



# EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

## Officers

### Delegate

Happy New Year! I'm looking forward to this coming year with such anticipation. How can I, my homegroup, my district carry the message this year? What will I do to support A.A. and ensure its future?

The December Assembly in Carlsbad was terrific. Thank you to District 10 for your fabulous hospitality. I am truly impressed with the work that is being done by all of the committees. I am humbled to be working alongside such an amazing group of trusted servants. If your district would like to hold a service-related workshop (i.e. CPC, PI, Grapevine, Corrections, BTG, etc.) the Area can help. Simply call the committee chair

or Eloy, our Area Chair, to get things rolling.

I reported a few new bits of information at the assembly. David L. and I submitted the area's request to start the 5th Edition of the Big Book and I have learned that another area made a similar request. A.A.W.S. has licensed the Meeting Guide app; it is up to each service entity (area, Central Office, etc.) to decide whether to participate in the app. I was so pleased that the assembly approved the Web Committee's motion to participate in the Meeting Guide app – this will make finding meetings much easier for members visiting New Mexico. As chair of the Confer-

ence Archives Committee, I've been invited to attend the board weekend in January. I've invited our Archives Chair and Archivist to go with me to New York; while I'm in meetings, they'll be doing research in GSO's Archives.

Congratulations to Lori P., past delegate. The Assembly elected Lori to stand as our Area's candidate for Southwest Regional Trustee! I have submitted Lori's resume to the board's Nominating committee. The final election will take place at the General Service Conference.

Your grateful servant,

Teresa J., Area 46 Delegate

### Delegada

¡Feliz Año Nuevo! Estoy deseando este año que viene con tal anticipación. ¿Cómo puede yo, mi grupo base, mi distrito llevar el mensaje este año? ¿Qué haré para apoyar a A.A. y asegurar su futuro?

La Asamblea de diciembre en Carlsbad fue fantástica. Gracias: distrito 10, por su fabulosa hospitalidad. Estoy realmente impresionada con el trabajo que se está llevando a cabo por todos los comités. Me siento humilde al trabajar junto a un grupo tan asombroso de servidores de confianza. Si a su Distrito le gustara sostener un taller relacionado con el servicio (es decir, CPC, PI, Grapevine, Correcciones, ULO, etc.) el Área puede ayudar. Simplemente llame al Coordinador del comité o Eloy, nuestro Coordinador del Área, para poner las

cosas en marcha.

Relaté unos nuevos trozos de información en la asamblea. David L. y yo presentamos la solicitud del área de comenzar la 5a Edición del Libro Grande y he aprendido que otra Área hizo una solicitud similar. A.A.W.S. ha licenciado la Guía de reuniones app; corresponde a cada entidad de servicio (Área, Oficina Central, etc.) decidir si desea participar en la aplicación de la guía app. Me alegró tanto que la Asamblea aprobó la moción del Comité Web para participar en la aplicación de la guía de reuniones - esto hará que encontrar reuniones sea mucho más fácil para los miembros que visitan Nuevo México. Como Coordinadora del Comité de Archivos de la Conferencia, me han invitado a asistir al fin de semana de la Junta

en enero. He invitado a nuestra Coordinadora de Archivos y Archivera a ir conmigo a Nueva York; mientras estoy en reuniones, harán la investigación en los Archivos del OSG.

Felicitaciones a Lori P., Delegado Pasada. ¡La Asamblea eligió a Lori para estar de pie como el candidato de nuestra Área por Custodia Regional Sudoeste! He enviado el currículum de Lori a la Junta del comité de Nominaciones. La elección final tendrá lugar en la Conferencia de Servicios Generales.

Su muy agradecida sirviente,

Teresa J., Delegada del Área 46

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## Alternate Delegate

A big "Thank You" to District 10 for a wonderful assembly in Carlsbad. You did a great job. You always make service so much fun.

Many thanks to our Trusted Servants that attended SWRAASA in Branson, MO. They all came back for our December Assembly to participate in the Saturday evening sharing session. Each gave a recap of what they saw and what they heard, and what they felt while at SWRAASA. I think it was very informative for everyone who came to the evening event. Again, I thank each of you for supporting SWRAASA this year. Unlike regional forums, where GSO is responsible for the content of the Forum, the Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly is put on by the 11 areas in our region. As such, we, the 11 areas, are also responsible for the content of the service assembly. Each area contributes speakers and presenters to support the event. The group that we had in Branson rep-

resented Area 46 with stellar performance. We can all be proud of them for their service to our area and to our region.

The AA 101 workshop has now been presented in Districts 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, and 19 – two-thirds of the districts. I believe that it was successful enough that a second version will be offered next year. More shall be revealed sometime after the 69th General Service Conference in May.

The New Mexico AA Service Forum (NMAASF) will be held in July of 2019. Planning continues. Planning meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Bernalillo United Methodist Church, 136 Don Andres, Bernalillo, NM 87004 at 7:00 p.m.

Every 22 years, the SW Regional Forum comes to Area 46. The last one was in 2001. The next one is in 2023. As with a lot of things in AA, they go

slow, and need to be planned early. Area 46 confirmed that we will take our turn in the rotation for 2023 at our December Assembly. Thank you, Area 46. I will be creating a site selection committee during the first part of 2019.

December afforded an opportunity to attend a Christmas potluck in Taos in District 14. January already has something planned for each of the Saturdays. I will be participating in a workshop in Roswell in District 7 on January 12th, and attending the 3 Legacies workshop on the 19th, and the Safety workshop on the 26th. I am so proud of all of the service work and workshops that Area 46 puts on. You guys carry the message so very well in our area.

In Love and Service,

Bill L.

Alternate Delegate

## Chair

Greetings Area 46!

I hope this report finds everyone in good health and spirit. Thank you, District 10, for hosting the December Assembly at Carlsbad.

