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Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

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Delegate

Greetings Area 46;

I do not know if the stay-at-home will have been lifted by the time this is printed and you are reading it. Nonetheless, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all of you here in Area 46 for the way in which you handled yourselves during these unprecedented times. Our outreach to each other was displayed in a most magnificent way, and all the online meetings, many, many folks who made extra effort to call and keep track of each other. Our spirit of service is alive and well in Area 46. I applaud all of you for your diligent efforts to overcome obstacles

of distance, culture, language, and even quarantine to continue to carry the message.

It is with great sadness that I must inform you of the passing of Dick C. on March 31, 2020. Dick was our Area 46 Delegate on Panel 42, (1992-1993). He was a pillar of Service here in Area 46 and will be greatly missed by all. Those of who were afforded the opportunity to know him, know of his gentle wisdom and knowledge, and his kind and beautiful heart. Our world and our Area will be without one of our great assets. May he forever enjoy his participation in the "Great Meeting in the Sky."

The onsite 70th General Service Conference in New York has been converted from an onsite conference and will become the first ever "virtual" General Service Conference. This pioneering new conference will be held May 16-22.

With the cancellation of our March Pre-Conference Assembly, we have implemented several ways to collect the Area 46 Conscience going into this year's General Service Conference. We have involved the area committee chairs and DCMs. I hosted a series of five, one-hour conference calls. Additionally, we

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Delegado

Saludos Área 46; No sé si la estancia en casa se habrá levantado para el momento en que se imprima y usted la esté leyendo. No obstante, quisiera expresar mi más profunda gratitud a todos ustedes aquí, en la Área 46, por la forma en que se han manejado durante estos tiempos sin precedentes. Nuestro alcance el uno al otro fue mostrado de una manera magnífica, y todas las reuniones en línea, muchas, muchas

personas que hicieron esfuerzo adicional para llamar y mantener un seguimiento del uno al otro. Nuestro espíritu de servicio está vivo y bien en el Área 46. Aplaudo a todos ustedes por sus esfuerzos para superar los obstáculos de la distancia, la cultura, el idioma, e incluso la cuarentena para continuar llevando el mensaje.

Es con gran tristeza que debo informarles del fallecimiento de Dick

C. el 31 de marzo de 2020. Dick fue nuestro Delegado del Área 46 en el Panel 42, (1992-1993). Fue un pilar de servicio aquí en el Área 46 y será muy

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Alternate Delegate

Greetings Area 46,

I hope this report finds you well in health and good spirit. These are trying times we are living in. Not only for the world but for us alcoholics, as we need to learn new ways to stay sober, stay in contact with our home groups and have meetings through Zoom. And yes, finally having to pick up that ten-pound phone to talk to our sponsors and friends.

With social distancing, all Alcoholics Anonymous events have been cancelled or made to adapt to Zoom, or virtual meetings, including district meetings. Which brings me to announce on May 2nd the Pre-Conference Forum. You can find the info and links to be part of the forum on our Area 46 web page: nm-aa.org. Bill L., our Delegate, will need your input on GSO Conference material . Which is now being the 70th VIRTU-

AL General Service Conference held on May 16- 22 . I have been in contact with the Southwest Region Alternate Delegate Committee and planning for the Southwest Region Service AA Assembly October 9-11, 2020 in Amarillo, Texas. Well that is all for now. Until next time stay safe and wash your hands.

In service,

Eloy M.

Chair

Greetings,

I hope everyone is well and practicing the social distancing. I know this has created issues with getting to meetings and other business gatherings, but this is how it is. I have been busy figuring out what to do with our assembly, and state convention. I attended a couple of Zoom meetings with other area chairs throughout the country and found that Zoom meetings for assemblies and conventions have been taking place in other areas for a while. I was sent an agenda for

a San Diego Assembly just recently and with discussions with Laurie, our 2020 convention chair, decided to hold a virtual convention on the same weekend as it was scheduled. She has a committee that is more than willing to put this together.

As far as the assembly that was scheduled in March, with consultation from other trusted servants and Kerri, (bless her heart), we will be holding an assembly at the end of May or early June to only do the important area business which at

this time are the bids for 2021 Convention, 2021 March Assembly and 2021 Area Service Forum. Right now, it is set to do only what the Saturday afternoon session involved. Agendas will be sent out soon.

