



# EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

## OFFICERS

### Delegate

**W**hat a great Assembly! Thank you to District 9 for hosting. And thank you to everyone who participated! It was wonderful to see so many people engaged in discussions about the Conference agenda items. I completely believe that God expresses Himself through the group conscience; so, as long as we practice the Second Tradition when making decisions, AA will thrive. I would especially like to thank all of the area committee chairs for the extra effort they put in to prepare for and lead the discussions. Finally, thank you to all of the past delegates who attended; we are blessed to have your experience inform our discussions. I will be going to the General Service Conference later this month fully informed about what the groups of Area 46 think.

My first report back on the Conference will be given at the Area Convention in Santa Fe. DCMs, please call to schedule a delegate report for your district. Once again, Bill will be available to give a Service workshop before the delegate report. For those of you who heard the Service 101 workshop last year, Bill has prepared a Service 201 workshop for this year.

I have purchased some custom Area 46 lapel pins to take to the General Service Conference. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to Laura S. of District 13 for finding a local vendor who is supplying the pins at a very low cost. Thanks to the Area Assembly approving funding for the additional lodging that I am required to pay for to attend the Conference; I can now use my discretionary funds

to purchase these pins as well as other miscellaneous expenses that I incur for the Conference.

The Grapevine Board is accepting applications for non-Trustee Director; the deadline is July 1st. Also, non-AA members (friends of AA) are being sought to speak to panels at the 2020 Convention. More information about both of these positions is available on the delegate's webpage at [aa.org](http://aa.org).

Finally, I need to make a correction to my April report. To date, the General Service Board has spent \$265K on the Communications Audit, not \$400K.

Your very grateful servant,  
Teresa J., Area 46 Delegate

### Delegada

**Q**ué gran Asamblea! Gracias al Distrito 9 por ser el anfitrión. Y gracias a todos los que participaron! Fue maravilloso ver a tanta gente participando en las discusiones sobre los temas de la agenda de la Conferencia. Creo completamente que Dios se expresa a través de la conciencia de grupo; por lo tanto, mientras practiquemos la Segunda Tradición al tomar decisiones, A.A. prosperará. Me gustaría agradecer especialmente a todos los coordinadores de los comités de área por el esfuerzo extra que han puesto para preparar y dirigir las discusiones. Por último, gracias a todos los antiguos delegados que asistieron; tenemos la suerte de que su experi-

encia sirva de base para nuestras discusiones. Iré a la Conferencia de Servicios Generales a finales de este mes completamente informado sobre lo que piensan los grupos del Área 46.

Mi primer informe sobre la Conferencia se dará en la Convención del Área en Santa Fe. MCDs, por favor llamen para programar un reporte de delegado para su distrito. Una vez más, Bill estará disponible para dar un taller de Servicio antes del informe del delegado. Para aquellos de ustedes que escucharon el taller de Servicio 101 el año pasado, Bill ha preparado un taller de Servicio 201 para este año.

He comprado algunos pins de so-

lapa personalizados del Área 46 para llevar a la Conferencia de Servicios Generales. Tengo una enorme deuda de gratitud con Laura S. del Distrito 13 por encontrar un vendedor local que está suministrando los pins a un costo muy bajo. Gracias a que la Asamblea de Área aprobó el financiamiento para el alojamiento adicional que debo pagar para asistir a la

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Many thanks to District 9 for hosting our Pre-conference Assembly in Grants. What a fine job they did. Many thanks to all of the GSRs and everyone else who participated in the pre-conference process. Participation is so vital to our fellowship and to our observance of the Second Tradition. We cannot achieve an informed group conscience if we do not inform ourselves and have open discussion about the topics and issues. I encourage each of you to consider participation in as many of the upcoming group, district, area and regional events as you can. There are many, and participation is also tremendously beneficial for each individual who engages in the entire arena of events offered to us by our fellowship. Whether the events are group, district, area, or regional, the sense of belonging, the spiritual growth, the better understanding of what we are all a part of, and the lifelong friendships that we develop are priceless to each of us. And all we need to do is simply participate.

On behalf of all of Area 46, I would like to wish all the best to our Delegate Teresa with her trip to New York and her time and effort at the General Service Conference later this month. I have every confidence that she will represent Area 46 with dig-

nity, and that she will weigh out all the information presented before her and support doing what is best for all of AA as a whole. Thanks to our pre-conference process, I know that she will carry our Area Conscience with her. Our best wishes go out to our delegate, and may God accompany you throughout your time at Conference.

The New Mexico AA Service Forum (NMAASF) will be held July 20 at St Thomas Aquinas Church in Rio Rancho. Planning continues. We have held a Forum Committee meeting each month since September of last year. District 18 is doing a wonderful job of preparing for the forum. We have also been holding a guidelines sub-committee meeting each month separate from the Forum Committee meeting. This guideline sub-committee working on a section to be included in the AIP for future New Mexico AA Service Forums. The proposed AIP Section has been released for review and comment by all of Area 46. It is posted on the Alternate Delegates web page at [nm-aa.org/trusted-servants/alt-delegate](http://nm-aa.org/trusted-servants/alt-delegate). If you would like to review and/or provide comments, please feel free to download a copy and provide your feedback to [altdelegate@nm-aa.org](mailto:altdelegate@nm-aa.org) and we will be happy to include your

review and comments in our upcoming guidelines meetings.

The 2019 Southwest Regional Forum will be held in Houston this year, October 11-13 at the Sheraton North Houston Hotel. If you have an interest to attend, registration will be opened on the [aa.org](http://aa.org) website in August, and flyers for hotel reservations are available on the Alternate Delegate's web page ([nm-aa.org/trusted-servants/alt-delegate](http://nm-aa.org/trusted-servants/alt-delegate)). Please feel free to contact me if you are interested.

Upcoming regional events will start to be held much closer to New Mexico than recently. All of Area 46 will have much better opportunities to have more members from the area be able to attend these very wonderful and important events. SWRAASA 2020 will be in nearby Amarillo, TX on October 9-11, 2020. The SW Regional Forum in 2021 will be just down the road in El Paso. The 2022 SWRAASA will be over in Oklahoma City. Area 46 will host the 2023 SW Regional Forum. We will have many upcoming opportunities to participate in regional events in the next five years.

