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Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

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Delegate

Warm greetings to each of you here in Area 46. I genuinely hope that each of you has navigated this unprecedented pandemic safely and with some degree of Serenity and Acceptance. I do know that some of us have been personally affected more than others, either by personal circumstances or by circumstances that affected those close to us. Having encountered a personal family loss during these times, I sincerely empathize with anyone who has been negatively impacted by COVID-19. God's speed to us all.

At the time of this writing, I have not yet been to the 70th General Service Conference. I am in final preparations as I write this. Please know that I feel comfortable that I have gathered the Area Conscience before the historic "Virtual" 70th General Service Conference. I held five sessions for call in exchange of information, and we had our Virtual Pre-Conference Forum on May 2. Additionally, our Area Web Chair, Kerri, created an online survey for anyone in the area to participate in. I would like to interject here, that Kerri has done so very much to as-

sist Area 46 during this public health crisis. If you have a moment, please send her an email thank you for all of her efforts from managing all of the online meeting schedules for over 300

meetings, to assisting in putting together the Pre Conference Forum to the survey, to the May Assembly. The list goes on and on.

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AREA 46 VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA

HOSTED ON ZOOM May 30, 2020

SATURDAY

- 9:30 am **Zoom Waiting Room Open** -(Please gather in Waiting Room by 9:45am so we can start on time)
- 10:00 am Serenity Prayer
- 10:02 am CALL TO ORDER** – Business Meeting
- 10:05 am SECRETARY'S REPORT: Summary of Minutes – December Assembly – District 17 Albuquerque
- 10:15 am TREASURER'S REPORT
- 10:25 am REGISTRAR'S REPORT
- 10:35 am DELEGATE'S REPORT
- 10:45 am ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT
- 10:55 am *10-minute break*
- 11:05 am OLD BUSINESS**
 - 1) Area 46 Virtual Convention report: June 5-7, 2020 – District 7, Roswell
 - 2) Area 46 Assembly report: September 12 & 13, 2020 – District 16, Silver City
 - 3) Area 46 Assembly report: December 5 & 6, 2020 – District 10-Carlsbad
- 11:35 am **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1) Presentation of Area Chairs and Area Archivist for Disapproval
 - 2) Bid for Area 46 Convention June 4-6, 2021
 - 3) Bid for Area 46 Pre-Conference Assembly March 27-28, 2021
 - 4) Bid for Area 46 Service Forum 2021
 - 5) Presentation by District 13 regarding September 2020 proposal
- 12:05pm *10-minute break*
- 12:15 pm VOTE on BIDS/ Results
- 12:20 pm **ANNOUNCEMENTS-** Area 46 Events
- 12:30 pm Adjourned until September 12 &13 District 16- Silver City

— The Planning Meeting for the next Assembly is still scheduled to be held on August 1st 2020—

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Saludos Afectuosos a cada uno de ustedes en Área 46. Espero sinceramente que cada uno de ustedes haya navegado por esta Pandemia sin precedentes de forma segura y con cierto grado de Serenidad y Aceptación. Sé que algunos de nosotros hemos sido afectados personalmente más que otros, ya sea por circunstancias personales o por circunstancias que afectaron a aquellos cerca de nosotros. Habiendo encontrado una pérdida personal de la familia durante estos tiempos, sinceramente empatizo con cualquier persona que ha sido afectada negativamente por COVID-19. La velocidad de Dios para todos nosotros.