Stay safe, stay healthy. Hope to see you all soon.

Yours in service,

Kurt K.

Area 46 Chairperson

Expenses: Travel-\$15

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Accessibilities & Remote Communities

Hello everyone!

I hope all of you are staying home and staying healthy. Although everything has been cancelled during this COVID-19 situation, I am very impressed with the lengths that alcoholics are going to in order to stay sober and to carry the message to other alcoholics. There are lots of ingenious accessibility measures being taken! Online and teleconference meetings are keeping members of Alcoholics Anonymous connected everywhere.

However, while all that is great, in these unprecedented times, I have also noticed a definite rise in public

disclosures of membership, celebration of anniversaries, and messages of support between members especially on the Facebook platform. While we are treading in new waters, anonymity remains the spiritual foundation of Alcoholics Anonymous and we must protect it. I think it's definitely a conversation from which the Accessibilities Committee might grow.

Since it's still unclear when we will actually be able to meet face-to-face, I would like to get our committee together virtually. If you are interested in serving on the Accessibilities Committee, please email

me at accessibilities@nm-aa.org or call me at 575-317-4998. I will get back to each of you and we will set a meeting time soon.

This too shall pass!

In love and service,

Jennifer W.

Interim Accessibilities Chair

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Treasurer

Greetings fellow stay-at-home alcoholics!

These are certainly troubling times and Alcoholics Anonymous and its groups are being presented with many new challenges. But I'm happy to say we are finding solutions and we continue to grow along spiritual lines.

Without our ability to meet in person and "pass the hat," our 7th Tradition has taken a big hit. And while we may be saving money with our coffee expenses, there are several other costs to groups and the entire circle of love that continue to pile up. So I encourage all of us to continue with our 7th Tradition responsibility as best we can using some out-of-the-box solutions.

The most straightforward and low tech solution is sending a check by mail. Group members can support

their groups by mailing contributions on a weekly (or, at this point, monthly) basis to their group treasurer. If your group operates only with cash, then perhaps setting up a drop spot, like a personal mailbox or even under the doormat, could work. Many other groups are setting up "virtual baskets" which accept contributions online with a credit card, debit card, or e-check. These virtual baskets are pretty easy to set up and many only require a checking account and an email to do so. District 13 has posted information and their findings on the different payment platforms on our area website at <https://nm-aa.org/districts/district-13/>. Another resource I have found is the intergroup for San Francisco/ Marin County. They have a Technology Committee that has investigated many possible solutions to our dilemma. Their information can be found here at <https://aasfmarin.org/online-contributions-your-digital-7th->

tradition-guide-to-best-practices.

As far as our own area goes, our budgeted expenses for the March assembly were not incurred. We did however have budgeted expenses for areawide services which included our archive storage, printing of the Area 46 Directory and our updated AIP, and even our first claim to our Self Insurance fund. As always, our annual budget and expenses for tomorrow fully rely on our contributions today. That being said, I believe we will get through this thing, we will grow and experience humility, and Alcoholics Anonymous will again show that we are a fellowship and program that works – it really does.

Stay well and I hope to see you soon!

Christoph, Area 46 Treasurer

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Ad Hoc Committee About the Books

The initial meeting of the AHCAB was postponed to April 15, so after this report is due. The upheaval of the COVID-19 societal changes and a computer glitch guided me to make this delay....there are no emergencies in AA and we must always work from the position of as much pru-

dence and serenity as possible.

As of early April the committee includes two former delegates, Corrections and Literature chair, Treasurer, Area Chair and Alt Chair, CPC chair (acting as secretary), Intergroup manager, and DCMs from eight different districts. All DCMs

are invited to participate in the Zoom meetings and all members of the area service are invited to participate in the in-person meetings at assemblies.

Thanks for your prayers and service,

Kristina F.

Archives

We are facing historic times right now. I encourage our members to document your experiences of staying sober and carrying our AA 12 Steps of recovery to the still suffering alcoholic. We are a program that works one on one, and we can still carry our message without being physically close. We find solutions.

