



# EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

## OFFICERS

### Delegate

Communication is so very vitally important in our Fellowship. Whether it is in carrying the message, or whether it is in our service structure. Back in the day, Bill and Dr. Bob were the communication conduit between the groups and the General Service Board (Alcoholic Foundation then). Since 1955 when "AA Came of Age," the Fellowship has assumed ultimate responsibility. The communications channel between the groups and the General Service Board is now comprised of the GSRs, DCMs, area delegates and the General Service Conference. Communication between these individuals is more important than ever. Group members communicate with their GSR, who in turn communicates with the DCM and the delegate, who goes to conference and communicates with all of the other conference members, who then provide advisory actions to the General

Service Board. This communication travels in both directions. This is the communications conduit that now replaces the advisory role that was originally provided by Dr. Bob and Bill W. ... We are the communication conduit. We are fast approaching the 70th General Service Conference. Soon the agenda items will be finalized, and discussions will begin. Please participate in the communication. We will complete the preliminary communication at the Pre-Conference Assembly in March in Taos. I look forward to hearing from as many of you as possible.

I have been given my conference committee assignment; I will serve on the Treatment and Accessibilities committee. I look forward to serving on this committee.

In July, Detroit will host the 2020 International Convention. Our Southwest Region will be hosting a

hospitality suite during the convention. If you have plans to attend the International Convention, and you would like to support our area commitment to help staff the hospitality suite, please contact me. We are looking for a few volunteers who might be willing to spend an hour in the hospitality suite.

I will be awaiting the conference agenda items, and background material arriving in February. March will take me to a speaking engagement in Amarillo at the Top of Texas Anniversary celebration. The 13th, 14th, & 15th will be over to Oklahoma City for The SW Region Delegate's Assembly. And the 27th, 28th & 29th will be in Taos for our Pre-Conference Assembly.

In Love and Service,

Bill L., Area 46 Delegate

### Delegado

La comunicación es tan vitalmente importante en nuestra Comunidad. Si es para llevar el mensaje, o si es en nuestra Estructura de Servicio. Bill y el Dr. Bob fueron el conducto de comunicación entre los Grupos y la Junta de Servicios Generales (Fundación Alcohólica entonces). Desde 1955, cuando "AA Llega a su

Mayoría de Edad la Comunidad ha asumido la Responsabilidad Suprema. El canal de comunicaciones entre los grupos y la Junta de Servicios Generales está compuesto ahora por los MCDs, RSGs, los delegados de Área y la Conferencia de Servicios Generales. La comunicación entre estos individuos es extremadamente importante. Los miembros del grupo se comunican con su RSG, que a su vez se comunica con el MCD y el delegado, que va a la Conferencia y se comunica con todos los demás miembros de la Conferencia, que luego proporcionan Acciones Recomend-

ables a la Junta de Servicios Generales. Esta comunicación viaja en ambas direcciones. Este es el conducto de comunicaciones que ahora reemplaza la función de asesoramiento que originalmente proporcionaron el Dr. Bob y Bill W... Somos el conducto de comunicación. Nos acercamos rápidamente al 70ª de la Conferencia de Servicios Generales. Pronto los Puntos de la Agenda serán finalizados, y las discusiones comenzarán. Por favor participe en la comunicación. Completaremos la comunicación preliminar en

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## Alternate Delegate

Greetings Area 46,

I hope this report finds you all well and in good spirits. First off I would like to say thank you, Area 46, for allowing me to serve as your alternate delegate. Since my last report I have met with Kurt C., our new area chair, to go over items that would help him be of good service to the area. I have also spoken with Bill L., our new area delegate. I think we will phone chat every two weeks until he goes to the General Service Conference. Bill will do his part in

keeping me informed and ready to replace him in case he can't make the conference. He has already sent me some preliminary conference material that might or might not make it to the conference floor. And we have discussed this material and that this is just the beginning of information to come. Thank you, Bill!

The folks at SWRDA have been in touch with me to make sure I have my registration and hotel room reserved, plus we as alternate delegates have a working lunch meeting

during the SWRDA conference which will be March 15-17 in Oklahoma City. I am looking forward to going. Also as you get this report we will have just had the DCM and Trusted Servants orientation on February 1st at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Albuquerque. And also at the March Assembly in Taos we will be taking bids to host the Area Service Forum to be held next year in July 2021. Well that's all from me for now.