En el momento de esta escritura, todavía no he sido a la 70a Conferencia de Servicios Generales. Estoy en los preparativos finales mientras escribo esto. Por favor, sepan que me siento cómodo de haber reunido la Conciencia del Área antes de la histórica 70ª Conferencia de Servicios Generales "Virtual". Sostuve 5 sesiones para la llamada en el intercambio de información, y tuvimos nuestro Foro Virtual Pre-Conferencia el 2 de mayo. Además, Kerri nuestra Coordinadora del Sitio Web del Área creó una Encuesta en línea para cualquier persona en el Área en la que participar. Me gustaría interponer aquí, que Kerri nuestra Coordinadora del Sitio Web ha hecho muchísimo para asistir a nuestra Área durante esta Crisis de la Salud Pública. Si tiene un momento, por favor, envíele un correo electrónico de agradecimiento por todos sus esfuerzos, desde la gestión de todos los horarios de reuniones en línea para más de 300 reuniones, hasta la asistencia en la organización del Foro de Pre-Conferencia para la Encuesta, a la Asamblea de mayo. La lista va sin cesar.

Para cuando esté leyendo esto; habré asistido a la Conferencia, pero no ofreceré ninguna especulación en este tiempo en cuanto a cómo era. Yo,

ni alguien más, tenemos cualquier experiencia de dibujar sobre estimar de antemano a qué esta Conferencia parecerá.

Tendremos nuestra Asamblea de Área Virtual el 30 de mayo. Espero que todos planeen asistir. Por favor, Pre-Regístrese. Los detalles se encuentran en el Sitio Web del Área 46. El Área 46 sigue abierta y necesitamos seguir llevando el mensaje y continuar llevando a cabo nuestro negocio, aunque sea de una nueva manera a la que todavía no estamos acostumbrados.

Los días 5-6-7 de junio, tendremos nuestra Convención Estatal de Área 46 por primera vez en una Platafor-

ma Virtual. Por favor siéntase libre de asistir a tantas de esas sesiones como pueda. Todos los oradores originales seguirán contando su historia, aunque, en una plataforma Virtual.

MCD's es tiempo de comenzar a programar su Informe de la Conferencia del Delegado en su Distrito. 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

ÁREA 46 VIRTUAL ASAMBLEA

30 de mayo, 2020: ZOOM

SÁBADO

- 9:30 am **Zoom sala de espera abierta** -(Por favor, reúnanse en la sala de espera a las 8:15 para que podamos empezar tiempo)
- 10:00 am Oración de serenidad
- 10:02 am LLAMADA DE ORDEN – JUNTA DE NEGOCIO**
- 10:05 am INFORME DEL SECRETARIO – Resumen de Minutos – Asamblea de diciembre - Distrito 17 Albuquerque
- 10:15 am INFORME DEL TESORERO
- 10:25 am INFORME DEL REGISTRADOR
- 10:35 am INFORME DEL DELEGADO
- 10:45 am INFORME DEL DELEGADO SUPLENTE
- 10:55 am *10-Minutos de Receso*
- 11:05 am VIEJO NEGOCIO**
- 1) Informe de la 2020 Convención Virtual: junio 5- 7, 2020 – Distrito 7, Roswell
 - 2) Informe de la Asamblea: septiembre 12 y 13, 2020 – Distrito 16, Silver City
 - 3) Informe de la Asamblea: diciembre 5 y 6, 2020– Distrito 10, Carlsbad
- 11:35 am **NUEVO NEGOCIO**
- 1) Presentación de la presidencia del Comité de desaprobación de la Area Archivist y la Area
 - 2) Oferta para el Área 46 Convención junio 4-6 2021
 - 3) Ofertas para la pre-Conferencia Asamblea: marzo 27 y 28, 2021
 - 4) Oferta para el Área 46 foro de servicios 2021
 - 5) Presentación del Distrito 13 sobre la propuesta de septiembre de 2020
- 12:05pm *10-Minutos de Receso*
- 12:15 pm Votar en las ofertas/ Resultados
- 12:20 pm **ANUNCIOS** – Eventos de A.A.
- 12:30 pm Asamblea se aplazó hasta 12 y 13, de septiembre 2020 – Distrito 16, Silver City

— La Reunión de Planificación para la próxima Asamblea será sostenida el 1 de agosto, 2020 —