In Love and Service,

Bill L.,

Panel 68, Alternate Delegate

## Chair

Greetings Area 46,

I hope this report finds everyone in good health and spirits. I would like to do a shout out and thank you to District 9. DCM Jerry, Floyd and all of the gang from throughout District 9 did a great job as hosting the March Assembly. Since it was a Pre-conference Assembly, many topics if not all from the General Service Conference were covered in the committee breakout meetings and also at the Saturday night sharing session. Our delegate was given plenty of information to take to the Conference .

Plus she has right of decision.

One item that I would like to share on is the report Jerry F, District 9 DCM, gave during his DCM meeting report . He gave a great report on the main topic discussed at the DCM meeting. It was on districts hosting Area Assemblies and the possibility of going into a rotation for districts to host the event. This was brought forward by Alternate DCM Laura S. of District 13. One way or another, this topic will affect the area for years to come. And also the AA literature that came from the vacant BCDC/Metro Jail in

downtown Albuquerque was discussed. An Inventory of the literature was conducted. And at the September Assembly in Belen we will let the Assembly decide what we want to do with it. Next up is the Area Convention in Santa Fe on June 7-9. There are still banquet meals available but you know as we get closer to the convention you might miss out if you wait. OK DCM -- by now you know what workshop your district is in need of. Let's see if we can't get some going. That's enough out of me for now.

Yours in Service, Eloy M.

## SUMMARY OF MINUTES – MARCH 2019 AREA ASSEMBLY

Hosted by District 9,  
Grants, New Mexico

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

8: 30 a.m.: Meeting was called to order by Eloy M., Area Chair, after a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, 1st time Assembly attendees (18) were recognized. Eloy thanked D9 for hosting the assembly.

Rosie F. Area Alternate Chair made housekeeping announcements and explained where committee meetings would be held.

Delegate's Pre-Conference Assembly Remarks: Teresa J. explained we are an upside-down organization and the pre-conference process is one way that gives the groups the ultimate authority in AA.

8:55 – 11:40 a.m.: Committee meetings

11:45 a.m.: Lunch provided by D9

1:00 p.m.: Meetings: GSRs, District Committee Members (DCMs) Trusted Servants, Past Delegates.

#### BUSINESS MEETING:

2:00 p.m.: Afternoon Session was called to order by Eloy M., Area Chair. Larry F. (D9) read the Preamble. Readings from As Bill Sees It, pg. 297 - Jerry F. (D9) read in English and Alejandro V. (D17) read in Spanish, followed by introduction of all present.

Secretary Report: Presented by Ana G.... Read summary of minutes from December 2018 Assembly (D7 Roswell). Minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Ally T., Ally explained her report which was provided as a handout. As of March 29, 2019 the budgeted income totaled \$6,030.00. Budgeted expenses totaled \$2,809.00. That included payment for Archives storage unit. Non-budgeted expenses included payment for Area 46 PA system. Treasurer's Report accepted. The 7th Tradition basket was passed during the report.

Registrar's Report: Presented by Kurt K. It is important that groups keep their GSR or group contact information updated and to notify him if their mail or email addresses change. If GSRs don't register,

or if they don't keep their contact information updated, they won't receive important information from GSO or from the Area, such as new GSR kits, Box 459 or El Farolito. Announced that Area Directories were updated

Delegate's Report: Presented by Teresa J. Bill L., alternate delegate, and she attended the Southwest Region Delegate Assembly (SWRDA) on March 8-10 in Oklahoma City. They were joined by delegates and alternate delegates, past delegates (including four from Area 46), the current SW regional trustee and past trustees from around the region. Mentioned about the Communications Audit that was commissioned by the General Service Board (GSB) in 2017 and 2018. The GSB has spent nearly \$265K on this project to date and has budgeted another \$187K for it 2019, and has posted the Communications Audit Report on the



delegate's webpage at <https://nm-aa.org/trusted-servants/delegate/>. Teresa would be happy to hold workshops or come to your district meeting to go over the report together, so please give her a call.

Alternate Delegate's Report: Presented by Bill L. Since our December assembly, he has continued with many opportunities to serve Area 46. The AA 101 Workshop in conjunction with the Delegate's. We all know how scary it is to begin a new rotation and not feel comfortable that we know the responsibilities of a new position. The Panel 69 Alternates were happy to receive the information provided. Our Delegate Teresa J. and Bill L. attended the 2019 SWRDA (Southwest Regional Delegates Assembly). It was held March 8-10 in Oklahoma City in preparation for the 69th General Conference. Alt Delegates also attend as part of their preparedness to serve if called upon. The New Mexico AA Service Forum (NMAASF) will be held July 20 at St

Thomas Aquinas Church in Rio Rancho.

General Area 46 Announcements: Announcements of A.A. Events can be found in El Farolito and at nm-aa.org.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

2019 Area 46 Convention Report: June 7-8, 2019. D2 Santa Fe. Presented by Lyn K., 2019 Convention Chair. Convention will be held at Santa Fe Convention Center. Theme is "High Desert Higher Purpose." Merchandise is available. Pre-registration is available \$15.00 now or on line, after April 22 it will be \$25.00.

2020 Area 46 Convention Report: June 5-7 2020. D7 Roswell. Presented by Laurie, 2020 Convention Chair. Have 27 volunteers, we are working on merchandise and logo.

Area 46 Election Assembly Report: September 7-8, 2019. D3 Belen. Presented by Gary. Will be held at Belen Middle School. Have guest speaker. Hotels are available.

Area 46 Service Forum: Presented by Jeff B (D18) and Bill L. Alt. Delegate. Forum will be held July 20 in Rio Rancho. Working on updating the AIP and writing Suggested Guidelines. A handout of the suggested AIP changes is available; a motion to accept them will be introduced in the September Assembly. The next guidelines sub-committee meeting was April 11 in Bernalillo. NMAASF Committee Meeting was held April 18.

Convención Hispana Report: Presented by Antonio C. (D17) Linguistic District. The 13th State Hispanic Convention will be held July 5-7, 2019 at the Amerstone Inn, 25 Hotel Circle, Albuquerque. Everyone is welcome.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Note: Bids and Motions are summarized. For complete bids and motions, see the "Voting" section on Sunday (later on in these Minutes)

#### Bids

December 7-8, 2019 Assembly: District 17 bid to host the Assembly in Albuquerque. Bid by Hiram DC. D17, DCM.

March 28-29, 2020 Assembly:

District 14 bid to host the Assembly in Taos. Bid by Ellen R., D-14 DCM.

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District 8 bids to host the Assembly in Farmington. Bid by Maggie D., D8 DCM.

