



# EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

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### Delegate

Bill L., alternate delegate, and I attended the Southwest Region Delegate Assembly (SWRDA) on March 8 – 10 in Oklahoma City. We were joined by delegates and alternate delegates, past delegates (including four from Area 46), the current SW regional trustee and past trustees from around the region. In all, around 90 people from 11 areas showed up for the purpose of discussing topics related to AA Service and helping to prepare the new delegates for the General Service Conference. There were presentations and a mock conference using agenda items from past conferences. There was no discussion about the current conference agenda items; everyone's focus remained on procedures and general topics. As a second-year delegate, I got to share my experience, strength and hope with the first-year dele-

gates. It was a good feeling to be able to "pay it forward."

I would like to start some in-depth discussions about the Communications Audit that was commissioned by the General Service Board (GSB) in 2017 and 2018. The GSB has spent nearly \$400,000 on this project to date and has budgeted another \$187,000 for 2019. The full report of the Communications Audit was more than 300 pages. The GSB has given us an abridged report that is less than 30 pages long (the results begin on page 11 of the abridged document). The GSB is using the Communications Audit to guide their decisions. I believe it is vital that we be aware of what it says. Furthermore, if there is useful information in the report, I think we should use it in our service work in Area 46. I have posted the abridged Communications Audit

Report on the delegate's webpage at <https://nm-aa.org/trusted-servants/delegate/>. I would be happy to hold workshops or come to your district meeting so we can explore this report together. I will have time in April and early May – please call.

Speaking of reports, it's time to schedule delegate reports of the 2019 General Service Conference. My first report will be given at the Area Convention in Santa Fe. DCMs, please call to schedule a delegate report for your district. Once again, Bill L. will be available to give a service workshop before the delegate report. For those of you who heard the Service 101 workshop last year, Bill is preparing a Service 201 workshop for this year.

Your grateful servant,

Teresa J., Area 46 Delegate

### Delegada

Bill L., delegado suplente, y yo asistimos a la Asamblea de Delegados de la Región Suroeste (SWRDA) del 8 al 10 de marzo en Oklahoma City. Nos acompañaron delegados y delegado alternos (incluyendo 4 del Área 46), el actual Custodio Regional de SW y custodios pasados de toda la Región. En general, alrededor de 90 personas de 11 áreas se presentaron con el propósito de debatir temas relacionados con el Servicio de AA y ayudar a preparar a los nuevos delegados para la Conferencia de Servicios Generales. Hubo presentaciones y una Conferencia simulada usando temas del programa de Conferen-

cias pasadas. No hubo discusión sobre los temas actuales del programa de la Conferencia; el foco de cada uno permanecía en procedimientos y asuntos generales. Como delegada de segundo año, pude compartir mi experiencia, fortaleza y esperanza con los delegados de primer año. Era un sentimiento bueno para ser capaz de "pagarlo adelante".

Me gustaría empezar algunas discusiones en profundidad sobre la auditoría de comunicaciones que fue encargada por la Junta de Servicios Generales (JSG) en 2017 y 2018. La JSG ha gastado casi \$400,000 en este proyecto hasta la fecha y ha presu-

puestado otro \$187,000 para el 2019. El informe completo de la Auditoría de Comunicaciones fue de más de 300 páginas. El JSG nos ha dado un informe abreviado que tiene menos de 30 páginas (los resultados empiezan en la página 11). El JSG está utilizando la Auditoría de Comunicaciones para guiar sus decisiones. Creo que es vital que estemos al tanto de lo que dice. Además, si hay información útil en el informe, creo

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## Alternate Delegate

Communication is vital in our fellowship. It is essential and a matter of life and death between those who have been here and those who are newcomers. As we all know, one alcoholic talking to another alcoholic is the core of our program, and if the newcomer does not receive effective communication from us, they might not make it. But how well do we communicate with each other throughout the rest of our fellowship? Between group trusted servants and the group members? From district meetings to the GSRs and groups and group members? From area assemblies meetings to the DCMs and GSRs, and groups and group members? Between central offices and the General Service structure? Do we consider all these communications to be equally as life-saving as we do communication with the newcomer trying to survive? I invite each of you to reflect for a moment on "How well do I carry the message and how effectively do I communicate with others around me in the Fellowship?"