Alternate Delegate

Greetings Area 46,

I hope this report finds you in good health and spirit. In a regular year we would already have had one assembly, and I would have done my first GSR orientation at the March Assembly. But not this year. Due to the COVID-19 virus, the March Assembly was cancelled and now we are having a Virtual Area Assembly on May 30. By the time you read this it may have already taken place. On

June 5-7, we are having our Area 46 Virtual Convention – you can join by our Area website. It looks really good and it is packed with speakers and workshops and at last I get to do a spill on Area Service, my first GSR orientation. Thank you District 10. Also, I hope fully we have a District to host the Area 46 Service Forum which will have been voted on by the Assembly May 30. And I am excited to get started. I have been talking to the district which is planning to host

the Service Forum about SWRAASA on how they are having a breakout room committed to Spanish-only workshops and I think whichever district gets the bid it would be a great to do the same. I have already talked to a few people on the Bilingual committee and the District 17 DCM and they are all on board. Well that's it for now.

Yours in Service
Eloy M.

Chair

Greetings,

I hope everyone is well. It sure seems like this social distancing and staying at home is here for some time yet. I know it is tough to do but I believe that our Higher Power will keep us safe and protected.

This past month we held an area committee meeting to discuss having a virtual assembly. It was decided that this would happen on May 30 at 10:00 a.m. At this assembly we

will be doing only the important area business which at this time are the bids for 2021 Convention, 2021 March Assembly and 2021 Area Service Forum. You can register at nm-aa.org.

Also, the Area 46 State Convention will be held June 5-7. I hope to see you all there. They still have merchandise for sale. This information is also on our web site.

The area planning meeting for the

September Assembly is still scheduled for Aug. 1. At this time, we do not know if it will be a virtual meeting or if it will be in person. More will be revealed in the future.

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

Yours in service,
Kurt K.
Area 46 Chairperson

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Ad Hoc Committee About the Books

Dear friends in service,

The AHCAB is in full swing, having now completed our first two Zoom full committee meetings and one subcommittee meeting to consider the various options for handling and distributing the 6,000 pieces of literature we received from Bernalillo Detention Center. Here's an amazing fact: among the books there are 490 copies of a soft cover *Big Book* Second Edition in Spanish!

It's a daunting task to take into account our love of AA literature, the need to distribute it to suffering alcoholics in and outside our fellowship, and to do this efficiently and responsibly.

Our committee of about 19 people, DCMs, area chairs in Corrections, Treatment and Literature, past delegates and Trusted Servants are meeting monthly to discuss the five options sent to us by the prior rotation panel about the books. We meet as subcommittees two weeks before full committee to see what our Traditions and current experience tell us pro and con about each option.

If you would like more information about our work and supporting documents for our work, please attend our Ad Hoc Committee About the Books Assembly Committee Meeting on June 3, at 7:00 p.m. on zoom. Preregistration is required,

and you can get registered through your local DCM who can forward you the necessary information.

Thanks for your encouragement!
Kristina F.

July Edition Editorial Deadline:
Monday, June 15 @ 11:59 p.m.
Please email to elfarolito@nm-aa.org and to timmond@gmail.com

Treasurer

What an interesting spring it has been. We have certainly seen some AA history being made here in Area 46 in the midst of our nationwide pandemic. But we have continued to be responsible as AA members and the hand of AA has always been there throughout this difficult time. Thank you to all of our members.

I'm happy to report that the area finances have not been negatively impacted with any significance. Compared to this time last year, our

budgeted income is only down 15%. Though groups have struggled to maintain their own 7th Tradition, much of this decrease can also be explained by a lack of the March Assembly 7th Tradition (typically around \$500) and issues with our old P.O. box not forwarding group contributions (not to worry, this has been sorted out). It's no surprise that our expenses are quite a bit different compared to this time last year. Again, due to the lack of this year's March Assembly, our budgeted ex-

penses are down 51%. And though this was not due to fear or a miserly attitude, we will soon perhaps find ourselves in a position with an excess of accumulated funds. This is an issue that the Finance committee and I will be watching closely in the coming months.

