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Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

OFFICERS

Delegate

On May 16, 2020 – History was made. The 2020 General Service Conference began – on a virtual platform, for the first time ever. 135 Individuals across the US and Canada participated in AA History. I am forever grateful to have been one of the blessed of our membership who were privileged to have the opportunity to be a part of such an event. I cannot fully express my gratitude to Area 46 for the opportunity to serve during this historic rotation.

The conference was hugely successful, interesting, historic, emotional, and meaningful. We can depend absolutely on the validity of the results of our first ever virtual conference. For complete results, please visit the delegate's web page at nm-aa.org/trusted-servants/delegate/. There are three key takeaways from the conference reflecting the impact of the COVID-19 health crisis on GSO.

1) AA is still here! We actually thrive in uncertainty – hope remains, and the message continues to be carried.

2) Our prudent reserve is designed precisely for this situation and will carry us through until the membership can get us back on our feet.

3) This is unprecedented time in the world and a pivotal moment for A.A. Now is the time for this generation of our membership to demonstrate what self-supporting really means. Please let your groups know that any support for GSO will be greatly appreciated.

As a follow up to conference, we were offered an opportunity to take a virtual tour of Stepping Stones instead of the live tour.

We had our virtual Area Assembly on May 30. Thank you to all attended. On June 5-6-7, we had our Area 46 State Convention for the first time ever on a virtual platform. It too, was a rousing success. I was fortunate enough to be able to provide my first ever virtual Delegate's Conference Report on June 6 at the convention. Many thanks go out to District 7 for putting on the first ever virtual New Mexico Area 46 State Convention. I was invited to give

my first district virtual conference Report to District 2 on June 11. I attended a virtual Founder's Day event the weekend of June 13-14. AA seems to be overcoming our allergy to technology, which I think will be a blessing for AA as a whole. It is our window to staying relevant in the world in which we live now.

I have upcoming conference reports scheduled for July 11 in District 6, July 25 for Districts 12/13, and August 8 in District 18. 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.

If you have any specific questions about the conference, or if there is anything I can do for your group or district, please feel free to reach out to me. My contact information is listed at the beginning of all the *El Farolito* newsletters.

In Love and Service,

Bill L., Area 46 Delegate

Delegado

El 16 de mayo de 2020 – Se hizo Historia. La Conferencia de Servicios Generales de 2020 comenzó en una – en una Plataforma Virtual, por primera vez en la historia. 135 Individuos en los Estados Unidos y Canadá participaron en la Historia de AA. Estoy siempre agradecido de haber sido uno de los

benditos de nuestros miembros, que tenían el privilegio de tener la oportunidad de ser parte de tal acontecimiento. No puedo totalmente expresar mi Gratitude al Área 46 por la oportunidad de servir durante esta rotación histórica.

La Conferencia tuvo un gran éxito, interesante, histórico, emocional y significativo. Podemos depender absolutamente de la validez de los resultados de nuestra primera Conferencia Virtual. Para obtener resultados

completos, visite la página web del Delegado en nm-aa.org.... La Conferencia ha tenido tres conclusiones clave que reflejan el impacto de la crisis de salud de COVID-19 en la OSG. 1) A.A. todavía está aquí! En realidad prosperamos en la incertidumbre: la esperanza permanece y el mensaje continúa siendo hecho. 2) Nuestra reserva prudente está diseñada precisamente para esta situación y nos llevará a través hasta que la membresía

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Alternate Delegate

Greetings Area 46,

I hope this report finds you all well and in good health. As you all know by now, we had a virtual Area 46 Assembly and virtual Area 46 Convention. At the Area Assembly I finally gave a report on the Southwest Region Delegate Assembly and I think it went well. It gave me the opportunity to give a shout out for Southwest Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly to be held in Amarillo Texas on October 9,10,and 11 2020. I hope we can all make it, with the way things are today. We are not even sure if we are going to make it to Silver City for the September Assembly. The Area