Our delegate Teresa J. and I at-

tended the 2019 SWRDA (Southwest Regional Delegates Assembly). It was held March 8-10 in Oklahoma City in preparation for the 69th General Conference. This is an annual assembly by our SW Region to provide preparation for the delegates who are about to head for the upcoming General Service Conference. Alternate delegates also attend as part of their preparedness to serve, if called upon. This year there were approximately 82 in attendance. Our Southwest Region is highly dedicated to the preparation of our delegates and invests a lot of effort to support them. This year approximately 60 past delegates and past trustees gave of their time to participate. We had four past delegates from Area 46 attend. Many wonderful presentations were given, and there was a mock conference break-out session Saturday afternoon. Additionally, introductions were held for the 11 SW regional trustee nominees, including our own Lori P. from Area 46. This assembly is a most humbling experience. It is an honor to receive support from such a wide variety of trusted servants who care so much about our

beloved program.

The Alternate Delegates committee meets twice a year. We met at SWRDA in March. In 2019, Kansas Alternate Delegate Sherri P. serves as chair of the committee, and I serve as secretary of the committee. We elected the officers that will serve the Alternate Delegates committee in 2020. Our committee is reviewing the SWRAASA Guidelines.

The New Mexico AA Service Forum (NMAASF) will be held July 20 at St Thomas Aquinas Church in Rio Rancho. Planning continues. District 18 is doing a wonderful job of preparing for the forum. We have a Guidelines subcommittee working on a section to be included in the AIP for future New Mexico AA Service Forums as well as a set of "suggested guidelines" which provide some more specific recordkeeping of the processes used in the previous two service forums.

In Love and Service,

Bill L.

Panel 68, Alternate Delegate

## Chair

Greetings Area 46,

As you read this report, we just had our March Area Assembly in Grants. Thank you District 9 for being our hosting District -- you guys did a great Job. A lot of General Service Conference material items were covered during the committee breakout meeting in the morning. And some materials were covered during the Saturday night

delegate sharing sessions. Teresa J. sure will have a good idea from this assembly on how to vote. You know when we send Teresa to New York she still will have right of decision. What it does is give her the freedom to vote her conscience based on all the material and arguments plus the presentation that is brought to the floor. Pretty cool, huh?

Coming up in June is the Area

AA Convention, June 7-9, at the Santa Fe Convention Center in Santa Fe. Again, a shout out to all the districts reminding you all that we have all the Area Committee chairs and myself just itching to come to your district for workshops. What I have been hearing is some Traditions Workshops are greatly needed.

Yours in Service,

Eloy M.

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## Accessibilities

Hello friends!

By now we've participated in the Pre-conference March Assembly. I'm sure we did a wonderful job at helping Teresa take our thoughts to the conference. Thank you to all that helped before and during the assem-

bly. It doesn't end here, everyone, keep the excitement and power of AA alive! Take a minute to look around your meeting places and check to see if you are keeping it accessible to all that need our program. Child-care and hearing well at meetings are two of the main concerns I frequently

hear about. If you have come up with any solutions please share with us so we can spread the word.

Thank you all for your service and participation,

Robyn T.

## Bridge the Gap

Greetings Area 46

Things are going well with me and with Bridge the Gap. I have been blessed to have been a small part of some traditions workshops here

locally. There always seems to be just enough Bridge the Gap stuff to do that I can stay as busy as I want. Thank God for AA and AA for God.

As always if there's anything I can

do for any of you please let me know.

Love and Service,

David D.

Bridge the Gap Chair

## Cooperation with Professional Communities

I love New Mexico seasons, especially when winter turns into spring. It's just beautiful!

Here are some wonderful things happening in CPC this month.

District 18 DCM Jeff B. was informed by the Central Office that an athletic director for the Rio Rancho public schools might like AA to participate with several school assemblies; being present, having handouts and maybe more. This is a new opening without any action yet but with lots of possibility.

District 15 CPC Chair Lori P. made a presentation to the Los Alamos Community Health Council on AA. This council includes health representatives of various sorts across the county. This time there

was someone from the State Health Department and from Tom Udahl's office. She adapted the presentation in the CPC workbook for her talking points. She brought several copies of the D15 meeting schedule, a copy of the Information on Alcoholics Anonymous (F-2) handout, and a Myths and Misconceptions article from Box 459. One person at the end said they needed AA and asked if they could have her number – OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE! Thank you to Lori and her committee.