We now have a new *El Farolito* Interim Editor. His Name is Tim M. Tim lives in Taos. He still needs to stand in front of the area assembly for disapproval and that will happen at the March Assembly. All Area 46 Trusted servants must stand in front of the Area Assembly for disapproval or to be elected.

We did not have a District put in a bid to host the 2019 December Assembly – I do believe District 17 will work on a bid to host the 2019 December Assembly and that bid will come in the March Assembly. Also, we will be accepting bids to host the 2020 March Assembly. Congratulations to District 7 for being awarded the 2020 Area 46 New Mexico Convention and it will be in Roswell. District 2 is now taking registration for the 2019 Area 46 New Mexico Convention in Santa Fe. Please try to register early if you are planning

on going. And lastly, I want to do a shout out to our outgoing *El Farolito* editor. It's time to rotate out Jeffery H. Thank you so very, very much for your service work. I know you will not go far and only be a phone call away. Well, enough out of me DCM. Let's make 2019 the year of the workshops. Call me if you are in need of information.

At your service,

Eloy M.

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

## Alternate Chair

Welcome to 2019 as we head into the 2nd year of this rotation. I hope you all had a safe, serene and sober holiday. I think I counted (and cooked) for seven potlucks starting Sunday night after getting home from the fantastic Area Assembly in Carlsbad. Thanks to District 10. We are not a glum or hungry lot.

Welcome to the interim *El Farolito* editor Taos Tim. I look forward to meeting you soon and if I can help in

any way, my phone number is in the *El Farolito*. Big shout out to Jeff H. for his service in this past rotation and to Jay M. who left us with good general guidelines and sharing his experience, even though he has moved to Phoenix.

Committee reports on Sunday in Carlsbad reported lots of activity coming up next year. I should finish up the annual events calendar the week after Christmas and hope to

have it in the February *El Farolito* and on my page at [nm-aa.org](http://nm-aa.org).

The Area Assembly planning meeting is February 2nd at St Michael's in Albuquerque. Details to come in an email from Eloy.

Rosie F

Area Alternate Chair

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## Registrar

Hello All,

Happy Holidays to all. I hope you had a good time. Well, another year is upon us and I am looking forward to 2019. The assembly in December was great. It was good to see all of you there.

I will be getting everything to-

gether for putting out the directory in the next couple of months. If you are a GSR and have not been receiving information from GSO or not been receiving emails from the area, please shoot me an email so that I can make sure all the information on you is correct.

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.

## Secretary

I'm writing this at the end of a productive and memorable weekend. It's hard to believe that we are here at the end of 2018; it has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as Area Secretary this year, and looking forward to 2019. It has been challenging for me and also rewarding. I have learned so much, made so many new friends and received so many spiritual blessings that I can never begin to pay forward all I have been given. I would like to thank each and every trusted servant for your dedication and service. Your love and service to our fellowship has been an inspiration. One of the things I know for sure is that

each service position I have had in AA has taught me things about myself and has helped keep me sober. As the holidays approach, I hope all of you have a wonderful time with friends and family and continue to reach out to the alcoholic that is suffering inside and outside of the rooms of AA.

There will be changes in the AIP by the Finance Chair. Information will be on full minutes and can also be read in bids and motions posted on the web.

My activities this year were attending Area 46 State Convention and the 28th Annual Tradition Conference.

See you all at the next Area 46 Planning meeting that will be held on February 2 in Albuquerque and at our Area 46 Pre-Conference Assembly that will be held on March 30-31, hosted by District 9, Grants.

Annual Travel expenses to assemblies: \$425.00 - Service expenses \$30.00.

Thanks again for allowing me to be of service.

Area 46 Secretary

Ana G.

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Send Contributions for Area 46 to:

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# Treasurer

Greetings!

Thank you to all the groups who have sent in contributions this year!

Your support means that we can continue to come together as an area with the purpose of carrying the message. As time goes on, expenses continue to grow and our contributions are not growing at the same rate. Your contributions help Area 46 function so please think about giving if your group can do so.

As of November 30, the amount of contributions from groups has increased 6% compared to November 2017. However, the number of groups sending in these contributions has decreased by 14% compared to 2017. This means that groups are giving more. But fewer groups are giving.

There were no expenses incurred in November.

Thank you for supporting the 2019 budget which was passed at the December Assembly. Christoph and I are always available to discuss matters related to reports and finances.

It is an honor to serve Area 46 as your Treasurer. Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve in this capacity. You can always call or email if you have questions or feedback.

In December, I incurred \$70 in treasurer's expenses and \$140 in travel related expenses.

All accounting records as of November 30, 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.

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Area 46 Financial Reports		
November 30, 2018		
Income and Expenses		
	November	YTD
<b>Budget Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Budget Income</b>		
Group, district & member contrs	2,486	21,629
Assemblies & planning mtgs	-	1,368
AA Event 7th Traditon	-	464
Misc. revenue Interest & AIP	0.08	276
<b>Total Budget Income</b>	<b>2,486</b>	<b>23,738</b>
<b>Budget Expenses</b>		
Twelve Step services	-	595
Assemblies	-	10,632
Area Wide Services	-	4,112
General Service & Regional Participation	-	9,022
<b>Total Budget Expenses</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,362</b>
<b>[A] Total Budget Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>2,486</b>	<b>(624)</b>
<b>Non-Budget Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Non-Budget Income</b>		
2018 Convention Seed Money Returned	-	5,000
2018 Convention Overage	-	10,464
<b>Total Non-Budget Income</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,464</b>
<b>Non-Budget Expense</b>		
2019 Convention Seed Money out		5,000
2017 Conv Over to GSC		6,400
2017 Conv Over to GSO		2,840
Txfr Dec Elf Deposit to right account		236
<b>Total Non-Budget Expense</b>		<b>(14,476)</b>
<b>[B] Total Non-Budget Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>988</b>
<b>Net Gain [A] + [B]</b>	<b>2,486</b>	<b>364</b>
Cash Statement		
<b>Beginning Balance Jan 1</b>		<b>42,658.95</b>
Net Gain/(Loss)		364.41
<b>[C] Ending Balance November 30</b>		<b>43,023.36</b>
<b>[D] 2018 Prudent Reserve</b>		<b>16,624</b>
<b>Total Cash above/below Prudent Reserve</b>		<b>26,399</b>
<b>Earmarked Funds</b>		
2020 Convention seed money		5,000
2018 Convention Overage		10,464
Translation equipment fund		3,500
Cash allocated to Budget (11months)		392
<b>[E] Total Earmarked Funds</b>		<b>19,356</b>
<b>Available cash above/(below) PR &amp; Earmarked Funds [C]-[D]-[E]</b>		<b>7,042.88</b>