Convention broke new ground by doing it virtual. District 7 did a fantastic job! Thank you District 7. I was asked if I would like to do a report or something and since I was not able to do a GSR orientation at our March Assembly I did a service presentation at the convention. Now I know, that because we only have 50 minutes for our breakout session, I really went too fast on my presentation at the convention. I need to work on it. I submitted a report on our quarterly Southwest region newsletter and took part in our District 3 monthly meeting where our DCM announced District 3 was awarded the 2021 Area 46 Service Forum and now we will

get busy with hosting the Service Forum. I look forward to working with Gary J., District 3 DCM, and Kerri K., new Area 46 Service Forum chair. Also I know we will be working with District 17 as we invite our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters to join us in this awesome service commitment. As I finish this report, I want to say I will have had a Zoom meeting with all the alternate delegates from the Southwest Region on June 21. I will report next month on this Zoom meeting and more on the Area Service Forum.

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.

Recently I have been informed the District 16 will not be holding the September Assembly. They sent me a list of reasons why it may not be pru-

dent to hold a physical assembly and I tend to agree with it. I am going to hold an area committee meeting to discuss what and how we will hold a full-blown virtual assembly. This definitely will be a challenge, but I know we have the technology and people who are capable of putting it together.

The area planning meeting for the September assembly is still sched-

uled for August 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

Registrar

Hello all!

The virtual Assembly was well attended by 109 members! Thank you all who attended and updated me on their new positions when registration was being completed. Please continue to email me with any district or group positions change. I know sometimes the GSR or DCM may change before the rotation is done or groups are no longer active. If you email me we can make any changes necessary to make sure

you receive information that flows from the Area or GSO. Again, thank you to all that attended and a great big thank you to our Area Web chair Kerri K. for working so hard to make sure we were able to do the Assembly virtually.

I really hope we get to see each other in September. Please be safe everyone!

Yours in service
Robyn T.

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Treasurer

Happy summer Area 46!

As groups are slowly starting to meet in person again, please remember we're still dealing with a highly contagious virus. In addition to recommended social distancing, consider having a touchless 7th Tradition basket by having one masked individual carry it to each person or placing the basket by the door. If your group has an online contribution method, consider continuing its use by obtaining and posting a QR code that attendees can scan with their phone and easily access the payment platform. This way we can still carry the message responsibly and safely.

I thought our first virtual assembly was a great success. I'm happy I was able to present a full treasurer's

report and I received some good feedback. I'd like to make a couple of clarifications on my report. The first one is regarding the change in the January 1 beginning balance. This month's report shows this balance as \$1,200 more than my previous reports. This increase was due to a 2019 check for assembly seed money being voided and returned to the area. I decided to handle it as if the check has never been written and thus increasing our balance by \$1,200 as of December 31, 2019. As I have issued a new check for the amount, I can now see that there were alternate ways of recording this that could have been cleaner. I apologize for any confusion I created. Secondly, our equipment self-insurance fund shows a decrease of \$153 to date. This was due to a pay out on our

first ever "claim" since we set up the fund several years ago. Unfortunately, during transport, the vehicle holding our new PA system was broken into and a few items were stolen. We were lucky the whole system didn't go missing! At any rate, the finance committee will have to make a recommendation as to how we replenish this fund.

Thank you to all groups that have contributed to Area 46 this year. If your group is in the position to contribute, please consider supporting *El Farolito* and/or the General Service Office as both of these service entities are operating below prudent reserve.

Stay well and I hope to see you soon!

Christoph, Area 46 Treasurer

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Accessibilities & Remote Communities

Hello everyone!

Congratulations to District 7 for an outstanding virtual Area 46 State Convention! It was a huge task to take on and you did it with grace! Thank you to Area 46 for its invaluable support to help make it work.

The convention had an unexpected and powerful impact on me. It's hard to describe the gratitude that I

have for being given the gift of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is an honor to be a part of a fellowship that, when true challenge presents itself, its members will go to any length to save the life of the program that saved their own lives and to ensure its ability to continue to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Please feel free to email me at

accessibilities@nm-aa.org or call me at 575-317-4998 with any questions or concerns, thoughts, ideas – or just to say hello.