District 8 CPC chair Ron, DCM Maggie and Secretary Ann, are actively putting together a workshop in June for judges, lawyers and related professionals. They're looking for a location, homing in on a date, time, audience, format, flyers and goals of the workshop. They are hoping the format is something that can be used for workshops for health professionals or educators in the future. How exciting and enlivening for their district!

District 2 CPC chair Juliet, while gone for a good portion of last month, kept the home CPC fires burning with her committee putting together

digital contact lists and creating confidential Google docs for the team. She has some follow-up to do with the doctor she met with at the new Presbyterian Hospital last month. He has a colleague in Española who he would like her to talk with. She and her team have contacts at Santa Fe Community College and are looking into the opportunity of making an AA presentation there.

District 10 CPC chair Tina has been actively putting AA pamphlets in doctors' offices in her district. She has reached out to a social worker at a local high school and will follow up with that.

I can't tell you how moved I am by this committee. With all of the things they already have on their plates from work to travel to health matters to just living life, they find time to carry this message to professionals in their communities. What a gift our trusted servants are! Thank you.

Sarah F.

Area 46 CPC chair





## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### Finance

This month, I'd like to talk about the General Service Conference (GSC) agenda items our delegate has asked the Finance Committee to weigh in on. The two items are: 1) Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the conference. 2) Review report from GSO's general manager on GSC site selection. Both these items are actually pretty closely related even though the second one is for the Policy/Admissions committee to review.

I think the site selection question has been primarily sparked as a result of the rising costs of the conference overall as well as the significant difference in cost between the two current sites (in 2018, it cost up to \$400,000 more to hold the GSC in the city of New York than it would have cost at the alternative location, according to a letter from the GSO general manager). It is these rising costs then that bring us to the other agenda item regarding the area contribution for delegate expenses for the conference.

Would this significant increase in conference costs require an increase in the area contribution? Would

changing the site of the GSC to a less expensive venue stabilize the area contribution? There may be simply management issues such as why, when it was affirmed that the conference be held outside New York (in Rye) every other year, four of the last five conferences have been held in New York costing about 45 percent more than Rye. If the conference site was alternated every other year as planned, overall expenses would be reduced and the Conference Committee might not have to consider raising the area contribution. At any rate, the review of the site selection process is slowly happening and can be urged forward by not throwing money at the problem by just raising the area contribution amount.

The 2019 GSC will be May 19-25 so there is still time to talk with your home group about this and pass on your thoughts to our delegate, Teresa.

In service,  
Christoph  
Chair Finance Committee

### Delegada

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que deberíamos usarla en nuestro trabajo de Servicio en el área 46. He publicado el Informe de Auditoría de Comunicaciones resumido en la página web del delegado en <https://nm-aa.org/trusted-servants/delegate/>. Yo estaría encantada de sostener talleres o ir a su reunión de distrito para que podamos explorar este informe juntos. Voy a tener tiempo en abril y principios de mayo - por favor llame.

Hablando de informes, es tiempo de programar informes del delegado de la Conferencia de Servicios

Generales de 2019. Mi primer informe se dará en la Convención de Área en Santa Fe. MCDs, por favor llame para programar un informe del delegado para su distrito. Una vez más, Bill estará disponible para dar un Taller de Servicio antes del informe delegado. Para aquellos de ustedes que escucharon el Taller del Servicio 101 el año pasado, Bill está preparando un Taller de Servicio 201 para este año.

Su Agradecida Sirviente,  
Teresa J.,  
Delegada del Área 46

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## Grapevine

Greetings,

The District 17 *La Viña* workshop held on February 23 went great – we had two Area 46 *Grapevine/La Viña* members attend and assist, and a *La Viña* representative from Arizona also attended among other invited guests. We discussed the process of writing and sending in stories to *La Viña* and how to send pictures of home groups. The group has sent a picture of the workshop location to GSO, and it's been confirmed it will be printed in the May/June *La Viña* issue of "If Walls Could Talk" section, so keep an eye out and get a copy of the May/June issue of *La Viña*. Thank you District 17 for having the workshop, and inviting us to participate.

