



EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

Hello from District 10! Welcome to the New Year!

Hello, My Name Is...

Next time you are sitting in a meeting, look around the room and see how many people you know by name. It's a good test of just where you are in your recovery in AA.

If you have been coming to AA meetings for a few months, you might know less than half of the names. If you have been a member of AA for a year or more, you will probably know almost 80% of the folks in the room by name. Either way, what do you do about the people that you don't know?

They may have been in AA for years or they might have just arrived and are quietly deciding if they should stay. What might YOU do? The simplest thing is to introduce yourself to anyone who you don't know. That's how AA works.

We get to AA in many ways. The "Three L's" – your Liver, your Lover, or the Law, as I've heard it stat-

ed. How we stay in AA, very often depends on those of us already here. Are we welcoming to all newcomers, do we in fact want the hand of AA always to be there, or are we just meeting makers?

Do you have a circle of AA acquaintances that you talk to at meet-

District 10 – Carlsbad, Hobbs, Lovington ...

ings? The book "Alcoholics Anonymous" never once mentions meetings or even groups in the chapters on the program of recovery. However, it does devote an entire chapter to Working with Others.

In reality, we in AA are all working the Twelfth Step daily. The PRIMARY purpose of a group is to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. NEWS FLASH! That suffering alcoholic may be

sitting in the room next to you.

With the holidays over, some of those in AA may feel lost and alone. It would be a great time to introduce yourself to anyone who is new to your meeting or to rekindle a friendship with someone you already know. Someone in the crowd might need the smile and warm hand you greet them with.

Jimmy F.

District 10 DCM

News from District 10

February will bring the New Life Group in Hobbs Annual Cake Auction! Everyone from all districts are welcome to join. The evening starts at 6:00 p.m. with potluck, meeting and the cake auction.

Love and peace,

Kendra

OFFICERS

Delegate

It's pre-conference time again! That means two things. Most importantly, it means your group gets to make its voice heard regarding how AA functions as a fellowship and as a worldwide organization. It also means I need everyone's help.

I will email a list of all of the agenda items that will be decided by the General Service Conference this year and background information for each item to all registered GSRs, DCMs and Area 46 trusted servants. If you are a GSR but do not have email, you will need to contact your

DCM to get a copy of this information. I should have this information to you by the end of February or very early in March.

We will be discussing the conference agenda items at the pre-conference assembly in Grants on March 30-31. Through discussions and open-mic sharing sessions, GSRs will have the chance to share with me your groups' ideas and opinions so I can go to the General Service Conference fully informed about what the groups in Area 46 think about the conference agenda items.

GSRs, if you haven't already done so, please ask your homegroup to schedule a meeting to discuss the conference agenda items. I suggest you schedule your group discussion in mid-March. My homegroup usually meets for two or three hours and, of course, we bring lots of good snacks!

Your grateful servant,

Teresa J., Area 46 Delegate

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¡Es el tiempo de la Pre-Conferencia otra vez! Esto significa dos cosas. Lo que es más importante, significa que su grupo puede hacer oír su voz acerca de cómo A.A. funciona como una beca y como una organización mundial. También, significa que necesito la ayuda de todos.

Enviaré una lista por correo electrónico de todos los Puntos de la agenda que serán decididos por la Conferencia de Servicios Generales este año y los antecedentes de cada tema a todos los registrados RSGs, MCDs y Servidores de Confianza del Área. Si usted es un RSG pero

no tiene correo electrónico, tendrá que ponerse en contacto con su MCD para obtener una copia de esta información. Debería tener esta información para usted a finales de febrero o muy temprano en marzo.

Discutiremos los temas de la agenda de la Conferencia en la Asamblea pre-conferencia en Grants el 30-31 de marzo. A través de discusiones y sesiones de intercambio de micrófono abierto, los GSRs tendrán la oportunidad de compartir conmigo las ideas y opiniones de sus grupos para que pueda ir a la Conferencia de servicios generales completamente

informada sobre lo que los grupos en el Área 46 piensan acerca de los temas de la agenda de la Conferencia.

RSGs, si aún no lo ha hecho, por favor pídale a su grupo base que programe una reunión para discutir los Temas de la Agenda de la Conferencia. Le sugiero que programe su discusión grupal a mediados de marzo. ¡Mi grupo base por lo general se reúne durante dos o tres horas y, por supuesto, traemos un montón de buenos bocadillos!