# Minutes of December 2018 Area 46 Assembly

## SATURDAY DECEMBER 1, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Rosie F., Area Chair, at 8:30 a.m. After a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, there was a reminder to sign the Big Book that will be going around. Eloy also mentioned about the Ask It Basket, the AIB in English and Spanish and where they were available.

Rosie F., Area Chair, made house-keeping announcements and explained where committee meetings would be held.

8:45 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.: Committee meetings as well as GSR orientation, GSR, DCM, Trusted Servants and past delegates meetings.

### 1:45 p.m.: BUSINESS MEETING

Afternoon Session was called to order by Eloy M., Area Chair. Jerry T. (D6) read the Preamble. There were readings in both English and Spanish from *As Bill Sees It*. Jerry F. (D9) read in English and Edwin L. (D17) read in Spanish, followed by introduction of all present, including seven first time at Area Assembly.

**Secretary's Report:** Presented by Ana G., Area Secretary. Summary of minutes from March 2018 Assembly (D7) Roswell. Minutes were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ally T., Area Treasurer. Ally explained her report which was provided as a handout. As of November 30, 2018 the amount of contributions has increased 6% compared to

November 2017. The number of groups sending contributions has decreased 14% compared to 2017. This means that groups are contributing more, but fewer groups are contributing. Kurt K. made motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Tim G. seconded it. Treasurer's Report accepted.

**Registrar's Report:** Presented by Kurt K. Asked if GSRs are getting emails. It is important that groups keep their GSR or group contact info updated – including mailing and email address changes – so the group will continue to receive mailings from GSO (like Box 459) and from Area 46.

**Delegate's Report:** Presented by Teresa J. The GSB commissioned an audit of our internal and external communications to see how well we are communicating within our Fellowship and to the public. The audit began in 2017 and was completed in 2018. Anyone is welcome to read a summary of the report at [nm-aa.org/trusted-servants/delegate/](http://nm-aa.org/trusted-servants/delegate/). Area 46 played a role at SWRAASA October 5, 6, 7 in Branson, MO.

**Alternate Delegate's Report:** Presented by Bill L. Every 22 years the SW Regional Forum comes to Area 46 the last one was in 2001. The next one is in 2023. He will be making a motion in this assembly and to confirm that we will be taking our turn for 2023. The next guidelines subcommittee meeting is December 13, at 7:00 p.m., United Methodist Church, 136 Calle Don Andres, in Bernalillo.

**General Area 46 Announcements:** Announcements were made of upcoming events. Fliers are available on table near registration. Announcements of A.A. Events can be found in *El Farolito* and at [nm-aa.org](http://nm-aa.org).

### OLD BUSINESS

**2019 Area 46 Convention Report:** Presented by Lyn K., 2019 Convention Committee Chair. June 7-8, hosting in Santa Fe (D2), will be held at Santa Fe Community Convention Center. Theme is "High Desert Higher Purpose." The committee is working on fundraising, and merchandise is available. Pre-registration is available: \$15.00 after April 22 it will be \$25.00.

**2019 Area 46 Assembly Report: March 30-31,** Presented by Lloyd D 9. Speaker Meeting will be held at the Church of God in Grants. Working on having a great assembly.

**2019 Area 46 Assembly Report: Richard S. (D3). September 7-8.** Gary J. Committee Chair. Assembly will be held in Belen at the Belen Middle School, they're working on a flyer. More information will be given at the March Assembly.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. **District 7 made a bid to host the 2020, Area 46 State Convention June 5-7,** in Roswell, New Mexico, at the Roswell Convention Center or an alternative location.

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## Committee Reports

### Bridge the Gap

Greetings Area 46,

Another bang up job by District 10 hosting the December Assembly. They are well practiced and things went smoothly.

The Bridge the Gap committee meeting was well attended with 30 plus in attendance. Twelve districts were represented with three newcomers. We opened with the serenity prayer. Sign-up sheets and copies of the contact list were passed around

for review and editing. This led to some discussion on how the list is used and the basics of bridging the gap. Texting a picture of the cards instead of using "snail mail" was discussed along with using Google to bridge the gap outside of the area.

We talked about treating a bridge the gap opportunity the same as a 12th step call by taking someone with you and sending women to help women, and men to help men.

We discussed how to always follow the faculty's guidelines when it was time to close. We closed with the responsibility statement and the 3rd step prayer.

As always, if there's anything I can do for any of you please call ,text or email.

Love and Service,

David D.

Bridge the Gap Chair

## Cooperation with Professional Communities

Happy New Year Area 46 AAs,

Cooperation with Professional Communities (CPC) continues to be a valuable and wondrous service opportunity in AA – never done, that's for sure – but every inroad carries with it the possibility that one more alcoholic might find AA and sobriety.