Stay strong and healthy. I love you, my friends.

In love and service,

Jennifer W.

Accessibilities Chair

Ad Hoc Committee About the Books

Greetings from the AHCAB

It's been a busy month...highlights are that our committee held its first Zoom assembly committee meeting on June 3. Over 20 attended, and we were delighted to have GSRs as well as DCMs and other committee members on board. In that meeting we clarified that the work of this committee is to pass the five options from the "keep the books" motion in the December Area Assembly through our AA traditions, with the hope that we can make a recommendation to the Area as soon as possible. We may find other options along the way. In fact, we are looking at

specific ideas from District 17 which aren't contained in the five.

The assembly committee meeting also covered the question of the rightfulness of our even having the books in our possession. Our Area Chair, Kurt K., is making contact with Bernalillo County to get further assurance so all that we may proceed.

We also reminded the area members present that should they feel they would like to reverse the motion of the December meeting, any voting member is free to make a motion to do so. It is just not the scope of

work for this committee to go in that direction.

At our regular full meeting of AHCAB on June 10 we looked at the option of distributing the books to those area committees which express a need for them. This differs from "option one" which would distribute the books just to Corrections and Treatment. The minutes and summary of that meeting will be available after approval on July 8. Meanwhile your DCMs can give you a copy of the minutes of the May meeting where we looked at the first option. They will also be posted on the Area website.

Archives

Joyous, happy and free greetings to our Area 46 fellowship. What an awesome Area Convention! Thank you to District 7 for all your work to put an historic event together. The emphasis on service was outstanding. Every standing committee had the opportunity to talk about their service area on Friday night.

Mike M. from Brunswick, Maryland gave a clear presentation on AA history. Thank you.

Talks on sponsorship, service structure and the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were equally enlightening.

It was truly an amazing experience.

Archives emphasized the importance of documenting our group and members' histories. This is something we can do now through phone, Zoom, email, text or any other creative way of communication. Guidelines can be downloaded from our website under Archives Committee.

What is my group doing to stay connected to AA and more important, what is my group doing to stay sober and carry our message of recovery to the still suffering

alcoholic?

I am available to help anyone get started, continue and explore ways of keeping documentation of the history we are living today.

In Love and Service

Patience B.

Area 46 Archives Chair

Attend the Service Forum on Zoom on July 25.

See page 9 for more details!

Bilingual

Hola Area 46.

Greetings from your Bilingual Committee.

First of all let me start by thanking Area 46 for keeping me occupied in service while the world around us came to a standstill as we know it.

It all started back in early April when I was contacted by Kristina F., chair for the Ad Hoc Committee about the Books. She had several documents that needed to be translated into Spanish, of course I was delighted to assist.

By the beginning of May, the area chair wanted the area to have a virtual assembly. Planning began and we had our first ever virtual Area 46 Assembly on May 30 with great

success by the entire Area 46 Trusted Servants, especially with the coordination by our Web chair, Kerri. At the same time, Roswell was planning on having our historic virtual convention via Zoom which took place June 5-7.

The outcome of our virtual convention in my opinion was spectacular and I was very blessed to have been part of both historic events in our Area that kept me in recovery, unity and service along with my other Trusted Servants.

Going forward, unsure of how our A.A. will be conducted, I am full of confidence that I can serve our area in any platform and for that I am responsible and thus far is what I have come to learn since I have been

asked to serve during this present service rotation.

As of now the Bilingual Committee plans to be in Silver City for our September Assembly and any other event, such as the Ad Hoc Committee meetings being held now. When and if you need our service, please email me.

Thanks.

In love and service,

Al G., Bilingual Chair



Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)

Thank you District 7 for hosting the first ever virtual Area 46 State Convention. There were excellent speakers and the turnout was awesome!