**Motions**

Motion by the Grapevine committee to change its name to the “Grapevine/La Viña” committee. Made by Manuel P., Grapevine Chair, seconded Kurt K. (D2)

Motion to finance the delegate’s additional travel expense to the 2019 General Service Conference. Made by Teresa J. Delegate, second by Paul C. (D13)

Motion by the Finance Committee to change how the Area’s prudent reserve is calculated. Made by Christoph E., Finance Chair, second by Larry F. (D9)

Motion by the Finance Committee to provide additional funding to the two districts hosting assemblies in 2019 that had received their hosting funds prior to that amount being increased by the December 2018 Assembly. Made by Jeffrey B. (D18), Larry F. second (D9).

**EVENING SESSION:**

6:30 p.m.: Fellowship and Fun: Hosted by D9 and Area 46 YPAA. Was very successful.

7:00 p.m.: Sharing Session: After viewing a home movie of Bill, Lois, Dr. Bob and Anne, the participants divided into four groups to discuss more Conference Agenda Items.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

8:00 a.m. Meeting was called to order by Eloy M., Area Chair. After a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer there were readings in both English and Spanish from As Bill Sees It. 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 109 voting members and 64 non-voting registered.

**VOTING:**

**Bids**

December 2019 District 17 bids to host the Area 46 Assembly December 7-8, 2019 at The Lady Of The Most Holy Catholic Community, in Albuquerque. Bid by Hiram DC. DCM. Passed Unanimously

**March 28-29, 2020**

District 14 bids to host Area 46 Assembly at Taos Charter School and or Taos Academy in Taos, NM. Bid by Ellen R. D-14 DCM. 49 For, Bid Passed.

District 8 bids to host Area 46 Assembly at Hermosa Middle School in Farmington. Bid by Maggie D. D8 DCM. 44 For.

**Motions**

Motion: Made by Manuel P., *Grapevine* Chair seconded Kurt K. (D2) Update AIP. PAGE 17, Section 1 I.... Wherever the word Grapevine is mentioned add La Viña to read *Grapevine/La Viña*. Passed Unanimously

Motion: Made by Teresa J. Area Delegate, second by Paul C. D13, for \$330 for the one additional night of lodging that is required in order for the delegate to attend the Saturday meetings before the official opening of the 2019 General Service Conference, funding to come from the Contingency Fund. No change to the AIP. Passed Unanimously

Motion: Made by Christoph E., second by Larry F. D9. The Area 46 finance committee motions to make the following changes to the AIP regarding the determination of the prudent reserve:

AIP Section I.H.3, pg.20. In keeping with the spirit of the Twelfth Concept, Area 46 should strive to have a prudent reserve equal to 50% of the previous four-year average of actual expenses. When possible this reserve fund should be maintained in an interest bearing account.

AIP Section V.B.8.a, p.35. Prudent Reserve - a Prudent Reserve as determined

by Section I.H.3., will be included in the budget. Passed

Motion: Made by Jeffrey B. (D18), Larry F second (D9). Authorize the use of \$400 from the 2019 Area 46 Contingency Fund to provide the hosting district of the March 2019 Area 46 Assembly and the September 2019 Area 46 Assembly additional funds for assembly hosting. Passed Unanimously

**ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORTS:**

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

GSR Report: Presented by Larry F. (D9). Larry thanked everyone for attending the March Assembly. The GSR meeting was well attended, and had discussion on how the meetings were going, the language barrier (Bilingual issues) by interpretation among different tribes, used the Navajo module. Discussion about AA in remote areas, some people drive 90 miles to go a meeting, with hope to get them involved.

DCM Report: Presented by Jerry F., DCM, (D9, Grants). Jerry gave a little history about the importance of rotating assemblies with different districts, and about his experience over six years in getting an assembly in D9. As a DCM for D9 we all worked plenty hard for this March 2019 Assembly. Gave Area 46 on behalf of D9 a big Thanks with a heart full of gratitude.

Trusted Servants Report: Presented by Ana G., Area Secretary. There were 23 in attendance including two guests. There was only one topic – we were informed that the area accepted a donation of AA books that were put into storage at a cost of \$93 (using Pink Can funds). There was no communication with officers or committee chairs prior to this meeting.

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Past Delegate Report: Ray R., past Delegate. Had five new guests in the meeting, and four past delegates. Talked about all the past delegates and what they may be doing.

### Ask it Basket Questions:

Q. "It took 37 minutes to introduce ourselves, is that necessary?" Eloy M. responded; "To get to know each other." He also mentioned that anyone can make a Motion at any Assembly to stop introducing ourselves.

Sobriety Countdown: Bill L. conduct-

ed the countdown. The signed Big Book was presented to Johnny Ray S. by Barbara with 49 years.

GSR Open Mic: GSRs were given the chance to share any ideas or opinions their groups had on Agenda Items that had not been expressed over the weekend.

Contributions: 7th Tradition: Saturday \$809.50, Sunday \$264.27. AIP contributions: \$46.00. Total Contributions = \$1,119.77

Eloy M., Area Chair, announced the next Assembly Planning Meeting will be held on August 3, in Albuquerque.

2019 Convention Raffle Ticket Drawing: Won by Jackie J., (D5) Congratulations!

One last applause for District 9 for hosting the Assembly.

Assembly was adjourned until September 7-8, 2019 in Belen, NM hosted by D3. Meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement followed by the Third Step Prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ana G., Area 46 Secretary

Thank you for allowing me to be of Service.

## Trusted Servants

Twenty-three people attended the Trusted Servants meeting in Grants, including two guests. Rosie opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer and thanked everyone for attending. We started with introductions, but after one person, Rosie moved on to the next topic.

Rosie informed the group that a lot of AA books (four pickup-truck loads) were donated to the area. They had very short notice to get the books before they would be thrown away. Rosie said she contacted Tony G., Corrections Chair, for help moving the books. Tony G., explained how he got help to move the books from the basement of the old Bernalillo County Detention Center downtown and, having nowhere to store that many books, was told it was all right to use the Pink Can donations to rent a storage unit to store the books. Storage is paid through the end of April. Ally T, Area Treasurer,

pointed out that this was the first she was hearing about any of this. David L., Literature Chair, informed us that he also got a call from Rosie to help move the books, but by the time he called her back, he was told the situation was taken care of.

Rosie sent around a sheet to have committee chairs write down how many books their committees could use. After a district member complained that the districts might like to have some of the books, Rosie replied that she and Eloy planned to give books to the districts but wanted to give the committees first shot at the books.

There was a lot of discussion on this topic:

Is it within our Traditions to even accept this donation?

