



EL FAROLITO

Official Newsletter of New Mexico Area 46 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

State Convention a Great Event

Delegate

Hello everyone and welcome to summer! It's been a busy time for me since the Conference. I gave my first Delegate's report to District 18 in Rio Rancho last month and I am scheduling my report for each District during the summer. I also gave my report at the Area 46 Convention at Ghost Ranch. The response to the report was positive and I hope I'm delivering the information that our Area is interested in.

The Convention at Ghost Ranch was a wonderful experience. My lasting impression of the Convention was of the number of people I hadn't met before! These weren't newcomers, but active AA'ers. I hope they will be drawn to wider general service to Area 46. As always, the speakers, the fellowship and the food were excellent. I also got some much needed exercise walking the expansive Ghost Ranch. Thanks to all the many volunteers that made our Convention a success.

I'm leaving tomorrow for Las Vegas and the District 6 annual AA picnic. This will be my second opportunity to deliver my report to a District. I now have District 13 scheduled for August 13th with the possibility of including Districts 3, 11, and 12. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone this summer as I make my way around the State. If DCM's haven't made plans yet to hear my report please discuss it at your District meeting and let me know when I can come visit. Summer is a great time to be sober in New Mexico. There are so many fun AA activities and functions going on it's hard to decide which ones to go to. Check your Area 46 web site, nm-aa.org, for more information. This month's article will be translated by Google. Ana G., our Bi-Lingual Chair, was in an accident and can't translate for me. Keep Ana in your prayers. Call me – We'll have coffee.

Jim H.

Delegado Informe

Hola a todos y bienvenidos al verano! Ha sido un tiempo muy ocupado para mí desde la Conferencia. Le di mi primer informe del Delegado de Distrito 18 en Rio Rancho el mes pasado y estoy programando mi informe para cada distrito durante el verano. También di mi informe en la zona del Convenio 46 en Ghost Ranch. La respuesta al informe fue positivo y espero que estoy entregando la información que nuestra zona es interesado.

La Convención en Ghost Ranch fue una experiencia maravillosa. Mi impresión duradera de la Convención era del número de personas que no había visto antes! Estos no eran los recién llegados, pero AA'ers activos. Espero que ellos serán atraídos a los servicios generales más amplio para la zona 46. Como siempre, los altavoces, la comunión y la comida eran excelentes. También me dio un poco de ejercicio muy necesario caminar el Rancho Fantasma expansiva. Gracias a todos los voluntarios que hicieron que nuestra Convención sea un éxito.

Me voy mañana para Las Vegas y el picnic anual AA Distrito 6. Esta será mi segunda

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Trusted Servants Reports

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Delegate Report...

oportunidad de entregar mi informe a un distrito. Ahora tengo el Distrito 13 prevista para agosto 13, con la posibilidad de incluir los Distritos 3, 11 y 12.

Estoy deseando ver a todos este verano como hago mi camino alrededor del Estado. Si MCD no han hecho planes todavía para oír mi informe por favor hable a su reunión de distrito y quiero saber cuando puedo venir a visitar. El verano es un buen momento para estar sobrio en Nuevo México. Hay tantas actividades y funciones que van en que es difícil decidir cuáles van a divertirse AA. Compruebe su sitio web Área 46, nm-aa.org, para obtener más información. El artículo de este mes será traducido por Google. Ana G., nuestro Presidente bilingüe, fue en un accidente y no puede traducir para mí. Mantenga Ana en sus oraciones. Llámame - Tendremos café.

Jim H

Chair

The unity of Alcoholics Anonymous is the most cherished quality our Society has. . . . We stay whole, or A.A. dies. (Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p. 129)

I had the privilege of attending the District 17 business meeting in June. District 17, a linguistic district, supports and unites the Spanish-language groups throughout most of Area 46. I was moved by two men who drove from Hobbs to Albuquerque to attend their district meeting. These men had just started the first Spanish-language meeting in Hobbs and were seeking information and support. The district members sprang into action to help these men. I love A.A.! Each group has the right to do things their own way but, if they want support, it is available and eagerly given. I was especially moved, though, by the lengths these two men were willing to go to in order to get the support they needed.

On July 30, the Planning Meeting for the September Area Assembly will be held at Shepherd of the Valley Church in Albuquerque. In the morning, before the Planning Meeting, there will be a workshop on using the district and committee web pages on the Area 46 website. Anyone who is responsible for a district or area web page will want to attend. The day's events will begin at 10:30 am and end no later than 2:30 pm. More details will be emailed.

Please remember, bids for hosting the 2017 Area 46 Convention and the September 2017 Area Assembly will be accepted at the September Assembly. There will also be a special election to fill the position of Area treasurer at the September Assembly.

If you have any questions, need help or support, please don't hesitate to call or drop me an email at chair@nm-aa.org.