Ron in District 8 continues to meet with drug courts and “clients” to carry the Big Book message there. They're making connections with judges, probation, lawyers and medical professionals. Barbara C. in District 15 is getting the word out to teachers in Los Alamos. Jack M. in District 13 has a committee that is actively getting the word out to many different professionals, and adapting the form letters from the CPC workbook and the “Does your Doctor Know” that Bill L. (alternate delegate) wrote years ago when he was

CPC chair in Florida, for members and groups use to educate professionals. A member of Juliet and Brian's CPC /PI committee in District 2 facilitated a public service announcement about AA that's now airing. An AA at the assembly said she'd heard it and was very moved by it. A doctor from Las Cruces called for information about AA, and Julio, the District 4 DCM, is getting in touch with her to see what she might need and what other professionals might want information about AA.

The assembly CPC break out session went well. Until now we've been focusing on what to say to professionals and really using the Preamble as an initial tool. Now we're focusing on who to talk to, how to make those connections and how to prepare a presentation. Those attending the breakout session came up with some great insights and ideas. Chris from

District 10 mentioned that he knows how to talk about AA but doesn't have the connections with professionals, and realized that the connection may be sitting right next to him in an AA meeting. So he's got to get the word out that he can make those presentations. Maggie, District 8 DCM, and Jeffrey from District 15 are interested in a workshop for groups of professionals with whom they are in contact. What an inspiring group! It takes courage to reach out to professionals and get outside your comfort zone. Congratulations and thank you for your service.

I look forward to seeing you in 2019 and launching into some new CPC adventures. We are not a glum lot!

Sarah F.

CPC chair

## Finance

Our primary accomplishment for the Finance committee and the assembly as a whole was the approval of the proposed 2019 budget. Though a few challenging questions were raised and some astute observations made, the presentation was painless and the committee would like to thank the assembly for its approval. Honestly, I appreciate the questions; it shows me you're paying attention! One significant change made by the finance committee was the increase in assembly hosting to \$1,200 for each hosting district. This increase was suggested based on input from past hosting districts stating the current budget amount was not covering hosting costs and these districts were having to fund the shortfall. The last time the area approved an increase was 2010 when assembly hosting (then “assembly seed money”) went from \$800 to \$1,000.

The finance committee also discussed possible financial concerns

with the printing of the *El Farolito* Assembly Edition. Currently, the area pays \$450-550 per year to print and have available copies of *El Farolito* at every assembly. While the original question was “why are we paying for something most assembly members are already receiving in the mail?” the issue evolved into whether the assembly edition *ELF* is fulfilling its intended purpose and, therefore, is the area (and ultimately the groups) receiving the full value of this expense. Mind you, this is not an *El Farolito* problem but rather appears to be a communication problem within the assembly and the area as a whole. It's an issue I encourage all the GSR's to look into.

Finally, I'd like to return to the topic of assembly hosting and address a matter that has come up. Many of us in the area don't realize that when a district receives the bid to host an assembly, usually up to one year before the actual date, the

area treasury immediately cuts a check for the full budgeted amount. Consequently, the assemblies occurring next year are typically funded by the current year budget. In the case of the 2019 budget, with the assembly hosting increase, it will be funding the assemblies occurring in 2020. The issue is should the increase apply to the 2019 assemblies too, and if so, how can we make that happen? Only our experience and the experience of those who came before us will reveal the truthful path to take.

Thank you District 10 and Carlsbad AA for a wonderful assembly.

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

## Corrections

Hello Area 46,

I can't believe it's already the end of the year, and looking forward to my next year of my rotation.

I started the committee meeting with a moment of silence followed by serenity prayer. There were 30 persons in attendance in the meeting. At our assembly planning meeting in November we were asked how can we get the newcomer involved in the assembly. Someone mentioned that in our committee meeting we should ask if anyone is a newcomer. I did, and there was: Harolsen Y. from District 9. I asked him if he would take notes for me and he agreed.

I shared how the "pink can" was doing and how much was donated from groups (\$823.12). This allowed purchase of three cases of Big Books and pamphlets to give out at the assembly for everyone to take back to their groups.

We then broke up into three work groups to discuss:

**(1) How can we get more people involved in corrections?** Sponsorship, understanding the application process, navigation, bringing up the topic during service workshops as to where volunteers are needed.

**(2) What do you want to see at a Corrections Workshop?** Panel or speakers who were formerly incarcerated inmates, provide outreach to parole and police about AA (public

information, CPC, etc.), discussion of how the AA Traditions apply to service in corrections (Districts 5, 6, 11, and 12 have more speakers who have been in corrections).

**(3) What would you like from me on my last year of my rotation to be of better service as your correction chair?** Attend district meetings, better communication, provide a current list of contacts at each facility, have a monthly conference call with all members, provide basic training.

We ended the meeting by sharing about each topic.

It looks like I'll be doing some traveling to different districts this coming year, so call me when you would like for me to attend your district meeting. On Sunday morning, Harolsen shared my minutes with the assembly and he did an awesome job. Thank you for your service!

Thank you for all the donations from all the groups.

In service

Tony G.

Correction Chair

### Area 46 Corrections Donations and Pink Can Donations

As of December 29, 2018

Sunrise Catchers	\$ 65.00	Pink Can	9/4/18
District 18	500.00	Donations	11/26/18
Downtown Lunch Bunch	100.00	Donations	
Downtown Lunch Bunch	45.55	Pink Can	
Foothills Group	50.00	Donations	
Sunrise Catchers	29.00	Pink Can	
Los Lunas Ladies Group	38.00	Pink Can	
Hobbs Home Group	40.57	Pink Can	
Foothills Home Group	20.00	Pink Can	11/26/18
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$823.12</b>		
A.A Central Office	-757.50	For Books	11/28/18
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$65.62</b>		
Sunrise Catcher's	15.00	Pink Can	11/29/18
Downtown Lunch Bunch	30.00	Pink Can	11/29/18
<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$110.62</b>		
Laguna Group	\$ 51.00	Pink Can	
Womens Gratitude Group	62.39	Pink Can	
Early Birds District 2	100.00	Pink Can	
District 11 West Side Noon	42.00	Pink Can	
Hobbs Group	11.00	Pink Can	
Spiritual awakening	9.54	Pink Can	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$275.93</b>		

## Literature

The family had a most interesting time in Carlsbad – arrived on Friday just in time for the meet and greet. Enjoyed the refreshments and the fellowship, and the speaker was awesome sharing her experience, strength and hope.