Stay well and I hope to see you soon!

Christoph, A46 Treasurer

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Archives

Greetings to Area 46! Seems like this month has gone by so fast. We're grateful for the AA "Design for Living." It works, it really does! There is a solution!

The ways we communicate today will be part of our history. This is the time to document what we are doing to stay sober and to carry our recovery program to the still suffering alcoholic.

Please consider putting aside some time to share your group experiences in the past two months on the solutions you've found.

My own experiences have been online meetings throughout Area 46, attending AA workshops and Delegate's Forum. Looking forward to our first Area 46 Virtual Assembly and Virtual Convention.

NM-AA.org Archives committee page has group history and oral history guidelines to download. Please contact me for any AA service I can provide. Willingness and Service are the solution.

In Love and Service

Patience B.,

Area 46 Archives Chair

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Bridge The Gap

Greetings all!

My prayers are with each of you in the hope that we may reunited soon.

The Bridge the Gap Committee is, as is so much of the area's work, on a bit of a hiatus due to the current state of affairs. With the curtailing of access to correctional and treatment facilities, there has not been much opportunity to fulfill the basic service of actual "bridging of the gap." I will, with other Area 46 Committee Chairs, have the privilege of participating in a panel presentation of our

Area service roles and how members can get involved with the important work AA does, at this year's Area 46 Convention.

Please feel free to reach out to me or your District BTG Chair if you have an interest in, or would like information regarding, the fulfilling service opportunity that Bridging the Gap provides.

In Love and Gratitude ~

Steve V.

Area 46, Bridge the Gap Chair

Corrections

Hello Area 46,

I hope everyone is in good health and is practicing social distancing. These are certainly trying times and Alcoholics Anonymous and its districts and groups are being presented with many new challenges. I am confident that if we persevere, we will come out of this ordeal stronger and further along in our spiritual growth.

A couple of months ago our Area Chair called me to ask if I was interested in service work at the Area level as the Corrections chair and I jumped at the chance. I am very honored to be a part of this awesome group of folks whom dedicate a good portion of their time to helping carry the message. I am very impressed with the lengths that alcoholics are going to in order to stay sober and continue to carry the message. I have been attending some Zoom AA meetings and have also attended a few face-to-face meetings, held outdoors and following social distancing protocols, of course. The Zoom

meetings can fill in when there are no other choices, but nothing beats the friendliness and comradery of a good old AA Meeting. You might want to consider holding a meeting in a park or in someone's backyard. Just being able to see my fellow AAs faces brought me a feeling of warmth and serenity.

I will be contacting the Area DCMs in the next month and asking a few questions about the correctional facilities in their district. I'm creating a spreadsheet with the names of jails and prisons and establishing points-of-contact in order to determine an interest in AA meetings and potentially setting up teleconferencing meetings for them. If anyone is interested in a Corrections / Bridge the Gap / Treatment workshop, please give me a call or send an email and let me know. Stay safe & stay healthy!

Gratefully yours in service,

Jimmy F.

Area Corrections Chair

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SCHEDULE

All Events are Mountain Daylight Time (MDT)

FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH

- 3:45PM-4:00PM WELCOME & CONVENTION OPENING
- 4:00PM-5:00PM ROSWELL NEWCOMERS' PANEL:
Bethany J, Vernie, Ericka D, Alma F
- 5:15PM-7:15PM AREA 46 SERVICE CHAIRS' PANEL
- 7:30PM-8:30PM SPEAKER: Katie P, Austin, TX
- 8:30PM SERENITY PRAYER
- 8:40PM LIVE MUSIC

SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH

- 8:45AM-9:00AM WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER
- 9:00AM-10:30AM CONCEPTS: Jimmy D, SW Regional Trustee
TRADITIONS: Billy N, Past Trustee, Buford GA
- 10:45AM-11:45AM SPEAKER: Laura S, Johnson City, TX
- 12:00PM-1:00PM EMOTIONAL SOBRIETY: Karen C, NJ
- 1:00PM CONVENTION CLOSING
- 1:00PM-2:00PM OPEN MEETING - Gratitude