We confirmed a better email address to use for submissions of stories and photos is Editorlv@aagrapevine.org, which is printed on page 3 of *La Viña*.

There was a *Grapevine* table at the Corn Beef and Cabbage event coordinated by the Children of Chaos Group in District 18. It raised funds to support NMCYPAA.

Thanks to District 9 for hosting the March Assembly in Grants. We planned on making a motion at the March assembly which would require a change in our AIP. We had been issued our service conference items to discuss, and copies were sent to all district *Grapevine* representatives by email with instructions to send in comments to our delegate, as

follows:

V. *Grapevine*

A. Consider the list of suggested *AA Grapevine* book topics for 2020 and later.

B. Consider request to remove the "Alcoholism at Large" section from *AA Grapevine*.

C. Review progress report on *AA Grapevine* Workbook revisions.

D. Review *AA Grapevine* Fellowship Feedback Survey and summary. Send your answers to: [delegate@nm-aa.org](mailto:delegate@nm-aa.org).

Thank you,

Manuel P.

Area 46 *Grapevine/La Vina* Chair

## Treatment

Greetings Area 46,

I know that the assembly in Grants was wonderful! Thank you District 9 for hosting this pre-conference assembly. I am sorry to have missed everyone, but I'm assured that my district's chair, Ron N., did an outstanding job chairing the com-

mittee meeting. This was a Pre-GSO assembly and a good portion of the meeting was discussing the topics we were asked to review. The first topic was to review the pamphlet "AA for the Older Alcoholic – Never Too Late." We had a very informed discussion. The committee discussed updating this pamphlet to include more recent stories, and information about online meetings, *AA Grapevine* and its website.

The second topic was to discuss the concept of posting anonymity-protected interviews on [aa.org](http://aa.org) with military professionals about their experience with AA. These audio clips could be used in various

places, such as GSO's AA website, an app, LinkedIn, the A.A.W.S. YouTube channel, and others. These audio clips would help us in carrying the AA message to our armed services and veterans. We also looked at reviewing a draft of a proposed Remote Communities Kit, and the suggestion that the *AA Grapevine* book, *AA in the Military* be included. We discussed the information and then went into a discussion on experience people had on the topic.

In Love and Service,

Treatment Chair

Carrie N.

### Tradition of the Month **Four**

"Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole."

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

Hello from District 3!

Our next District meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 13 at Isleta Club, 1829 Isleta Blvd SW, Albuquerque. Potluck at 1:30 p.m., meeting at 2:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

The District 3 webpage on the Area 46 website has been updated. Please check it out. Go to <https://nm-aa.org/> and look for District 3 on the drop down "Districts" tab. It has upcoming events and meetings

in District 3. You can also see which district committee chair positions are open. If you are interested in one of these positions, please come to the next district meeting. Any AA member in District 3 is eligible to hold one of these positions. It's a great way to do service work.

The Cosmopolitan Group February birthdays included: Rich W., 25 yrs.; Bill N., 4 yrs.; Karen S., 10 mos.; Veronica P., 4 mos.; Harley B., 24 hrs.

The Isleta Group February birthdays included: Onesimo, 8 yrs.; Todd G., 5 yrs.; Francis, 24 yrs.; Florenio, 45 yrs.; Roselle, 38 yrs.; Ralph T., 31 yrs.; Daniel, 1 yr.; Rebecca A., 12 yrs.; Jimmy A., 2 yrs.; Donald, 18 yrs.

184 years total! Wow! Congratulations and keep coming back! We do it one day at a time.

In Service,  
Dusty S.

**District 2 –  
SANTA FE, CERRILLOS,  
MADRID ...**

Greetings from District 2,

On January 26, a talent show was held at the Center for Spiritual Living in Santa Fe. There were 17 acts ranging from vocal, popular guitar, classical guitar, piano, stand-up comedy, and poetry. It was sponsored by the Santa Fe Downtown Group and Central Office. The event was very well attended and raised over \$1,400.00 for the State Convention. Thanks to all the volunteers and participants who worked so hard to present a wonderful and enjoyable show.