Was it an appropriate use of Pink Can money to rent a storage unit?

Is it within the "Right of Decision" for the Area Chair and Alt. Chair to decide to accept donations such as this or should they have consulted more widely (checked with other Area officers (especially the Treasurer), Committee Chairs, etc.)?

Is it within the "Right of Decision" for the Area Chair and Alt. Chair to decide how to distribute these books or should this be decided more democratically?

No decisions were made. The only thing that was clear was how much frustration and disunity there was in the room.

The meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

Ana G., Area 46 Secretary

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### Alternate Chair

Well I almost failed to get my report in for the second month in a row due to my moving and no internet. Thanks to Tim for the extra little bit of time when I called and asked for an extension and to my son for allowing me the use of his internet to catch up on emails, etc. I have internet on the phone but my fat fingers don't do well with typing reports. These are first world problems. Now that I'm in my new digs, I'll figure out the most economical solution to that problem

Shout out to District 9 for a great job on the Pre-conference Assembly. From the very inspirational speaker on Friday night to the Sobriety countdown on Sunday morning it was a good experience for my soul and sobriety. I am looking forward to District 3 in September and District 17 in December and all of the events between now and then.

As hall monitor, I don't get to attend many of the breakout sessions with the exception of the Trusted Servants meeting which I have the honor and privilege of chairing. But I do get to interact with newcomers, old friends and get my hug quota met so I have to depend on the Sunday morning reports to bring me up to date. Thank all of you and I look forward to reading them and looking for ways I can personally be of service.

I'm about to exceed my word quota so I'll touch on my thoughts on evening sharing session (which I thoroughly enjoyed) in next month's issue.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service and until we meet again keep on trudgin.'

Rosie F., Area 46 Alternate Chair

### Registrar

Hello All,

What a great assembly we just had. Thanks to District 9 for hosting us for the weekend. We had 108 registered voters and 61 registered non-voters that weekend. It was good to see all of you again.

Just prior to the assembly we had 319 active groups and 70 unknown groups registered in the GSO database. The unknown groups are groups that seem to be still active but there is not any contact information for that group. When Tim, the *El Farolito* editor or myself get returned mail

from the post office, I reach out to the individual to see about getting the information updated. If I do not get a response, I remove that person from the database so that mail that is sent through the post office does not get returned. That is why it is important to keep your group's information up to date. If you do not have a GSR, you can always just have a mail contact so your group will remain active and the *El Farolito* and the information from GSO will still reach your group.

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. Please try to write legibly so that I will not make a mistake updating the information.

Yours in Love and Service,  
Kurt K.

### Tradition of the Month Five

"Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

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## Accessibilities

Drop the mic...oh yeah we did! Thank you to the assembly for your patience and understanding regarding your new PA system. This was our first time using it and there were some issues that will be resolved in September – thanks to some wonderful members that have given suggestions and committed to helping me get it set up next time. I'm a nurse and, honestly, I do not totally understand audio systems yet. Setting it up in a gym with sharing their system versus my house turned out to be two completely different things! We will do better next time. Again, thank you for your patience. This was an amazing Pre-conference Assembly. It's an honor to witness all the hard work that AA members do to help our delegate before she goes to the Conference.

The Accessibilities Committee discussed a couple of items to the best of our ability in the time we had. We had 12 in attendance. The main item we discussed was updating the pamphlet "AA for the Older Alcoholic — Never Too Late." We suggested possibly replacing the stories that were about World War II and the Depression era with stories that reflected the Vietnam or early Gulf War era since these may have affected their lives more directly. This is a great pamphlet that already addresses common issues such as death of a spouse, and retirement, etc. The main goal is to share experience, strength, and hope. We also agree there needs to be information in the pamphlet to inform alcoholics of online meetings and the AA Grapevine and its website.

The second item we discussed briefly and easily was to consider adding a story from an AA member who is deaf to "Access to AA: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers." The committee agrees a story could be added that addresses being born deaf versus becoming deaf over time because the current stories are more about becoming increasingly hard of hearing. We ran out of time and were unable to discuss this item more thoroughly.

Thank you to all that participated in helping Teresa carry our voice to the conference. Not just in this committee but the entire assembly of dedicated AA members.

Yours in service,

Robyn T.

## Bridge the Gap

Greetings Area 46!

What a fabulous Pre-conference March Assembly. Thank you District 9.

The following is my committee report for the March Assembly.

There were 28 members present. We opened with the Serenity Prayer. I passed out four copies of the contact list and asked the members to change them anyway they wanted and then hand them back to me. The contact list was updated in this manner. We also signed up 11 new members.

We spent the first 15 minutes of the meeting talking about what

Bridge the Gap is, what it does, and how it works hand in hand with Treatment and Corrections.

We then addressed the pre-conference items that I had been given to discuss by our area chair.

The first item is to change the front page of the flyer "Bridging the Gap" to include Corrections as well as Treatment. The committee voted unanimously to add Corrections to the front page of the pamphlet.

The second item was to update some of the personal stories in the pamphlet for the older alcoholic. I

passed out copies of the pamphlet and the committee voted that it needed some updating – that the stories were outdated.

We then closed with the Responsibility Statement and the Third Step Prayer.

As always if there is anything that I can do for any of you please contact me by email, text or phone.

Love and Service,

David D.

Bridge the Gap Chair

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THANK YOU!

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3/25 Sober at Sunrise (Las Cruces)	25.00	4/22	Serendipity (District 11)	23.77
3/31 Isleta Group	57.98	4/22	TGIF (Taos)	16.77
4/6 Dixon Group	50.00	4/22	Fourth Dimension (Farmington)	29.62
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## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### Cooperation with Professional Communities

Hello New Mexico AAs. It is a wonderful honor to talk with you and represent you as your area Cooperation with Professional Communities (CPC) chair!

During this past month:

- We had our assembly in Grants. We had 30 people attend our CPC breakout session and covered a number of worthwhile topics. We discussed the issues confronting people who are out there trying to educate or inform various types of professionals about AA. The group members proved to be a valuable resource to each other. We also covered how to plan for a workshop: who is the audience, where and when to do it, flyers, how to invite, and agendas. We are definitely finding that different professions need different kinds of information about AA.

- The monthly conference call is proving valuable to those that participate. District 8 is planning a workshop on June 21 in Farmington for legal professionals: lawyers, judges, police and parole officers. Ron H., District 8 CPC chair, is heading that up and Maggie (DCM) and Ann (Sec-

retary) are actively supporting the effort. Again we're finding that the conversation for the legal profession is very different than the one for health professionals. The Traditions seem more valuable for the AA matters the legal professionals are encountering, where the health professionals seem to relate more to the Steps. Interesting.