Your grateful servant, Teresa J

Alt-Chair

As this report goes out I hope you are all in good health and good spirits. It sure was good to see a lot of old friends and meet new ones at the Area 46 State Convention. what a venue and spiritual place the ghost ranch was and how about District 15. What a great job District 15 did there was always good coffee, food, and lots of smiling faces to welcome everyone to the convention. For me I have quite a lot of memorable things to report on good speakers, AA work shops, and campfire meetings. For me the serenity walks did the job the best. Back to business - we didn't have a District to pass the torch to for the 2017 Convention so Theresa J accepted the Torch. At the September Assembly we will be taking Bids for the 2017 convention also Bids for the 2017 September assembly. So Districts if you haven't hosted a assembly or can't remember the last time you hosted a assembly maybe you should consider The 2017 September assembly. Nothing unites a District better than hosting an Assembly.

Yours in Service , Eloy M...Tradition 7 - Fear of exploitation - necessity of separating the spiritual from the material - placing the responsibility of supporting AA upon its members...Eloy M.

Treasurer

Hello everyone. I want to thank Teresa J for asking me to step up and take care of the treasury. It will be an honor and a privilege to be of service to the area again.

NOTE: This is through 5/31/16 not April

As of May 31, 2016 we are \$454 above prudent reserve. Contributions were slightly more than our expenses.

I want to thank all the groups for their donations.

The new address for sending your donations is:

Area 46
PO BOX 4224
Santa Fe, NM 87502

I will do my best to keep your funds going into the bank, and reporting to your groups in a timely fashion. If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call or email.

Yours in service, Kurt K.

Secretary

Thought I should check in so that folks don't think the Secretary left the state. Things have been quiet on the secretary front. There were no changes to the AIP as a result of no motions being made at the March Assembly. (I have a feeling that will not be the case in September) So after sending out the minutes and posting them on the Area website I seemed to have a lot of time on my hands. I've been able to be involved with the YPAA committee, the Traditions Conference planning, sponsees, moved and got to spend time with the grandkids. I hope to see many of you at various events this summer...we are not a glum lot and there's lots to do in the fellowship and at the Assembly in Sept.

Rosie F , Area 46 secretary

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Registrar

GSO has finished their compilation of the National Directory. Thank you to those who have responded to the May El Farolito request to determine contact information for some of our "Unknown" groups.

The State Convention at Ghost Ranch on June 3-4-5 was another wonderful event. Many great activities, many great speakers. Fun, fellowship, and spiritual regeneration were all abundant in this most beautiful setting. If you have never been to a state convention, I highly recommend to anyone to make future plans to attend if you at all possibly can make it. They are such a great exchange of what our program is all about.

If you are a new GSR, or if you start a new group, please visit the Registrar's Web Page at nm-aa.org and download a Group Information Change Form, or a New Group Form, and have a look at the guidelines for naming a group. Please submit your completed information to Registrar@nm-aa.org

In Love and Service, Bill L, Area 46 Registrar

Service Committee Reports

Archives

Greetings from Akron! I'm on vacation visiting family, but I have plans to visit Dr. Bob's house tomorrow and hope to find the archives office before we head off to an Indians baseball game tomorrow evening.

I apologize for missing the deadline for last month's report. Getting a handle on this new responsibility with my real life is a balancing act and that slipped away from me. Progress, not perfection!

I've been busy visiting District 6 in Las Vegas, District 11 in Albuquerque, and District 5 in Ruidoso. District 6 had someone step up for archives; District 11 has someone interested. District 5 has Jimmy who is enthusiastically filling the position! (I promise to send those copies when I get home!) I continue to encourage districts to encourage groups to gather histories of old timers and how groups were started. It was very rewarded to hear from a member of the Sober Sisters, District 3, requesting a copy of the group history form. They were going to gather the history at a planned outing! I can't wait to see it!

If you are interested in gathering a group's history, or that of an old-timer, please contact me and I'll forward you the guideline. I also attended the State Convention at Ghost Ranch. District 15 did a fabulous job keeping us entertained and fed! The speakers were spectacular. And of course the fellowship, new connections as well as old, were heartfelt. I stocked up on speaker CDs; I have a drive to Hobbs planned for July! And don't forget I'm ready and willing to give a presentation, play a game of JeopAArdy, or share the myths of AA when and where you say!

Gratefully yours in service, Michelle B

REPORT FROM JEFF H. ON THE STATE CONVENTION

The unofficial attendance number for the 2016 June, Area 46 Convention was 330 people. Highlights were many as many districts gave time and money to the Ghost Ranch event. The speakers were enjoyed by all, including the Delegate's Report. Nature walks and scenery were abundant. The serenity of staying put at one location was appreciated. The Friday night frito pie dinner was eventful. As well as the Sunday morning pancake breakfast. The convention committee thanks all those who stepped up to help out. Though there were obstacles, the nature of AA people in recovery and Mother Nature kept all calm. Also the raffle prizes were the best I have ever seen!