Last month I mentioned our

group history forms and oral history documentation. Those forms and guidelines are on our area website under Archives Committee. Trusted Servants that went before me did an incredible job on this committee site. I feel I need to encourage our area to take advantage of their work by doing some work ourselves.

An online committee meeting has

been suggested. I am working on that now.

As with all of you, I am grateful to Alcoholics Anonymous and the design for living I can depend on.

In Love and Service,

Patience B.

Area 46 Archives Chair

CPC

I pray that you and your family are safe and healthy during these unprecedented times. We have all seen how we have reconnected with each other via online meetings. Much gratitude for our Area 46 Web Chair, Kerri K., for keeping the online meetings updated. This is a great opportunity for District CPC representatives to reach out to the professional community by providing the NM Online AA meetings link: <https://nm-aa.org/meetings/?tsml-day=any&tsml-type=ONL>. This is especially import-

ant to treatment center inpatient and outpatient programs.

The Healthcare Chaplaincy Network Conference that we were excited to staff a booth for three days has been changed to a virtual conference. We hope that Area 46's CPC Committee in the future will have the opportunity to be of service.

I encourage members to participate in the Pre-Conference Forum (Online) May 2 to discuss four important Conference Agenda items

including possible changes to the Big Book. For more information, go to Area 46 website and under "Events" you can register for the event.

I will begin the CPC monthly phone conference May 4th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you need support and/or additional information, please contact me.

In the Spirit of Service,

Lawrence M.

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Delegado

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extrañado por todos. Aquellos de los que se les dio la oportunidad de conocerlo, saber de su gentil sabiduría y conocimiento, y su amable y bello corazón. Nuestro mundo y nuestra área estarán sin uno de nuestros grandes activos. Que disfrute para siempre de su participación en el Gran Encuentro en el Cielo.

La 70ª Conferencia de Servicios Generales in situ en Nueva York se ha convertido de una Conferencia in situ y se convertirá en la primera Conferencia de Servicios Generales "virtual". Esta nueva Conferencia pionera se celebrará del 16 de mayo al 22 de mayo.

Con la cancelación de nuestra Asamblea de la Pre-Conferencia del marzo, hemos puesto en práctica varios modos de coleccionar el Área 46 Conciencia que entra en la Conferencia de este año. Hemos implicado a los Coordinadores del Comité del Área y los MCD's. He organizado una serie de cinco llamadas de conferencia de una hora. Además, hemos colocado una encuesta en la página web del Área 46 para aquellos que deseen sopesar los puntos de la Agenda de la Conferencia en la privacidad y la comodidad de su propia casa. Puede encontrar un enlace a esta encuesta en la página principal del Área 46.

El 2 de mayo de 2020, a partir de la 1:00 PM, tenemos un Foro Virtual de Pre-Conferencia. Los detalles

se pueden encontrar en la página de inicio de Área 46 en nm-aa.org. Este Foro sustituirá el Compartimiento del Delegado de la Sesión que habría sido sostenida el sábado por la tarde, el 28 de marzo. Tendremos cuatro separan cuartos del desglose "Virtuales" para miembros para hablar de una variedad de los Puntos de la agenda de la Conferencia de Servicios Generales. Principalmente alrededor de cambiar el Preámbulo, y una quinta edición del Gran Libro, y los cambios que pueden venir con eso. Los enlaces de inscripción y asistencia también se pueden encontrar en la página de inicio del Área 46.

Me siento totalmente preparado para llevar conmigo la Conciencia de área 46 en esta nueva Conferencia Virtual pionera. Para esto me siento infinitamente Bendito y para siempre Agradecido. Llevaré conmigo un Poder Superior amoroso, un corazón lleno y agradecido, y una mente abierta. Rezo para que los represente bien y delibere sobre los asuntos que están a la mano para mejorar nuestra Comunidad como un todo.

MCD's es tiempo de comenzar a programar su Informe de la Conferencia del Delegado en su Distrito. Por favor no dude en ponerse en contacto conmigo en cualquier momento. Tengo un Calendario de Delegados publicado en la página del Delegado para que pueda ver qué intervalos de tiempo están disponibles.