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH

- 8:45AM-9:00AM WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER
- 9:00AM-10:00AM SPEAKER: Adam K, Sacramento, CA
- 10:00AM-11:00AM SPANISH SPEAKER: Pedro S, Roswell, NM
- 11:15AM-12:15PM SPONSORSHIP: Jeff G, Dallas, TX
- 12:45PM-1:45PM AREA 46 DELEGATES REPORT: Bill L
- 2:00PM-3:00PM AA HISTORY: Mike M, Brunswick, MD
- 3:15PM-4:15PM AL-ANON SPEAKER: John C, Farmington, NM
- 4:30PM-5:30PM AA SERVICE STRUCTURE: Eloy M,
Alt. Delegate Area 46
- 5:30PM-6:30PM DINNER BREAK
- 6:30PM-7:30PM SPEAKER: Adam T, Los Angeles, CA
- 7:30PM SERENITY PRAYER
- 7:40PM SKIT / MUSIC / ENTERTAINMENT

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Tradition
of the
Month

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**"An AA group ought never endorse, finance or
lend the AA name to any related facility or outside
enterprise, lest problems of money, property and
prestige divert us from our primary purpose."**

CPC

Greeting from Taos! In light of the current circumstances, I wish you good health and inner peace. As we say here in northern New Mexico: Una Vida Buena y Sana / A Good and Healthful Life.

After reading an article related to CPC using *Grapevine* and *La Viña* as a tool, I thought I would share the information during this pandemic crisis. Members doing CPC work will want to become familiar with AA *Grapevine* and *La Viña* and all of the print and digital resources available

for professionals. To help members during this time, the AA *Grapevine* is giving free access for a limited period to its 2020 *Grapevine* (January through May) and *La Viña* (January through June) printed issues. Members can inform professionals of AAGRAPEVINE.ORG in correspondence and conversations. The *Grapevine* is a great Twelfth Step tool by the giving of gift subscriptions to an alcoholic who needs it – for example, to sponsees, newcomers, prisons, detoxes, doctors’ offices to name a few. Committees may want to order

bulk subscriptions of *Grapevine* and *La Viña*. For more information, you can go to <https://www.aagrapevine.org/> or contact Area 46 *Grapevine* Chair, Maddy L. at cpc@nm-aa.org.

For more information on CPC, I welcome you to join the Area 46 monthly CPC Committee via Zoom on June 1, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact me at cpc@nm-aa.org.

In the Spirit of Service,
Lawrence M.

Grapevine/La Viña

Greetings to all in Area 46!

It has been a productive and busy month for this *Grapevine/La Viña* Chair! I am not only learning a lot in this position, but also enjoying it! Besides attending AA meetings via Zoom, I have attended a number of Zoom events. I am grateful to have had the opportunity of being a part of these opportunities not only to help others, but to be a part of Alcoholics Anonymous as we grow and change during the “stay at home time” time. When I was new in AA I was told that AA is a program of solutions. With the Coronavirus and the challenges to overcome, AA is proving that to be true!

I contacted those on my list of committee members and those that I know are GVR’s in their district or home group and asked for feedback on the Agenda items for Conference for the Delegate. I then passed the information on to the Delegate so he would have it for the Virtual Conference in May. I also attended

the Zoom Forum on May 2nd of the discussion on the agenda items. It is inspiring and encouraging to see AA move forward and resolve issues since we are unable to meet face to face. I am confident we have helped prepare the Delegate for Conference with all the different types of communications he has used to get our input.

On May 3rd, I was invited to a zoom *Grapevine/La Viña* presentation on Tools for Carrying the Message. It was hosted by Jon W., the Sr. Editor of the *Grapevine* and Vera F., Area 58 GV/LV Chair. I learned a great deal about our Meeting in Print at this workshop and was grateful to have been invited. GV/LV Area Chairs from throughout the country were in attendance and I was thrilled to see people I know from other areas! There were 90 people in attendance!