Su muy agradecida sirvienta,

Teresa J., Delegada del Área 46

Alternate Delegate

With each new year, comes a renewed sense of optimism. Everyone has a new excitement and all sorts of resolutions. By the time we get to February, it seems to be all but gone. How do we carry that optimism forward into all that we do throughout the year? I have found one way to do that is to stay involved in our fellowship and all the different events, functions, committees, and other service opportunities that exist. Just as we have an excitement for a new year, we can get an excitement over a new opportunity to serve. We can keep that excitement with all the activity that service offers. Staying engaged in our recovery and in service brings invaluable rewards, including a way to maintain an enthusiasm and an excitement that seemingly slipped away. I invite each of you to look around at your group, or district, or even at the area and see if there is a

committee or event that you have an interest in. All committees and events are always looking for volunteers to help out. I can't think of a better way to find a place to create a fresh start.

The New Mexico AA Service Forum (NMAASF) has a location and a date. It will be held July 20 at St Thomas Aquinas Church in Rio Rancho. Planning continues. Planning meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Bernalillo United Methodist Church, 136 Don Andres in Bernalillo, at 7:00 p.m.

January had many opportunities to be of service. New Year's Eve brought an opportunity to share experience, strength and hope. A very nice way to start the year. As Secretary of the SW Region Alternate Delegates Committee, I worked with the committee chair and we created an orientation of sorts for all the new

Panel 69 incoming alternate delegates. The orientation was distributed during the first week of January to help welcome the new alternates. I was fortunate to participate in a workshop in Roswell in District 7 on January 12. There was a meditation workshop, an archives presentation, and a workshop by the Area 46 YPAA Committee. The following weekend, the YPAA Committee hosted the 5th Annual 3 Legacies Workshop on the January 19. Districts 12 and 13 hosted the Safety Workshop on the 26th. I am always in awe that so many of you do so much here in Area 46 to carry the message.

In Love and Service,

Bill L.

Alternate Delegate

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Interim Editor & Interim Business Office ... Tim M.

Chair

Greetings Area 46,

I hope this report finds you in good health and spirit. The area assembly planning meeting is Saturday, February 2 at 1:00 pm. It will be at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, 601 Montañó Road, NW, Albuquerque. We will start at 10:30 a.m.

with more area inventory discussion. I have to say our last two workshops were awesome. Two of the items at the March Assembly will be taking bids for both the December 2019 assembly and the March 2020 assembly. We need districts who haven't hosted an assembly in a few years to step up to the plate. Nothing brings

a district together better than to host an assembly or convention. Also, let's get some workshops going! If there is something your district is needing, please contact me and we will host a workshop or a district visit.

Yours in service.

Eloy M.

Alternate Chair

Greetings everyone.

At the last Assembly, I ran around with a clipboard asking people for annual events in their part of the state. This all started last year when I got several phone calls from folks who wanted to do a new workshop/event but didn't want to be in conflict with recurring events. This is a work in progress and does not take the place of posting your events on the Area 46 and local websites, printing and distributing fliers to other meetings or, most importantly, inviting people face to face. I am also sending it to all DCMs and Trusted Servants and GSRs to help me flesh this out

January: in Albuquerque "Waltzing through the Steps" panelists present on two steps per year and include baked goods, craft items and a plant sale. This is usually the third

weekend in January at Monte Vista Christian Church. It's a fundraiser for the Central Office in Albuquerque.

Also in Albuquerque, a 3 Legacies Workshop by the Young People in Service in AA (YPAA) Breakfast potluck is held. This included speakers from around the state. Typically, this is held the third weekend in January so as not to conflict with district meetings in the Albuquerque metro area.

February: Assembly Planning and Trusted Servants meeting on Saturday, February 2. Usually held in Albuquerque six to eight weeks ahead of the March Assembly to allow the agenda to be mailed to all voting members of the Assembly 30 days prior to Assembly and to appear in March *El Farolito*.

While many groups have Valentine's events and dances, I am not aware of any larger events.

March: Pre-conference Assembly last weekend in March. Corned beef and cabbage dinner, speaker meeting and raffle by the Children of Chaos on a Saturday in the middle of the month.

I've gone over my allotted words, so next month I'll try to include April, May, June and July events. But in the meantime, contact me with additions or corrections. My phone number and email address can be found in the *El Farolito*.

Looking forward to seeing all of you around soon as we all keep on trudging.

Rosie F., Area Alt Chair

altchair@nm-aa.org, (505) 280-0489

Registrar

Hello All,

I hope everyone had a good holiday season. I do not have a lot to report currently.

I am behind in getting things into the database because of a death in my family. If you sent in a change

form in late December or early January it has not been recorded yet. I am truly sorry about that. I will get to it as soon as possible.

