



# EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

## OFFICERS

### Delegate

It is my pleasure to announce that Bill L. will serve as our Panel 70 (2020-2021) Area 46 delegate. Bill has done an exceptional job as alternate delegate and is absolutely ready to serve as delegate. Congratulations to each of our 2020-2021 Area 46 leaders who were elected at the September Assembly!

I want to say thank you to everyone who participated in our area elections – those who voted in our extraordinary Third Legacy voting procedure and those who stood for the election. Everyone who stood demonstrated great humility, courage, and a genuine willingness to be of service. Whether elected or

not, everyone who stood provided a great service to our area.

It was wonderful to have our Southwest Regional Trustee, Jimmy D., as our guest during the September Assembly. Jimmy shared his recovery story on Friday night and shared his experience as a new Regional Trustee on Saturday night. One of the things he said that has really stuck with me had to do with what we need in order to serve: availability, accountability, responsibility, and respectability. As I've thought more about this, it occurs to me that these are the things that I've learned as a result of participating in AA group and general service. And

all I was trying to do was stay sober!

I had the pleasure of giving the delegate's Conference report to District 17 in September. This year, I was able to present the report in Spanish thanks to Ana G., who translated my handouts and PowerPoint slides, and Tom H., who provided interpretation during the report.

I'll be attending the Southwest Regional Forum in October. I hope to see many of you there!

In grateful service,

Teresa J.,

Area 46 Delegate

### Delegada

Es mi placer de anunciar que Bill L. servirá como nuestra Área del Panel 70 (2020-2021) Área 46 Delegado. Bill ha hecho un trabajo excepcional ya que el Suplente Delegado y está absolutamente listo para servir como Delegado. ¡Felicidades a cada uno de nuestros líderes del Área que fueron elegidos en la Asamblea de septiembre!

Quiero dar las gracias a todos los que participaron en nuestras elecciones de Área - aquellos que votaron en nuestro extraordinario procedimiento de votación del Tercer Legado y los que se presentaron a la elección. Todos los que estaban de

pie demostraron gran humildad, valor y una voluntad genuina de servir. Ya sea que hayan sido elegidos o no, todos los que se estaban de pie para las elecciones proporcionaron un gran servicio a nuestra Área.

Fue maravilloso tener a nuestro Custodio Regional del Suroeste, Jimmy D., como nuestro invitado durante la Asamblea de Septiembre. Jimmy compartió su historia de recuperación el viernes por la noche y compartió su experiencia como nuevo Custodio Regional el sábado por la noche. Una de las cosas que dijo que realmente se me pego a mí tuvo que ver con lo que necesitamos para servir: disponibilidad, rendición de cuentas, responsabilidad y respetabilidad. Como he pensado más en esto, se me ocurre que estas son las cosas que he aprendido como resultado de participar en el grupo de A.A. y el servicio gener-

al. ¡Y todo lo que intentaba hacer era mantenerme sobria!

Tuve el placer de dar el informe de la Conferencia del Delegado al Distrito 17 en septiembre. Este año, pude presentar el informe en español gracias a Ana G., quien tradujo mis folletos y diapositivas de PowerPoint, y Tom H., que proporcionó la interpretación durante el informe.

Estaré asistiendo al suroeste de Foro Regional en Octubre. ¡Espero ver a muchos de ustedes allí!

En un servicio agradecido,

Teresa J., Delegada del Área 46

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## Alternate Delegate

Regional Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of Dr. Jack Norris, then Chair of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. They were to be weekend sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine staff, and the General Service Office staff stay in touch with A.A. members, Trusted Servants and newcomers to service throughout the AA service structure.

On October 11-12-13 we will have the Southwest Regional Forum in Houston, TX. If you have an opportunity to attend, registration is free. There is hotel information on the Alternate Delegates page at <https://nmaaa.org/trusted-servants/alt-delegate/>. If you have never been to a Regional Forum, they are spectacular. If you

can't make it to Houston this year, mark your calendar – 2021 is just down the road in El Paso, and 2023 will be here in Area 46.

Thank you District 3 for a wonderful job of hosting the September Area Assembly. I might also add the lunches that were provided were amazing. It was wonderful to get to meet with our new Southwest Regional Trustee, Jimmy D. Our region will be well served for the next four years. Congratulations to all of the Panel 70 Trusted Servants who were elected at the Area Assembly in Belen. Delegate – Bill L., Alternate Delegate – Eloy M., Area Chair – Kurt K., Alternate Area Chair – Ally T., Treasurer – Christoph E., Registrar – Robyn T. and Secretary – Melissa R.

This rotation is coming to a close, but it is not over, so please don't rotate too soon. There is still plenty of

time left in this rotation to effectively carry our message and accomplish many things within your committees and service positions whether it is at the area, district or group level. It is also time to begin to think about what positions do we want to serve in for the next rotation. Rotate on, if you will, rather than rotate out. Thank you to all of our Area Committee Chairs for your hard work and dedication. Thank you to everyone who invests time to serve our Fellowship in any capacity. Service is all about getting out of ourselves and expressing Gratitude by giving back to our Fellowship, and thereby is an integral part of our solution. I commend all who serve.

In Love and Service,

Bill L.

Alternate Delegate

## Chair

Greetings Area 46

I hope this report finds everyone well and in good health. I would like to do a shout out to my District 3 for hosting the September Area Assembly down here in Belen. You guys did a great job and thank you for two lunches. I would like to congratulate Bill L., Placitas, District 18 as incoming Panel 70 Delegate; Eloy M., Los Lunas, District 3 as incoming Alt.

Delegate; Kurt K., Santa Fe, District 2 as incoming Area Chair; Ally T., Albuquerque, District 13 as incoming Alt. Area Chair; Christoph E., Taos, District 14 as incoming Area Treasurer; Robyn T., Carlsbad, District 10 as incoming Area Registrar; and Melissa R., Espanola, District 15 as Secretary. All those mentioned are Area 46 Panel 70 new officers. Other items brought forward were the 2020 Area budget to be voted on in December.

Changes to the AIP by the forum committee and the decision about AA literature from the old Bernalillo County/ Metro jail will also be voted at the December Assembly. We will need a district to step up and go for the 2021 Area 46 Convention if you are interested please give me a call.

Yours in Service

Eloy M.

## Registrar

Hello All,

What a wonderful assembly down in Belen. It was great to see everyone again. We had 113 registered as voting members and 66 non-voting members. That is quite the turnout. Thank you District 3 for hosting us for the weekend.