I am sharing some valuable information from "How AA Members Cooperate with Professionals" pamphlet for this month.

In many countries, the alcoholism picture is changing rapidly. Even in AA, the picture changes constantly. For example, some early AA members had to play amateur doctor for alcoholics in the DTs, because there was no one else to do it. Some AAs

furnished food, shelter, and loans to indigent drunks. Today, these practices have virtually disappeared from AA. Often, many professionals furnish alcoholics with the services that AA does not provide. The AA pamphlet "A Brief Guide to AA" and the flyer "AA at a Glance" tell what AA does and does not do. By now, committees on CPC have accumulated much experience cooperating with professionals in ways that preserve the letter and the spirit of AA's Twelve Traditions. No hard-and-fast rules can be laid down in advance covering all cases — about exactly where the line is to be drawn between cooperating and affiliating.

Circumstances vary between one instance and another, and at different times. So good judgment is needed in each individual case, and it helps to be familiar with AA experiences already recorded. CPC work is important in carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

For more information on CPC, I welcome you to join the Area 46 monthly CPC Committee via Zoom on July 6 from 6:00 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.

**Tradition
of the
Month**

SEVEN

"Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Grapevine/La Viña

Greetings Area 46!

It has been another busy month for me as Area 46 *Grapevine/La Viña* Chair! Besides attending AA meetings virtually, I have attended a number of virtual events. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to attend these events and to be a part of Alcoholics Anonymous as we grow and change during COVID-19.

On May 27, I was invited to a virtual tour of Stepping Stones. It was hosted by the Stepping Stones staff for the current delegates and their guests. There were 75-plus attendees. It was such a fine tour and I learned a great deal and was so moved by the information presented to us. I am extremely grateful to have been a part of this tour.

On May 30, I attend the virtual assembly, since we did not have the March Assembly. It was an abbreviated assembly and well attended. This was a good assembly and I am grateful we could meet virtually.

The Area 46 State Convention was held on June 5, 6 and 7 virtually. I was given the opportunity to speak on a panel with the other Area 46 Committee Chairs on June 5. I attended many of the meetings over the weekend, and thoroughly enjoyed this moment in Area 46 history. This convention was very well attended with people from other areas/states in attendance also! District 7 did a mighty fine job hosting this convention. I am impressed and

thank you District 7 for a hosting and all of your awesome efforts.

On June 13 and 14 I will have attended the virtual Akron tour. I was looking forward to this event and all of the speakers on the roster. It looked like a great event.

On Sunday July 19, I will hold a virtual (Zoom) meeting for the Area 46 *GV/LV* Committee at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending, are a *GVR/LVR* or are a member of this committee (or would like to be), please let me know. My email address: grapevine@nm-aa.org. I welcome all of those who want to be a part of this group. It is a wonderful way to give back to the program that has saved our lives.

If you are a district or home group *GVR/LVR*, please register as one at www.aagrapevine.org. That way *Grapevine* has your information and can send you newsletters and any other information pertinent to the *Grapevine*. Also, please let me know as I would like to include you on all of my emails.

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 Silver City.

In Love and Service,

Maddy L.

Area 46 *Grapevine/La Viña* Chair

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Public Information

Hi Everyone!

So far we've gotten through virtual Area Forum, Area Assembly and Area Convention and had enjoyed them all. Fantastic job everyone! When we last met as a committee on May 27, we decided on taking a little training on project management. Well, so far, I've attempted to get on it, along with my other duties in District 9.

So I've been doing what I can as

the interim treasurer with additional duties as the District 9 Gathering treasurer, PI/CPC and BTG chairs. I think we need more people to move to Western New Mexico.

In the words of Co-founder Bill W., "Public Information takes many forms – the simple sign outside a meeting place that says 'A.A. meeting tonight;' listing in local phone directories; distribution of A.A. literature; and radio and television shows using sophisticated media techniques.

Whatever the form, it comes down to 'one drunk carrying the message to another drunk,' whether through personal contact or through the use of third parties and the media." The needs and experiences of people in the area affects what we decide to do in carrying the AA message.