If you are a new GSR, please fill out a group change form which is on our website and email or mail it to

me. You can also just send an email with your physical address, phone number, and email address to my email. Either way will work.

Yours in Love and Service,

Kurt K.

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Greetings!

We had a great year in 2018 and I am excited for 2019! I have closed the books as of December 31, 2018 for the year.

Thank you to all the groups who have sent in contributions this year. Encourage your group to send what they can to support the Area 46. Your contributions help the area function so please think about giving if your group can do so.

As of December 31, the amount of contributions from groups and other income is comparable to 2017 income. As anticipated, expenses in 2018 were more extensive since we had SWRRSA. Available cash was added to the 2018 budget because we knew our income would not cover all anticipated expenses.

Available cash is the cash needed to make up the difference between our planned expenses and expected income.

We ended the year at a budgeted net loss, as was expected. However, when we subtract our loss from the balance on January 1, less the prudent reserve and earmarked funds, we end the year with plenty of available cash.

The assembly voted in 2018 to utilize some of that available cash for the Service Forum seed money. We also passed a motion to buy the area a new PA system.

Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve in this capacity. You can always call or email if you have questions or feedback.

All accounting records as of 12/31/2018 have been reconciled to the bank statements and have been submitted to the Area Chair and Area Finance Chair for review.

In Love and Service,
Ally T.
treasurer@nm-aa.org



Shake off the chill! It's time for our 2nd annual **CHILI COOK-OFF**

Plus Speaker Meeting
and 50/50 Raffle

St. Francis Episcopal Church
2903 Cabezon Rd, Rio Rancho

February 16, 2019 • 6:00pm onwards

\$5 for a taste of all entries

Rules

1. For the purpose of this Chili Cook-Off, Chili is defined as ANY COMBINATION of ground, chopped or cubed meats together with spices and seasonings along with tomatoes, onions, peppers, beans and liquid such as broth.
2. Meatless, beanless, and vegetarian chili are also encouraged.
3. Your chili needs to be pre-made and in a slow cooker. Make sure your chili is warm and ready to serve as participants will begin tasting at 6:00 pm.
4. **Check in your entry no later than 5:30 pm on February 16, 2018.**
5. As a chili cook-off entrant, you will receive three (3) complimentary raffle tickets.
6. District 18 will supply outlets, power strips, tables, tasting cups, spoons, and napkins for attendees. Entrants must provide own slow cookers and ladle.
7. First, second, and third place Chili Cook-Off Winners will be awarded.
8. Change from last year: Chili will be served by volunteers, not the chefs.

This is an Area 46 2019 Service Forum fundraiser hosted by District 18

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Accessibilities

Winter greetings from your Accessibilities Committee! We have ordered the P.A. system and are awaiting it's arrival so we can learn how to set it up best. We can't wait for the next assembly for its first run! Thank you again to everyone that supported the motion.

We are encouraging everyone to inventory your groups and districts for any accessibility issues you may have. Some examples are:

- persons who are hard of hearing,
- persons who need child care or transportation,
- persons who are illiterate and/or sight-impaired.

We urge you to help make it easy to tap into AA's wonderful program of recovery and help the still suffering in your communities. Childcare and helping those with a hearing issue seems to be the bar-

riers that are identified frequently. If you need help with finding solutions please attend your committee meeting at assemblies or email me so we can brainstorm ideas. Also, if you have found solutions I would love to hear from you so that those ideas can be shared with everyone! Hope to see you all there in March at the Assembly!

Yours in Service,
Robyn T.

Bridge the Gap

Greetings Area 46,

I hope this finds everyone having a great new year. My new year is going well. District 7 had a fabulous alcahthon. I was able to be there for most of it.

Bridge the Gap is keeping me busy and that's what I need. Thanks to everyone for allowing me to be of service.

In my "spare time," I have been emailing updated contact lists to everyone. This is an attempt to clean up the contact list. There are a lot people on the list that are no longer active, for various reasons. Any help from those of you that are still active will be greatly appreciated.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Grants for the March

Assembly. I know District 9 will do a great job. If there is anything I can do for any of you. Please call, text or email.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Love and Service,
David D.

Bridge the Gap Chair

Cooperation with Professional Communities

I've had the opportunity to meet one-on-one with most of our district CPC chairs and other CPC volunteers over the last couple of weeks. People are eager to get the message about AA out to professionals and are looking at ways to do that. If there's a professional you'd like to have informed about AA, just let your district CPC chair, DCM, or me know.