Jeffrey H. 2016 Convention Co-Chairperson

Bi-Lingual

BILINGUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We attended the New Mexico State Convention at Ghost Ranch on June 3-5, 2016. The Convention was a big success. All the speakers were incredible: their experience, strength and hope could be felt all through the weekend. It was a joyous experience for me and, I am sure, for everyone else too.

The Bilingual Committee has been very active in visiting many of the Spanish speaking AA groups. We have been asking for their suggestions on how to be of better service so that, in turn, we can become a stronger and more effective Committee. We also continue to encourage more participation from everyone, at all levels, especially at the September Assembly. In our unity with each other, and with AA as a whole, we strengthen our bonds, in service and in recovery.

Our next meeting will be held on July 11, 2016, at 7:00 pm, at the Oficina Intergruppal Hispana, which is located at 3000 2nd Street, NW... Anyone interested is welcomed to attend.

With Affection and Love for Service
Ana G.
Bilingual Committee, Coordinador

REPORTE DEL COMITÉ BILINGÜE

Asistimos a la Convención Estatal de Nuevo México en Ghost Ranch, efectuada del 3 al 5 de junio, 2016. La Convención fue un éxito total. Todos los oradores fueron increíbles: la experiencia, fortaleza y esperanza compartidas se palparon a través de todo el fin de semana. Fue una experiencia de gozo para mí y, estoy segura, para todos los demás también.

El Comité Bilingüe ha estado ocupado en visitar muchos de los Grupos de habla hispana. Hemos estado pidiendo sus sugerencias para prestar un mejor servicio, con la idea de que seamos un Comité más fortalecido y más efectivo. También seguimos animando a que haya más participación de parte de todos, en todos los niveles. Especialmente en la Asamblea de septiembre. En nuestra unidad los unos con los otros, y con AA como un todo, fortalecemos nuestros lazos, en Servicio y en Recuperación.

Nuestra próxima junta se llevara a cabo el 11 de julio, 2016, a las 7:00 pm, en la Oficina Intergruppal Hispana. La Oficina está localizada en 3000 2nd St NW... Cualquiera persona interesada es bienvenida a asistir.

Con Cariño y Amor al Servicio
Ana G.
Coordinadora, Comité Bilingüe



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Service Committee Reports

Bridge the Gap

I am happy to report that I feel like I got to be of service to you guys! The workshop in Roswell was a great success in May. Also in June District 11 reached out to me to help with a BTG going to a small town in Utah near the four corners, it was a fun experience. I found out that Utah is Area 69 and they have amazing information about BTG on their area website if anyone is interested in taking a look. The lady was very helpful in helping us get a contact and then wanted to know where Area 46 was! I love how 81 years ago 2 men started this deal and now with the help of technology, in just a few days we can get someone set up states away. I absolutely love serving on this committee. Thank you for giving me this opportunity. Please let me know what I can do to help you.

In Love and Service, Nicole R.

Corrections

The workshop in Roswell went well and proved that Bridge the Gap, Treatment and Corrections are tied together in a special way. Thanks to Dist. 7 for asking, and Nicole and Paul for helping it go so well. I just got back from Ghost Ranch, what a beautiful place full of wonderful people. I will be heading for Laguna next week on the 25th to attend a workshop and pot-luck. It is an honor to be asked to serve. I am looking forward to the September Assembly in Santa Fe and hope I am asked to travel between now and then.

Here are the times, dates and locations for the upcoming volunteer training for the state.

Albuquerque Sept. 10th 8am-12pm God's House Church 2335 Wyoming Blvd. NE

Santa Fe July 12th 5:30pm-9:00pm Academy Classroom #1&2 4337 State Rd. 14

Las Cruces Sept. 17th 8am-12pm University Presbyterian Church 2010 E Wisconsin Av.

Hobbs Aug. 20th 9am-1pm 6900 Millen Dr.

If you need more information or I can be of service in any way please call.

David D Area 46 Corrections (575) 441-5679

Cooperation w/The Professional Community (CPC)

I am looking for some help. A co-chair. Please take this into consideration to be discussed at the next Assembly. The meeting with Sage Neurologist last month was very interesting. I would like for the Districts in the Albuquerque area to contact me for some discussion on how we could be of service to them.

In District 8 we are setting up a panel meeting to be first held on July 21st, working with IOP from one of the counseling agencies here locally. The convention was great I did not get to attend all, just seeing some of our trusted servants and other members of the fellowship made the trip absolutely wonderful. Again get with me on workshops or anything to help carry the message.