Also, on May 3rd I held the GV/LV Committee meeting via Zoom, since we did not have the March Assembly. I had five people attend and

we discussed many GV/LV topics of interest. We also decided to have Zoom committee meetings in between the Assemblies, once we get back to face to face meetings. Our next Zoom committee meeting will be July 19th. Contact me if you are interested in attending or would like to be a GV/LV committee member.

On May 7th was the Assembly Committee meeting via Zoom. In addition, the Assembly will be held on May 30th and the Convention on June 5, 6, and 7 both scheduled as Zoom meetings. I am looking forward to attending both!

If you have questions or are interested in being a member of this vital Committee, please contact me or attend the GV/LV Committee meeting at the Assembly in September.

In Love and Service,
Maddy L.

Area 46 *Grapevine/La Viña* Chair

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<i>Rcvd. Group</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Rcvd. Group</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Apr. Dawn Patrol (Albuquerque)	\$ 7.71	May Sober at Sunrise (Las Cruces)	25.00
May Sunday Serenity (Cliff)	50.00	May Portraits of Progress (Las Vegas)	50.00
May Sunrise Catchers (Albuquerque)	72.08	May Early Birds (Roswell)	20.00
May Las Mujeres (Las Cruces)	10.00	May Central Office (Albuquerque)	36.00
May One Day at a Time (Bernalillo)	50.00	May HiNooners (Farmington)	10.00
May Red River Group	100.00	May Foothills Group (Albuquerque)	18.78
May Dawn Patrol (Albuquerque)	17.50	May Early Birds (Las Vegas)	25.00
May Ruidoso Arid	10.00	May Dawn Patrol (Albuquerque)	28.02
May Ruidoso Arid	10.00	May Sober at Sunrise (Las Vegas)	25.00

Please send contributions to:

***El Farolito
P.O. Box 1242
Taos, NM 87571***

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!

Literature

Greetings Area 46,

Well this has certainly been a very odd start to the rotation but what I am always amazed with is the adaptability we seem to find. Who says we can't have meetings? Now we are learning how to do the area's business on the internet. Book sales have tanked but one bright spot is I recently received a new catalog from GSO, and while most of it is the same, it was still thrilling to say I have a new catalog!

One thing I want to keep asking of the DCMs is if you have a Literature representative, please have them get in touch with me. There is a space available for us to have a committee meeting on Zoom so I can get to know those who are interested in AA literature. And if anybody just feels like they want to learn more about the variety of books available, just drop me a line and we will talk about it.

If any districts in the outlying parts of the state need books, we can consolidate orders and get free shipping if the order is over \$500.

For now, stay safe and keep the phones handy.

Blessings to all.

Dave F.

P.I.

Greetings Everyone!

I pray that everyone is doing all right! I have been recently been doing the Zoom meetings with the area committee and such.

Over the past months have been contacting the DCMs and anyone interested in doing public information work. Fortunately, we have so far gotten various individuals who are contacting certain TV, radio and newspaper stations that may be helpful in "carrying the AA message" to the public on our availability of AA meetings online.

Recently, I and a couple of P.I./CPC committee members have been enlisted in sharing our experience, strength and hope to two nursing classes from Brookline College via the RingCentral.com meeting app. We will continue to present the Dr. William D. Silkworth medical view of AA for new classes.

As for now, I need input for the best time to meet for the P.I. Committee on a monthly basis. I would prefer the first or second Wednesday of each month. Please call me if you want in on this meeting at (505) 315-7394 or email me at pi@nm-aa.org with your input.