The 2019 Area Convention Committee presented a raffle for a two-day stay at the Drury Plaza Hotel in downtown Santa Fe. This is a \$350.00 value and tickets were on sale for \$10.00. The drawing for the winner was held on March 31st at the Grants Area Assembly Check the Santa Fe AA and Area 46 websites for the name of the winner.

Speaking of the State Convention, many volunteers will be required to pull this event off successfully. If you would like to be a volunteer, please contact Mark, Volunteer Coordinator, at 505 203-5756.

That's all for March,  
In Service, Fred D.

**Road Trip to Santa Fe,  
New Mexico!**



*“High Desert  
Higher Purpose”*

**2019 Alcoholics  
Anonymous  
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NM Area 46**

- June 7-9 at the Santa Fe Convention Center, W Marcy St, Santa Fe
- Registration \$15 until April 22 and \$25 after
- Rooms reserved at Drury Plaza Hotel, 800-325-0720, Group No. 2340803 and the Sage Inn, 505-982-5952, Group “Area 46 Convention 2019.”
- AA & Alanon, English & Spanish.
- Registration form and details at [nm-aa.org](https://nm-aa.org)

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Lunch Bunch (Roswell)	20.00
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Aztec Group	41.00
Turkey Creek Group (Gila)	35.00
Jemez Springs Group	30.00

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Fourth Dimension (2 contributions)	\$303.13
Aztec Group	103.24
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Wings of the Storm Group	73.74
Lunch Bunch	20.00
West Side AA	50.00
Brown Baggers (Albuquerque)	20.00
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**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Public Information**

Greetings everybody,

This is turning out to be a great year for Public Information (P.I.). I am already scheduling to attend numerous health fairs around the state. I am also planning on holding a P.I. workshop, hopefully sometime in May or late June. It should be fun.

I was happy to see everyone

at the Pre-conference Assembly at the end of March. I know our break-out session was very informative for the delegate.

I look forward to the year to come. It should be a great year for P.I. I can't wait to be of service and help spread the word of this wonderful program. If there are any districts who would like me to have a workshop or just speak to your groups a little about

P.I., please contact me at either my email address or phone number.

Also, if your district is having any upcoming health fairs or events that you need help with, don't hesitate to get a hold of me. I would like to be able to participate and show my support in any way possible.

Melissa R.

PI-Chair, [pi@nm-aa.org](mailto:pi@nm-aa.org)

**Young People in AA**

Hi, Area 46,

The Area 46 Young People Service Committee has started to work on the AA-Athalon Event. The date will be June 22. We will let you guys know more information as we plan more. The business cards are in, so we will be handing them out soon. The spirit of rotation is right around the corner.

If you are interested in serving as the Area 46 Young People's Chair, please contact me. It has been a very good learning experience for me. You will grow spiritually in ways you never imagined, at least I have. I'm so grateful for this opportunity. I hope I had the opportunity to see you at the March Pre-conference Assembly in Grants. The committee has a bud-

get balance of \$182.12 right now. We spent \$37.88 on the business cards. Our committee meeting is located at The Heights Club on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Come join us. Keep trudging the road to happy destiny. One day at a time.

In Service,

Michelle M.



## DISTRICT REPORTS

### *District 7 -*

*ARTESIA, ROSWELL ...*

It has been a little exciting for the most part this week. Our neighboring town south, about 18 miles, Dexter, had a tornado March 12 that did major damage and really tore up a couple dairies. There were circular sprinklers upside down in the fields and twisted-up metal roofing all over. Telephone poles snapped off like toothpicks. The rest of us in Hagerman, Lake Arthur, Artesia and Roswell suffered pretty badly, with 60-70 mph winds and many experienced a loss of electricity. Semis, travel trailers and pickups were turned over on their sides along the highways. Praise God there were no fatalities.

Artesia is really suffering from a lack of members to support their cause, but they manage to always have a great pot luck and speaker meeting the third Thursday of each month with the help from some dedicated Roswell drunks.

The 2020 Convention Committee meetings have been very well attended and most service positions have been filled. Fundraisers that have been discussed are a chili cook-off and a mini conference, for starters. That's about all I have for this month except for a couple birthdays; John C., 33 years and David B., 41 years. Congratulations gentlemen!