In Service,  
Eloy M.

## Chair

Hello All,

It is a new year, new decade, and I am looking forward to being of service to Area 46. So far, I have spent my time finishing up as registrar and now am looking forward to the upcoming area assembly at the end of March.

We have put together a great group of people to be our area committee chairs. We are here to help you in any way needed. Do not be afraid to reach out to any one of us to ask us questions about things we may be able to help you with in your group or district.

Another thing that we will be do-

ing is deciding a plan as what to do with the books that at the last assembly we decided to keep. This will not be easy. It may not be quick. I know that whatever we come up with will be the next right thing.

Yours in service,  
Kurt K.

## Treasurer

Unfortunately, I don't have the figures yet to present a complete treasurer's report this month, but rest assured the area is in good hands financially speaking.

Some housekeeping needs to be done during this transition time to the new rotation. This includes gathering the necessary personal information from all the new signers for our various bank accounts and submitting it to the bank. Once that happens, new debit cards will be issued and we'll be off and running. Our new P.O. Box and mailing address for contributions has been established and I have updated the *El Farolito*, *NM-AA.org*, and *santafeaa*.

org to reflect the new information.

I have been communicating with Finance Committee chair, Julio, and have provided him with our records and bank statements from the last rotation. Julio will be preparing an audit of the last two years and will present to the assembly in March.

There has been one bump in the road. Unfortunately, the software (Quickbooks) our past treasurer was using to keep area records uses a different operating system than what I have (Mac). After some discussion with Kurt and Ally, we've determined the best course of action might be to purchase new software, but we will present a motion

in March and allow the assembly to decide.

Already, groups and committee chairs have been reaching out to me with questions about finances, 7th Tradition, and Circles of Love. I often say my world when I was drinking was very small. When I came to Alcoholics Anonymous, my world got huge; and all of you help make it get even bigger. I very much look forward to working with my brethren of this fellowship and continue to be of service.

Christoph  
Area 46 Treasurer

## OFFICERS

### Registrar

Greetings and Happy New Year!

This is my first report for the El Farolito as your new registrar. I am looking forward to working with all the GSRs and DCMs and keeping up on your group changes so that the area records stay up to date. I will also be busy keeping the records at GSO up to date as well. There are changes happening at GSO to the

way directories will be created. I will be learning this new way as it rolls out and will get the directories out to area once they are done. Thank you to Bill L. and Kurt K. for all their help and support.

If you do have changes, there are two ways of putting in the change. The group change forms, the new group forms, and district change

forms can be downloaded from our website and then you can either send them to me or send them to GSO. Either way the information will be updated at both areas. If you have questions, feel free to send me an email at [registrar@nm-aa.org](mailto:registrar@nm-aa.org).

Yours in service,  
Robyn T.

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### Accessibilities & Remote Communities

Hello everyone!

I am excited for the opportunity to serve Area 46 as its incoming Accessibilities chair for this rotation. This is an area that is completely new to me, so, I have a lot to learn! I look forward to experiencing this area of service. I just received my materials from GSO and will be reviewing them right away.

It will be great to see many of you in Albuquerque for the Trusted Servants training session on February 1. I look forward to seeing everyone in Area 46 at the March Assembly in Taos and again in Roswell for the State Convention in June.

Thank you to all of you for your service and participation in Area 46. Special thanks to everyone who is

carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous through your continued 12-step work! We must always ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous is available to everyone who wants it!

In love and service,  
Jennifer W.  
Accessibilities chair

### Archives

Happy New Year to Area 46. Thank you for being always available to me in my sobriety. New Mexico is where I got sober and I'm grateful to the members who took me to my first Area Assembly in my early sobriety. Those members and the AAs I met in service have inspired me to serve my group, serve my district, and now to serve Area 46.

Thank you, Jennifer W., our outgoing Archives chair, for giving me an early start with setting up our Archives display at the December

assembly. I know you'll continue to support me and I'm grateful.

As Archives chair, I am available to travel to any district to share our traveling display as well as share about ways to keep our history preserved. Oral histories, as well as a list of recommendations, can be used.

Right after the December Assembly, I met with Michelle T., our incoming area archivist, at Central Office to see where and how our area archives were kept. Lots of stuff in

a small space. I'm certain Michelle and I will do our best to carry out the Conscience of the Area in regards to Archives.