Juliet, District 2 CPC chair, is looking at where next to take her CPC message in the Santa Fe area as well Barbara C., District 15, in Los Alamos.

Simón, District 14 CPC chair, was gathering information and courage to go talk with some health professionals in Taos about AA. Way to go, Simón. I can't wait to hear how that went.

I want to welcome Janet A. as our new District 18 CPC Chair. She is very interested in making inroads in the medical profession and has her sights set on the UNM School of Medicine. I look forward to working with Janet.

One thing that regularly comes up in our CPC work is a professional asking us about drugs. Some AAs say, "oh a drug is a drink is a drug is a drink," while others say that AA was

designed for alcoholics, as specified in Bill's early work and tradition, and because of that we don't have anything to say about drugs. Tradition Five states: Our primary purpose is to carry the message to alcoholic who still suffers. Given the large drug issue these days and the fact that other organizations are using the AA technology, with Bill's blessing by the way, there is confusion about what's in and out of bounds regarding our primary purpose, who's a member, and what about the dually diagnosed? Sounds like an issue to write to your delegate about, and maybe he/she can bring it up to be on the docket for next year's conference.

For anyone interested in being on our conference calls, they are the first Monday of each month from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. The call in number is 605-472-5263, the access code is 451464#. Hope to hear from some of you next month.

In love and service,

Sarah F.

CPC Chair

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**Corrections**

Hello Area 46,

The 2019 Area 46 Pre-conference Area Assembly in Grants, NM was a great success thanks to District 9. I started my Corrections Committee meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. There were 36 members present and I started with my first General Service Conference agenda item,

1 — Consider request for a review of all corrections-related literature in order to make the language more modern and inclusive. And does the committee believe that it is appropriate to remove the terms “inmate” and “offender” from all corrections-related literature?

The committee’s concerns were that some of the old pamphlets were not offensive by using the word “inmate.” The committee decided that they are inmates and if it is offensive, give us an option why, and as to what is not offensive. The committee voted no on this agenda topic.

2 — Consider request that the General Service Office establish and help maintain a database of correctional facilities in each service area in the U.S. and Canada and the status of meetings held therein. Does the committee believe that a national database (with data input and maintained by each area) would help the districts in the area do a better job of carrying the message to correctional facilities?

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Lunch Bunch Group.....	25.00	Pink Can
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On this topic, the committee was kind of split. Some felt that the corrections chair should start a database of the area and some thought that it would be good to have one for the incoming corrections chairperson. When I informed them of the price -- \$10,000 to \$25,000 for a one person doing it to \$50,000 to \$60,000 for several persons doing it -- they said it was too much money, that the outgoing corrections chair can inform the incoming with all the information to get him or her started. The vote was no on this topic.

As far as the Pink Can and donations to it, all is well. I used \$139.50 for storage to keep books that were

going to be thrown away — storage from 02/27/19 through 05/01/19. The books will be moved to another place and we have to inventory them. The topic will be brought up at the September Assembly to see what we will do with them. Three donations were made of \$150.00 to cover the storage fee and that has been put back in the Pink Can donation. Thank you to the other two donors -- a person from The Happy Valley Group In Los Lunas and a trusted servant.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Corrections Tony

**Website**

Hello Everyone! We had an amazing assembly. Many things were discussed across the board, but our committee was given agenda item VIII.G. We were asked to determine a very clear recommendation.

The question we were posed was as follows.

Considering the estimated cost, does the committee believe that using

Google AdWords and Google Grants is a good idea?

We as a committee had a long discussion about the meaning of the question, the cost without the grant, and would the grant violate our traditions? The estimated cost for using Ad-Words would be nearly \$240,000 per year. The majority felt the cost would not be justified.

The second part was whether or not accepting the grant was OK. The majority also felt that this was a violation of self-support.

There were two minority opinions. The feeling of the majority was first that carrying the message does not have a price and secondly that the internet, and Google is the path to this day’s alcoholic.

## El Farolito

Hello Area 46,

Congratulations to District 9 and thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make the Area 46 March Pre-conference Assembly in Grants a rousing success. The participation and fellowship were outstanding. I was honored to be officially approved as the *El Farolito* editor in this current rotation. Thank you for this opportunity.

We had 13 in attendance at the *ELF* committee meeting. I made a brief presentation outlining the financial accounts, an outline of the printing and mailing expenses incurred since January 1, and a report on how contributions from New Mexico AA groups

allow *El Farolito* to keep the news flowing. I mentioned that groups or districts can host a mailing party during the last week of the month. This volunteer effort involves the folding, labeling, stamping and sorting of the *El Farolito* issues prior to their delivery to the Albuquerque post office. Let me know if your group or district wants to host a future mailing party.

We were asked by Teresa to consider a question to be discussed at the General Service Conference that would revise the forward to the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* to include mention of the Twelve Concepts. The majority of the group recommended the forward not be changed,

largely because the change would not have been written by Bill W., and because the concepts of service in AA are largely something sponsors introduce to newcomers. The minority opinion believed the Twelve Concepts represent the "service" side of the AA triangle, and that a statement about them would be appropriate in the *12 x 12*.

As of April 26, the *ELF* bank account had \$1,657.49. With printing and mailing expenses each month well over \$800, ongoing group contributions are needed.

Yours in service,

Tim M.

## Finance

Thank you to District 9 for doing a bang up job hosting our March Assembly. The facilities were great and that lunch knocked my socks off! I think we all had a good time in addition to be very productive.

The Finance Committee was quite busy at the assembly and I'm very proud of the committee and what we accomplished. We were able to present a motion that would provide additional assembly hosting funds to District 9 (March) and District 3 (September) which the assembly happily passed. This increase in assembly hosting as a rule had already been passed by the assembly last December. However, Districts 9 and 3 were in limbo regarding the transition. Hopefully, next time we do an increase like this we will remember our experience and do a better job

covering the bases.

Our committee also presented a motion regarding the area prudent reserve. As a committee, we have felt over the last several years that our prudent reserve had become inflated and was perhaps no longer very prudent. In simple terms, we suggested that the prudent reserve would no longer be based on the area annual budget expenses but rather the area annual actual expenses; which we can now clearly see with 10 years' worth of accurate financial data. Of course this credit goes to the last five rotations of treasurers and finance committees and the hard work they put in setting up the accounting system we still use today. Our motion did inspire some lively discussion and very good questions which I did my best to answer. In the end, the as-

sembly passed our motion of which I'm very grateful.