May the luck of the Irish be with ye and a Blessed Easter ahead of time so it will be on time.

Yours truly in AA Service,

Cheryl W., ELF Rep District 7

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## 2019 Area 46 New Mexico AA Service Forum

The 2019 Area 46 New Mexico AA Service Forum is on July 20. The forum aims to provide Area 46 AA members the opportunity to gain insight into how to participate at the various levels of service available to all. District 18 will be hosting the event. Some recent updates are as follows:

- Site Selection: St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 1502 Sara Road SE, Rio Rancho.
- Committee Positions: Mostly filled, program chair and secretary still available for anyone who'd like to volunteer.
- Fund Raiser: Additional fundraiser possible, more info to come!
- Topics Review: In full swing, the committee is currently discussing which topics and sub-topics will be presented at the event and we hope to have consensus on the list soon.

The planning committee is currently meeting the third

Thursday of every month at the Bernalillo United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. The church is in Bernalillo on the corner of W. Calle Don Andres and San Felipe Road, right behind Abuelita's New Mexican Restaurant. If you can't make it to a planning committee meeting please feel free to reach out to our event email inbox and let us know that you'd like to help out. The email address is [area46serviceforum@gmail.com](mailto:area46serviceforum@gmail.com).

The opportunity to be of service was not available to many of us when we were actively drinking, and it is with great humility that we now accept the responsibility to be of service to the suffering alcoholic both outside and inside the rooms of AA.

Yours in Loving Service,

Enrique K.

Attractions Chair

2019 Area 46 New Mexico AA  
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### *District 5 -*

*ALAMOGORDO, RUIDOSO, CLOUDCROFT ...*

This month, Group 63 in Alamogordo will be hosting the district meeting and we will be discussing ways in which we can increase participation at the district level as numbers have been dwindling at our

monthly meetings. There are a number of positions also open, including CPC/PI and Archives. It was voted to keep the annual district picnic going in the month of June, and the location, date, and time will soon be determined. Otherwise, it's fairly quiet this time of year in District 5 and we hope to increase interest at the district level with possible upcoming changes.

In the Fellowship of the Spirit,

Kelsey F.

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

Greetings from the Four Corners and District 8,

**News from our group conscience and GSRs:** Our PI/PCP Committee lead by Ron H. has begun to develop several workshops with the judicial community here in San Juan County. The goal is to develop two workshops to provide an overview about AA to law enforcement and officers of the court including probation officers, lawyers and judges. Thanks goes out to our Area 46 for their support in getting us jump-started on this project. Details will be coming out as the plans become finalized.

The planning for the Annual Pic-

nic in August at Kiwanis Park has begun. It is so refreshing to see the eagerness in service to pre-plan our events. A shout goes out to Dirk from the B-Hill group for his effort in getting this set up. The date has been set for August 28th so put it on your calendar and/or phone.

It is always a good sign when your district meeting includes an agenda item that asks GSRs to take back to their groups how the district should distribute some extra money. A thanks goes out to our district fellowship for contributing to your groups and district.

**Group Highlights:** No news

from any of the District 8 groups this month.

**Birthdays:** Congratulations to all who are celebrating their sobriety.

4th Dimension: Dave D. 7yrs.; Robert C. 29 yrs.; Sam S., 5 yrs.

Forced Fellowship: Terri W. 40 yrs.

Day Break: Andrea G., 34 yrs.

Farmington Group: Bob T. 30 yrs.; Mark J., 15 yrs.

Aztec Group: Lindell C., 4 yrs.; Jake, 2 yrs.; Mark, 1 yr.

Privileged to Serve in Sobriety,

Bruce F.

**District 11 – WEST ALBUQUERQUE ...**

Hello Area 46!

Thank you, District 9, for inviting us to Grants for the Pre-conference Assembly! Always great to get together. Thank you, Alternate Area Chair Rosie F. for chairing our most recent meeting on short notice.

Mike W., Jerry K., and Andrea have been covering the Treasurer position. We are very grateful to them and hoping for someone to step up to take the position. Could it be you?

Rosie told us about an AA windfall. Several pickup loads of AA literature were going to be discarded, most unopened, and are now an Area asset. Good news!