Treatment

By this time, we will have had the opportunity to participate in the first ever Virtual Assembly (May 30). The pandemic has certainly presented challenges to all AA members and I must acknowledge the leadership demonstrated by the Area Officers and the support by Trusted Servants at all levels. This challenge has made all of us rethink how we help the alcoholic who still suffers. For an organization that is founded on one-on-one contact this challenge is particularly disruptive. It in effect makes everyone a "remote community." We will continue to look at not only the issue in front of us but how we can use the skills we are learning and apply those lessons to support those wanting to get sober and stay sober with as much support as we can give them regardless of the form such support may take. We must remember that we are merely looking at a season in our lives and view current circumstance as a small part of a big picture. This too shall pass. Looking forward to seeing all of you in the future.

In Service

Jeff B.

Delegate

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By the time you are reading this, I will have attended the Conference, but I will offer no speculation at this time as to how it was. I, nor anyone else, have any experience to draw upon to estimate in advance what this Conference will be like.

We will have our Virtual Area Assembly on May 30. I hope that you

all plan to attend. Please pre-register. Details are on the Area 46 website. Area 46 is still open, and we need to continue to carry the message and continue to conduct our business, even if it is in a new manner that we are not.

On June 5-6-7, we will have our Area 46 State Convention for the first time ever on a Virtual Platform. Please feel free to attend as many of those sessions as you can. All the original speakers will still be telling

their story, albeit, on a virtual platform.

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

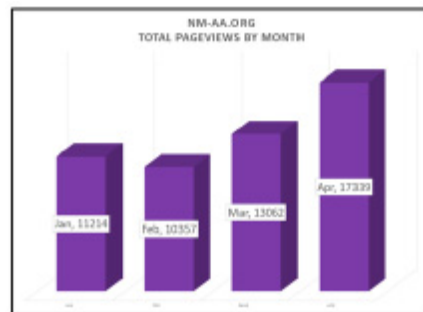
COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Web

Hello Area 46!

This has been a challenging and fulfilling time for me. The pandemic caused all of us to change how we "do AA." As your Area 46 Webchair, my heart has been burdened to make sure each alcoholic in our area knows how to access online meetings in their local area and around the state. It is a joy and a privilege to serve you in this way.

I thought you might appreciate a peek into how website traffic has changed these past couple of months. Here are two charts that show our overall website traffic and traffic specifically related to online meeting information.



Website traffic saw a 45% increase from January to April

You can still find a list of online meetings in the red banner at the top of every page on the website. This list will remain active and up to date as long as it is needed.

As stay-at-home orders begin to shift, the website will also be updated to reflect physical meetings as meet-

Week Of...	Views of Online Meetings/Info Pages	Percent of Total Pageviews	Total Pageviews
Mar 9	2	0%	2445
Mar 16	240	9%	2785
Mar 23	1269	33%	3829
Mar 30	1501	34%	4461
Apr 6	1386	33%	4163
Apr 13	1632	40%	4052
Apr 20	1274	34%	3754
Apr 27	1368	34%	4076

31% of website traffic is viewing online meeting information

ing locations open back up. You can view which meetings are still closed by searching for "temporary meeting closures" on the meeting list.

In Gratitude and Service,

Kerri K.

Area 46 Webchair

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 May 2 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom. Tom C., our district treasurer, is asking groups to please send donations to P.O. Box 38 Las Vegas, NM 87701. We continue reaching out to our rural groups by offering AA meetings through Zoom. Our Early Bird's 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 so he can invite you to this meeting (padres74@gmail.com). Highlands Happy Hour has a daily Zoom meeting at noon till 1:00 p.m. daily. We have started a Women's meeting every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (ID# 589-887-038, password 006367). 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 iPhone, Android, or desk top computer. Please email Kathleenvassalli@yahoo.com or call 505-429-2213 for questions regarding Zoom meetings.

Land of Enchantment still has regular meetings using social distancing. LOE will be doing the folding party for *El Farolito* on June 21 at 6:00 pm. It will be held at the Methodist Church at 4th and Tiger

in Raton.

We hold our monthly district meetings every FIRST Saturday of the month at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom. Our next meeting will be Saturday June 6. We encourage all District 6 groups and GSRs the opportunity to join our meeting.