Also during our committee meeting, we touched on the idea of the area becoming a limited liability company (LLC) as well as the need to explore our tax responsibilities. These are ideas that we will be kicking around this summer. As it develops, I will share our findings here in this report.

On a final note, I'd just like to share how much fun I'm having as an area trusted servant. It has been a humbling but gratifying experience so far that has allowed my sober world to grow so much. Thank you all for this opportunity!

In service,

Christoph

Chair Finance Committee

## Treatment

Greetings Area 46! Wow, I cannot believe that we are already into May and next month we will be having the state convention! This has been a busy month for me. I've been involved with helping to take a meeting into our local treatment center. The meeting is for the adolescent girls unit. We have been gathering

volunteers this past month and now have the meeting active once a week. I've also been discussing having some workshops in a couple of districts, which I am very excited about. 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 con-

tact me anytime and we will try to accommodate them. Any DCMs or committee chairs that would like to have a treatment workshop in your district, please contact me.

In Love and Service,

Carrie N.

## Grapevine

Be on the look out for the Albuquerque Grupo El Perdon and *La Viña* workshop picture we participated in in the upcoming May/June issue of *La Viña*.

**March Assembly breakout meeting report:** We had 12 AAs attend from 10 different districts. First order of business was to get New York business out of the way and get back to what we're at a NM assembly for – NM AA business. We discussed the conference agenda item given us, Should the "Alcoholism at Large" section in back of the *Grapevine* be discontinued? One comment was there was too many outside issues and too much medical and professional therapy (which we do not have). Then we had comments that some of what had been printed previously in other

*Grapevine* issues was helpful, we took a vote, and the vote was to retain it.

We then discussed writing of personal stories and what subjects to consider and what length. We had passed out material on everything we discussed so the material could be taken back and discussed at district meetings and group consciences.

A question was asked why the *Grapevine* uses an independent printer, no one had a good answer, but the number to GSO was given, and directions to call the *Grapevine* editor in New York for the answer. We discussed calling GSO also to request a free *Grapevine/La Viña* starter kit, and other free material, especially subscription cards to order the *Grapevine/La Viña*, and have available at

meetings. Also, the idea of having recycle baskets for donations of used *Grapevines/La Viña's* to take to recovery facilities was discussed. We closed with the Serenity Prayer

**Motion made at March Assembly by our committee:** Add /La Viña sec 1 I of AIP wherever the word *Grapevine* is used to read *Grapevine/La Viña*. Motion passed unanimously. \$54.00 material was sold at the Children of Chaos Corn Beef and Cabbage event we were invited to participate in. \$358.00 of material was sold during the March Assembly. There is \$537.79 currently in the bank, and an order will be placed soon.

Manuel P.

Area 46 *Grapevine/La Viña* Chair

## Public Information

Our Area 46 Public Information Committee helps alcoholics by informing the general public about the AA program – what AA does and does not do. If you are sober and have a desire to serve, you can help! When they've had enough, we want AA to be there in the yellow pages, on the bus signs, etc. – and that's the service of our public information committee.

Greetings Everybody,

This is turning out to be a great year for P.I. I am already scheduling to

attend numerous health fairs around the state. It was great to see everyone at the Assembly. I'm looking forward to planning the Area 46 PI workshop in late October.

We had a great breakout and sharing session. There were 23 people in attendance with 10 districts being represented. We started with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. We discussed the conference agenda item in some detail and felt it is probably not a good idea to retire the My World

PSA if we don't have one to replace it with. We also discussed the possibility of having a PI workshop in either Santa Fe or Albuquerque. It was decided that it would be best to have it in Albuquerque in late October. I look forward to hosting and if anyone would like to volunteer to help me plan the workshop, I would greatly appreciate any and all help that is offered. I am not sure where to even start.

I look forward to the year to come. I can't wait to be of service and help spread the word of this wonderful program.

If there are any districts who would like me to have a workshop or just speak to your groups a little about PI, please feel free to contact me at either my email address or phone number. Also, if your district is having any upcoming health fairs or events that you need help with, don't hesitate to get ahold of me.

PI Chair

Melissa R., [pi@nm-aa.org](mailto:pi@nm-aa.org)

## High Desert, Higher Purpose

**2019 Alcoholics Anonymous Convention NM Area 46**

**June 7-9, Santa Fe Convention Center, W. Marcy St.**

Registration \$25. Rooms reserved at Drury Plaza Hotel, 800-325-0720. Group No. 2340803 and Sage Inn, 505-982-5952, Group "Area 46 Convention 2019."

AA, Alanon, English & Spanish

**Registration form and details at [nm-aa.org](http://nm-aa.org)**

# Young People in AA

Hello Area 46,

Here is the Area 46 Young People Committee Report for the March Pre-conference Assembly held in Grants. Twenty-eight members were in attendance, with 11 Districts Represented. We opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

**1. Agenda item:** Public information VII.D. Review draft language addressing anonymity and safety proposed for the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity."

Area 46 YPAA Committee discussed the issue and voted unanimously to take no action, which means we voted no to the language as written. While we enthusiastically support the addition of safety language to this pamphlet, we believe the revisions should be made before

it is included.

We respectfully submit the following additional consideration for the Trustees Committee.

Remove the three words "inappropriate or even" referencing inappropriate behavior. It is in the position of the committee that inappropriate behavior and criminal behavior are two separate issues that should be addressed in separate questions.

**2. Area 46 YPAA 5th Annual AA-Athalon**, Saturday June 22, North Domingo Baca Park, 7521 Carmel Ave NE Albuquerque. Time 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m., FOOD & Fellowship, Speaker at 2:00 p.m., BBQ, kickball, volleyball, water balloons.

**3. Resource:** Outreach Chair discussed meeting on-line business

cards.

**4. YPAA Committee Treasury** — \$242.17

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Statement.

The next meeting was held on April 28 at The Heights Club. Call in if you want to join us for a future monthly meeting. FreeConference-Call.com; dial-in (605) 475-4063, Access code: 546917

Give freely of what you find and join us. We shall be with you in the Fellowship of the Spirit, and you will surely meet some of us as you trudge the Road of Happy Destiny.

In service

Michelle M., [ypaa@nm-aa.org](mailto:ypaa@nm-aa.org)

## DISTRICT REPORTS

### District 1

Greetings from District 1!