We have 323 groups registered at

GSO as being active and 70 groups being listed as unknown which are groups that do not have a contact person listed in the GSO data base. If your group is not getting mailings from the *ELF* or GSO, it is because your group is unknown. This can be changed by having a GSR, or just having a mail contact person. Please drop me a line if you would like your group to be active.

I would like to thank all the people that stood for area trusted servants. It was quite the election. We have wonderful people that were elected for the next two years of rotation. Congratulations to all.

Yours in Love and Service,

Kurt K.

## OFFICERS

### Alternate Chair

Good morning to all. Sorting through so many emotions this past week. Gratitude for the energy and enthusiasm I witnessed at the assembly this past weekend. Gratitude for what these last few years in service at the area level have brought to my sobriety and my life. Gratitude for the friends old and new that have come into my life.

It was bittersweet to make the decision not to stand for the positions that I was eligible for, but after reading the service manual, praying, and

talking to my sponsor and others whose opinions I respect I came to the conclusion that at this point I did not feel that I could serve for the good of the Area or AA as a whole. However I will still be involved in service in my home group and district and I can still attend assemblies as a non-voting member just like I did in early sobriety when I did not receive compensation to attend. Without the clipboard, I can actually attend committee meetings. We have a great group of incoming

Trusted Servants for the 2020–2021 rotation and I will support them as they work for the good of Area 46 and AA as a whole.

May you all be well and I hope to see you at our final planning meeting of this rotation on October 19 at St Michael's All Angels Church in Albuquerque.

Till then keep on trudgin'

Rosie F.

Outgoing Alternate Chair Area 46

### Secretary

Hello Area 46

Thank you District 3 for hosting the September Election Assembly. Congratulations to all of the elected officers. I especially want to thank all that stood for the election. I would also like to thank Sarah F., CPC Chair, for taking notes for me on Sunday (I had a dislocated right hand ring finger).

I'm grateful to have been of service this past two years. I would like to thank the body and all of the area Trusted Servants for all of their help and leadership this past two years.

I would like to thank my service sponsor and encourage anyone that doesn't have one to get one. I've learned so much working with a ser-

vice sponsor I have grown in my service knowledge and have a lot more respect for service work.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Ana G.

Area 46 Secretary

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### Accessibilities

Greetings Area 46!

What a wonderful September Assembly! Thank you District 3 for hosting and doing such a phenomenal job! Thank you Gary for all your help setting up and maintaining the Area PA system throughout the weekend.

In the Accessibilities Committee meeting we had 10 in attendance. The discussion was about what other AA Areas are doing to serve remote communities. There is a Pre-Conference Remote Communities Meeting every year that discusses the challenges that may make it difficult to carry the AA message of hope and recovery because of language, culture, geography or life condition. Some AA Areas have a Remote Communities Committee. This is very much like what Accessibilities Committee duties already are, but it expands the definition of what other

barriers may be preventing members from getting the maximum benefit of AA. Some good examples are active military personnel, areas where distance makes it difficult to get to a meeting regularly, senior communities in long-term living facilities, meetings to effectively share the message with a variety of cultural practices, and/or poverty-stricken communities.

The committee reviewed a pamphlet that Teresa was able to get a copy of from Area 44 (Northern New Jersey) called "Remote Communities Meeting Guide." It's a step by step guide to alternative options to in-person meetings such as email, chat, telephone, and/or audio/visual meetings (such as Skype). The website was developed and is maintained by NJ Online Intergroup and provides extensive information and links to alternative meetings. If you would like

the link to their website just email me and I'll send it to you. Our committee discussed some communities we are already aware of in our state and ways to reach out to more people. Some great suggestions were made and we discussed how to approach places such as medical and behavioral health offices in small rural areas to offer information, pamphlets, phone numbers or links to the New Mexico AA website ([nm-aa.org](http://nm-aa.org)). Also some ways to make respectful connections with the many cultures in New Mexico such as the Native American and Hispanic Communities was addressed. It was a great committee discussion with lots of participation and hope for being able to share the AA message to more alcoholics. Thank you to all who attended.

Yours in Service, Robyn T.

# Treasurer

Greetings!

Thank you to all the groups who have sent in contributions. The number of groups contributing has increased by 13% from August 2018.

Encourage your group to send what they can to support the Area. Your contributions help carry the message in Area 46.

### Budgeted Income and Expenses (1.1.19-8.31.19)

As of August 31, 2019, the amount of budgeted income was comparable to last year with 92% of this income coming from group contribution. The remaining 8% of budgeted income comes from 7th tradition collected at assemblies, planning meetings, and events including the coverage from the 2019 NM AA Service Forum.

Budgeted expenses YTD include 12 step expenses, assemblies, area wide services, and general service and regional participation.

We have a YTD Budgeted gain as of 8/31/19

### Other Income & Expenses

Other income & expenses consist of income received from seed money return and Area 46 Convention coverage. These are then placed in earmarked funds to be reserved for future use.

Other income comprises of seed money returned from 2019 Area 4 Convention. 2019 Area 46 Convention coverage and seed money from the NM AA service forum this summer.

I hope you got a chance to attend these events. Thank you to the hosting districts for your service.

Other expenses YTD include the purchase of the PA system, seed money to the NM AA Service Forum given earlier this year and returned this month in other income. The 2018

Area 46 Convention coverage sent to GSC, and the remainder of the 2018 Area 46 Convention coverage sent to GSO as a general contribution.

I am excited to begin the next oration and encouraged that Christoph will be the new Treasurer in January 2019. It has been a blast working with him and I know he will serve the area well.

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

questions or feedback.

