julian V., 3 months; Mike F., 6 months; Brian D., 9 months; Michelle B., 8 years; and Gary J., 10 years.

We do it one day at a time. Keep coming back!

Dusty S.

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DISTRICT REPORTS

District 7 – ROSWELL, ARTESIA...

As we draw down to the end of another year, we would like to take this time to thank God and all the people in Alcoholics Anonymous who have made a difference in our lives and for their selfless service in our sobriety. So many undeserved

blessings and undeserved miracles, but yet here we are sober, happy, joyous, and free! We would like to wish everyone a very blessed holiday season and a soon to be prosperous new year!

Sincerely yours in service,

Cheryl W.,

District 7 ELF Rep

Birthdays: Annie G., 30 years; James S., 12 years; Paul B., 2 years; Brandy M., 3 years; Patsy H., 16 years; Laurie H., 10 years

District 8 – FARMINGTON, SHIPROCK, AZTEC, BLOOMFIELD...

This past month has been a busy one for District 8. New district chairs have been elected and installed. The District 8 Christmas Banquet - held on the first weekend of December in Farmington - was a smashing success.

Area 46 delegate Teresa J. visited our Arid Acres club to give a workshop on Service and then gave Dis-

trict 8 her Delegate's Report. She stayed on that afternoon to attend a speaker meeting and Christmas potluck. All of District 8 wants to thank her very much for coming up, and we all hope to see her again soon.

The Sisters in Sobriety women's group had its annual Christmas potluck Tuesday the 17th, and all wom-

en in the region were invited to participate.

District 8 is hoping to host a statewide function at some point in the future, and we wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Paul C.

District 11 – WEST ALBUQUERQUE ...

Hello Area 46! Happy New Year 2020!

Hope we all see lots of good things ahead! Thank you District 17 for a great Assembly! Many of us got together in Albuquerque for a spirited and spiritual AA time. Lots of appreciative comments about the wonderful lunch on Saturday! Missed our Roswell friend David Dibble.

Happy Birthday *El Farolito*! 50 years old this year! Admirable record of carrying the message.

Welcome incoming District 11 Trusted Servants—DCM, Mike W.; Alternate DCM, Stu; Secretary, Jerry

K.; and Treasurer Rosie F! Thank you, outgoing DCM Jerry R. and team, for a productive and very fun rotation! District 11 has a variety of committee chair opportunities available. Accessibilities, Bilingual, and Treatment are among them. We meet the 2nd Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at Mesa View Church. You are welcome anytime. Rosie is already simplifying the District 11 Treasurer's Report. Thank you, Rosie! Rosie also told us about the Three Legacies Workshop at the Heights Club, Saturday, January 25, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Jerry K. reported from Intergroup that the financial situation at Cen-

tral Office is grim, and there was a recent break in. Intergroup also has open Trusted Servant positions. The new office hours are going well. Hope this New Year is a good one for you and your loved ones. So grateful for our lifesaving program! We have over 360 active groups in our Land of Enchantment. Many chances to get to meetings! Hope to see you at one! Thank you for letting me serve. With the next issue District 11 will have a new *ELF* Rep.

Stay warm, stay sober!

With love and gratitude,

Beth B.

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District 13 – SOUTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE, MORIARTY, TIJERAS ...

Greetings from District 13!

We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m.. We are in need of a Bridge the Gap chair, Corrections chair, Treatment chair, and Young People chair. If you are interested and available to serve in any of these positions, join us so you can be elected! Our next meeting is on January 11 at Metropolitan Community Church, 1103 Texas St. NW, Albuquerque.

Kindyl and Andrew both celebrated three years in December, and Oris will celebrate 14 years in January.

Congratulations!

Over the next two months, we are endeavoring to visit every group in the district, inviting them to elect a GSR or representative to attend our meetings, and updating group information

change forms for the Area 46 Registrar and General Service Office.

As a result of the extremely close vote to “keep the books” at Area 46’s December Assembly, District 13 is also discussing the principle of attaining substantial unanimity, as outlined in the 4th warranty of Concept 12. GSRs have been encouraged to talk with their groups and we look forward to more thought-provoking dialogue at future meetings.

District 13 is currently working on putting together a bid to host a 2020 Area 46 Assembly, but we are struggling to find a space. If you have any suggestions for a hosting venue in Albuquerque (S of I-40 & E of I-25), Tijeras, Moriarity, McIntosh, Willard, Mountainair, or Corona, please email district13@nm-aa.org.

Please consider including District 13 when your group makes quarter-

ly distributions. It is through your generous contributions that we are able to provide services to our local A.A. community. There is a District 13 envelope at Albuquerque Central Office specifically for drop-off contributions. Checks can also be made out to District 13, and mailed to Albuquerque Central Office, 1921 Alvarado Dr. NE, Albuquerque.

We hope to see you at our next District meeting in January. Please come and see what we do! This is your District.

Your participation and your vote are very important.

In love and service,
Laura S.

DCM, District 13
(917) 676-3674

dcm13@nm-aa.org

District 14 – TAOS, RED RIVER, ANGEL FIRE, QUESTA, PEÑASCO, TALPA ...

Happy holidays from Taos and surrounding areas!