We welcome our new members and visitors to the windy eastern plains of New Mexico. Summer plans started to take shape at our District 1 meeting, held on March 30th. We encourage you to join us in making spring and summer plans by attending District 1 meetings on the last Saturday of spring and summer months, 1:15 p.m. at the Fellowship Group in Clovis. In particular, we will continue working on our summer Ute Lake Retreat. The theme for this summer's retreat is "We Will Know a New Freedom." The dates are August 9-11. Watch for more details! Though there are miles separating our district groups, we look forward to the retreat as place where all paths cross.

**Tucumcari Meetings:** Our AAs keep the doors open at the Unity Group, three nights a week. Come meet and join us! Monday and Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at First Christian Church, 1701 S. 4th Street, Tucumcari. Spread the word about our open meetings, and call if you have any questions: 575-461-7881. You have friends at Unity Group!

We Care Group meets in Portales. This is our newest group which launched in September, 2018. We Care meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at noon. Bring your 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. Noon is a terrific time to take a break in your day and refresh yourself with fellow AAs.

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), 12 x 12 study meetings (Tuesday evening, Thursday noon), and all are open meetings. We'd love to see you at Fellowship!

Lamp-lighters Group offers a later meeting in Portales, on Fridays and Sundays, 7:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ Student Center, 207 S. Ave. K. The Lamp-lighters Group is one of the longest serving AA groups in Portales. We would be happy to welcome you!

Willow Group in Portales (1528 S. Main) has six meetings each week, Tuesday through Saturday at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday nights are book studies, both 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, and the Big Book. We celebrate yearly sobriety anniversaries on the last Saturday of each month. We'd love to see newcomers and old-timers celebrate years of recovery and share their experiences. The Willow Group has also added a recorded speaker meeting on the first Fri-

day of each month. We are a lively group, as you will see. Join us!

**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!

**Suspended Meeting:** Twisted Sisters (Women Only) is not currently meeting in Portales. We will keep you posted about a new plan or schedule for this group. We hope to revive the women's group soon.

Addresses:

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

P.O. Box 5511, Clovis, NM 88102

In gratitude and service, Linda S.

### District 9

For the Wings of the Storm Group in Gallup:

Chelle B., 1 year; Dave T., 18 years; and Brian Z., 13 years.

For Laguna Group:

Justina P., 2 years; Roni P., 33 years; Zac G., 1 year; Randy R., 2 years; and Dwight M., 5 years.

Jerry F., DCM, District 9

## District 2

Greetings from District 2

First, I want to update everyone on the results of the talent show which took place on January 26. It was a wonderful performance sponsored by the Santa Fe Downtown Group and Central Office. Many thanks to these two groups for their hard work in presenting a wonderfully entertaining program that raised \$1,400 to support the State Convention being held at the Santa Fe Convention Center June 7-9.

There is a search in progress to find a successor for the Central Office administrator, Patrick, who held the job for 12 years. Whoever gets the position will have some great big shoes to fill. Patrick has done an outstanding job over the past 12 years. Congratulations on a well-deserved retirement.

Central Office needs volunteers for the 12 Step call list.

The state convention needs many volunteers to help conduct a successful convention. Contact Mark J. at [46convention2019volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:46convention2019volunteer@gmail.com).

CPC/PI (Cooperation with the Professional Community/Public Information). This committee has several events that it would like to accomplish but it needs volunteers to make them happen. Please contact Juliet at (505) 660-1339 or Brian at (505) 660-9932.

The City of Santa Fe DUI classes are starting up again and needs volunteers for 30 minutes every other month (preferably with DUI experience). Please contact Juliet (505) 660-1339 or Brian (505) 660-9932.

If your group takes a meeting to a treatment facility, contact Lisa K. at (505) 920-7768.

If you are interested in corresponding with an inmate, please contact Joost at (505) 603-7914.

Convention registration forms can be obtained from [santafeaa.org](http://santafeaa.org). The cost of registration after April 22 is \$25.

Registration for the banquet can be done online. It will cost \$45. There are three entrees available.

There is convention merchandise available: Convention T-shirts @ \$20, Convention Tank tops @ \$20, Conven-

tion coffee cups @ \$5, Convention hot/cold tumblers @ \$20, Convention Fans @ 5, Convention pins One for \$3 or two for \$5, Convention eco notebook @ \$5, and Scholarship donation @ \$15.

That's all for April.

In grateful service, Fred D.

## District 3

Hello from District 3! Our next District meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 11 at Rio Grande Presbyterian Church, 600 Coors Blvd NW, ABQ. Potluck at 1:30 p.m., meeting 2:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

March Cosmopolitan Group Birthdays: James A., 24 hrs.; Amanda S., 7 mos.; Karen S., 11 mos., Mac L., 9 years; Laura S., 15 years; Martha F., 17 years; Cadence M., 30 years; Vences T., 37 years.

The Isleta Group April birthdays included: Donald, 15 months; Adrian, 1 year; Tonya, months; Robert, 6 days; Marco, 2 months.

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

In Service,

Dusty S.

## District 7

The annual Spring Fling is soon approaching us so come join in, May 18, with the meeting at noon. Cookout and good food, fellowship and fun!! It will be at Cahoon Park again on the west side. Come join us for a good time.

We are also coming right along with the 2020 Convention.

We had another good time celebrating birthdays at Ron & Jess's bonfire potluck and meeting. We had a lot of out-of-town guests. Thank y'all for supporting our cause. Birthdays for April:

Laney, 21 years; Rudi, 12 years; Bernie, 9 years; Jessica, 6 years; Shastity, 2 years; Terri, 5 years; Renee, 2 years; Katrina, 2 years; Sarah, 1 year.

Yours in Service,

Cheryl W, District 7 ELF Rep.

## District 5

A motion was passed at last month's District 5 meeting to meet bi-monthly rather than monthly in order to try to increase member participation. We will have four traditional business meetings per year in February, April, August, and October at the same location (Cree Meadows Country Club in Ruidoso) on the 3rd Sunday of the meeting month. District 5 will also continue to have two special events each year -- our District Picnic in June and our Holiday Party in December. Without member participation, these meetings and events aren't possible; please consider getting involved and having your home groups contribute at the district level in order to ensure its survival.

The venue for Full Moon Madness (co-hosted with District 4) has been secured for July 13. The price for entrance into White Sands National Monument is \$10 per person, or \$20 per vehicle. We will soon have flyers made for the event and hope to see members from around the state attend.

In the Fellowship of the Spirit,

Kelsey F.