We have guidelines from our Area, from GSO, and shared experiences from other areas. Above all we have prayer for guidance and a sincere desire to serve Alcoholics Anonymous. More will be revealed.

In grateful service,  
Patience B.

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**Bridge the Gap (BTG)**

Greetings Area 46,

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am Steve V., your new Area 46 Bridge the Gap (BTG) chair. I served as the BTG chair for District 18 during the last service rotation. I'd like to thank everyone who attended the BTG committee meeting at the December assembly in Albuquerque.

I have begun updating/editing the contact list. In reviewing David D.'s previous reports, this appears to

be an ongoing task in this role. I am requesting updates on the incoming BTG chairpersons for each district. I will be happy to provide each chairperson with a copy of the contact spreadsheet for updating.

Please reach out to me with any questions or I if can help in any way.

I would like to thank David D. for his tireless dedication to service to Area 46 and his willingness to

provide ongoing support to this and other committees.

I am humbled by the honor of serving you as your Bridge the Gap chair. I look forward to working with many of you as we strive to carry the message to the next suffering alcoholic.

Yours in Love and Service ~

Steve V.

**CPC**

Happy New Year!

As your incoming CPC Committee Chair, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Area 46. Thank you Sarah F., outgoing CPC chair, for your service to the area and passing on the torch. I have begun to educate myself with the roles and responsibilities as your chair and looking forward to the next Area 46 Assembly here in Taos.

The purpose of CPC committees is to inform professionals and future professionals about AA – what we are, where we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do. They attempt to establish better communication between AAs and professionals, and to find simple, effective ways of cooperating without affiliating.

Cooperating with nonalcoholic

professionals is an effective way to carry the message to the sick alcoholic. Such people often meet the alcoholic in places where AA is not present. Through professionals, alcoholics may be reached who might otherwise never find the program, or they may be reached sooner with the help of informed non-AAs.

I'm happy to report, I have kept the monthly conference call going that Sarah started. We had four members participate and we discussed upcoming events and activities. The monthly conference call will take place the first Monday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

Osha H. from District 12 was to present to the Oxford Houses staff on January 18th. We have been con-

tacted by GSO to staff a booth for the Healthcare Chaplaincy Network Conference at Buffalo Thunder in Pojoaque starting on April 20-22. I will be getting more information out as we get near the event. We will be seeking members to help staff the booth.

The General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous provides a wealth of information and shared experience to assist districts (<https://www.aa.org/>). I invite district CPC chairs, DCMs, and others to contact me with any questions and/or ideas. I'm looking forward to working with all Trusted Servants and other standing committee chairs. Wishing you all a very blessed 2020.

In the Spirit of Service,

Lawrence M.

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**NEW ADDRESS!**

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## Corrections

Hello friends of Area 46, carrying the message to our confined brothers and sisters in New Mexico. I am honored to serve you and want to know how I can help.

The corrections database is now in working order for those going to prisons. You will see the training dates for each facility for 2020 and contact folks. The database will be available through the nm-aa.org website under Corrections: <https://nm-aa.org/committee-list/corrections-committee/>

If you need applications, the following link works: <https://cd.nm.gov/>

*services/volunteer-services/* and if you do not have email or internet, please call me and I will send you applications through the mail.

We do not yet have complete information on jails in your districts. If you can send me contacts in those facilities, I will do my best to update that information so anyone can easily access it.

There is an opportunity for Area 46 to support Big Book workshops in prison facilities if you are interested in this. Lisa K. of District 2 organized one at the State Penitentiary and it was a huge success. Please let me know if you are interested and I will

work with you to make it happen.

I look forward to meeting all the district corrections chairs in March and going over agenda topics which you may have opinions on (!)

I have not yet spent any Corrections funds but will let you know when I do.

Meanwhile, thank you for your trust and interest and never hesitate to contact me if you have a need.

With love, in service,

Kristina F.

Corrections Committee chair

## Grapevine/La Viña

Greetings Area 46!

Since the 2020/2021 term started January 1, I am officially the Area 46 *Grapevine/La Viña* Committee chair. I have been selling the 2020 wall calendars and pocket planners and meeting people in the surrounding districts inquiring about *Grapevine/La Vina*. I have also been in touch with an interested person in District 14 about having a *Grapevine* Writers Workshop. Possibly in February. If anyone is interested in having a workshop, please let me know. I would be thrilled to work with you.