Thank you all for allowing me to be of service, Mikel W Area 46 CPC Chair.

Literature

the NM State Convention at Ghost Ranch was terrific, a lot of work was put in by several AA's for our enjoyment & comfort, and it's surely noticed, & appreciated.

Thank you to those also that helped with set up of the literature tables & sorted displays & books for sale. All through the weekend AA's browsed our foreign languages, special needs, audio/visual displays, and a collection of many different AA approved literature, & free pamphlets. On Sunday we took down the displays and packed up, but continued to have several books on hand at the Sunday speaker.

\$244.00 in weekend sales, helped by several generous donations above the price of a book.

30 or so packs of different pamphlets will be ordered and a few books, we have several large print books on hand and will be ordering pamphlets for the bilingual committee and looking into what literature we can get for the special needs committee.

Thank you.

Manuel P

Area 46 Literature Chair

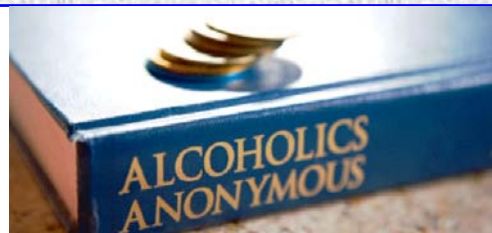


Special Needs

What a wonderful State Convention hosted by District 15 at the Ghosh Ranch in Abiquiu! Thank you to all the members who worked very hard at this year's State Convention!! The speaker were awesome and fellowship was extraordinary in such a beautiful and peaceful setting.

We are continuing to get the word out on the "Special Needs Survey"? Has your District and Group completed the Survey? You can download a copy (both Group and District) surveys and/or complete the survey online from the New Mexico AA Area 46 website's Special Needs page. It may be a good idea to contact your DCM before the meeting and ask that it be placed on the agenda for discussion. Please share your findings with the Area Special Needs Committee. Feel free to contact me with any questions and know that myself and committee members are available to speak at your District or provide a workshop.

In the spirit of service, Lawrence M., Area Special Needs Chair



Treatment

We just had our first workshop of this rotation In District 7 with Bridge the Gap, and Corrections on the 21st of May 2016. The workshop was attended by people from all around the southern part of the state. Thanks to everyone that attended, District 7 for the hospitality and big thanks to Nicole and David our Bridge the Gap and Corrections Chairs for making the workshop successful.

I have been emailing and calling some of the treatment and rehab facilities around the state to verify they are still active. I would like to hear from anyone with information on new facilities or facilities that have closed, or requests for AA to take meetings into detox or rehab. Please contact me at "treatment@nm-aa.org" if you would like any information on treatment, interested in participating in treatment work, or help with workshops etc.

"Many happy sober A.A. members have found that the best cure for a "dry drunk" or a self-pity binge is working with another still-suffering alcoholic. Seeing other alcoholics recover, whenever they do, is almost as great a reward as our own sobriety!" (A.A. in Treatment Settings Brochure)

In Service, Paul P Treatment Chair

YPAA

I hope you are all well, and enjoying a wonderful summer. I am happy to report that the Young People's committee has been, and plans to be busy. For all of you who made it out to ghost ranch for the state convention, I hope you enjoyed the scavenger hunt we put together that came in your registration packet. For all who participated I hope you enjoyed the kick ball game we hosted, I know I sure did. What a great time it was up in ghost ranch, and a special thanks to all those who organized it!

By the time this is out we will have had our second annual AA-Athlon event, and I'm sure it will have been a massive success (that is unless my kickball team losses again).

Some other big news for the committee is that the sub-committee for the video project has put out a final cut of the video. This will be shown to the committee for approval, and hopefully sent to GSO so they can put it on the AA.org website.

Our sub committee for developing a pamphlet on anonymity on social media met again this month, and is continuing to study the topic in the context of the traditions and AA history. We are really learning a lot, and would love all the input we could get, so if you would like to get involved please contact me.

Finally I would like to thank you all for all the support our committee receives, and for this great opportunity in service. Please feel free to contact me for whatever reason,

God bless, Mike L.

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Service Committee Reports

Web

"As we felt new power flow in, as we enjoyed peace of mind, as we discovered we could face life successfully, as we became conscious of His presence, we began to lose our fear of today, tomorrow or the hereafter." Big Book pg. 63

Greetings! The Area 46 website averages about 3000 visitors a month. When the new website launched it averaged about 2000 a month. It is the hope that we are providing the information necessary to help the still suffering alcoholic find meetings, information, and contact information.

The goal of the website is to provide information and facilitate communication to make service work easier for trusted servants. If you have any feedback, please let the web committee know. If you would like to be of service, there are plenty of opportunities. The Area 46 assembly planning meeting will be held July 30th in Albuquerque. The website committee is planning on holding a workshop in the morning that will help trusted servants navigate the website.