## District 6

District 6 will be holding Round Robin dinner meetings throughout the summer month with Land of Enchantment hosting the first potluck dinner meeting in Raton at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on April 28th at 5:00 p.m. Dan D. of Bridge the Gap, will be the guest speaker. The Round Robin meeting on May 5th will be held at the ESP group in Las Vegas.

A District 6 picnic is scheduled to be at Storrie Lake State Park, Las Vegas NM on Sat. June 29th from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Early Bird group has started a Sunday meeting in Las Vegas at 9:00 a.m. The Happy Hour Highlands group is holding a birthday potluck meeting on Wednesdays. The Land of Enchantment has added a Tuesday 6:00 a.m. meeting at Patchwork Phoenix, 228 South First Street in Raton.

District 6 is recruiting volunteers for the county jail in Las Vegas, and the women's prison in Springer. The District 6 meeting, which is held at the Highlands building on Mills Avenue, will be a work meeting with pizza at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura B.

## District 8

Greetings from the Four Corners and District 8,

News from our group conscience and GSRs

- The district's speaker committee has announced that on June 29th they will be hosting a local talent show. They are looking for AA talent to put together a great show to raise funds for our next speaker. So, dust off those tap shoes or guitar, run some scales or just come and have some fellowship. Details will be coming next month.

- Our PI/PCP Committee has set the workshop with the judicial community here in San Juan County to be on June 21st. The plan is to have workshops in both Aztec and Farmington to provide opportunities for both communities' law enforcement and officers of the court including probation officers, lawyers and judges to get an overview of what AA is and what AA is not. Final details will be coming in May.

- The Annual Picnic will be on August 28th at Kiwanis Park. More information will be coming as the date approaches. Great work, Dirk, for getting this set up early.

### Group Highlights:

Forced Fellowship will be taking the weekly meeting into our local treatment center this month. The monthly rotations by group has been working out very well. Thanks to all the groups for meeting this commitment.

Birthdays: Congratulations to all who are celebrating their sobriety.

Farmington Group: Dave, 8 years; Tisa, 11 years; Francis, 15 years; James B., 19 years; Jessie, 19 years; Rodger H., 23 years; Rick G., 31 years; Kathy B., 42 years; Philly Fred, 47 years.

Privileged to Serve in Sobriety,

Bruce F.

## District 11

Hello Area 46! One of the many Grants Assembly highlights was meeting *El Farolito* editor Tim M. from Taos. Welcome Tim! Lots of enthusiasm and lots of experience!

In the ELF Committee Meeting, Tim told us that there are 330 AA groups in Area 46. Of the 330, approximately 40 contribute to *El Farolito*. If your group is among them, thank you! If not, maybe

you could think about adding the ELF to your Circle of Love. The ELF is 49 years old and has been the official publication of our Area 46 since 1970. Pretty cool!

Thank you DCM Jerry R. and Mike W. for covering the District 11 treasurer position with Andrea assisting. It is much appreciated and we're hoping someone will find this service opportunity to be right for them. Summer is coming, and so is the District 11 Jemez Springs Picnic! Such a beautiful place! This will be in early August, probably Saturday, August 3. Stay tuned. Great turnout last year. Hope to see everyone again this year! The District 11 Traditions Conference in October is taking shape. Planning meetings will begin soon. Cherokee is the Chair. Thank you, Cherokee! It's always a great conference and a lot of fun to work on! And—hoping to see everyone at the State Convention in Santa Fe, June 7-9. District 11 meets at 9:00 a.m. on the second Saturday at Mesa View Church, 4701 Montano NW. We would love to see you and your sponsees! Thank you for letting me serve.

Beth B., District 11, El Farolito Rep.

## District 16

Hey there from District 16!

June 7-9 Area 46 Convention. A small group is planning to attend. If interested call Sherry at 575-313-9347.

Save the date. The Bayard Group Annual Picnic/Potluck is Sunday, July 14 at the Gomez Ramada at the Little Walnut Picnic Area. The Bayard Group will provide hot dogs and hamburgers, condiments, water and sodas. More information next month on the time.

Silver City and surrounding areas has a 24 hour AA hotline that is staffed by volunteers. Being a volunteer is a wonderful and easy way to be of service to the still-suffering alcoholic. The volunteers are provided with the phone and handbook. There are phone numbers both for anyone needing more assistance than the volunteer can provide, as well as to help the volunteer with and questions they may have. The hotline is also very grateful to those groups that support it financially. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Paula at 575-313-7312

Birthdays: Two Crow, 34 years.

Grateful Erma L.

## District 18

Greetings from District 18. April's meeting was well attended with GSRs and committees reporting on their continuing efforts to carry the message to those who still suffer. Being the meeting after the Pre-conference Assembly, a report was given on the general process of obtaining consensus from the representative present to report to the delegate, and later, discussion on providing the delegate an opportunity to report to the district following the General Services Conference.

A final report was provided for the Intergroup Speaker Central Office Fundraiser by Gayle W., our Archives Chair. We thank Gayle W. for the efforts.

A report was given, and discussion ensued, concerning the 2019 Area Service Forum being hosted by District 18 on July 20. The district is excited to have this opportunity to serve Area 46. A reminder, the Forum Committee meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church at 136 Calle Don Andres in Bernalillo. Danny F. of District 12 has been participating in the meetings. A brief discussion was also provided concerning the efforts of an ad hoc offshoot of that committee that has been addressing necessary AIP changes as well as guidelines to help future districts host an area service forum.

Our Corrections Chair provided a spirited report on what appears to be the opening of the Sandoval Correction Facility after one-and-a-half year closure to us due to remodeling and security enhancements. Volunteers are required to complete a questionnaire and attend a training session before being permitted to participate.

A reminder that our Central Office needs volunteers to man the desk and answer phones. Contact Central Office ABQ at (505) 266-0056.

We were pleased by a member stepping up to chair the Founders' Day Picnic. Once a chairperson was selected, offers of assistance were given. We are looking forward to a fall workshop that has yet to be solidified. One point was made that we had been closed out of many venues as they are requiring insurance. Since District 18 has obtained liability insurance, those once off-limits venues are now available.

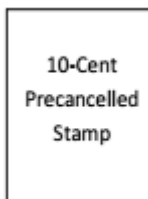
Our next meeting will be held June 15th, 2019 at the United Methodist Church in Bernalillo at 10:30 a.m. (snack provided). All AA members are welcome!

For Susan D.; District 18 ELF Rep.



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