En el amor y el servicio

Bill L., Delegado del Área 46

Registrar

Greeting Area 46

I hope everyone is healthy and safe in these ever changing times. It's been very exciting to see how groups have adapted to online meetings so quickly! I love seeing AA in action. If you have any change in GSR's or DCM's please email me the information on the area web site. At GSO there is a stand still on the portal for registering but I am keeping our records up to date so when they are able to resume their work I can get it to them ASAP. Again please be safe out there. We will meet again and make up for all the hugs we have missed.

Hugs, Robyn T.

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2020 AREA 46 VIRTUAL CONVENTION

Hello Area 46 Members,

It is with heavy heart that, due to the circumstances surrounding COVID-19, District 7 must cancel hosting the 2020 Area 46 Convention. The committee has worked hard and was excited to serve Area 46. However, District 7 is pleased to offer a 2020 AREA 46 VIRTUAL CONVENTION!! The Virtual Convention will still be held June 5-7, 2020. There will be no charge for this convention. We hope it will lift the spirits of all in Area 46.

All of the speakers who had com-

mitted to attend our convention have agreed to participate in the virtual replacement. Additionally, Bill L. will give the Delegate's Report, and there will be panels, workshops and entertainment. Essentially, it will follow the same schedule and have most of the elements as that of the actual convention.

The 2020 Area 46 Convention website is in the process of being updated to reflect the new Virtual Convention. Please check <http://nm-aa.org/area-46-convention-roswell-2020/> often for updates, the meeting ID

and password.

We have in stock a full load of merchandise that was ready to sell at our March Assembly and the convention. We will be offering this merchandise at our cost.

We look forward to the 2020 Area 46 Virtual Convention and hope you will join in with us to celebrate this special event.

In Love & Service,

Laurie H.

2020 Area 46 Convention Chair

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**Tradition
of the
Month**

FIVE

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



Corrections

Corrections Report

Dear friends in Corrections....

What a month we have had! I know your prayers are helping the incarcerated stay sober one day at a time...and meanwhile we all look forward to more meetings and conversations.

If your group has *Grapevines* to spare, I know the inmates would love them! Please refer to your district Corrections chair or DCM to help make that happen.

There is some work on getting

Zoom meetings inside. The volunteer coordinator at the Santa Fe Adult Detention Facility has been able to do this with another 12 step program so District 2 is looking into it for AA.

We are also trying to see if Zoom can work at Springer.

One big announcement is there will be a new Corrections chair. As of this writing, Jim Flora, from Carlsbad is taking this service commitment as I have decided to let it go to focus on the Ad Hoc Committee About the Books. He will do a fantastic job and I encourage you to reach out to him

to welcome him to the position.

He can be reached at Corrections@nm-aa.org. Future pink can donations should go to:

Jim Flora
1903 Sentry Circle
Carlsbad, NM 88220

As of March 31 the balance for pink can donations is \$363.87 including one donation of \$72.00.

With gratitude in service,
Kristina F.

Grapevine/La Viña

Greetings Area 46!

I am hoping this finds everyone faring well during the "stay at home" request and that those that can are able to work from home. I am sure we will be through this soon, if we are not already through it by the time this *El Farolito* gets mailed.

Due to the coronavirus and the governor's "stay at home" request, I have had a quiet month since my last report. I did have a \$22.16 expense for supplies for the table display I have been working on. Otherwise I have not spent any money

these past few months.

I have nearly completed the new display for the *GV/LV* table of stories written by Area 46 AA members in 2019 and 2020. If anyone has a *La Viña* subscription and happens to know of any stories written by AA members from the Spanish-speaking community for *La Viña* from Area 46, please let me know which month. Or if you have a copy I could see/use, I would really appreciate it. The *La Viña* office does not have the archives completed for *La Viña* magazines yet, and so my efforts have turned into a bit of a struggle at this point!

In case you have not heard, the online versions of *Grapevine* and *La Viña* are free during this time that we have been asked to stay at home due to COVID-19. If you would like to read some great stories, please check them out!

If you have questions or need assistance with *Grapevine/La Viña*, please feel free to contact me.

In Love and service,
Maddy L.