I will be contacting the DCM's in reference to obtaining the *Grapevine/La Viña* reps names and contact information for their District. I would like to let each of them know that I am available in case they need assis-

tance. If I do not have the answers, I certainly will be resourceful and find them! Just a reminder that a few of the purposes of the *Grapevine/La Viña* Rep position is promoting the subscription, submitting stories, the *Grapevine/La Viña* can be used to assist in our twelfth step work as the magazine may pique a newcomer's interest and help them identify with alcoholics. It is a vital tool for the twelfth stepper and the recovering alcoholic. The magazine can also be used for topics for discussion meetings and taken to treatment facilities or correctional facilities to be used as a tool to assist in carrying the message. The *Grapevine* is online for those who prefer to read it online. Remember, this is our meeting in print. Many times I have been helped by reading the *Grapevine* or taking it

to Correctional facilities and I have given subscriptions to those who enjoyed reading it. If you have any fun ideas about how you have used the *Grapevine/La Viña*, please let me know!

For now I am enjoying this service position and am extremely grateful to those who have made this possible. If you have questions or need assistance with *Grapevine/La Viña* please feel free to contact me. I hope to see you at the March Assembly in Taos! Stop by the *Grapevine/La Viña* table and say hello!

In Love and service,

Maddy L.

Area 46 *Grapevine/La Vina* chair

February Edition Editorial Deadline: **Saturday, February 15 @ 11:59 p.m.**  
Please email to [elfarolito@nm-aa.org](mailto:elfarolito@nm-aa.org) and to [timmond@gmail.com](mailto:timmond@gmail.com)

## Delegado

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la Asamblea de la Pre-Conferencia en marzo en Taos. Espero con interés escuchar a tantos de ustedes como sea posible.

Se me ha asignado mi asignación a la Comisión de Conferencias; Serviré en el Comité de Tratamiento y Accesibilidades. Viendo hace adelante para estar sirviendo en este comité.

En julio, Detroit será anfitrión de la Convención Internacional de 2020. Nuestra Región Suroeste será la anfitriona de una suite de hospitalidad durante la convención. Si usted tiene planes de asistir a la Convención Internacional, y le gustaría apoyar nuestro compromiso del área de ayu-

dar a proveer de personal la suite de hospitalidad, por favor póngase en contacto conmigo. Estamos buscando algunos voluntarios que podrían estar dispuestos a pasar una hora en la suite de hospitalidad.

Esperaré los Puntos de la Agenda de la conferencia y el material de antecedentes que llegan en Febrero. Marzo me llevará a una charla en Amarillo en la parte en la celebración del Aniversario de Top of Texas. El 13o, 14o, e 15o llegara a Oklahoma City para la Asamblea del Delegado para La Asamblea del Delegado de la Región del Sudoeste. Y el 27o, 28o y el 29o estaremos en Taos para nuestra Asamblea de la Pre-Conferencia.

En el amor y el servicio

Bill L., Delegado del Área 46

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### Literature

Greetings Area 46

My name is Dave F. and I am very honored to be your new Literature chair for the Panel 70 rotation. I thought I might be able to ease into this position and slowly acclimate, but no! My home group found out about the new book from World Services titled Our Great Responsibility and they decided they wanted to use this book for the Sunday morning AA history study meeting. So, 10 days into the rotation, I made my first book sale. I am excited to be able to have this position and I want

to thank our area chair, Kurt, for this opportunity. I am ready to load up the truck and set up my display whenever and wherever needed so just let us know the details and I will be there.

I am currently working on an inventory of everything I have and will have those numbers for next month's report.

The Literature bank balance reported to me is \$419.33

In grateful service,

Dave F.

### Web

#### Did you know?

You can list special events for your group on the Area 46 website?

If you have an AA event you would like to have posted on our website, please visit our event submission page at <https://nm-aa.org/submit-event/>. As long as your event is an AA function in New Mexico it will be published for you by the web team.

#### Area 46 Email Communication



Are you a GSR and not receiving Area 46 emails? Contact me at [web-chair@nm-aa.org](mailto:web-chair@nm-aa.org) for help.

I am honored to be of service.