Many of us are discovering that once you break through the fear factor and actually start talking to professionals, what you realize is that THERE ARE SO MANY MORE to talk to. So the theme for the beginning of 2019 is to expand our committees, identify professionals in our districts we'd like to talk to, get the word out in meetings that we're available to talk to professionals, and start getting out there.

While the districts that have been active for some time now continue to find new groups of professionals to inform about AA, we have some new members in Silver City and Las Cruces and Santa Fe. Thank you all for your service. As we keep getting the

word out, we continue to get spontaneous requests for information about AA. What a wonderful thing this is.

We've been attending the PMS board review meetings for a couple of years now, and they now have on their website a list of community references, including how to contact the AA Central Office in Albuquerque. It's interesting to see how the process of cooperation goes.

I look forward to working with our CPC chairs and committee members this year. What a generous and courageous group of people.

Gratefully,
Sarah F.



Corrections

Hello Area 46,

Not much to report this month -- just trying to stay busy and working on some topics for the March Assembly in Grants. I'm looking forward to going up to Grants and starting my second year in this rotation. The pink can is doing well. We're starting to

pick up and groups are sending their donations I will post the groups' donations in my next report and also have a copy at the March assembly. If you're needing any help on anything that I can help you out with please call me, or just call me to say "hi" and to let me know how you're doing in

your districts. I hope to hear from you.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Area 46 Corrections Chair

Tony G.

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El Farolito

Greetings from your interim *El Farolito* editor,

It's been a whirlwind of activity, learning curve and logistical challenge the past couple of months as I gratefully accept this position of trust by our Area 46 members of Alcoholics Anonymous. My first priorities have been to keep *El Farolito* reasonably "on time," learn the mechanics of the banking and mailing side of making that happen, and asking for volunteers to assist in getting the issue in the mail each month. Thanks to Ally, Jeffrey and Jay in particular at the area level for help in getting me rolling, including on the banking and post office side of things. This is truly something that couldn't be done without the contributions of time and effort by those who submit reports.

Thanks to District 14 for all of your support too, including the members who have joined mailing teams to prepare the nearly 500 copies of the newsletter each month for mailing, the volunteers who have offered to drive the issues to the Albuquerque business mailing facility on occasion, and the various others who are supporting this important area project just like they've supported this amazing program in so many other countless ways. Thank you.

And thank you to groups for your contributions. Without the direct financial support of AA groups in the Land of Enchantment, this newsletter wouldn't exist.

I have heard from some of you with questions about contributions from your groups that haven't cleared, mailing addresses that haven't been corrected, and other things of this sort. We'll do our best to get these things sorted out and explained in the coming weeks as I better understand how the mailing system works and how Kurt's work as our Registrar feeds into the *El Farolito* subscription lists. I will also be providing a complete accounting of my expenditures and explanation for them in future reports. As of January 25, our Area Treasurer reports the *El Farolito* account had a balance of \$3,344.15.

While the process of publication isn't rocket science, it is interesting to many of us. In the coming months, I plan to use this space on occasion to talk about how things happen, and why things happen the way they do. I always want to improve your newsletter and am welcome to all ideas. I'm hoping to discuss some of these ideas with the *El Farolito* Committee during the Grants meeting on March 30-31. I would appreciate your attending the *El Farolito* meeting and

love your help in this process.

In closing, I offer a reminder that while I live in Taos and many in District 14 will be volunteering their time and efforts to this project because they're close by, *El Farolito* is your area-wide publication. You can volunteer to write articles no matter where you live, and the occasional "mailing party" can certainly occur anywhere in the state. Ask at your district meeting about the *El Farolito* chair positions that many districts have available to help spread the word about the happenings, celebrations and events going on in your district.

In the meantime, we have a new address for contributions to *El Farolito*. It's P.O. Box 1242, Taos, NM 87571. All mail from the Albuquerque address we be forwarded to the new box, so rest assured that if your group sent a contribution recently that it has, or will be soon be, deposited and eventually acknowledged.

It's about progress and not perfection, and I'll always strive to make this the best newsletter it can be. And we can only do that by helping one another and contributing to its success.

Thank you for your service,

Tim M.

Interim *El Farolito* editor

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Finance

The treasurer has closed the books for 2018 and the totals are in. As you can see from Ally's treasurer report, our ordinary expenses increased 67% from 2017 and the area paid out a lot of funds. While at first glance this might seem worrisome, I believe the bigger picture tells a different story. Our total expenses for 2018 were \$28,400, which is 85% of what we budgeted to spend. In 2017, we only spent about 66% of what we had budgeted to spend. I believe the increase in spending we see for 2018 actually shows that the area is doing more work, participating more, and using the group contributions the way they are intended to be used. In

fact, I would encourage the area to spend more money, particularly in 12th Step services.