I will be unable to attend due to extenuating circumstances. The District 11 Web Chair Alli V. and web chairs from various districts will be available to assist and conduct the workshop in my place. I want to thank Alli for helping me facilitate the workshop. I will prepare all the materials and supply her with a list of usernames and passwords for those who may need them.

I will be at the September assembly and will provide additional assistance to anyone. One of the goals of the Web Committee is to make the meeting information on the website as accurate as possible. We are making great strides but there is always work to be done. Please send me your meeting changes and fill out an online registrar form.

If I can be of service to your group or district let me know! In Love and Service, Ally T. Area 46 Webchair

District Reports

District 2 - Santa Fe

Hello from Santa Fe AA! We don't have a lot to report this month, other than some fun happenings that you are all invited to:

We are very excited to participate in the upcoming Hispanic Convention that's occurring July 1-3 at Hotel Cascada in Albuquerque. Maria G., Public Relations Coordinator, encourages all to attend. Don't speak Spanish? Don't fret! Translators will be available all weekend.

The Area Assembly Committee is busy planning for the September 9-11 gathering- more details regarding venue, schedule, and lodging options will be available in next month's report.

Lastly, although it feels as if October is in the distant future, we'd like to start spreading the word about "An AA Group" anniversary retreat, October 7-9, at the Santa Fe Salvation Army. Bob O. and Mike S. will be taking us through the Steps, rumor has it they're messages are *not* to be missed. Put it on your calendar!

In joyful service, Kate T.

District Reports

District 3 - Belen, Los Lunas, Socorro

Greetings from District 3...our dedicated District Chairpersons continue to stay busy. Our Web Chair is helping to get meeting corrections taken care of, and information from the Area continues to reach us. There is also news of a new Half-way house has opened in Los Lunas for women and they have been going to the nearest meeting in Los Lunas, which is the Round Up Group. Good news for us and them.

We have decided on a Picnic/Delegates Report day with District 13 and possibly Districts 9 & 12. Our individual districts will take care of our own picnic arrangements and then get together later that day to hear Jim's report. The date is scheduled for August 13th at the Manzano Oak Flats picnic area. District 3 will take care of the meat for grilling and we're asking that members bring a side dish. More information on directions will be given in the next El Farolito and District Meeting Minutes and possibly a flyer....we'll make sure everyone has that information.

This is a quick ELF Report for now....more information will be the June District Meeting Minutes.

And as usual, I will end this with a reminder to our District 3 members....The July District meeting will be hosted by the Sunrise Catchers Group on July 9th at the Isleta Club.

In gratitude and Service, Carmen O. – District 3 El Farolito Rep

District 4 - Las Cruces

Young at Heart, If Not in Fact: An old-timers experience with New Mexico's Conference of Young People in AA (NMCYPAA) by Freddie J. (Home Group: Young People's) (*Note: Edited for space*)

Hi my name is Freddie and I am an alcoholic. My sobriety date is November 12, 1989. I started drinking late in life (17) and sobered up at the tender, young age of 43. One of my greatest joys in sobriety has been meeting, helping, sponsoring, mentoring, and just being a friend to many "young people" (my definition is anyone under 43). It is a huge joy in my life to see so many young people come in with the "Tombstones in their eyes" totally dead inside, you looked into their eyes and nobody's home, and then slowly a tiny light is sparked inside their eyes and spirit and slowly they start to grow, their eyes now have a brilliant spark and a huge passion for sobriety and our Program For Living. Every day, I am so grateful for these young people that show me the true passion for one's sobriety!! I love each and every one of them as if they were *my* kids; in fact I call them *mija* or *mijo*, as we do in New Mexico.

Over the last year I've become involved with the 2016 NMCYPAA Convention Committee and am so grateful the young people let me in to help them, despite the fact I am old enough to be a great-grandparent to some of them!! I hope to see all of you at our Convention here in Las Cruces on August 12-14 2016!!

NMCYPAA 2016 Convention

The 2016 NMCYPAA Convention will be held in Las Cruces this year on August 12th, 13th, and 14th. The convention will be held at Hotel Encanto. You can reserve a room at the special conference rate by calling 1-866-383-0443 and mentioning that you'll be attending NMCYPAA 2016. For more information and to register, go to www.nmcypaa.com.

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NMCYPAA Fundraiser; Summer Fun Fundraiser, July 9, 2016.