Area 46 *Grapevine/La Viña* Chair

Web

Online Meetings

As the world adapts to its current new "normal" our fellow members in Area 46 have been amazing. Collectively we have started over 325 online meetings. That's amazing. If you have not yet attended your first online meeting, I encourage you to try one. While online meetings could not ever replace face-to-face interaction, it is such a blessing to see familiar faces and hear your fellow

AA members share their experience, strength and hope.

You can find a list of online meetings in the red banner at the top of every page on the website (*see page 1*).

Keeping Online Meetings Safe

Unfortunately, there are those who will exploit technology to wreak havoc in online meetings. Nearly all our online meetings on are conduct-

ed on the Zoom platform. Zoom has been a favorite target of "bombers" and "trolls" whose sole purpose is to disrupt the meeting by posting obscene pictures or video and making other disruptions.

There are several things you can do to keep your online meetings safe. Please visit the following pages to learn more.

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...to these groups for their recent contributions to *El Farolito*

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Did your group make a contribution that has not been acknowledged? Did you send a check that hasn't cleared? Please let me know by e-mailing elfarolito@nm-aa.org. Thanks!

Hi Area 46,

The COVID-19 virus response continues worldwide, and hundreds of groups across the Land of Enchantment have been responding too – changing in-person meetings to Zoom meetings, keeping information updated and current, and helping one another get through this crisis.

El Farolito is responding to the challenge this month too. After consultation with our chair and other Area 46 officers, this month's issue is being printed and mailed only to representatives of groups that do not have a current email address listed with our registrar. All other GSRs are being emailed a web-version, identity-protected copy and this same version is also posted at nm-aa.org.

We took this action for a couple of primary reasons. Contributions from groups to *El Farolito* are down significantly since meetings became virtual – and that's to be expected. But since group and district contributions pay the cost of printing, mail preparation, postage and delivery, we have less money to pay the bills. And since groups aren't meeting physically, where a printed copy of *El Farolito* is often posted or circulated to members, it makes having that printed copy a bit less valuable. It's my understanding that in the past when *ELF* contributions were down, Area 46 would make a contribution to help. But group contributions to Area 46 are *also* down with groups not meeting physically. So this month, we're reducing our costs where it makes sense, and keeping the con-

tributions we are still receiving from groups working most efficiently.

Keep in mind, there's no cost for our officers, committee chairs and district *ELF* reps to write the submissions, or for page design, or to get the issue to the printer. And groups volunteer to hold "mailing parties" to prepare the issue for bulk mailing every month (thanks again to the How It Works Group in Taos and District 14 volunteers in particular, who help with this preparation most months). So there's a lot that goes into *ELF* that doesn't cost a thing! And all of that continues – and will continue – regardless of whether the issue comes to you by mail, email, or by visiting nm-aa.org.

I know I start my day asking my Higher Power to help our state, nation and world get through this crisis. If there was ever a better definition of something "that I cannot change," I don't know what it would be. We are all looking for comfort and knowledge amidst a sea of disruption and unknowns, and it's been a struggle for us all. And we mourn those who we've lost on the way.

May our day-by-day journey in this gift of life we've been given be filled with peace – through our support for one another, our reaching out to help someone when we can, and by our knowledge that we will get through this – one day at a time.

In service,

Tim M., *El Farolito* Chair

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<https://nm-aa.org/help-with-zoom/>

<https://nm-aa.org/committee-list/website-committee/help-with-online-meetings/>

Important Area 46 Information

During his time Area 46 is sending out more emails to GSRs and DCMs to keep everyone in-

formed about cancelled events, upcoming events (online) and rescheduled events. Unfortunately, our registrar does not have email addresses for all GSRs.

If you are a GSR and have not updated your information with our registrar, please do so at registrar@nm-aa.org.

Please check the home page of our website often to read any updated information you might have missed via email at nm-aa.org.

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have placed a survey on the Area 46 webpage for those who would like to weigh in on conference agenda items in the privacy and comfort of your own home. You can find a link to this survey on the Area 46 homepage.

We are having a Virtual Pre-Conference Forum on May 2, starting at 1:00 p.m. Details can be found on the Area 46 homepage at nm-aa.org. This Forum will replace the Delegate's Sharing Session that would

have been held on Saturday evening, March 28. We will have four separate "virtual" break-out rooms for members to discuss a variety of the General Service Conference agenda Items – primarily around changing the Preamble, and a fifth edition of the Big Book, and changes that may come with that. Registration and attendance links can be found on the Area 46 homepage as well.