As I mentioned in last month's report, the finance committee has been brainstorming about getting additional funds to the hosting districts of the 2019 assemblies. If you recall, our 2019 budget increased assembly hosting funds to \$1,200 each assembly. However, the way these funds are paid out, the increase really only takes effect for the 2020 assemblies. The committee has decided to present a motion to the assembly in March asking that we use \$600 of our contingency fund to finance an

increase to each 2019 hosting district. While this eats up about a third of the contingency fund, we believe it is the best solution and after all, that's what the fund is there for. Hopefully, next time we make a budget increase like this, someone will remember to throw some year-end available cash at it and save us the debate.

I have examined the treasurer's report and reconciliation for the month of December and have found it to be in order.

In service,

Christoph

Chair Finance Committee

Grapevine

Unfortunately the December assembly report didn't make the *ELF* printing in January so the beginning of this report is of the December assembly, then the report ends with current activity.

We had approximately 17 AAs attend our *Grapevine* breakout meeting. We introduced ourselves and we all signed the sign-in sheet. About six attendees were from District 17, our bilingual district, so we discussed a lot about *La Viña*, including that the cost of subscriptions is less due to the number of issues printed each year.

We discussed sales which are a very large contribution that *Grapevine* can assist GSO with, and AA as a whole. We talked about the 16 different books available, 10 CDs and miscellaneous items that can be ordered from *Grapevine* and *La Viña*, along with a monthly subscription to the *Grapevine/La Viña* magazine: it's the gift that keeps on giving. Frames were bought for the Man on the Bed photo, and a stand-up prop, and they sold fabulously. We still have a few in stock; they're not seasonal so we'll keep them on hand for future events.

Just a couple 2019 wall calendars are left, and all the 2019 pocket planners are sold out. Calendars are seasonal, so no more will be ordered.

The *Grapevine* catalog was given out so individuals can place orders.

We discussed that Area 46 has appointed committee chairs as well as that districts and groups should have the same structure including, hopefully, a *Grapevine* Representative. Manuel gave out his phone number and offered assistance to *Grapevine/La Viña* Reps. His number and email address can be found on page 2 of *El Farolito*.

Questions were asked and answered, sometimes by the panel and sometimes among one another. We had open participation. A lot of material was also passed out to take back to attendees' home groups.

Writing stories and having writing workshops was discussed. We discussed a phone line that can be called to record a story over the phone — (519) 726-1216. All topics discussed had handout material to back it up. \$544.00 of *Grapevine* products were

sold during the assembly. A \$554.00 deposit will be made and another order was made before the free shipping deadline of December 31.

We've been busy since the last meeting, attending the Traditions Conference, Newcomers Workshop and The Gallup Gathering.

We ordered \$56.00 of *Grapevine* holding binders with what funds we had left before the end-of-year deadline for free shipping. Each binder holds 12 issues. District 17 ordered more than \$200.00 worth of *Grapevine/La Viña* binders. The large order of \$544.00 worth of material was received, so we're fully stocked for the March assembly.

We will be concentrating on writing stories for the *Grapevine* in the future.

We had a raffle at the Cosmopolitan Group (Albuquerque) 36-year anniversary on January 11 and brought in \$85.00 for the *Grapevine* which is now our current balance in the bank.

In Loving Service

Manuel P.

Literature

Greetings family, and Happy New Years. What an exciting journey Area 46 has for 2019. Let me remind you the General Service Conference is in May. We have sent forward our motion asking for the 5th edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous (The Big Book)*.

Bill and Dr. Bob knew our fellowship needed a manuscript that set forward a clear statement of our recovery program -- a book could prevent distortion of the message. Bill W. wrote most of the beginning of *The Big Book*. Dr. Silkworth also con-

tributed a description as well as the co-founder's "Dr. Bob's nightmare" and 26 stories from members of Akron and New York groups.

The book was started in early 1938. The members needed a name for the book and they had come up with names such as "One Hundred Men," "The Empty Glass," "The Dry Way," "The Dry Life," "Dry Frontiers," "The Way Out," even Bill's ego had a say with a title name, "The B.W. Movement." The final two titles considered were "The Way Out," and

"Alcoholics Anonymous." When Bill checked with The Library of Congress he found out that the last prospective title had no books by that name, while the title "The Way Out," had several books. So he chose *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

Anyway I've said enough for now and looking forward to seeing you soon as I trudge along.