In order to raise money for scholarships and other activities related to the upcoming NMCYPAA Conference (Las Cruces, August 12-14), the NMCYPAA Fundraising Committee will be hosting a **Summer Fun Family Activity Day** on July 9th. Summertime activities are planned and the day will culminate with a Rocket Party. The Rocket Party is the revival of a local tradition and entails individuals building model rockets and bringing them to the park. Motors will be provided at the park and rockets will be launched. Details will be forthcoming, but please mark the date on your calendar. Specifics regarding location and activities will be available soon. For immediate information, please contact Isaac A. at 575-636-3832.

Full Moon Madness

Don't miss out on fun and fellowship at this year's Full Moon Madness event, held at White Sands National Monument. This year's event will be held on July 23rd from 6 to 10 and will consist of a Potluck and an open AA meeting. The cost is \$3 per person and overnight camping will be permitted.

New Year's Eve Party

Sober at Sunrise has volunteered to host the New Year's Eve Celebration. The first committee meeting was held on Saturday, June 18th and participation from any group or individual is welcome and encouraged! The Auction Committee is ready to accept items for auction at the party. Please call Alicia S. at 575- 636-7217 to volunteer for the party committee or to donate auction items. Pick-up can be arranged.

District 5 - Alamogordo, Ruidoso

District 5 here wanting to tell everyone about some things happening in our area. First off Sunshine group in Carizozo NM will be hosting a function the 2nd weekend in September, called Zozobriety there will be a pot luck and speakers will be chosen from the crowd, so come hear speakers with anywhere from 50 years to 24 hours. It's going to be a lot of fun so try to come support them if you can. I will have exact times and dates in next month's *El Farolito*.

Fellowship, Recovery, Experience, Strenth, Hope or "F.R.E.S.H" the young people's meeting we have here in Alamogordo will be moving locations. It will now be held every Saturday night at 9:00pm at the Alamo Home Group which is located at 903 Delaware street in Alamogordo NM. Last thing I wanted to talk about is, Royce S. DCM of District 5 will put in a bid for next year's state convention the first weekend of June 2017. District five is wanting to rent the convention center in Ruidoso NM.

We need people from all the groups in our district to come to our next district meeting the 3rd Sunday of August at Cree Meadows Country Club in Ruidoso NM to see exactly how much support and how many volunteers we can get to make this thing happen. Any input would be greatly appreciated.

Luke R.

District 6 – Las Vegas, Clayton, Raton

Just two of us were able to participate in the Health Fair at the local regional hospital. This was mostly attended by health professionals. (Few attended.) Their main question to me was how do you tell if you are an alcoholic?

Ben, Meredith and I attended the Area 46 Convention at Ghost Ranch. What a beautiful setting! The sessions began with a wise and beautiful blessing from a local tribal religious leader. This was followed by some really fine speakers. One of these

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spoke in Spanish. I do not speak Spanish and could understand only one word in ten, since all the translator devices had been passed out to other attendees, but she really impressed me with her earnestness and honesty all the same! Another speaker succeeded in illustrating just how he had been fooling himself and what he had to do about it. Lunch at the dining hall on Saturday included delightful bluegrass music. All in all, it was well worth the trip. I feel I developed a better sense of direction. Meredith indicated she came away with so much to give back. Our thanks to Area 15 and Ghost Ranch.

Next up for us was our annual summer picnic at Storrie Lake Park June 18th and the *El Farolito* mailing June 26th. We hope you participated and had a good time.

We are currently concerned that so few of the meetings in District 6 send a representative to our District meetings. We need their points of view and how we might assist them. Sometimes it feels like we are trying to find our way around in the dark. I realize it's too expensive for some groups to drive to Las Vegas, and they probably cannot offer us any financial support. Perhaps our meetings should roll around to other locations once in a while. We do need to improve communication with the groups we are missing. With the weather improving, perhaps we'll see more folks.

We also need more people to volunteer for taking meetings into The San Miguel County Detention Center. Frances L. reported we have one meeting each for the men and women there. Paul H has resumed taking meetings into the detention center in the Raton area. Finally they have more room, so they can have meetings there again. Two years' sobriety is required to participate. Contact Frances at 575-815-8544 or Paul at 575-643-7285 for more information.

The cost of our listing in the Dex phone book has jumped to more than twice what we are paying now. We have decided to stop using Dex and find some alternative ways to make our Hotline phone number available. More later on this.

Group reports that we have (partly through hearsay) indicate Land of Enchantment is doing well, as usual; ESP is "paying rent;" Happy Hour attendance swings up and down but is doing well; Serenity Group is a small meeting but holding its own; In the Solution we hear still meets on Tuesday evenings, but we have no report; and El Grupo del Valle, we hear, has moved from Helping Hands to a St. Gertrude's Church meeting room and is doing OK.