On Saturday, I arrived early at campus to set up with my friend John V.'s help and also several Carlsbad members. The Literature committee

meeting was scheduled for the 10:45 a.m. slot. The meeting started with a prayer. Our discussion was on literature and how important it is for AAs to get familiar with the books and pamphlets. Committee members in the room discussed what we found interesting in and about the books *Pass it On*, *AA Coming of Age*, and *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers*. Discussion of this type can show us things that others find important and points

that stand out to them.

One pamphlet we took a look at and I handed out to the group was Alcoholics Anonymous 2014 Membership Survey. Wow, you want to have a good group discussion take time to read through it. Enough from me.

Area 46 Literature Chair

David L



## Treatment

Thank you District 10 for hosting this assembly! I had an awesome time!

Our meeting was well attended with 27 people in the room. We began with a review of our last meeting in September. The treatment facilities list was handed out to the group and some changes were made to it by committee members. Our signup sheet now includes a list of groups that are helping to support treatment meetings. We discussed the types of meetings that are being taken into the treatment centers and the groups supporting that effort.

There were requests for volunteers to help take meeting into treatment centers from Districts 8, 12 and 15. We also had requests for books for facilities and discussed where to obtain literature for the meetings. We talked about the importance of being able to share the AA experience with clients of treatment centers and one of the key ways to be able to do this is by being able to take the clients to an outside meeting. One member brought up the issue that some of the facilities are lockdown facilities where the residents are not allowed to travel to an outside meeting. Trust

of the facility is a key issue and the importance of honoring and respecting the policies of the facility was discussed. We also discussed other places where we may be of service outside of the traditional treatment setting, such as VA homes, nursing homes, Salvation Army and IOP facilities.

Please let us know if you would like to have a workshop held in your district! Let us be of service to you!

In love and service,

Carrie N.

## Web

Well we made it through another Area 46 Assembly and we have some very exciting news! First off, we got area approval to allow the 12 step meeting guide app, now controlled by AAWS. As soon as I get some minor details ironed out, we will be listed in the app.

Next, we have acquired some assistance from a member who is well trained in website maintenance and design. This will help greatly in repairing some of the glitches on our site. Things are moving along nicely.

And final thought is I have re-

ceived some interest in taking my place after this rotation so there will be some fluidity as I rotate out.

We had an amazing time at the assembly and I can't wait for March!

Always for the love of service;

Jason O.

## Young People

Hi, Area 46

First I want to thank all the members who participated in the Area Assembly in Carlsbad. Way to be of service. It's amazing how much fun and business we can accomplish in a weekend.

The Young People's Committee had 26 members and seven districts represented. The meeting discussion was about the 5th Annual 3 Legacies workshop coming up on January 19. This consists of nine panelists sharing about the 3 Legacies: Recovery, Unity and Service. There is a flyer on the Young People's page. We also discussed about getting funds from

the 12 step workshop fund, from which I received a check for \$100.00. That will pay for the 3 Legacies workshop. Many members were not even aware of this fund so we had a well informed conversation about it. We also talked about getting business cards with information on them about a website meeting online. This will be a resource for all especially the rural areas around the state. NMCYPAA and SWACYPAA were both discussed on what is going on with those conferences. The Area 46 Young People Committee now has a new location for a monthly meeting: every 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. right before the Young

People's meeting at 8:00 p.m. The location is at the Heights Club in Albuquerque. We also have a free conference call line you can call into if you want to be a part of the committee meeting: (605) 475-4063, access code 546-917. Call in at 6:25 p.m., please.

Thank all of you for being of service and staying here *one day* at a time.

Thank you Carlsbad for hosting a great assembly!!!

In Service

Michelle M.

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# District Reports

## District 1 – Clovis, Portales, Tatumcari ...

2019 Greetings from District 1! A.A.'s in our district are busy this new year. We are working in our local groups as well as hosting district meetings in order to spread the good news of AA – There is a Solution! – to all suffering alcoholics. We are grateful for the participation of so many of our members. As one member said recently, "service is everything from greeting people at meetings, making coffee, to helping plan local activities." We welcome your participation!

All are encouraged to come to district meetings, held on first Saturday of the month, following the Clovis Fellowship Group noon meeting. District meetings will be held every other month at 1:15 p.m. (after the noon meeting which finishes at 1 p.m.).

**REMINDER:** New Meetings/ New Group: We Care Group meets in Portales, startup was September, 2018. We Care meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon. Bring your own lunch. All are open meetings, held at: Community Room, 718 Wyliecox Circle, Portales. Have questions? Call: 575-356-3255. Join us! We'd love to see you.

**Tatumcari Meetings:** Our A.A.'s keep the doors open at the Unity Group, three nights a week. Come meet and join us! Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, 7-8 p.m. First Christian Church, 1701 S. 4th Street, Tatumcari. Spread the word about our open meetings, and call if you have any questions: 575-461-7881.

**Clovis Fellowship Group** hosts meetings every day of the week, at noon and also at 7:30 p.m. The last Saturday of the month is Sobriety Anniversary night. Remember that the fellowship group has Big Book study meetings (Sunday evening), 12x12 study meetings (Tuesday evening, Thursday noon), and all are open meetings. We'd love see you at fellowship!