I am still appealing to Area AA members to "step up" and work for your sobriety. There's no greater feeling of accomplishment and gratitude in a job well done for others.

Web

Hello Area 46!

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. It has been an exciting time for our area. We held our first-ever virtual assembly. I want to take a moment to thank everyone who helped produce a great event.

Alcoholics Anonymous is about the "we" instead of the "me"

As a result of all the challenges that have arisen out of the pandemic, the Website committee now has a team of people to help with technical issues such as area-wide events, groups learning how to get their meeting online or districts hoping to hold a virtual workshop.

If your group needs help putting

together an online event or meeting please contact the Webchair.

Online Meetings and Cautious Reopening

As always, we want to keep the Area 46 meeting list up-to-date. This includes locations that are slowly beginning to reopen. If there are changes to your group's meetings please email me at webchair@nm-aa.org.

In order for the listing to be updated properly please include the following information:

- Meeting name
- Meeting days/times
- Meeting city
- Online meeting information (if any)

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Is Your Group Ready to Reopen?

A list of questions to help your group answer this can be found on the homepage at <https://nm-aa.org>.

If you have questions, need tech help or need to update your group's meeting listing contact me at webchair@nm-aa.org.

In Gratitude and Service,

Kerri K.

Area 46 Webchair

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 3 – SW ALBUQUERQUE, BELEN, LOS LUNAS, 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: CPC, Accessibilities, Grapevine and Treatment. See the Area 46 webpage for more information on these positions - <https://nm-aa.org/>

Please come join us at our next District 3 meeting on Saturday, July

11 hosted online by the Happy Valley Group, 3445 Lambrose Loop NE, Los Lunas. The meeting starts at 2:00 p.m. Please come join us <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/665864074>

Dial in By Phone: +1 253 215 8782

Meeting ID: 665 864 074

Cosmopolitan Group was to have held it's first speaker meeting via Zoom

on June 19.

Birthdays:

Isleta Club – May 2020

Rudy, 9 years; Ramon H., 15 years; Mark, 90 days

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

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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!

We're back to a "regular" *El Farolito* issue this month – printed and mailed to DCMs, GSRs, Trusted Servants and our subscribers throughout the Land of Enchantment. The May and June issues were primarily distributed by email and on the website.

Thanks to the continuing contri-

butions of many groups in Area 46, we were able to print our "full run" of copies and pay for our usual monthly printing and postage charges this month. Thanks also to District 6 volunteers in the Raton area for hosting a socially-distanced mailing party in late June to help get the issue ready for the post office.

Our hope is that contributions from groups will continue to allow us to print and mail future issues to everyone. Please consider asking your group to contribute to *El Farolito*. All contributions go directly to printing, postage and to "keeping the little light burning" as we endure this pandemic together.

Tim M., *El Farolito* editor

DISTRICT REPORTS

***District 7 -
ROSWELL, ARTESIA...***

With all the insanity of COVID-19, District 7 was forced not to have the 2020 convention. But with the expertise of some of our AAers, they put together a virtual Zoom convention which was very successful. There were as many as 50 to 170 in attendance at different times throughout the three days. We thought that was a very good turnout and we probably picked up some who weren't going to make it. Lunch Bunch will be talking about having their annual Spring Fling. Birthdays for May were David D., 13 years. In June were William A., 3 years; Dean S., 19 years; Alan R., 39 years; and Kirk K., 35 years.

Yours in service,
Cheryl W.
District 7 ELF Rep.

WORKSHOP

July 25, 2020

9:30 a.m to 11:30a.m.

**Sponsored and Hosted by District 3
(on Zoom)**

"...but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve..."

Discussion on committees within a district and their functions, also a report on – and recruitment for – the 2021 Service Forum.

Questions?

Manuel P. 505-610-8327, or our Area 46 & District 3 Web Chair, & Service Forum Chair, Kerri K.