~Kerri K.

Area 46 Webchair

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**Public Information (PI)**

Hi there Everyone!

I'm an alcoholic and my problem is (and always will be) Jerry F. I am from the Pueblo of Laguna and am very grateful to be of service as the newest Public Information (PI) Chair.

Right now, I am working on compiling information and contacts in order to approach those involved in press, radio and television stations. I am about to embark on the tasks of

carrying the AA message from here in Area 46. I am also doubling up on duties dealing with CPC work at the district level.

I am planning on helping out with a GSO-sponsored event at the Buffalo Thunder Casino in April 20-22. More details will follow soon.

Therefore, I am reaching out to all AAs interested in this type of work and the willingness to get 'er done.

You can please contact me at (505) 315-7394 or at *Pi@nm-aa.org* to assist me in these duties within your district or area of the state, as this would be of great help to get the word of our existence to those still suffering from our disease.

I am looking forward to being of service to Area 46 and wish everyone a Happy and Very Prosperous New Year!

**DISTRICT REPORTS**

**District 2 – SANTA FE, GALISTEO, LAMY ...**

We kicked off the new year and new district chairs with a meeting on January 9, and with a bang!

AA birthdays are: Berna, 8 years; Rachel, 13 years; and myself, John, 33 years!

Business meeting discussions from our new DCM, Phillip, included a possible bid for the Area Assembly here in Santa Fe and how we can follow up on

safety issues in Santa Fe AA meetings.

District 2 attendees voted to approve a motion to give financial support to the 'Join the Tribe' meeting. An ASL interpreter fund for two meetings per month was approved. Join the Tribe will cover the remaining meetings. AA members with hearing disabilities are making this meeting their home group! We are grateful to have the opportunity to help with

this important endeavor and hope to grow the support for this cause.

District 2 is entertaining adding an Accessibilities chair to look at sustainability of funding more of these type of services. Happy 2020!

Sincerely,

John P., District 2 *ELF* Rep

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

Happy New Year from District 3! We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays! District 3 still has plenty service positions and committee chairs available, please come to our Next District meeting on Saturday, February 8, hosted by the Woman's Spirit Group at Isleta Club, 1829 Isleta Blvd SW, Albuquerque. The potluck

is at 1:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 2:00 p.m.

In December, the Cosmopolitan Group celebrated the following birthdays: Anthony, 1 month; Elizebeth, 9 months; Stephanie, 1 year; Lee, 10 years; Manuel, 32 years.

The Cosmopolitan Group is celebrating a wonderful 37-year Anniversary on February 28. Come join them with experience, strength and hope.

We do it one day at a time. Keep coming back!

Francine M.

**District 7 – ROSWELL, ARTESIA...**

Well 2020 is here with a bang and starting over on Step 1 reminds me of our true powerlessness over everything and every situation in our newfound lives. This fellowship and our steps have given me, and thousands more, a design

for living and a God that is doing for me what I could not do for myself. As a result, we can enjoy the blessings of giving back, as we invite each of you to join us here in Roswell for the 2020 "Vision For You" Convention on June 5,6,7. We are

now accepting reservations and hope you will be attending.

Along with our acceptance of our powerlessness, we celebrate different lengths of sobriety:

Robert C., 5 years; Truman, 18 mos.; Jennifer W., 31 years; and Cheryl W., 20 years.

Yours in service,

Cheryl W.

District 7 *El Farolito* Rep

**Contributing to *ELF*? Please Check the Address!**

Soon, the post office will stop forwarding mail from the former *El Farolito* Albuquerque address. Please ensure your group is using the correct address:

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## DISTRICT REPORTS

### District 11 – WEST ALBUQUERQUE ...

Hello, Area 46!

Happy New Year from District 11. My name is Ross B., and I'm grateful for the opportunity to now serve as the *El Farolito* rep for District 11. This is my first service position at the district level and I'm very excited to be involved. District 11 meets at the Mesa View United Methodist Church the second Saturday of every month at 9:00 a.m. Mike W. is our DCM. GSRs from West Side, Seeking Serenity, Serendipity, Dawn Patrol, North Valley and Rebellion Dogs attended our January 11 meeting along with the District 11 Treasurer and representatives from Grapevine and Young People.