Stay humble.

Area 46 Literature Chair,

David L.

Treatment

Hello to all our DCMs and GSRs and trusted servants of Area 46! I hope that your New Year has started off well! I have been working to create a list of AA meetings that are held in treatment centers by groups and/or their district treatment chairs. I would like to take this moment to thank everyone that helped to provide this information. I hope to

have the information up on the area's treatment page very soon. My take-away from our December assembly was that the information is there – it just needs to be easier to find, and that is the task that I will be taking on. As always, if you have any treatment-related questions or know of any treatment facilities that would like AA to take meetings in, please

feel free to contact me anytime and we will try to accommodate them. Any DCMs that would like to have a treatment workshop in your district, please contact me. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Carrie N.

Web

Hello Area 46! I hope you are all having an amazing new year! Not much happening on the web front.

Great job on the meeting change notices. I look forward to seeing you all at the assembly next month!

Love and Service

Jason O.

Young People

Hi Area 46,

The Young People's Committee has been getting ready for the Area 46 5th Annual 3 Legacies Workshop coming January 19. We have nine speakers and three backup speakers as well. They will be sharing on Unity, Recovery and Service. We just went out to Roswell in District 7 and they had a great workshop. Thank you, Roswell, for letting us be a part of your workshop. We are

still working on the business cards. We hope to have them soon. As one event ends the next event planning will start. The 5th Annual AA-Athlon coming soon. This event you get to show your many talents at kickball, egg-toss and volleyball. Who knows what else we will come up with this year? There will be a barbecue and a speaker as well. We will let you guys know more information as we plan. The committee is go-

ing strong with 12 members showing up on the third Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Heights Club. We still have the free conference call line set up if anyone would like to join us – (605) 475-4063 access code 546-917. Can't wait to see all of you in March. Keep trudging one day at a time.

Area 46 Young People's Chair

In Service

Michelle M.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 2 – Santa Fe, Cerrillos, Madrid ...

Greetings from District 2!

There was a talent show held on January 26 at the Center for Spiritual Living, sponsored by the Santa Fe Downtown Group and Central Office to raise funds for the State Convention being held in Santa Fe on June 7-9. I'll update the readers of the results of the talent show in next month's newsletter. The Downtown Group has been passing a container

at each of its two meetings per week to collect donations for the convention since last June.

The 2019 Area Convention Committee is presenting a raffle for a two-day stay at the Drury Plaza Hotel in Santa Fe. This is a \$350.00 value and tickets will be on sale for \$10.00. Tickets may be purchased from any Convention Committee member or anyone who announces at meetings

that they have raffle tickets for sale. The drawing for this raffle will be on Sunday, March 31 at the Area 46 Assembly in Grants. The winner will be announced at the assembly, on the Santa Fe AA and Area AA websites.

This is it for February 2019!

In grateful service,

Fred D.

District 3 – Belen, Los Lunas, Socorro ...

Hello from District 3!

Our next District meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 9, hosted by Rio Amigos at Belen Community Center, 305 Eagle Lane, Belen. Potluck is at 1:30 p.m. and the meeting is at 2:00 p.m. See you there!

Happy Valley Group is starting

a Newcomers Meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at the Wellness Center in Los Lunas, 3445 Lambrose Loop NE. In order for this meeting to be successful we need newcomers and members with over 1 year of sobriety! Come join us!

The Cosmopolitan Group Decem-

ber birthdays included:

Victor P., 29 years

Manuel P., 31 years

Judy, 35 years

Congratulations and keep coming back! We do it one day at a time.

District 5 – Alamogordo, Ruidoso, Cloudcroft ...

District 5's Holiday party in Cloudcroft was a success; special thanks to the Cloudcroft group for hosting and coordinating our speaker from Oklahoma. The district will address a new budget at the January business meeting held at Cree Meadows in Ruidoso on the 3rd Sunday of each month. It's pretty quiet here this time of year in the district, but there

are several workshops throughout the area coming up which we hope to attend. It's great to be sober in a new year and hope to see you at Area 46 events throughout 2019!

Here are the ARID Group birthdays for the month of December

Brandon S. 12/1/2017 1 Year

MJ M. 12/6/2015. 3years

Sue C. 12/13/10. 8 years

Jim D. 12/21/01. 17 years

Kerry M. 12/24/01. 17 years

Christine M 12/28/01. 17 years

John G. 12/25/89. 29 years

In the Fellowship of the Spirit,

Kelsey F.