**Meeting Reminders, Changes:** Willow Group in Portales (Central Christian Church, 1528 S. Main) has meetings Tuesday through Sunday. We are going strong and have added a special program to the first Friday of each month: a recorded speaker meeting. Times: Tues.-Sat., 6:00 p.m.; Sunday, 4:00 p.m. Join us!

Twisted Sisters (Women Only) has suspended its meetings Mon-

days at 6:00 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church (108 S. Ave. F). We hope that a women's meeting starts up again soon, but for now, there are no Monday women's meeting in Portales. We will announce any changes here and in the Area website.

**Men's Meeting:** Check out the Men's Group at the Church of Christ Student Center in Portales (207 S. Ave. K). They meet at 6:00 p.m. each Monday evening. Welcome!

**More Portales Meetings:** the Lamplighters Group meets on Fridays and Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Join us!

### District 1 Addresses:

<https://nm-aa.org/districts/district1/>

P.O. Box 5511, Clovis, NM 88102

Clovis/Portales Hotline:  
575-769-6052

"It is the great paradox of A.A. that we know we can seldom keep the precious gift of sobriety unless we give it away." (from Tradition Five, *12 Steps and 12 Traditions*)

In grateful service,

Linda S.

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

Happy New Year to you and yours from District 3! The next District 3 meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 12, hosted by Step Sisters at Our Lady of the Valley Episcopal Church, 2805 Don Felipe SW. Potluck at 1:30 p.m., meeting 2:00 p.m.

The Cosmopolitan Group

November birthdays included:

Joey- 30 days  
Karin- 7 months  
Marco- 11 months  
Myron- 18 months  
Gary- 9 years  
Francine- 9 years

Congratulations and keep com-

ing back! We do it one day at a time.

The Cosmopolitan Group is having its 36th Anniversary on Jan 11. Potluck 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 8:00 p.m. at Rio Grande Presbyterian Church, 600 Coors Blvd NW, Abq.

In Service, Dusty S.

February Edition Editorial Deadline: **Wednesday, January 16**  
email to [elfarolito@nm-aa.org](mailto:elfarolito@nm-aa.org)

## District 7 – Artesia, Roswell ...

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to y'all from us! We got the bid for the 2020 Convention so please mark your calendar and join us. Lunch Bunch is again hosting our annual Alcathon as a way to ring in the new year sober. District

7 will be hosting a quarterly event at The Dry Harbor Club on January 12. Three workshops with finger food on Meditation, History of Big Book and YPAA. The speaker after the evening pot luck will be Drew F., from Carlsbad. For more informa-

tion on times, please contact Ron at 317-3218, Jess 914-0440 or Renee 626-1236.

Birthdays for December .... James S. 11 — Paul B. 1 — Donna G. 1 — Patsy 15. January — Renee R. 1

## District 8 – Farmington, Shiprock, Aztec ...

Greetings from the Four Corners and District 8,

### News from our group conscience and GSRs

The District 8 Annual Christmas Banquet held on December 15th was a great success with well over 125 people in attendance. Some special thanks go out to all of folks on the committee, the cooks, our DJ and Greg, our district treasurer, for taking the lead to make this a special time for all.

Come celebrate New Year's Eve at Arid Acres on the La Plata High-

way. Everyone is welcome to join in the festivities ringing in the new year on December 31st beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a pot luck dinner and great fellowship.

### Group Highlights:

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

### Birthdays:

Congratulations to all who are celebrating their sobriety.

4th Dimension:

Kimberly B-1yr., Ann B.-9 yrs.,

Clinton T.- 12 yrs., Charlie B.- 22 yrs., Bruce F.-26 yrs., Roger L.-33 yrs.

This can be a difficult time of the year for many of us. Stay close to the program and fellowship, call your sponsor, go to meetings, and most of all don't take that first drink and the holidays can be a blessing instead of a challenge.

Happy holidays from the Four Corners.

Privileged to Serve in Sobriety,

Bruce F.

## District 11 – West Albuquerque ...

Hello and Happy New Year, Area 46!! Our *El Farolito* has a new editor!! Welcome, Tim M. of Taos! Tim has extensive experience in the field, and we look forward to working with you! Many thanks to outgoing editor Jeff H. and to previous editor Jay for your many years of service to our program and to our newsletter.

Thank you District 10 for a terrific time in Carlsbad! Lots of fun and games, and we managed to be productive, too! Money and spirituality mixed. Great committee meetings, a

2019 Budget, a SW Regional Forum bid, and new sound system on the horizon! Thank you Area 46 Trusted Servants led by Teresa J., Eloy, Rosie and Ana!

We have 337 active groups in Area 46. Isn't that amazing! So lucky to have these opportunities for the still-suffering alcoholic and these home groups to help us stay sober and enjoy our sober life.

Mike W. is the new Alternate DCM for District 11. Andrea is now

District 11 Grapevine Chair. Jerry K, is the new Secretary for District 11. Thank you, Mike and Andrea! We still have service opportunities. One might be just right for you or your sponsee.

District 11 meets at 9:00 a.m., the 2nd Saturday, at Mesa View Church, 4701 Montano NW. Come join us. Thank you, Jerry R., for being our DCM in 2018! On to 2019!

With love and gratitude,

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

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

Hey there from District 16. The holidays celebration went great, the Thanksgiving potluck was great. The Bayard Group holiday celebration was great also. The District 16 busi-

ness meeting started on time and ended on time – no changes. There nothing else to report. Paula L. always could use volunteers for the 24 hour hotline, as well as funds to keep

it up and running. Paula # 575-313-7312. Birthday for January – Jennifer W. 2 yrs., 1-1-17

Grateful to be of service Erma L

## Assembly Minutes

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2. **Presentation of the 2019-2020 of the *El Farolito* Editor** by Area Chair Eloy M.: Tim M. will be taking over as editor, but he will serve as interim until he can stand for disapproval at the 2019 March Assembly. Eloy asked for a show of hands to affirm that Tim could be given full authority to serve as acting Editor until the March assembly. The Assembly unanimously supported Eloy's request.