Inter-group rep Jerry K. reported that Central Office was able to break fi-

nancially even last year due to healthy December contributions. Central Office is brainstorming ways to increase donations. A suggestion was posed to consider making available for groups to use a smart phone peer-to-peer payment app, such as Venmo, which would enable people who don't carry cash to still contribute under the 7th Tradition.

There are service positions available at Central Office including night phone coverage, Inter-group Liaison, Community Outreach, and Accessibility. If interested contact Central Office at 505-266-1900.

We have reserved the Jemez Falls Campground again for the annual District 11 Jemez Picnic! It is scheduled for

July 25, so mark your calendars. We are also in the planning phase for this year's Traditions Conference. The 2019 conference was well attended, and we had excellent speakers and fellowship. We are still in need of several volunteers to help organize another meaningful experience. Contact Mike W. or Rosie if you're interested in helping out. The Traditions Conference is held the last Saturday in October.

Now that the holiday season is behind us, I wish you all a healthy, sane, and sober 2020. I hope I get to meet some of you at the March Assembly in Taos.

In service,

Ross B.

### District 14 – TAOS, RED RIVER, ANGEL FIRE, QUESTA, PEÑASCO, TALPA ...

Happy New Year 2020 from Taos and surrounding areas. Several District 14 committee members finished their rotation last month, and new committee members are beginning their rotation.

There will be an Area 46 Assembly in Taos the last weekend of March 2020. Please attend the next planning meeting on February 8 at 9:30 a.m. at Taos Herb Company.

Mark your calendars for Taos Mountain Fiesta 2020: It will be on Sept. 25,

26 & 27. There are some great speakers already lined up. If you'd like to be involved, planning meetings are being held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Taos Presbyterian Church. Alena G. and Amy have stepped up to take the chair positions.

The Taos AA hotline is reporting a 70% increase in calls answered because of the change to "live answering."

The Corrections committee is working with educating the local prison ad-

ministration and the warden. Volunteer approval is now being fast-tracked. The committee is planning a training session for volunteers – more volunteers would be appreciated.

Be sure to check out the Taos 12 Step Yoga Meeting: Y12SR is a yoga recovery class taught by Meghan and the fee is by donation. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Shree Yoga Studio.

Yours in service,

Kelly O., District 14 *El Farolito* Rep.

### District 18 – RIO RANCHO, BERNALILLO, PLACITAS, SAN YSIDRO ...

Hello from District 18!

Our January meeting was well attended. All district standing committee chair positions and liaison representative positions have been filled for this rotation.

We still need committee chairpersons for: Spring Intergroup Speaker, Meeting, Founders' Day Picnic, and Fall Workshop. If you are interested in a short-term service position, please contact Deb, the District 18 DCM.

GSR Reports: 15 of 35 registered District 18 meetings were represented by their GSRs or alternate GSRs. Most reported meetings going well with steady attendance. Special meetings or events reported:

Recurring Last Monday each month:

Zia Pueblo celebrates birthdays. Recurring Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays 6:00 p.m.:

The Beginners Group needs sponsors for beginners at Mesa Club

Recurring Fridays @ noon: A new meeting "We Are Not Saints" (a men's stag meeting at the United Methodist Church in Bernalillo.

Event Friday January 17 @ 7:00 p.m.: In the Book Vagabonds will be visiting the Children of Chaos meeting at St. Thomas Aquinas.

Event Saturday February 8 immediately following the District 18 meeting: Bill L. will be providing a GSR Orientation at United Methodist Church in Bernalillo.

Event Saturday March 14 @ 1:00

p.m.: Corned Beef & Cabbage at St. Thomas Aquinas

Event Sunday March 15: The Serenity Group will have speaker meeting.

Committee Reports: Chairpersons are ramping up to serve and expect to have more to report next month.

Corrections Committee: We need women volunteers to take meetings into the Sandoval County Detention Center. Please contact Armand or Deb (District 18 DCM) if interested.

Our next district meeting will be held on February 8 at United Methodist Church, 136 W. Calle Don Andres in Bernalillo at 10:30 a.m. Please join us.

In grateful service,

Gayle W, District 18 *ELF* Rep.

**District 13 – SOUTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE, MORIARTY, TIJERAS ...**

Greetings from District 13! We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. 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! Our next meeting is on February 8 at Metropolitan Community Church, 1103 Texas St. NW in Albuquerque.