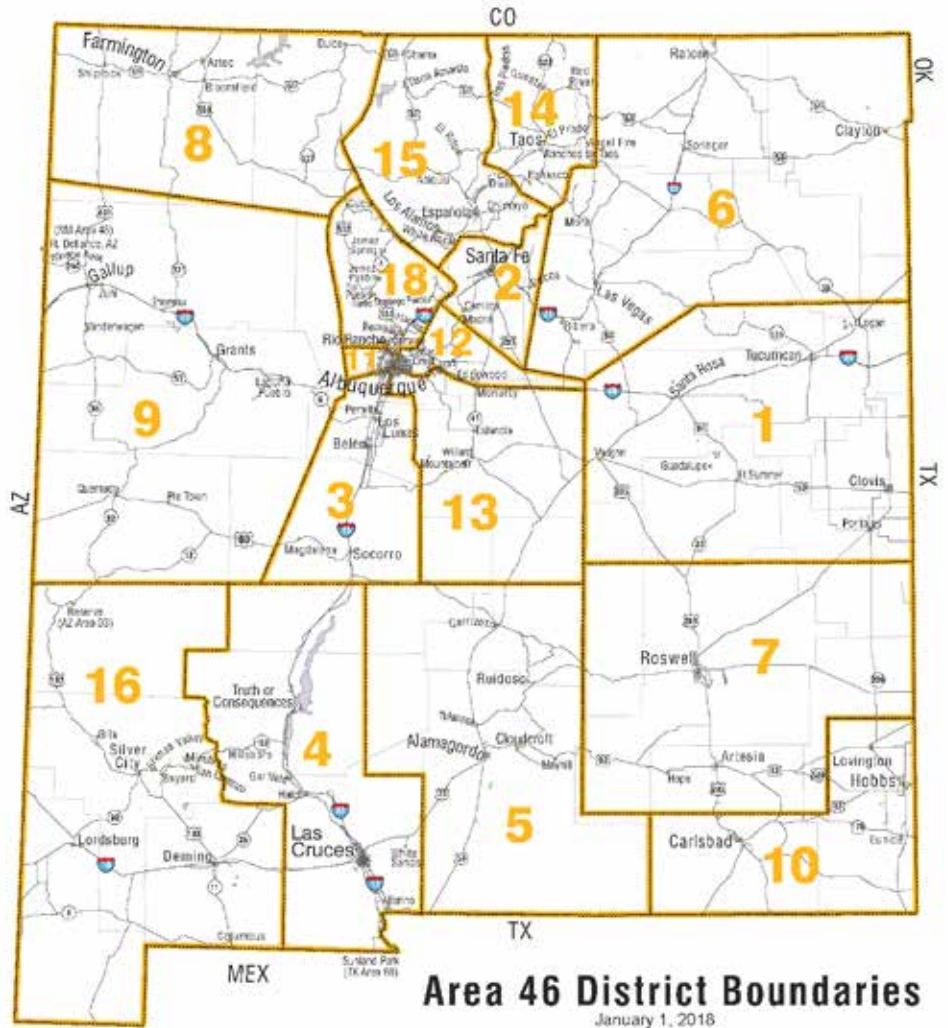
All Accounts have been reconciled as of 8/31/19 and sent to Area Chair and Finance Chair for Review.

Expenses this assembly totaled \$110.00 Travel & \$40.00 for Copies/postage

In Love and Service,

Ally T.

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# MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2019 AREA ASSEMBLY

September 6,7 & 8, 2019  
Hosted by District 3  
Belen, NM

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

Meeting was called to order by Eloy M., 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 made housekeeping announcements and explained where committee meetings would be held. Then passed it over to Teresa J., Area Delegate: Introduced our Guest, Southwest Regional Trustee Jimmy D. and thanked him for sharing his recovery story on Friday night; Explained where Committee meetings would be held.

12:40 – 1:45 p.m. Lunch Break

Eloy Thanked D3 for Lunch and announced that Andy F. (D4) was celebrating his two year Anniversary today, a hand of applause was given.

1:45 p.m. 3:25 p.m.:  
**OLD BUSINESS**

Afternoon Session was called to order by Eloy M.... Andy F. (D4) read the Preamble. Laura W. (D2) read the Traditions. There were readings in both English and Spanish from *As Bill Sees It*. Leslie (D9) read in English and Rigo S. (D17) read in Spanish, followed by introduction of all present, including six first time at Area Assembly.

Rosie F.: Presentation of Officers, Committee Chairs and our Guest Jimmy D., Southwest Regional Trustee

Secretary's Report: Presented by Ana G., Area Secretary. Summary of minutes from March 2019 Assembly Grants (D9). Minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: presented Ally T.; thanked all the Groups for their contributions; Summary of year to date report;

### December Assembly Planning Meeting

The next planning meeting will be at St Michael All Angels Church, 4th and Montaño, Albuquerque, Saturday, October 19 at 1:00 p.m. A workshop starts at 10:30 a.m.

number of groups contributing up 13% from same time last year. Motion to accept, Jerry R. (D11); seconded by Sherry E. (D16).

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 (like El Farolito and assembly information). New database is going in at GO. No approval of this report needed.

Delegate's Report: Presented by Teresa J... Thanked the 11 Groups that scheduled for the Delegate Report, and will be available for the remaining Groups to schedule. Thanked Bill L. for joining her and all the help given. Mentioned the 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous, July 2-5, 2020 in Detroit, Michigan; AAWS AA Meeting app has been updated; Convention GSB Contributions; \$806 Challenge.

Alternate Delegate's Report: Presented by Bill L. Has joined Teresa J. on her delegate reports and gave a "Service 101" workshop. Mentioned the Traditions Workshop; Southwest Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly October 9th–11th, 2020 in Amarillo, Texas.

3:50 p.m.:  
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; The Big Book to be presented on Sunday during Sobriety Count down.

4:10 p.m.:  
**OLD BUSINESS**

2019 Area 46 Convention Report: Presented by Lynn K., 2019 Convention Committee Chair. June 7, 8 & 9, Santa Fe (D2); Convention was well received with 640 attendees; Thanked all the volunteers that volunteered as needed, also thanked the many people that who donated scholarships. The Final Report was handed out.

2019 Area 46 Convention Report: Presented by June 5,6 &7, 2020, Roswell (D7). Location: Goddard High School.

Convención Hispana de Nuevo México Report: Hiram Del Cid (DCM D17) reported; The Convention was very well attended. Had a good amount of Conven-

tion overage. Thank you all who attended.

Area 46 December Assembly, December 6, 7 & 8 2019 Albuquerque (D17) Report: Presented by Alejandro V. Assembly Committee Chair; Have location. Our Lady of the Most Holy, 5415 Fortuna Rd. NW, Albuquerque; Looking forward to serving Area 46. Committee meeting and visiting Groups, getting them involved. Contributed \$50.00 to Area 46.

Area 46 March Assembly, March 27,28 &29, 2020 Taos (D14) Report: Presented by Ellen R.: Assembly will be held at Taos Charter School. Planning getting started.

Area 46 Post 2019 NMAASF Report: Presented by Jeff H. (D18); Forum was a success; \$112.00; 2/3 of attendees were from outside hosting District; Mentioned that at the March 2019 Assembly, the Area 46 Service Forum Committee introduced a proposed section to be included in the Area Information Pamphlet, and today motion would be submitted by Bill L.; Add Section VIII as submitted to the Area 46 AIP.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Web Chair: Kerri K. (D3) will be Interim Web Chair. Approved.