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pueda ponernos de nuevo en pie. 3) Este es un tiempo sin precedentes en el mundo y un momento crucial para A.A. Ahora es el momento de que esta generación de nuestra membresía demuestre lo que realmente significa el auto-apoyo. Por favor deje a sus grupos saber que cualquier apoyo a OSG será enormemente apreciado. Como seguimiento de la Conferencia, se nos ofreció la oportunidad de tomar una visita virtual de Stepping Stones en lugar de la gira en vivo.

Tuvimos nuestra Asamblea de Área Virtual el 30 de mayo. Gracias a todos los asistentes. El 5 al 6 y 7 de junio, tuvimos nuestra Convención

Estatad de Área 46 por primera vez en una Plataforma Virtual. Fue un éxito conmovedor. Tuve la suerte de poder presentar mi primer informe de la Conferencia de Delegados Virtuales el 6 de junio en la Convención. Muchas gracias al Distrito 7 por poner en la primera Convención Estadad Virtual NM A46. Me invitaron a dar mi primer Informe de la Conferencia Virtual de Distrito al Distrito 2 el 11 de junio. Asistí a un evento del Día del Fundador Virtual el fin de semana del 13 al 14 de junio. AA parece estar superando nuestra alergia a la tecnología, lo que creo que será una bendición para AA en su conjunto. Es nuestra ventana para mantenernos relevantes en el mundo en el que vivimos ahora.

Tengo próximos informes de la Conferencia programados para el 11

de julio en el Distrito 6, el 25 de julio para los Distritos 12/13 y el 8 de agosto en el Distrito 18. MCDs es hora de comenzar a programar su Informe de Conferencia de Delegados 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.

Si tiene alguna pregunta específica sobre la Conferencia, o si hay algo que pueda hacer por su Grupo o Distrito, no dude en comunicarse conmigo. Mi información de contacto aparece al principio de todos los boletines informativos de *El Farolito*.

En el amor y el servicio

Bill L., Delegado del Área 46

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 9 – GALLUP, GRANTS, LAGUNA, ZUNI...

Greetings from District 9!

We are barely getting around to checking in. Hope all is well with everyone out there. Our district has started up a few Zoom Meetings for our area but everyone is welcome to join us.

Java Group has meetings Wed. & Sat. at 6:00 p.m. Go over to nm-aa.org for IDs and passwords. No Half Stepping meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:00-10:45 a.m. Babysteps has four meetings up and running. WOTS has a meeting on Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

Check out our District 9 webpage for the days and times on all meetings mentioned. Laguna Group still has physical

meetings but due to the pandemic it's only allowing members of their Pueblo to attend. We've been holding our district meetings on Zoom also. A learning experience for us all, yet it's very doable.

We have started working on our 7th Annual Sobriety Gathering which is usually held in Gallup in October. Right now were doing a physical/virtual gathering for that event just in case this virus doesn't subside. We still have a few openings for committee members on the gathering. We also have a few vacant slots avail at the District level.

One day at a time, that's literally all we're doing right now. See y'all soon.

- Gallantry K

District 11 – WEST ALBUQUERQUE ...

Hello Fellow Travelers!

The District 11 monthly meeting was held June 13 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. Eleven members attended. Rosie gave the treasurer's report, and noted we are setting aside money for the Jemez Picnic and the Traditions Conference in the event social distancing guidelines allow for large group gatherings. We discussed the possibilities of holding the Traditions Conference via Zoom or in-person. Monique, our conference chair, will begin discussing these two scenarios with the conference committee. The Jemez Picnic is still uncertain; however, the picnic site

is still reserved, and we will post a save-the-date announcement for August 1 on the website. Next month's District 11 meeting will be an in-person and Zoom hybrid meeting.

All agreed that these are complicated times and, above everything else, we want the hand of AA to always be there – physically or virtually – with the health and safety of our members in mind. Be well, friends.

Yours in service,

Ross B.