In Grateful Service,

Kathleen V.

District 8 – FARMINGTON, AZTEC ...

First, we'd like to announce that Ron H., from the Aztec Unity group, now has 33 years of continuous sobriety. Sam B. from the Force Fellowship group is celebrating 3 years.

We'd also like to report that several meetings in our district are re-opening

for meetings in-person. This is a decision that is made by each group, according to the group conscience. Other meetings will continue to be held online, via the Zoom video-conferencing application.

Thank you,

District Eight

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, June 13. 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.

At our May meeting, District 13 continued to discuss 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. Our District 13 Public Information Chair is currently working on putting together press kits for local media outlets.

Our district will be presenting a motion at the next assembly so that GSRs, DCMs, and Area members can become informed on the topic and discuss with their groups. Area discussion and vote

will take place at a subsequent assembly.

Motion: That Area 46 adopts the practice of the General Service Conference and require substantial unanimity, that is, a two-thirds majority to change policy. Procedural matters will continue to be decided by a simple majority.

Background: In the past, Area 46 has made decisions without substantial unanimity, which has led to members questioning our voting procedures. Pages from the General Service Conference Communications Kit regarding How the Conference Operates define substantial unanimity as a two-thirds majority. Other areas throughout the United States and Canada were also consulted for guidance. Nearly all who responded set a similar or identical precedent. Most of the proposed changes to the AIP borrow language directly from the General Service Conference Communications Kit on How the Conference Operates. It is the conscience of District 13 that aligning our voting procedures with the General Service Conference would lead to greater unity among Area 46 and its members.

District 13 intends to put together a bid to host a 2021 Area 46 Assembly, however we have tabled discussion until

venues are open to communicating about booking space for large gatherings. In the interim, 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.

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

Greetings from District 18!

In March, we lost two long-time friends of Bill W.

In Memoriam...

Walt L - July 25, 1926 ~ March 5, 2020 (age 93)

Walt passed away peacefully on March 5 surrounded by family. He proudly served our country in the United States Army during World War II, from 1944 to 1946. Following his discharge in 1946, Walt began a 42-year career in the rail industry. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalman, and was Vice President at the time of his retirement. He loved golfing and gardening, was a loyal fan of the Nebraska Cornhuskers, a friend of Bill W. for 35 years, a member of Faith Evangelical Free Church in Rio Rancho, NM for 27 years and a past deacon. He started the Helping Hands Ministry at Faith Church and enjoyed helping others. Walt was a very loving, kind and generous person who loved spending time with his family and friends.

Dick C - August 1, 1924 ~ March 31, 2020 (age 95)

Dick passed away peacefully at home on March 31, 2020, comforted by his spouse, Betty. Dick served on a US Navy Destroyer in the Pacific Theater during World War II and worked as an architect and professional engineer. He was an avid train lover, flautist and enjoyed sharing his talents in the community.

District 18 continues to meet virtually and had 16 members in attendance for our May 9 meeting. Four groups (Candlelight, Children of Chaos, Freedom from Bondage, Beginners) are holding online meetings only; attendance remains steady. One group (In the Book) continues to meet in person but has a phone-in option. One group (Tuesday night 12 & 12) is currently suspended; members are attending the Beginners group.

The group voted to cancel the Founder's Day event but to reserve the funds to hold an event later in the summer. The ODAAT group has volunteered to host the Fall Workshop; more to come.

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

District 3 – SW ABQ, LOS LUNAS, BELEN, SOCORRO...

Here at District 3 we wish everyone peace and comfort during this pandemic. District 3 still has plenty of service positions and committee chairs available. Please come join us at our next District meeting on Sat. June 13 hosted (online) by Cosmopolitan Group, Rio Grande Presbyterian Church, 600 Coors Blvd NW, Albuquerque. The meeting starts at 2:00 p.m.

We had good attendance for the District 3 meeting. It was nice to see so many familiar faces.

Date and Time may change due to the (COVID-19)

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