Presentation of Draft Budget for 2019: By Christoph E., Finance Chair. Christoph reviewed the draft 2020 draft budget. He stressed that the Assembly will vote on the budget at the December Assembly. GSRs should review the budget before December and contact him if they have any questions.

### BIDS

District 16 Bid (Silver City) for Area 46 Assembly, September 12 & 13, 2020. Passed Unanimously

### MOTIONS

For the Area 46 Delegate to write a letter expressing that Area 46 stands in support of the efforts of the committee working to bring the Women's International Convention to Santa Fe in February 2022. This motion will require no funding now or in the future.

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Add Section VIII as submitted to the Area AIP.

Approve following four edits to the AIP:

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Add Area Service Forum Chairperson(s) to list of Trusted Servants Committee members. No Funding is required.

Evening Session:

7:00 p.m.: Fun and Games hosted by D3 and the Young Peoples’ Committee

7:30 p.m.: Guest, Southwest Regional Trustee Jimmy D.

Meeting was called to order at 8:00

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

a.m. by Rosie F., Alternate 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*. Matt S. (D3) read in English and Edwin L. (D17) read in Spanish. Eloy talked about the voting procedures and minority opinion used in Area 46. A handout of voting procedures was provided along with a copy of the bids and motions. Eloy announced that there were 114 voting members and 66 non-voting members registered. Turned it over to Teresa; Teresa thanked Jimmy for sharing his experience as Regional Trustee on Saturday night.

### VOTING:

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GSR Report: Presented by Daryl M. (D3): Spoke about allowing people to share, all news is important; Talked about Safety in AA; Protect the Traditions, sometimes feelings get hurt and move on, time heals all wounds but don’t sell out Traditions.

DCM Report: Presented by Richard S.(D3): 17 in attendance. Talked about how to get more participation; Visiting all Groups and calling people who are not showing up; Have a Service Workshop, bring sponsees.

Trusted Servants Report: Presented by Ana G.: 24 in attendance; CPC Chair Sarah F. talked briefly about the Workshop held at the Heights Club, hosted by five districts; 18 Medical Professionals were invited, three responded; Tony G. talked about the Workshop held in Roswell felt it was successful; *El Farolito* Editor, Tim M. announced that in 2020 *El Farolito* will be celebrating it’s 50 year Anniversary. More information will be posted; Eloy mentioned that the October planning meeting will need results for the remote communities.

Past Delegate Report: David L., Past Delegate; four Past Delegates attended; talked about other Delegates; looking forward to another two years of service.

### Ask it Basket:

Q: By passing 7th Tradition at District and Area meetings are we asking people to pay for the privilege of been Trusted Servants? Why pass the 7th Tradition twice at Assemblies when Groups are



paying for it?

A: Presented by Christoph E.; Being Self Supporting - Groups (at top) support the Area. Is the Area practicing the 7th Tradition by passing basket? Are we self supporting or supported by Groups? Basket is a personal decision, as GSRs, Trusted Servants, and members of

AA it’s up to you to consider where you put the money in basket and spirituality mix in the basket.

7th Tradition: Saturday \$273.63, Sunday \$350.00 and \$76.00 in AIP contributions.

Sobriety Countdown: Bill L. conducted the countdown. The signed Big Book was presented to Justin with 8 days by Elizabeth E. with 49 years sobriety.

Teresa opened the election process with the Serenity Prayer; Election Procedures read; Third Legacy Electoral Procedure read; Will call all names, say if willing to stand or not.; 2 minutes to come to the mike, to express qualifications; only qualify once; Passed out Ballots; Jim H. will be doing the count (Analog) and Ralph T. (Digital).

### Voting Results:

2020 -2021: Presented by Teresa J.

Area Delegate: Bill L.

Alternate Delegate: Eloy M.

Area Chair: Kurt K.

Alternate Area Chair: Ally T.

Registrar: Robyn T.

Secretary: Melissa R.

Treasurer: Christoph E.

Eloy M., Area Chair, announced the next Assembly Planning Meeting will be held on October 20, in Albuquerque; more information will be announced in *El Farolito*.

Assembly was adjourned; until December 6, 7 & 8 2019 in Albuquerque hosted by D17. We closed with the Responsibility Statement followed by the Third Step Prayer.

For agendas, information and the events calendar visit the Area 46 website: nm-aa.org

Minutes submitted by Ana G., Area Secretary

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### Corrections

Hello everyone:

I want to thank District 3 for a great Voting Assembly – it was a good turn out. I started the Corrections Committee meeting with the Serenity Prayer. There were 40-plus present in the meeting, I passed out my Corrections bank account and explained the difference between Pink Can donations, and donations from groups that donate quarterly and do not do the Pink Can, The Pink Can donations are for literature and donations money can be used to buy something that has to do with Corrections, at this time I was going to start my topic for the committee, when a District 12 committee member asked if she could make a statement of motion to the Corrections Committee so everyone said yes. This was the motion:

We ask that the Area 46 Corrections Committee

1) Clearly define the purpose of Pink Can contributions. That it is for the purchase of AA conference-approved literature, *Grapevine* and *La Viña*,

2) Expressly state that Pink Can contributions can be used for no other than that stated purpose.

3) Direct that Pink Can funds be maintained in a bank account which is separate from other Corrections Committee funds and managed by Corrections Committee Chair with the approval of the Area Treasurer.

Name of the person bringing the

motion and his/her voting position: Stephanie M.,GSR on behalf of Strange Mental Blanks Spots group (D12).

Background and/or reason for making this motion: Pink Can contributions have been made by our group with the understanding that the money would be expended solely to purchase literature for individuals confined in correctional institutions. Members of our group were deeply disturbed to learn that Pink Can funds were used to pay for storage for a large amount of AA literature donated to Area 46. This incident has revealed that procedures to safeguard Pink Can funds in Area 46 need to be spelled out to adhere to so that similar incidents do not occur in the future.