Rich celebrated 24 years in January. Congratulations!

District 13 is considering ways to increase group contributions. GSRs are encouraged to discuss with their groups whether we might pursue collecting contributions digitally. If you are interested in checking out the Digital Basket Question and Answer document, Payment Platform Comparison, and a Box 459 article from 2017 which discusses this topic on pages 3-4, please visit our Dis-

trict website at: <https://nm-aa.org/districts/district-13/>.

Over the next month, we are endeavoring to visit every group in the District, inviting them to elect a GSR or representative to attend our meetings, and updating Group Information Change Forms for the Area 46 Registrar and General Service Office.

As a result of the extremely close vote to keep the books at Area 46's December Assembly, District 13 is also discussing the principle of attaining substantial unanimity, as outlined in the 4th warranty of Concept 12. GSRs have been encouraged to talk with their groups and we look forward to more thought-provoking dialogue at future meetings.

District 13 is currently working on putting together a bid to host a 2020 Area 46 Assembly, but we are struggling to find a space. If you have any suggestions for a hosting venue in Albuquerque (S of

I-40 & E of I-25), Tijeras, Moriarity, McIntosh, Willard, Mountainair, or Corona, please email [district13@nm-aa.org](mailto:district13@nm-aa.org).

Please consider including District 13 when your group makes quarterly distributions. It is through your generous contributions that we are able to provide services to our local AA community. We recently acquired a P.O. box for receiving group contributions. Checks can be made out to District 13, and mailed to P.O. Box 11134, Albuquerque, NM 87112.

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

In love and service,

Laura S.

DCM, District 13

(917) 676-3674, [cm13@nm-aa.org](mailto:cm13@nm-aa.org)

**District 16 – SILVER CITY, DEMING, BAYARD ...**

Greetings! I'm the newly appointed *ELF* rep and I have good news for the Area. We are hosting the September 2020 Assembly in Silver City. More as that plan unfolds. We have elected new officers and Dennis T. is our new DCM.

We're all trying on our new roles and look forward to this year.

Our District meeting will be the 3rd week in March, Turkey Creek Thursday night meeting has offered

to host: 10:30-12:00, pot luck to follow. Best wishes in 2020 from your friends in District 16 !

In love and service,

Danielle D.

**Tradition  
of the  
Month**

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**For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.**

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# Come to Taos for the March 2020 Assembly

*District 14 will be hosting the Pre-Conference Assembly in Taos!*

**March 27-28-29, 2020**

**Taos Charter School**

**1303 Paseo Del Cañon East**

**Taos, NM 87571**

- Friday night speaker meeting
- Saturday and Sunday sessions
- Fun, fellowship and more!

— The following Taos hotels are offering these reduced rates to Assembly attendees —

- **Sagebrush Inn** (2.1 miles) — \$109 (Courtyard King/Queen), \$119 (Studio 2 Queen rooms)  
—mention "Area 46 AA" to reserve, 575-758-2254, rate is per-night, plus tax
- **Super 8 by Wyndham** (1.6 miles) — \$59 (two-night stay required)  
—ask for Daniel, manager, to reserve, 575-613-1912, rate is per-night, plus tax

Other hotels within two miles of Taos Charter School include:

- \* Inn on the Rio (1.8 miles) — 575-758-7199
- \* Hampden Inn (2.1 miles) — 575-737-5700
- \* Quality Inn (1.5 miles) — 575-758-2200
- \* Taos Valley Lodge (2.1 miles) — 575-737-0447
- \* Hotel Don Fernando de Taos (1.8 miles) — 1 575-751-4444

Look for restaurant listings and a Taos area map in the March issue.

## Cosmopolitan Group Albuquerque, NM

*Celebrating its (belated)*  
**37th Anniversary  
Birthday Night  
& Potluck**

**Friday, February 28th**

Potluck  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Anniversary & February birthdays  
8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Please join us and bring your favorite dish,  
if you can.

**600 Coors NW  
Rio Grande Presbyterian Church**

**Red Road AA Convention**  
St. Patty's Fundraiser



**Indian Taco Sale**  
**Speakers**  
**Raffles**

The Heights Club  
Saturday, March 14, 2020  
6:00-7:00 p.m. – Taco Sale - \$5/plate  
7:00-7:30 p.m. – Raffles (donations welcome)  
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