Send Contributions for Area 46 to:
Area Treasurer
PO Box 90762
Albuquerque, NM 87199

District 7 – Artesia, Roswell ...

Well, well, another year gone and already another month as well. Our three workshops, potluck and speaker meetings here in the beautiful city of Roswell, were an outstanding success. We had people attend from Artesia, Carlsbad, Las Cruces, and Hobbs. We were packed and Drew did an excellent job as our speaker. NMCYPAA is again having their chocolate-covered strawberries fundraiser for Valentine's Day, so get your

order in now. They will even deliver to Roswell, Hobbs, Artesia and Carlsbad. \$20 a dozen and they are beautiful. Contact Ron A. (575) 317-3218.

James H. will be the January speaker for the monthly Artesia potluck on January 31 at 6:30 p.m.

District 7 has appointed chair positions for the 2020 Convention. If you are ready to give back what has been so freely given to you, contact

Ron A., Jessica P. (575) 914-0440, or Renee B. (575) 626-1236.

January birthdays include: - Early Birds - Renee R., 1 – Dianna, 1 – Robert C., 4 – Cheryl W. 19 – Jennifer W 30. CONGRATULATIONS!!

Toodle-loo until next month and Yours in Grateful Service,

Cheryl W.

ELF Rep District 7

District 8 – Farmington, Shiprock, Aztec ...

Greetings from the Four Corners and District 8,

News from our group conscience and GSRs: There was a great turn out for the New Year's Eve potluck and fellowship celebrating the new year at Arid Acres.

Group Highlights: No news from any of the District 8 groups this month.

Birthdays: Congratulations to all who are celebrating their sobriety.

4th Dimension:

Carlos 47 yrs., Lola G. 36 yrs., Kathy S. 28 yrs., Debbie S. 29 yrs., Sandy F. 25 yrs., Chuck B. 17 yrs., Bill S. 11 yrs., Charlene S. 11 yrs., Dave D., 7 yrs.

High Nooners:

Carter B. 31 yrs., John C. 24 yrs.,

Andrew D. 1 yr.

After the holiday season, news and activities from the Four Corners has slowed down. It is a great time to pause and thank our Trusted Servants who help keep the doors of A.A. open for the newcomer.

Privileged to Serve in Sobriety,

Bruce F.

District 11 – West Albuquerque ...

Hello Area 46!

Very nice first issue of *El Farolito* from new editor, Tim M.! Thank you!

Good news from Central Office: It is on the positive side financially, now on a par with other Central Offices nationally. Deborah is the Central Office Coordinator, and a position is open for an Alternate Coordinator. A get-together will be planned for longtime Central Office Coordinator, Michael. Thank you, Michael! District 11 is looking for a Treasurer. Could this be the next right service position for you? Thank you,

Jerry K., for being our Secretary! Ladies Room is contributing American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter funds to the Central Office. Brown-baggers has a Friday 6:00 p.m. speaker meeting with ASL interpretation. Stu is now the combined Corrections/Bridge the Gap rep. Thank you, Stu! New York is working on a 12-Step Meeting Guide App with national listings. It will include albuquerqueaa.org.

District 11 voted to contribute \$280 to Central Office toward the new website and \$20 to the New Mexico AA Service Forum.

Come join us at Mesa View Church, 4701 Montano NW, at 9:00 a.m. on the second Saturday. You are always welcome, and we always have service opportunities. Remember, service work helps us stay sober! You might want to be our treasurer. Help and support are available.

Stay warm, stay safe, stay sober, and Happy Valentine's to all! Love our program!

With gratitude,

Beth B.

District 11 El Farolito Rep.

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email to elfarolito@nm-aa.org

UPDATED

2019 Area 46 New Mexico AA Service Forum

The 2019 Area 46 New Mexico AA Service Forum is this coming July 20, 2019. 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: Many filled, positions still available are Facility Chair, Program Chair and Secretary.
- Fund Raisers: District 18 is holding a fund-raiser on February 16, 2019 at St. Francis Episcopal Church on 2903 Cabezon Road in Rio Rancho, at 6:00 p.m. The event will

be a Chili Cook-Off plus a speaker meeting with a \$5.00 entry fee at the door which gives you the opportunity to taste all the entries in the competition. Other groups in Area 46 are currently planning to hold fundraisers in support of the Service Forum.

- Topics Review: Still in development.