Will the motion require a change to the AIP: Yes

The change and the section page and number of pages that will be affected:

Pages 16, section I (6) (f) "Corrections Committee Chairperson" and a new section:

viii. The Pink Can is a way for A.A. members and A.A. groups to contribute to the purchase of A.A. Conference-approved Literature and *Grapevine/La Viñas* for those who are confined in correctional institutions. Pink Can funds are to be used exclusively for this stated purpose and are to be kept in a separate bank account from any other Correctional

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**[elfarolito@nm-aa.org](mailto:elfarolito@nm-aa.org) or mail to P.O. Box 1242,  
Taos, NM 87571 (new address)**



CPC

As I begin to wind down my rotation as Area 46 CPC Chair, I'm left with the generosity of spirit of those who have participated with me these last two years. It takes a unique kind of courage for individuals to step outside their comfort zone and ask professionals if they want to hear about AA, and those who've participated with CPC these past two years have done just that. They've given numerous professionals a real taste of AA and a first-hand look at how it works. Those professionals can now authentically say to their alcoholic patients, students or clients, "Try AA. I went to a meeting and it's really good." So thank you for your service.

At the assembly in September we discussed what's been happening in the districts, what they might do, how to talk about AA, how to get your "foot in the door," and the difference between PI and CPC. I spoke with Robin (Accessibilities Chair) about cooperating with professionals in rural medical clinics to see if there's something we can do to bring AA to those "way out

there" that need it. Athena, CPC Chair in District 4, informed us about AA meetings that can be had on-line or via phone. Perhaps we can educate rural doctors and therapists about AA and at the same time we can let them know about these other modes of participating in AA. An in-person meeting might not be the way people in outlying areas are introduced to AA. Good food for thought. I have maintained a relationship with some of the board at Presbyterian Medical Services (PMS) – a relationship started by Claire D. several years ago when she was CPC chair of District 18. PMS has rural clinics all over the state. Perhaps there's a way to cooperate with them to get the AA message to those in far out areas.

Patience in District 5 is regularly making AA information available to professionals she is in contact with, and without any "title" herself. So jump out there if you want to. You've got all the credentials you need.

We've had some good follow-up with UNM Medical School after our presentation at the end of July. Janet A.

(current CPC chair of District 18) has connected with our contact person at the school to see about having further presentations to other medical students. She was given names of three interested educators at the med school who would like more information, including one interested in the well-being of the professionals themselves. So cool. She also has a connection at the Santa Fe Indian School that she's pursuing. Athena (CPC chair of District 4) has connections in Las Cruces with the medical and nursing schools, and will check into making a presentation there.

And lastly, in Santa Fe, Juliet (CPC Chair in District 2) was to be attending the "Recovery Rally" on September 21, and I'll let you know more about that next time.

So much great stuff. Thanks to you who are making AA available to those who still suffer. There's a way out.

In love and service,

Sarah F., Area 46 CPC chair

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

## Archives

### GUIDELINES AND POLICIES FOR ARCHIVES MISSION, PURPOSE & SCOPE

A set of guidelines and policies as to the Mission, Purpose & Scope for the Area 46 Archivist were adopted by the Archives Committee at the Area 46 Assembly in Belen, NM on September 7, 2019. Generally, these guidelines were taken directly from the Alcoholics Anonymous World Services service manual for Archives. They were only altered to pertain specifically to Area 46. It is the responsibility of the Area 46 Archivist to follow these guidelines.

#### Mission

The mission of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 46 Archives is to document permanently the work of Area 46 and its Districts, to make the history of the organization accessible to A.A. members and other researchers, and to provide a context for understanding Alcoholics Anonymous' progression, principles and traditions.

#### Purpose

Consistent with A.A.'s primary purpose of maintaining our sobriety and helping other alcoholics to achieve sobriety, the Archives of Alcoholics Anonymous, Area 46 will;

- Receive, classify and index all

relevant material, such as administrative files and records, correspondence, and literary works and artifacts considered to have historical importance to Area 46;

- Hold and preserve such material;
- Provide access to these materials, as determined by the archivist in consultation with the Archives Committee, to members of Alcoholics Anonymous and to others who may have a valid need to review such material, contingent upon a commitment to preserve the anonymity of our members;
- Serve as a resource and laboratory to stimulate and nourish learning;
- Provide information services to assist the operations of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 46;
- Promote knowledge and understanding of the origins, goals and program of Alcoholics Anonymous as it pertains to Area 46.

#### Collection Scope

The collection scope defines what the Area Archivist and/or Archives Chair will collect or will NOT collect. The scope must be relative to the facilities that are available to safely house archived materials.

- Books/pamphlets about A.A. within New Mexico
- Documents developed locally to

- support 12th Step work
- Photographs
- Directories
- Meeting Lists
- Newsletters (particularly those published by Area 46)
- Audio recordings
- News clippings
- Magazine articles
- Correspondence
- Minutes of service committees and/or Area Assemblies
- Grapevines that include New Mexico AA members

*Adopted by the 2019 Archives Committee at the Area Assembly on September 7, 2019.*

A second motion was made and passed that the Area 46 Archivist, Debra K., research what it would cost for Area 46 to rent the empty building space next door to the Central Office in Albuquerque to house and display the Area 46 Archives.

There were 12 members present at the Archives meeting and both the adoption of the guidelines and the second motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted 9/15/19,  
in love and service,

Jennifer W., Archives Chair

## CORRECTIONS

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Committee funds. The accounting should adhere to the same guidelines as set forth in section vii above

Will this require funding: No

This motion was discussed by the committee most of the committee was against this motion. Steven (D18) made a motion to vote on this and it was voted not to pursue it, and that the Corrections Chair should be able to purchase books and literature with Pink Can and donations money, and use it as needed for Corrections' right

of decisions as a trusted servant.

We used the rest of our time talking about how to help districts that need help starting meeting in the jails and institutions – a lot of good input was given from districts already taking meetings behind the walls. Like, don't give up on trying to get in to start a meeting, wardens and chaplains get moved and we can keep trying. We were running out of time but, I would also like to add that I was given an ask it basket question on this matter of the Pink Can and donations to explain the difference and other questions on the motion we discussed on Saturday. When I was

going to give my answer on Sunday I was approached by Stephanie (D12) to talk about the questions I was given. We talked and came up with a solution to work together and rewrite the motion on the Pink Can and donations wording, so that there won't be so much confusion and so we can take it back to the Corrections Committee at the December Assembly. Good Job Stephanie!

\$170.00 Pink Can Money was collected at the Assembly. Thank you.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Tony G.

## El Farolito

Hello Area 46,

We had a great meeting in Belen during the September Assembly – congratulations to those newly elected as Panel 70 officers of Area 46 and a big “thank you” to those who have served – and are still serving – through December. AA doesn’t work without the service of its members.