I am feeling fully prepared to carry with me the Conscience of Area 46 into this pioneering new Virtual Conference. For that I feel infinitely blessed and forever grateful. I will

take with me a loving Higher Power, a full and grateful heart, and an open mind. I pray to represent you well and deliberate on the matters at hand for the betterment of our fellowship as a whole.

DCMs, it is time to start scheduling your Delegate Conference Report in your district. Please feel free to contact me at any time. I have a delegate's calendar posted on the delegate's page so you can see what time slots are available.

In Love and Service,

Bill L., Area 46 Delegate

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 6 – LAS VEGAS, RATON, SPRINGER, MORA, CLAYTON ...

Greetings from Northern New Mexico. We have come together as a rural district to make sure we are supporting each other during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our district conducted our last meeting on April 4 at 2:00 p.m. via a conference call. The meeting went well and was productive. Tom C. who is our district treasurer is asking groups to please send donations to P.O. Box 38, Las Vegas, NM 87701. Our district must continue to receive monetary support from all of our groups in District 6. We are also reaching out to our rural groups by offering AA

meetings through Zoom. Our Early Birds group is holding a virtual meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. every Saturday and Sunday. If you are interested in joining this virtual meeting please send Rick B. an email to padres74@gmail.com so he can invite you to this meeting. Highlands Happy Hour has a daily Zoom meeting at noon till 1:00 p.m., seven days a week. Please email Kathleen at Kathleenvassalli@yahoo.com. Zoom is a free virtual meeting site and it's a user-friendly application. You must be able to download the Zoom app onto your iP-

hone, Android, or desktop computer.

We hold our monthly district meetings every first Saturday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on May 2. This meeting will be available on Zoom. If we have your email information, we can invite you to our meeting. We encourage all District 6 groups and GSRs the opportunity to join our meeting.

In Grateful Service,

Kathleen V.

District 7 – ARTESIA, ROSWELL ...

It is with heavy heart that, due to the circumstances surrounding COVID-19, District 7 must cancel hosting the 2020 Area 46 Convention. The committee has worked hard and was excited to serve Area 46. To all who have registered you will be refunded all monies sent, with the exception of any merchandise you have received. However, in these unprecedented times, the conscience of District 7 is exploring other options to our fellowship. Further information will be posted on the 2020 Convention Website (<https://nm-aa.org/area-46-convention-roswell-2020/>). We hope it might lift the spirits of all in Area 46.

Birthdays for April; Katrina, 3 years; Jessica P., 7 years; Laney C., 22 years; Rudi, 13 years; Terry W., 6 years; and Bernie L., 10 years.

Sincerely grateful in service,

Cheryl W., ELF Rep. District 7

District 11 – WEST ALBUQUERQUE ...

Greetings Area 46.

It's amazing how quickly we have adapted to the social distancing requirements. Electronically, though, the hand of AA is still there. The Area 46 District 11 meeting convened via Zoom meeting this month. Representatives from Serenity Group, Westside Noon, North Valley, Women's Gratitude, Serendipity, Rebellion Dogs, Seeking Serenity, and Ladies Room were in attendance. Molly let everyone know that the *Grapevine* has a photo contest to be featured in a *Grapevine* wall calendar. Submissions are needed before December 1 and can be submitted to www.aaGrapevine.org/Photocontest. Additionally the *Grapevine* is offering access to a free story at www.aagrapevine.org/free-story-April-2020. Jerry K. reports the Central Office and GSO are closed due to Coronavirus requirements. The office and night phones are being covered, and there are volunteers available for 12 Step calls. Members who need meeting attendance sheets signed can contact Central Office for verification at (505) 266-1900. The Albuquerque area

AA website, www.albuquerqueaa.org, has a listing of all the Zoom meetings locally as well as nationally, and the meeting guide also shows which meetings are suspended due to the COVID-19 crisis. The website is updated daily. Jerry relayed that our central office has money to stay open for three months, and that they will be revisiting the path forward. Seventh Tradition contributions have been significantly reduced due to the transition to online. Regarding the Jemez Picnic, volunteers will still be needed; however, Henry is waiting until the isolation is over to proceed with additional planning.