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

Hello friends in recovery,

The Taos AA community is mourning the loss of one of our longtime sober members, Bobby G. So many of us were impacted by him in the rooms, and he will live on with the many people he helped. May you rest in peace our beautiful brother Bobby.

The Taos Mountain Fiesta is the annual convention held in Taos. This year's circumstances are unprecedented! The 2020 Fiesta will be held virtually (on Zoom) from Saturday, September 26 through Sunday, September 27. Visit www.taosmountainfiesta.org. Mark your calendars!

Many, if not most, of our Taos AA meetings continue to be held via Zoom. The meetings continue to be well-attended and well-established. Many sponsor/sponsee meetings and fellowship are taking place virtually as well. We certainly miss our in-person meetings but are so grateful for this online platform. Please consider joining us here in Taos at one of our Zoom meetings!

Until we can see each other again in person, stay healthy, happy and sober!

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

District 17 – SPANISH-SPEAKING, EN ESPAÑOL

Saludos a todos los compañeros de el area 46 de parte del distrito 17, esperando se encuentren disfrutando de su sobriedad y deseando pronto poder disfrutar de las reuniones presenciales.

En vista de la gran necesidad economica de nuestras oficinas de servicios generales el distrito 17 en su reunion de distrito ha empezado a hacer del conocimiento a cada uno de los miembros de habla hispana, para motivarlos a realizar contribuciones voluntarias empezando como dichas contribuciones el mismo distrito 17 y motivando a los grupos a hacer contribuciones dirigidas hacia la gso como grupos en si y tambien motivar a cada uno de los compañeros a realizar contribuciones a la gso, principalmente los que hemos cumplido años en sobriedad mandar la contribucion de gratitud, como apoyo principalmente debido a las afectaciones que ha causado la pandemia del covid-19, sin mas por el momento me despido de ustedes deseandoles excelentes y muy felices 24 horas de sobriedad.

Alejandro V., MCD Distrito 17

Greetings to everyone in Area 46! We in District 17 hope that you are enjoying your sobriety, and that all of us will soon be able to enjoy meetings in person.

In light of the great financial need of our General Service Office (GSO), District 17 decided at its June meeting to make all Spanish-speaking AA members aware of the situation, and to encourage them to make voluntary contributions to GSO. To get things started, District 17 decided to send a contribution itself. Our groups will be urged to make contributions, and our members will be encouraged to make a personal "gratitude" contribution on their AA birthdays. This special effort is our response to the COVID-19 pandemic's effect on GSO.

Wishing you an excellent and happy 24 hours of sobriety,

Alejandro V., District 17 DCM

District 13 – SE ABQ, 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, July 11. 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.

Francisco celebrated 17 years, and Laura celebrated 19 years in June. Congratulations!

At our June meeting, we voted to co-host a virtual delegate's report from the 70th General Service Conference with District 12 on Saturday, July 25 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. via Zoom. See below for details, or visit nm-aa.org.

District 13 continued to discuss the need for more of a public information presence during the COVID-19 crisis. Our District 13 Public Information chair has been hard at work communicating with local radio and newspaper outlets that Alcoholics Anonymous is here, both online and in person, if they – or someone they know – needs help with a drinking problem.

Our District presented a motion regarding substantial unanimity at the Area 46 Assembly in May. We look forward to hearing the group conscience on this matter at the next assembly in September. Please visit <https://nm-aa.org/districts/district-13/> for links to the written motion and background information, pages from the General Service Conference Communications Kit: How

the conference operates, area comparison sheet, and definitions of policy vs. procedure. Feel free to distribute the information found in the links to GSRs and your groups. If you have any questions, please email us at district13@nm-aa.org.

District 13 intends to put together a bid to host a 2021 or 2022 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, Moriarty, 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 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 July. 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

The Delegate's Report from the 70th General Service Conference

Saturday, July 25, 2020

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89672359616>

Meeting ID: 896-7235-9616

Join us to learn about the latest decisions affecting A.A. as a whole

For more information, contact district12@nm-aa.org / district13@nm-aa.org