Thirteen members attended the *El Farolito* Committee meeting in Belen and a number of issues and ideas were discussed. Committee suggestions included asking for more editorial contributions from Area 46 members – including their personal stories, how they are living in sobriety, and how they interact with other AAs. We agreed that inclusion of this type of occasional “feature” article will provide variety and raise interest. *El Farolito* also turns 50 years old next year! Discussion as to how we can commemorate and celebrate sober living in the Land of Enchantment took place. One idea is to have a monthly “look

back” at the 50 years of *ELF* and Area 46 through member contributions, old photos of meeting locations, and other items. Watch this space for more information as 2020 approaches.

*ELF* mailing parties continue -- The Women’s Gratitude Group (Albuquerque) prepped *El Farolito* for mailing in August and September – you received this copy in the mail because of their work. Upon Awakening in Edgewood is doing the November issue for mail on October 24, and Strange Mental Blank Spots (Albuquerque) is looking to help after the New Year. We thank them all. Reach out to me if your group wants to have a mailing party in the coming months – no experience is necessary and it’s a lot of fun.

Finances continue to be a concern but group support continues! (See the list of group contributions on page 9). One committee member said that some groups may have stopped contributing to *El Farolito* because they

thought it was going away. It’s not! Group contributions are the way *ELF* stays in publication. As of August 31, the *ELF* account had a balance of \$1,665.95. With monthly expenses for printing, postage, permitting and labeling averaging close to \$1,000.00, maintaining a prudent reserve of at least \$2,000.00 would be a good goal. Groups are encouraged to continue to support your official Area 46 newsletter through regular, or occasional, contributions. Every dollar helps pay the bills and every dollar is appreciated. My expenses for the assembly were \$192.

Lastly, I’ll be attending the Southwest Regional Forum in Houston on October 11-13. This weekend of sharing and informational sessions will help spark new ideas for Area 46 and *El Farolito* alike. I’m honored to be representing the area at the *El Farolito* committee at this important event.

Yours in service,

Tim M.

## Finance

Our September assembly was full of twists and turns, ups and downs, and a good time was had by all. Thank you to District 3 for doing a fine job hosting a bunch of happy drunks.

Our Finance Committee meeting was well attended with about 25 people over the two sessions. Ally gave us a summary of the treasurer’s report including year to date information. The good news is the number of groups contributing is up 13% from same time last year. Thank you Area 46 groups for keeping us in the black and helping us finish out the year strong. After Ally’s report, the committee went over the draft budget for 2020 and took a look at some of the changes we have made since last year’s budget. Our even-year expenses historically have been about \$2,000- \$4,000 higher mainly due to

SWRAASA and the printing of our AIP. Fortunately, we will have available cash from the lower prudent reserve as well as the rollover from last year’s available cash to cover our increase in expenses and balance the budget. There will still be a nice chunk of available cash left over, so if any of our Area committees have any special “carry the message” projects in mind that need funding, please talk to me before the December Assembly.

The 2019 Area 46 convention chair was in attendance and the question of adequate seed money was brought up. Due to the rise of up-front costs it was suggested that we increase the seed money amount to from \$5,000 to \$7,500. The finance committee will consider this and look into it some more.

We ended our meeting with a

report from Laura S. regarding her research on our tax liabilities and responsibilities. She has found that many of the AA areas in the U.S. have considered this issue and have acquired Federal 501(c) status. We recently have learned of a tax attorney in our fellowship who is willing to help us navigate these waters and are in the process of meeting with them.

Thank you to my committee for your diligence, interest, and for keeping me on my toes. May I continue to experience humility and this great spiritual awakening.

My expenses for the assembly were \$184 which included \$54 worth of copies.

In service,

Christoph

Chair Finance Committee

## Grapevine/La Viña

Thank you District 3 for hosting the September Assembly and congratulations on a job well done. You all did a terrific job – the idea of all wearing the same colored t-shirt to know you were of service to the host district was a terrific idea; everybody was on the ball, thank you for the lunches also. Congratulations to our incoming Area service officer-elects too.

At our breakout *Grapevine/La Viña* committee meeting we actually had

a pretty good crowd, we passed out a lot of handouts for people to take back to their groups and districts, discussing all that *Grapevine/La Viña* can do, writing stories either by email or voice on the phone, and having a *Grapevine/La Viña* rep. Happy Valley Group in Los Lunas announced filling the representative position during our breakout meeting, congratulations. We talked about starting a *Grapevine/La Viña* meeting, having a *Grapevine/La Viña* workshop

etc., and supportive material on all subjects was passed out that everyone could take back to their districts. We sold \$367 of *Grapevine* merchandise during the assembly. Thank you all who purchased *Grapevine* literature. Proceeds go to GSO and *Grapevine* continues to be self-supporting.

Manuel P.

Area 46 *Grapevine/La Viña* Chair

Easy does it

## Treatment

A huge thank you to District 3 for hosting this assembly! Thank you so much for the awesome hospitality. Our meeting was well attended with about 30 people in the room. The treatment facilities list was updated with changes. Our discussion centered on the importance of being able to share the AA experience with clients of treatment centers. Trust of the facility is a key issue and the importance of honoring and respecting the policies of the facility was discussed. We reviewed the brochure on treat-

ment and what AA does and does not, what we can offer to treatment facilities in the form of help chairing meetings, and how Bridge the Gap can help people when they are leaving the treatment facilities. Brochures and handouts were provided at our committee meeting. A sample letter to the administration of the treatment facility was handed out as well. There is a lot of information available on GSO's website, [aa.org](http://aa.org), under the Treatment page. Treatment covers a wide range, including the still suf-

fering alcoholics in IOPs, active Military and Veterans, shelters, nursing homes, etc. and all are an opportunity to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. The meeting was closed with the responsibility statement and the Third Step Prayer.

My rotation as Treatment Committee Chair will be coming to an end this year. I have had a wonderful time serving on this committee and want to thank the area for allowing me the opportunity to be of service.

## Young People

Hi, Area 46.

I hope everyone has got caught up on their rest since the September Assembly. How fun was that? The elections – I love it, and to go to the hat was awesome. We let God decide. In the Young People's Committee meeting there were 19 in attendance and seven districts represented. District 8 in Farmington now has a Young People's meeting on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. You can find this information on the Meeting Guide app or the Area 46 web site. Gallup also has a new Young People's meeting. We discussed how the other groups are doing and everyone said their

groups are doing good. DCMs, look to see if anyone is interested in being a young people chair in your district to represent your community this is a good way to get people involved in service work.