We welcome all interested Area 46 AA members who would like to participate in the planning of the Service Forum to attend one of our monthly planning committee meetings. 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 Rd., right behind Abueli-

ta'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 - 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 Service Forum

area46serviceforum@gmail.com

Anonymity Online

"In my belief, the entire future of our fellowship hangs upon this vital principle. If we continue to be filled with the spirit and practice of anonymity, no shoal or reef can wreck us. If we forget this principle, the lid to Pandora's box will be off and the spirits of money, power, and prestige will be loosed among us ... I am positive that A.A.'s anonymity is the key to long-time survival."

—A.A. Comes of Age, pp. 131-132

Modern communication in A.A. is flowing from one alcoholic to another in ways that are high-tech, relatively open-ended and evolving quickly. Protecting anonymity is a major concern for members, who are accessing the internet in ever-growing numbers.

In 2013 the General Service Conference affirmed "... that the internet, social media and all forms of public communications are implicit in the last phrase of the Short Form of Tradition Eleven, which reads: '... at the level of press, radio and films.'"

At this level, according to Bill W., "... anonymity—100 percent anonymity—was the only possible answer. Here, principles would have to come before

personalities, without exception."

—*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, p. 187

General Principles

"When appearing on radio, television, film or on the Internet as A.A. members, we refrain from showing our faces or revealing our last names. In printed articles, on web sites or e-mail, we are identified by our first names and last initials only."

—"The A.A. Group – Where it All Begins," p. 8

"When using digital media, A.A. members are responsible for their own anonymity and that of others. When we post, text, or blog, we should assume that we are publishing at the public level. When we break our anonymity in these forums, we may inadvertently break the anonymity of others."

"*Understanding Anonymity*," p. 5

From "Service Material from the General Service Office," revised November 11, 2013

District 14 – Taos, Red River, Peñasco ...

Glad to report that at year's beginning we have all service positions within our district filled! We kicked off 2019 with our annual New Year's Alcañon. It was well attended and appreciated. Thanks to our organizers: "There is a Solution" Group,

which meets at our town library. Our district is looking forward to keeping the action going, passing on the message and keeping our groups inter-connected. Finally, for this month, Tim M., the *El Farolito* Editor, is rounding up "Elf Squads" to help

with getting the *El Farolito* mailed out each month. To join the fun, if you live in Taos or nearby, shoot him an email at timmomd@gmail.com.

Bob J.
Taos

District 16 – Bayard, Columbus, Deming, Silver City ...

Hey there from District 16!

The Bayard Group will be hosting the District 16 business meeting on March 9 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

A potluck will follow. The location is the Bayard Community Center, 290 Hurley Ave., in Bayard. Big Ditch Beginners meeting has started a 12x12 and 12-step study meeting on Satur-

days at 6:00 p.m. at the Silver City Lions Club. 8th St. and N. Bullard St.

Grateful to be of service,
Erma L

District 18 – Rio Rancho, Bernalillo, Corrales, Placitas ...

Happy New Year! 2019 is off to great start and there are a number of activities in the works in District 18. We are the host for the 2019 Service Forum that will be held in July at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Rio Rancho and planning is going well. The planning committee meets at 7:00 p.m. every 3rd Thursday of the month at the United Methodist Church in Bernalillo. Please attend if you are interested in this opportunity for service work. There is a Chili Cook-Off fundraiser for the Service Forum on February 19 at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Rio Rancho. The Spring intergroup fundraiser will be on April 6 at St. Francis Episcopal

Church and volunteers are needed -- contact Gayle W. Other events in the works include the Founders Day Picnic and the Fall Workshop. More information will follow as it becomes available.

GSRs reported events hosted during the holidays went well, even with the weather which may have affected turnout a little. The Children of Chaos will be hosting their annual Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner on March 16, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Gayle reported the Archives Committee continues to work on a display for events that includes interviews with old timers with 30+ years, groups, and District 18 histories.

Needed members to carry the message into the Sandoval County Detention Center (SCDC)

If interested contact Clarence at (505) 263-9301. There will be an orientation (three hours) in March. SCDC will also re-open to volunteers in March. This is a rewarding experience.

Our next district meeting will be held on February 9 at United Methodist Church, 136 W. Calle Don Andres, Bernalillo, at 10:30am (snacks provided). Please join us in February.

Susan D.
District 18 ELF Rep.

Tradition of the Month

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For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.

Intergroup Speaker Meeting Central Office Fundraiser Hosted by District 18



Saturday, April 6

St. Francis Episcopal Church

2903 Cabezon Rd

Rio Rancho, NM 87124

(NW corner of Cabezon and Golf Course)

Potluck 6:00pm

Speakers 7:00pm

Fundraising Raffle

Proceeds to Central Office