3. **Motion to accept 2019 Budget:** Christoph E. explained his report which was provided as a handout. Discussion followed and Christoph answered questions.

4. **Motion to host 2023 SW Regional Forum:** Presented by Bill L. that Area 46 affirms it will accept its upcoming position in the Southwest Regional Forum rotation, and subsequently will submit a bid to host the 2023 Southwest Regional Forum at the 2020 General Service Conference. Discussion followed.

5. **Area 46 Service Forum Report** presented by Jeff B. (D18): The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. Twelve people were in attendance. The alternate delegate who also serves as co-chair reported the committee meets every month on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the United Methodist Church at 136 Calle Don Andres, Bernalillo, NM at 7:00 pm. All are welcome. The committee is narrowing down a location for the July 2019 event. Speakers will be drawn from within the state. Still need a program chair as the Committee is looking at a modification to the program based on input from the DCMs. The Forum committee encourages districts to put on fundraisers to support the forum as the working capital so far is \$500 seed money that needs to be repaid. The committee has performed extensive work on suggested AIP changes and additionally will be working on non-AIP guidelines.

Motions with voting results in Sunday business.

### Evening Session:

7:00 p.m. Fellowship, Fun and Desert: Hosted by D10 and YPAA - Standing room only and loads of fun.

7:30 p.m. Teresa J. our Area Delegate gave a brief introduction of the 8 people that attended SWRAASA and they all shared their experience, strength and hope.

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 2, 2018:

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Eloy M., Area Chair: After a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Jerry T. (D10) read the AA Preamble; there were readings in both English and Spanish from *As Bill Sees It*. Maria G. (D10) read The 12 Traditions. Kerrie (D3) read in English and Alejandro A. (D17) read in Spanish. Eloy talked about the voting procedures and minority opinion used in Area 46. A handout had been provided along with a copy of the bids and motions. Eloy announced that there were 79 voting members and 54 non-voting members registered.

Vote on previous day's Bids and Motions:

## BID

District 7 bids to host the 2020 Area 46 Convention in Roswell, New Mexico at the Roswell Convention Center or an alternative location. Bid made by Logan (D7). **Passed Unanimously**

### MOTION:

To accept the Area 46 2019 Budget as presented by Area 46 Finance Chair, Christoph E., seconded by Melissa R. (D15). **Passed Unanimously**

### MOTION:

That Area 46 affirms it will accept its upcoming position in the Southwest Regional Forum rotation, and subsequently will submit a bid to host the 2023 Southwest Regional Forum at the 2020

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## Safety in AA Workshop

**St. Mark's Church  
413 Richmond Place NE  
Albuquerque**

**2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
January 26**

Following the lead of the recent GSO publication, *Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare*, Districts 12 & 13 will present a workshop.

To quote from the publication, "Safety is an important issue within AA – one that all groups and members can address to develop workable solutions and help our meetings be safe, based on the fundamental principles of the Fellowship."

The workshop features Madeleine P. (Portland, OR) and panelists, and will conclude with an Ask It Basket.

*(Note: This workshop location was listed incorrectly in the December issue of El Farolito)*



## District 10 – Hobbs, Carlsbad, Lovington ...

Warm greetings from District 10. We were blessed to have had the responsibilities to host the Area 46 Assembly Dec 1st & 2nd. It gave us the opportunity to engage in new roles as we learned all the facets of the inner workings of Alcoholic Anon-

ymous. This was my first area assembly. As a newcomer I was overwhelmed with all the education, and brainstorming meetings that were held. Being new, I didn't realize the importance of those serving on the different committees, positions held

are all working to ensure success in our sobriety. We want to thank all that attended and participated with us for the Assembly.

Love and peace,  
Kendra

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

Here comes another new year and year two of the service rotation. Wonder where we're headed?? We finished out 2018 with a Christmas Day dinner/meeting and a mini-New Year's Eve Alkathon/potluck. District 14 decided to add information displays by the Literature, PI and Grapevine committee chairs at

these events as ways to pass on the message of recovery that AA offers.

The district has also changed its meeting day to Saturday morning in hopes of getting better participation. Live and learn. We keep learning that nothing is set in stone. Willingness creeps in all our affairs. Congratulations to GSR Tim M., for accepting

the *El Farolito* editor's position! Yeah Team!! Guess that will open new doors for service opportunities for all of us here in the Taos district. Best wishes from the North Central district to all the Area 46 service teams.

In service,  
Ellen R.

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

Happy Holidays to all. To start off I would like to thank District 18 secretary Kristen S. for helping provide me with info from this month's meeting since I was sick and unable to attend. We had a good turn out with 22 attendees. There are a lot of events in the works in which the district is participating. District 18 is hosting the New Mexico Service Forum in 2019, and there continue to be opportunities for service work. 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 interested or contact Jeff B. or Bill L. We will have a chili cook-off fundraiser for the Service Forum on February 16 – more info will be added then it is available. The district will be hosting the Spring Innergroup fundraiser in March and we need committee members, contact Gayle W. if interested. Chairperson(s) needed for the Founder's Day Picnic and the Fall Workshop in 2019,

Jeff B, DCM, requests GSRs to take this back to groups.

GSRs mostly reported meetings are going well. Dave of the Children of Chaos reported the Corned Beef & Cabbage event on March 16, is at 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Matt of the Lunchbox Group said they are hosting a recovery-a-thon NYE at the Mesa Club, to start at 10:30 p.m. and will run to 7:00 a.m. Gayle from the Women's Group said they will have a regular meeting on Dec. 25 to include a celebration and potluck. Katie Young Peoples chair reported that Area 46 is having a 3 Legacies Workshop, Saturday, January 19, BURQYPAA will be hosting NYE party at Endorphin Power Company at 8:30 p.m. (meeting), 10:00 p.m. (dance). YPAA meeting Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Heights Club, BURQYPAA meeting on Jan. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Heights Club.