We are not a glum lot, anyway. -- Mary M., District 6 *El Farolito* Reporter and Treasurer

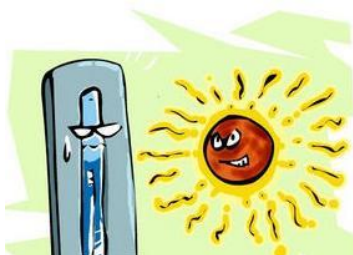
District 8 - Farmington

District 8 is fairly quiet right now. We had no one step up to organize the picnic on August 7, so the district will take on that task. By the time you read this, we will have had a meeting on June 25 and another will be in the works. Watch for fliers and come help if you can.

Positive reports came back from people who attended the Area 46 convention at Ghost Ranch. What a spirit-filled place that is!

John T., our district archives representative, with the help of Ron H., interviewed Wade R., who has 56 years of sobriety. John recorded the interview and will get it on CD so that others can hear Wade's story. He was instrumental in getting the Arid Acre club up and running. For anyone interested, and especially those GSRs who don't attend the District 8 meeting, please join us the second Thursday of each month, 7 PM, at 865 N. Dustin in Farmington.

Yours in sobriety, Andrea G



District Reports

District 9 - Grants, Gallup, Zuni, Laguna

Greetings from District 9. By the time you are reading this, the month of June will have ended with a workshop on Corrections hosted by Laguna Group. Thank you to our Area Corrections Chair for coming all the way from Hobbs to share his experience with our District. Thank you, also, to Johnnie B. from Zuni, our District Corrections Chair, who has been delivering his experience, strength, and hope to those incarcerated in the Zuni jail once a week, practically uninterrupted, for that last 10 years. That is a special kind of service. Also, thank you to Steve D. from Gallup, who has been going to the McKinley County Corrections monthly for about the last 7 years to give out information and encouragement regarding Alcoholics Anonymous.

On July 10th, District 9 will be hosting our **annual pot-luck picnic**. This is a great annual event just south of Gallup at the Veteran's Memorial Park. We have a large covered area with several picnic tables. We will start at 10:30 a.m. with an organizational meeting for the upcoming District 9 Sobriety Gathering (October 7-9). Grilling will start soon after with hot-dogs and hamburgers provided by the District thanks to a donation from Gallup's Wings of the Storm. Our District Meeting, attended by our Area Representative, Jim H., will start at about 1:30. Head west on I-40 until you come to the Maloney/491/602 Exit in Gallup and turn left towards Zuni. About 15 miles south, there will be a sign pointing to the right for Chichiltah/Jones Ranch. Head down that road about 3.8 miles and on your right is the sign for the Veteran's Memorial Park. Call Beverly 206-962-1023 if you need more information. Last year we celebrated with over 70 people. We look forward to seeing you!

In gratitude and service, Beverly T., El Farolito Rep

District 10 - Hobbs, Carlsbad

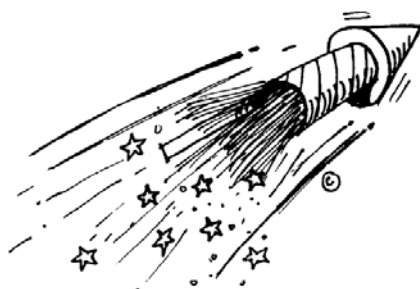
It has been a busy couple of months in our district. Jay M. (editor from the ELF) came to Hobbs and shared his story and his strength with us down here. Jay you truly inspire us all.

59th NM State Convention!! What a turnout 300 or so Alcoholics and Alanons attended! The rustic setting complete with morning yoga and a spiritual walk was absolutely perfect for getting closer to God (of my understanding). Our delegate Jim H. delivered an informative report from NY. Great job Jim! And the speaker lineup was fantastic. Once again AA's have come together and shown us nothing is impossible. Thank you District 15.

Soon down in Hobbs we will be planning for our next Tumbleweed Convention. That's always a blast! It always turns out well in spite of all our efforts to make it harder than it has to be.

At the HOG JB Shared his experience with us at our regular happening. Fantastic attendance and great food! Finally the Hobbs Original Group is having it 62nd anniversary!!! Come down on July 9th for world famous brisket at 5:30 followed by Jim H., our current delegate, shares his story!

Thank You, Love and Service, Jason O.



I only had one Officer

District 14 - Taos, Red River, Embudo

Happy July! For many, this is a time for travel. Our groups at District 14 are always glad to have visitors at our meetings, so keep Taos in mind when making travel plans. This website offers a comprehensive list of our meetings and locations:

<http://www.simeetings.com/LA/NM/TaosMtgs.html>

For 33 years Taos Mountain Fiesta has been welcoming friends from around the world for a few happy, joyous and spiritually free days in beautiful Taos, New Mexico. This year's festivities will again be located at the luxurious Sagebrush Hotel and Conference Center on September 16, 17 and 18, 2016. National, local, regional, youth and Hispanic speakers will be featured, as well as top notch entertainment, a scrumptious banquet, an art raffle and much more. Hotel rooms are already going fast, so don't be slothful. **Deadline for hotel registration is August 16, 2016 at 5pm.** Book your rooms by calling the Sagebrush at (575) 758-2254 or (800) 428-3626 and be sure to mention Taos Mountain Fiesta. You can also book on line at sagebrushinn.com.