Yours in Service, Ross B.

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Taos, NM 87571

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 and a Young People Chair. If you are interested and available to serve in either of these positions, join us so you can be elected! Our next meeting is on Saturday, May 9. For the foreseeable future we will be meeting online via Zoom. Feel free to join through video or phone. Our Meeting ID is: 719-543-888 on the Zoom app or you can dial in: 1-346-248-7799, Access Code: 719-543-888.

Jack celebrated four years in April. Congratulations!

At our April meeting, District 13 discussed the need for more of a public Information presence during the COVID-19 crisis. With people confined to their homes, active alcoholics are wreaking havoc on their families more than usual. We believe it is important to let the public know that Alcoholics Anonymous is still here, if they, or someone they know needs help with a drinking problem.

In the same vein, we discussed how to effectively 12th-Step virtually. With most A.A. groups meeting in a digital space, we are brainstorming ideas for reaching newcomers, fellowshiping, and helping seniors and other members get connected online.

Last month, we voted unanimously to begin accepting digital contributions via a smartphone app-based payment platform. Offering a “virtual basket” is meant as an additional option, but not as a replacement for cash contributions. Either will be gratefully accepted by District 13 and put toward services for our local AA community. For more information about the “virtual basket” and collecting contributions digitally, check 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, on our District website at: <https://nm-aa.org/districts/district-13/>.

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. Checks can be made out to District 13, and mailed to P.O. Box 11134, Albuquerque, NM 87112. We are also now able to receive digital contributions via a smartphone app-based payment platform. To contribute digitally, follow this link: <https://venmo.com/?txn=pay&audience=private&recipients=district-13>, or send contribution in Venmo to user: district-13.

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

In love & service,

Ariel M.

Alt-DCM, District 13

dcm13@nm-aa.org

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

Hello New Mexico friends in recovery,

The Taos recovery community is doing its best to adjust to these strange and disturbing times. Many of our meetings are now on Zoom and these online meetings are very well-attended and running fairly smoothly. We seem to be getting more and more comfortable with this technology and this new normal. Most of us have even finally figured out how to mute our microphones! On a serious note, please remember to reach out to members who may be in danger of falling through the cracks. We don't want to lose anyone because they are disconnected and not brought into the fold of our fellowship.

Please be advised the 2020 Taos Mountain Fiesta planning committee met virtually this week and made the difficult decision to hold this year's Taos Mountain Fiesta in September online only. We just don't know what the situation is going to be in September, and we don't feel comfortable bringing together hundreds of people and putting anyone at risk. We will miss seeing our friends in person this year, but rest assured we will put on the best online Fiesta possible with some amazing speakers and meetings! More details to follow.

If this virus has taught us anything, it is that we folks in recovery are so blessed to be connected; we each impact one another, and in these times especially,

we need each other. Let the best of each of us rise to the occasion. Our literature asks us, “can we transform these calamities into assets, sources of growth and comfort to ourselves and those about us? Well, we surely have a chance... if we are willing to receive that grace of God which can sustain and strengthen us in any catastrophe.” *Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions*, p. 113.

May God bless you and keep you and yours safe and healthy until we are able to hug and love and laugh again in person.

Kelly O., *El Farolito* Rep.

District 14

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

Greetings from District 18!

I hope the May edition of *El Farolito* finds you all well. We live in interesting times indeed.

District 18 did not meet in March; Twelve people met virtually April 11 providing reports from eight groups and five committees. We are planning to attend the May district meeting virtually if we are still unable to meet.

Of eight groups reporting, all but two are holding online meetings. One has suspended their meetings and one group continues to meet in person observing social distancing requirements. Groups have been or will be presenting the topic of changing the first 164 pages of the Big Book. The few groups who have discussed have mixed feedback, no consensus.

The Young People Corned Beef and Cabbage fundraiser and the Intergroup

Speaker Meeting were both postponed or canceled.

We need chairpersons to host Founder's Day Event and the Fall Workshop. If you or your group are interested in serving, please contact our DCM, Deb K.

In grateful service, but with no hugs, no kisses & keeping a safe distance!

~Gayle