**New Meeting** - Mariposa meeting to be held on Mondays at 7:00

p.m. at the Mariposa Community Center off Unser and 550. First meeting will be December 10, 2018.

\*\*\*Members wanted to carry the message into the Sandoval County Detention Center\*\*\*

Please contact Clarence P. for more information or to join the District 18 Corrections committee. There will be an orientation (three hours) in March; SCDC will also re-open to volunteers in March. Fill out application and send to Clarence.

Our next district meeting will be held on January 12th, at United Methodist Church, 136 W. Calle Don Andres, Bernalillo, NM 87004 at 10:30 a.m. (snacks provided). Thanks to all our GSRs, Committee Chairs and District 18 Trusted Servants for all you have done to carry the message in 2018. Here's wishing everyone another 24 hours.

Susan D., District 18 *ELF* Rep

*Editor's Note: Thanks to Jeffrey H., Jay, Teresa, Eloy and many, many others, including my District 14 brothers and sisters who provide endless support. I appreciate your thoughts, suggestions and patience as your interim El Farolito editor. — Tim M.*

# 2019 Area 46 New Mexico AA Service Forum

The 2019 Area 46 New Mexico AA Service Forum is this coming July. 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:** None yet, looking at several options.
- **Committee Positions:** Many filled, positions still available are Facility Chair, Program Chair and Secretary.
- **Fund Raisers:** Numerous Districts are currently planning to hold fundraisers in support of the Service Forum.
- **Topics Review:** Still in development.

The planning committee recently hosted an information meeting at the December Assembly in Carlsbad where the above updates were given to attendees, including committee positions, fund raisers, topics and program review. We plan to have a great lineup of speakers and session presenters sharing the experience,

strength and hope they've found in "Service."

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 located in Bernalillo on the corner of W. Calle Don Andres and San Felipe Rd., right behind Abuelita's New Mexican Restaurant.

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

## *Tradition of the Month*

**One**  
Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.

## COSMOPOLITAN GROUP

### 36TH ANNIVERSARY

### POTLUCK DINNER

### SPEAKER MEETING

JOIN US ON THE

**11**<sup>TH</sup>

OF

**JAN**

**RIO GRANDE PRES. CHURCH**

**600 COORS BLVD. NW**

**POTLUCK 6:30 PM  
MEETING 8 PM**

## Assembly Minutes

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General Service Conference. This motion additionally tasks the alternate delegate to create a site selection committee and to prepare the GSO bid package information during 2019 for submittal at the 2020 General Service Conference. Cost: No cost at this time; funding would be determined and raised during the three-year period between award of the SW Regional Forum in 2020 and the date of the SW Regional Forum in 2023.

Motion submitted by Bill L., Alternate Delegate, seconded by Larry F., (D9). **Passed Unanimously**

### MOTION:

**Area 46 shall be displayed in the 12 step Meeting Guide App** recently licensed by A.A. World Services. It is a meeting directory in app form. This motion is contingent upon assurance from A.A. World Services has complete control over advertising on the app. This motion requires no funding or changes to AIP Submitted by: Jason O., Web Chair, seconded by Paul C. **Passed Unanimously**

### MOTION:

**The Accessibilities Committee would like to request up to \$2,400 to make a one-time purchase of a portable PA system** that will travel to every assembly. The money is to come from the available cash from the 2018 budget.

Changes to the AIP will be as follows:  
Changes to the AIP will be as follows:

I.F.6.a.iv. Area PA system to be maintained and transferred to the hosting district of the assembly prior to each assembly by the Area Accessibilities Chair.

V.B.7: Paragraph to be rewritten by the finance committee to include the Area PA system.

Submitted by Robyn T. Accessibilities Chair, seconded by Dagma Y... "A clear majority voted in favor of the motion, so no count was taken; 3 voted against. No minority opinion expressed. **Motion Passed.**

### ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORTS:

**Committee Reports:** All committee reports were made. All committee chairs should submit their committee reports to be published in the January issue of *El Farolito*.

**GSR Report:** Presented by Chris F. (D10): The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. Twelve people were in attendance. Requested input from DCMs about problems GSRs face and solutions. Discussion was held on lack of participation in areas that are more rural.

**DCM Report:** Presented by Dagmar Y. (D10): They talked about input of DCMs what is working in their district and what is not, ideas to increase participation in district meetings.

### Past Delegate Report: No Report

There were nominations for Southwest Regional Trustee. Lorie P. was nominated and elected unanimously. Her resume will be submitted.

**Sobriety Countdown:** Bill L conducted the countdown. The signed Big Book

was presented to Josh A., with 30 days, by Phyllis H. (D2) with 38 years.

**7th Tradition:** Saturday \$308.07, Sunday \$201.68 and \$58.00 in AIP contributions.

Eloy M., Area Chair, announced the next Assembly Planning Meeting will be held on February 2, in Albuquerque; no location as of yet, more information will be announced in *El Farolito*.

Assembly was adjourned until March 30-31, in Grants, hosted by District 9. Closed with the Responsibility Statement followed by the Third Step Prayer.

For agendas, information and the events calendar visit the Area 46 website: [nmm-aa.org](http://nmm-aa.org).

Minutes submitted by Ana G., Area 46 Secretary



## Shake off the chill! It's time for our 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

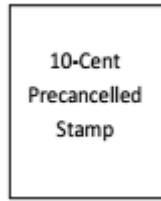
1. For the purpose of this Chili Cook-Off, Chili is defined as ANY COMBINATION of ground, chopped or cubed meats together with spices and seasonings along with tomatoes, onions, peppers, beans and liquid such as broth.
2. Meatless, beanless, and vegetarian chili are also encouraged.
3. Your chili needs 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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