The 6th Annual Three Legacies Workshop will be on January 25, 2020 so save the date. We discussed NMCYPAA 2019 that is being hosted by Las Cruces this year and will be at Camp Thunderbird in Mimbres, NM on October 4-6. The Young People Committee will be taking a workshop out to Farmington on November 2 from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. We will have three speakers, Q&A, food

and fellowship. If you would like to go, please contact us. Two members have shown interest in being the next Area 46 YPAA chair. We currently have \$234.17 in our treasury.

Hope to see you guys at all these events that are going on in our state.

In Service

Michelle M.

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Please email to [elfarolito@nm-aa.org](mailto:elfarolito@nm-aa.org)

## Trusted Servants

I'm reporting on the Trusted Servant Meeting. Twenty-four members attended. Eloy opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending and we introduced ourselves, Eloy thanked Jimmy D. (SW Region) for joining us.

Eloy asked if any committees would be introducing motions this afternoon as a result of their committee meetings.

We then went around the room and each of committee chairs shared about what happened in their committee meetings that morning.

- CPC Chair Sarah F. talked briefly about the sorkshop held at the Heights Club, hosted by five districts; 18 medical professionals were invited and three responded.
- Tony G. talked about the sorkshop held in Roswell and felt it was successful;
- *El Farolito* Editor, Tim M. announced that in 2020 *El Farolito* will be celebrating it's 50 Year Anniversary. More information will be posted on the Web.
- Eloy mentioned that an October

planning meeting will need results for the remote communities.

We also want to thank District 3 for hosing the assembly and for a wonderful warm setting.

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

## DISTRICT REPORTS

### District 1

Greetings from District 1! We welcome you to join us if you are traveling through or staying in our region. We just celebrated our Fifth Annual Willow Group Picnic at Oasis State Park. Friends and families attended and it was a beautiful day. Great food, good weather, and lots of laughter. We will be making fall plans and even end-of-the-year holiday plans soon, so stay tuned. We hope to have many participants from our district at other regional and state AA gatherings. We look forward to making connections with you all! Next District 1 meeting will be held Saturday, October 26, at 1:15 p.m. (right after the Fellowship Group meeting at noon, in Clovis). Come get involved in district service and spread the good news!

Clovis Fellowship Group hosts meetings every day of the week, at noon and also at 7:30 p.m. We hear that those noon meetings are important to many who cannot attend in the evening. The last Saturday of the month is Sobriety Anniversary night. Remember that the Fellowship Group has Big Book Study meetings (Sunday evening), !2 x 12 study

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

Tucumcari Meetings: AA stretches across our region, including in the Tucumcari area. Join us for a meeting at the Unity Group, three nights a week. Monday, 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. We welcome you!

Lamplighters Group is going strong in Portales. Meetings: Fridays and Sundays, 7:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ Student Center, 207 S. Ave. K. A 7:30 meeting is perfect for those who cannot come to earlier times, and we welcome you for an evening of fellowship. Finish up your day with Lamplighters!

We Care Group has started its second year in Portales, and meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at noon. Bring your own lunch. All are open meetings, held in the Community Room, 718 Wyliecox Circle, Portales. Our busy AAs have even started planning a Christmas party for everyone in the area. More information coming soon! Have questions? Call: 575-

356-3255. Join us! We'd love to see you.

Willow Group in Portales (1528 S. Main) has eight meetings each week, Tuesday through Saturday at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday at 4:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 a.m. for you early birds! Tuesday nights are book studies, both 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, and the Big Book. Join us!

Men's Meeting: Newcomers and old timers are welcome at 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. What a great way to finish off a Monday!

Addresses: <https://nm-aa.org/districts/district1/>  
P.O. Box 5511, Clovis, NM 88102

"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 gratitude and service,

Linda S.

### District 5

At the District 5 meeting last month, it was decided that district meetings would go back to meeting monthly once again. District meetings are held at Cree Meadows Country Club in Ruidoso on the 3rd Sunday of every month; breakfast starts at 10:00 a.m., speaker is at 11:00 a.m., and the business portion starts at 12:00 p.m. Elec-

tions for the new rotation will be held at the October district meeting. Anyone who is interested in stepping up for a service position, please attend! Upcoming discussion will also include the annual holiday party hosted by the district in December.

It has been a pleasure to serve as District 5's ELF chair and I look forward to other service opportunities in the future!

In the Fellowship of the Spirit, Kelsey F.

### District 9

Spiritual Awakening birthdays in September: Thelma B., 10 yrs.; Vaughn Y., 3 yrs.; Janice J., 1 yr.; Shaela M., 5 yrs.; Karen T., 28 yrs.

## District 3

Hello from District 3! We had a wonderful time hosting the September Area Assembly. Thank you to everyone who helped. We also had our district picnic in September. We had good food and fellowship. It was nice to see everyone kick back and enjoy themselves. Thanks to those that helped in this busy month for our District!

The next District 3 meeting will be Saturday, October 12 hosted by the Cosmopolitan Group at 600 Coors Blvd. SW in Albuquerque. Potluck at 1:30 p.m. and meeting at 2:00 p.m. This will be an important meeting because we will be having elections for District 3 positions. This is a wonderful opportunity to be of service. There are also committee chair positions that will be turning over, such as Archives, Bilingual, CPC, and many more. Please come check it out and fill one!

The Cosmopolitan Group celebrated the following birthdays in August:

Julio, 65 days; Richard, 6 mos.; Julian, 8 mos.; Steve, 14 yrs.

The Isleta Club celebrated the following birthdays: Abigael L., 1 mo.; Sirach L., 1 mo.; GS, 19 mos.; Rebecca, 5 yrs.; Mary, 9 yrs.; Ernest V., 20 yrs.; Cris C., 20 yrs.; Tommy F., 20 yrs.; Amarose, 29 yrs.

## District 7

Howdy from District 7!

Well, we have finally started getting cooler temps with a touch of fall after the sun goes down and early morning. LOVELY!!

We had eight trusted servants from

Roswell go to the Assembly in Belen. It sounded like a very informative and successful assembly. Thank you for your tireless service. Early Birds and One Day at a Time. We are gearing up for the Halloween Party and fundraiser - October 26 at the Dry Harbor Club, 202 Van Buren, Roswell. Speakers include Bill L. and Maddy L.



from Albuquerque, along with a raffle, potluck, costume contest, and dance. It will make for a full, fun evening. Birthdays - Sandy G., 40 yrs.; Mike B., 4 yrs.