District 14 met this month and discussed still needing a group to host the Taos New Year’s Eve Alcañon, as nothing was planned as of press time. Also, the District 14 Corrections Committee said it is looking for more men to volunteer with the jails. Our district meetings are continuing to discuss the Area 46 found books dilemma – as of now, many meetings are indicating they are against the books being thrown away. Also, District 14 voted to support Santa Fe’s bid to host the 2022 International Women’s Convention and will be sending a letter to that effect.

Planning is continuing for the 2020 Area 46 Assembly in Taos, as well as for the Taos Mountain Fiesta event next September.

New District 14 chairs will be incoming on January 1 and preparations are underway to make the transition as smooth as possible. The next District 14 meeting will be on January 18 at 9:30 a.m. at the Kit Carson Electric Boardroom. Please join us!

We hope you and your loved ones enjoyed a happy and safe holiday season.

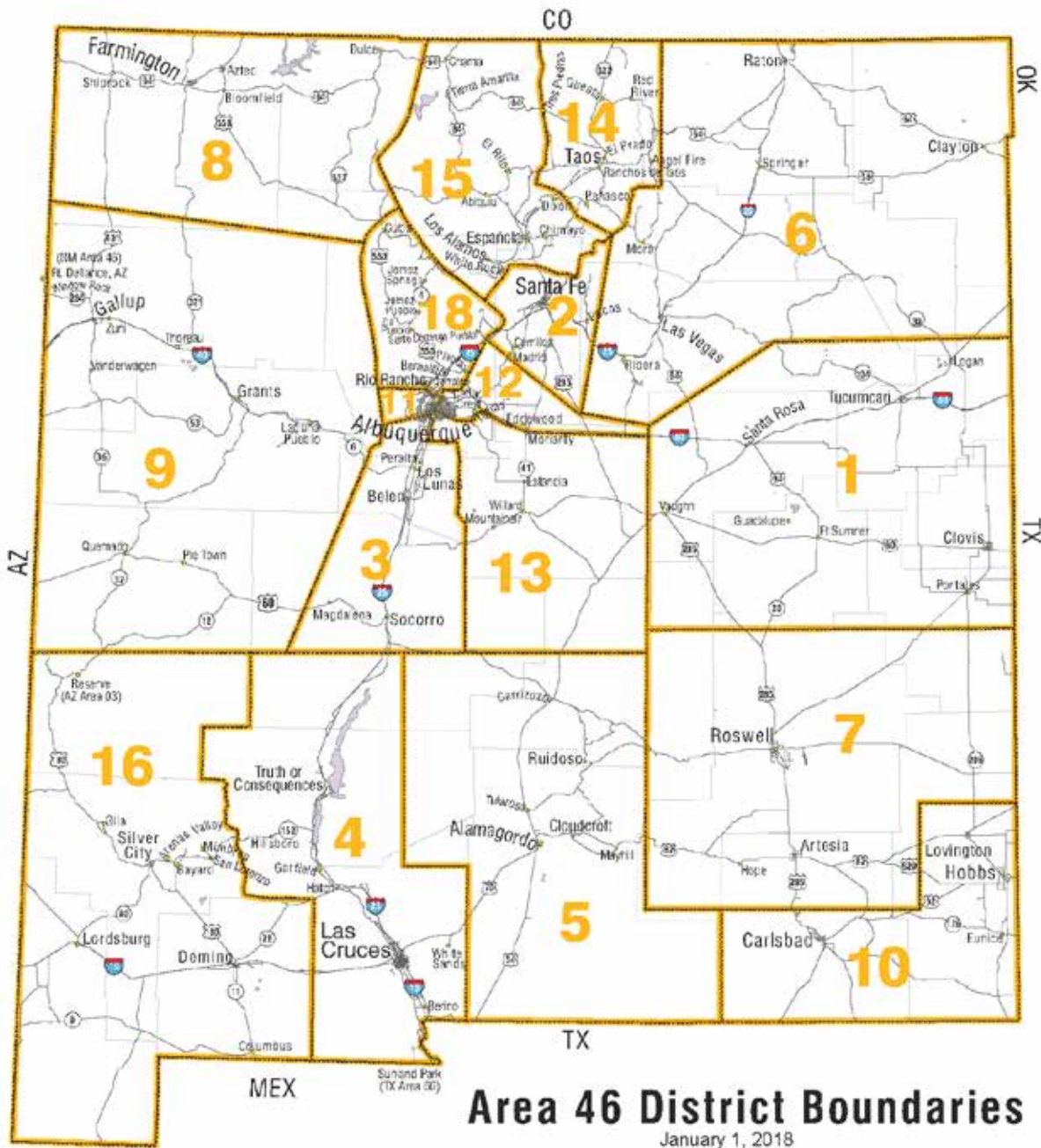
Yours in service,
Kelly O., District 14
El Farolito Rep.

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Come to Taos for the March 2020 Assembly

District 14 will be hosting the March 2020 Pre-Conference Assembly

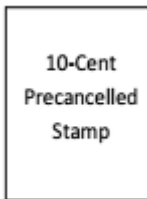
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- Friday night speaker meeting
- Saturday and Sunday sessions
- Look for additional information, hotel and restaurant listings and maps in the February and March issues of *El Farolito*.



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