Central Office has volunteer opportunities to cover the desk and phones at night. Stu told us that La Posada needs groups to take meetings in, mainly to talk about AA and help folks start thinking about our program and the first three steps. Remember service work helps us as much as those

we want to help. Sobriety insurance! That's a new term to me.

And there is a Traditions Conference on the horizon in October. Always a great event. District 11 meets at 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd Saturday at Mesa View Church, 4701 Montano NW, Albuquerque. Come join us, and keep trudging the Road of Happy Destiny!

With gratitude and love,

Beth B., District 11 *El Farolito* Rep.

**District 13 – SE ALBUQUERQUE, TIJERAS, MORIARTY, MOUNTAINAIR ...**

Greetings from District 13! We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Please join us at our next meeting on April 13th at

Metropolitan Community Church, 1103 Texas St. NW, Albuquerque.

We are in need of a corrections chair. If you are interested and available to serve in this capacity, join us so you can be elected!

Please consider including District 13 when your group makes quarterly distributions. It is through your generous contributions that we are able to provide services to our local AA community. There is a District 13 envelope at Albuquerque Central Office specifically for drop-off contribu-

tions. Checks can also be made out to District 13, and mailed to Albuquerque Central Office, 1921 Alvarado Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108.

We hope to see you at our next district meeting in April. Please come and see what we do! This is your district. Your participation and your vote are very important.

In love & service,

Laura S., Alt. DCM, District 13

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**Reminder**

**Intergroup Speaker Meeting  
Central Office Fundraiser**  
Hosted by District 18

**Saturday, April 6**  
St. Francis Episcopal Church,  
2903 Cabezon Rd., Rio Rancho  
Potluck 6:00 p.m., Speakers 7:00 p.m.

## DISTRICT REPORTS

### *District 18 – BERNALILLO, PLACITAS, CORRALES, CUBA, ZIA PUEBLO ...*

The March District 18 meeting started with Mike D. sharing on the 3rd Tradition and 3rd Concept. Jeff B. reported on the 2019 Service Forum at St. Tomas Aquinas Church in Rio Rancho in July. The planning committee continues to meet at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Thurs of the month at the United Methodist Church in Bernalillo. Gayle W. reported on The Spring Innergroup Speaker Meeting that will be held on April 6th at St. Frances Episcopal Church -- Potluck at 6:00 p.m. and speakers at 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed. The Chili Cook Off fundraiser for the Service Forum raised \$295. Great job, Gayle, and all the participants. Upcoming events include the Founder's Day Picnic and the Fall Workshop. More information will follow as it becomes available.

The district GSR reported meet-

ings are mostly going well with good attendance. The Tuesday 12 & 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community of Joy Church has completed the Joe and Charlie tapes and will be returning to the 12 & 12. Debbie reported the Beginners Group that meets at the Mesa Club on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 6:00 p.m. has a good turnout of newcomers and the group needs members with more sobriety to attend. Gayle, Archives committee, will have a display at the Innergroup Speaker fundraiser. Mike D. of

Grapevine shared that members can submit articles for the Grapevine online or over the phone. You can find instructions at AA.org. Open service positions are CPC chair and Literature chair. If interested, contact Jeff B. or attend the next District 18 meeting.

Our next district meeting will be held on April 13 at United Methodist Church, 136 W. Calle Don Andres in Bernalillo at 10:30 a.m. (snacks provided). Please join us.

Susan D., District 18 ELF Rep.

### *District 14 –*

*TAOS, QUESTA,  
EL PRADO, TALPA,  
RED RIVER, PEÑASCO ...*

Our DCM was hard at work gathering information to submit a bid at the Grants Area Assembly to host the March 2020 Area Assembly in Taos.

Our Special Events Committee is busy planning for a "Founders Day" event in Taos. It will include an "Long-Timers Panel" composed of members with 35-plus years of sobriety. It will, of course, include a Potluck.

In August, Districts 14 and 15 will hold their annual weekend campout. It will be held at Lake Abiquiu. Details to follow.

Bob J., [taoseno22@gmail.com](mailto:taoseno22@gmail.com)



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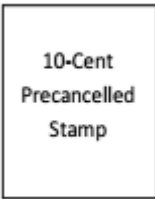
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