From one trusted servant to another, yours in Service,

Cheryl W., District 7 ELF Rep

## District 8

Greetings from the Four Corners and District 8,

News from our group conscience and GSRs

Our next District 8 speaker meeting is scheduled for October 19. Mike S. from California has been invited to be our guest speaker. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

and the speaker begins at 7:00 p.m.. Bring your favorite potluck dessert and spend some time with other alcoholics in sobriety. There will be a 50/50 raffle so bring some luck.

Group Highlights:

Birthdays: Congratulations to all who are celebrating their sobriety.

4th Dimension Group:

Matt, 1 yr.; Summer R., 1 yr.; Mark S.,

1 yr.; Errol, 8 yrs.; Freddie O., 9 yrs.

B-Hill Group:

Joel J., 39 yrs.

Day Break Group:

John M., 2 yrs.; James, 8 yrs.; RY, 9 yrs.; John H., 11 yrs.

Privileged to Serve in Sobriety,

Bruce F.

## District 11

Hello Area 46!

Great election assembly in Belen! Thank you, District 3, for inviting us and for the warm welcome and awesome lunch! Beautiful drive, too, for many of us. Congratulations to new Area 46 Delegate Bill L., Alternate Delegate Eloy, Area 46 Chair Kurt K., Alternate Chair Ally T., Secretary Melissa R., and Treasurer Christoph E. Thank you for serving! Your obvious devotion to our wonderful program will serve Area 46 well!

We had a lively ELF meeting at the Assembly. Thank you, Editor Tim M. of Taos. Tim told us that 2020 is the 50th Anniversary of *El Farolito*! Felicidades! Congratulations! What is your first memory of *El Farolito*? What would you like to see in your newsletter? Would your group like to have an ELF Mailing Party?

Hope to see you soon at the District

11 annual Traditions Conference! Saturday, October 26, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., and lunch is provided (!) at St. Michael's and All Angels, 601 Montaña NW. The Theme is: Rule 62. Strictly enforced.

District 11 Elections for the next two-year rotation will be at our regular District 11 October meeting at 9:00 a.m., the 2nd Saturday (in this case, October 12) at Monte Vista Church, 4601 Montano NW. Is a committee or district position right for you? You are always welcome to join this not glum lot! Service keeps us sober.

Many thanks to Debra, Albuquerque Central Office Coordinator, for helpful information over the phone for this report. Any errors are mine. Love our Central Office! I called from Area 35 in Minneapolis where I was out of town for a family wedding. Wherever we are, AA is there, too. And we can always phone home. Thank you for letting me serve.

With love and gratitude,

Beth B., District 11 ELF Rep

### Tradition of the Month

### TEN

“Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.”

## District 13

Greetings from District 13! We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Please join us at our next meeting on October 12 at Metropolitan Community Church, 1103 Texas St. NW in Albuquerque.

We held general elections in August and have a new DCM, Alt. DCM, Treasurer, and Secretary ready to begin their rotation in 2020. We are in need of a Bridge-the-Gap Chair, Corrections Chair, Treatment Chair and Young People Chair. If you are interested and available to serve in any of these positions, join us so you can be elected!

District 13 is currently working on putting together a bid to host the Area 46 Assembly in December 2020. We are also discussing the A.A. Literature Timeline & Inventory document and encourage all GSRs to bring this document to their groups for input. The document can be found here:

<https://nm-aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/AA-Literature-Timeline-and-Inventory.pdf>

Please consider including District 13 when your group makes quarterly distributions. It is through your generous contributions that we are able to provide services to our local A.A. community. There is a District 13 envelope at the Albuquerque Central Office specifically for drop-off contributions. Checks can also be made out to District 13, and mailed to Albuquerque Central Office, 1921 Alvarado Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108.

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

In love & service,  
Laura S.  
DCM-elect, District 13  
(917) 676-3674  
dcm13@nm-aa.org

## District 18

Hello all. As I type this report it is raining and finally feeling a little like fall, my favorite time of the year. The District 18 meeting was well attended with lots of wonderful snacks to munch on. Our DCM shared what happened at the Area 46 Assembly in Belen, including the newly elected Area Servants and the creation of an ad hoc committee to address the issue with large amount of literature Area 46 needs to decide what to do with. Please take the literature issue back to your groups to let Jeff B. know your group's conscience so this can be voted on at our next assembly, if you have no idea what I'm writing about please contact Jeff (our DCM) and he can update you. Congratulations to Bill L. who is our incoming Area 46 Delegate, we all appreciate your willingness to continue serving our fellowship!! Reminder: District 18 elections will be held at our October meeting, please attend and encourage others to attend to learn about service work and be a part of something wonderful.

Everything is in place for the Fall Workshop on October 5, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Rio Rancho. The Lunch Box Group will be having a Gratitude Bash on October 26 at St. Frances Church (Westside and Golf Course in Rio Rancho) with a potluck at 5:00 p.m. and speakers Big D. and Mary D. at 6:00 p.m., this is sure to be a good time. The Step Along with AA meeting is having their annual gratitude meeting and dinner on

October 23, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church, behind Daniel's Funeral Home on Southern Ave.

Our district GSR mostly reported meetings going well without much change. Debbie informed us that the One Step at a Time Group which met at the Anchor Point Church has closed. Ben with the Phoenix Group, who meets at the Mesa Club on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., is a Big Book study meeting except for the last Wednesday of the month when they have a speaker meeting.

Clarence, our corrections chair, passed out flyers for the Sandoval County Detention Center (SCDC) on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in taking the message behind bars please contact Clarence or Armand for more info. Just as a reminder, District 18 has insurance to cover district events, like gratitude bashes or workshops, but the insurance company requires a 30 day notice. Please talk to Jeff B. or Walt as they can answer any questions you might have.

All service positions will be voted on at our next meeting. If you are interested in being involved and benefitting from this awesome experience please attend....no experience is necessary, just a willingness to be of service.

Our next district meeting will be held on October 12 at United Methodist Church, 136 W. Calle Don Andres in Bernalillo at 10:30 a.m. (snacks provided). Please join us.

Susan D.  
District 18 ELF Rep.

## 2019 DISTRICT 9 SOBRIETY GATHERING

October 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Location: Ford Canyon Veterans Center  
908 E. Buena Vista Ave. Gallup, NM



On-site Registration: 6 PM-7 PM, Friday, October 4, 2019  
8 AM-5 PM, Saturday, October 5, 2019  
\$20 per person with a T-shirt, \$10 per Day, \$5 for Luncheon

Contact Lennie J. (505) 862-1911,  
svetta.james@gmail.com, or Kim Y. (505) 870-8315

Safety Workshop  
District II, Area 46



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Started...

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