Along with registering, you can also get an early start planning your service work. A great way to enjoy Taos Mountain Fiesta and be of service is to volunteer during the event. We can always use help! Contact us through the updated Taos Mountain Fiesta website to get started: <http://taosmountainfiesta.org/home/>

There also remains opportunity for service within District 14's Corrections Committee—volunteers are needed to take meetings to corrections facilities. There is an especially urgent call for male volunteers with enough sobriety to lead meetings. This is very important work, and a great chance to offer our message to people in high need. Meetings are on Sunday. Men's groups meet at 10am, and women's groups meet at 3:30pm. For more information about this, or to offer your service, please call Alena at (505) 933-2211.

Barnaby H.

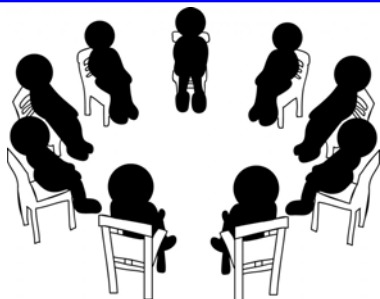
District 16 - Silver City, Deming

The Bayard group will be celebrating their 55th anniversary on Saturday July 10th at Gomez Peak at the Walnut Picnic Area. Please bring a side dish. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served. The picnic is from 12 – 4. Come out and join the Fellowship for a day of friendship and games.

I would like to add that if members do not provide me with events happening around the District I will not publish anything in the El Farolito. Once again my email address is desertsage01@live.com. I can also be contacted at 575.545.9257.

I also urge all GSRs and new groups to register with the Area 46 registrar at registrar@nm-aa.org. Groups will be supplied with a Group notebook providing the group with suggestions and guidelines. The GSRs will be provided with guidelines and suggestions of your duties for your individual groups.

Serving you, Jan



District 11 Annual Jemez Picnic

Saturday, August 6

Jemez Falls Group Picnic Site

Breakfast provided by El Centro

Potluck Lunch at Noon

Open Meeting at 2:00 pm

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Join us for fun, food, fellowship and
catch some sun and serenity.

About 90 minutes north of
Albuquerque on Hwy 550 to Hwy 4

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gracias atentamente distrito 17

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4:00 pm.

District 8 B-Hill Group: Bobi J. 23 years July 7

District 9 - Fourth Dimension Group Maggie D. 10 years June 8

From The 4th Dimension in Zuni: J.R. With 3 years in May; Zane with 26 years in May;
Robert W. with 11 years on June 20th; Tony C. with 5 years on June 28

Wings of the Storm in Gallup: Terry G. with 30 years on May 3; Steve D. with 11 years on June 21

Laguna Group: Naleen N. with one year on May 3; Dwight M with 2 years on May 28
Les B. with 2 years on June 16; Cody C. with one year on June 1; Ryan D. with one year on June 3

El Centro birthdays for the Month of May. I celebrated 26 years of sobriety. Oran - 6 Months; Chris C. - 21 years;
Brian V. - 26 years; Sharry S. - 30 years; Julian H. - 36 years Thanks, Brian V.

B-Hill Group (Bloomfield, NM) Birthdays - Julian 3 yrs.; Willie 10 yrs.; Greg 13 yrs; Bobi 23 yrs.

Cosmopolitan Group May B-days. Andrew 30 days, Gina 90 days, Paula 1yr, Nick 9yrs, Ilsa 35yrs

There is a Solution Group: Cindy F. 5/13/1991; Chris C. 5/3/1995; Stephanie J. 5/30/2010;
In memory of Paul J. 5/7/1979

Arid Group Ruidoso: John L. 4-12-82 34yrs; Mel H. 5-30-85 31yrs; Phillip D. 5-18-86 30yrs
Rusty H. 5-89 27yrs; Kathi C. 5-09-83 23yrs; Mark W. 5-31-11 5yrs; Michael O. 5-28-13 3yrs
John K. 5-10-15 1yr

Serenity Group/ Alamogordo - Bob D 43 Years; Eric A 2 Years; Kate C 2 Years

Isleta Group - Jason 30 Days; Phillip 4 Months; Oran 6 Months; Fred 9 Months
Rudy 6 Years; Cici 9 Years; Raymond 11 Years; Robert 18 Years; Carol 21 Years; Al 29 Years
Steve 33 Years; Jean; 40 Years

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August 12, 2016 Area 46 Web Chair 0 Comments

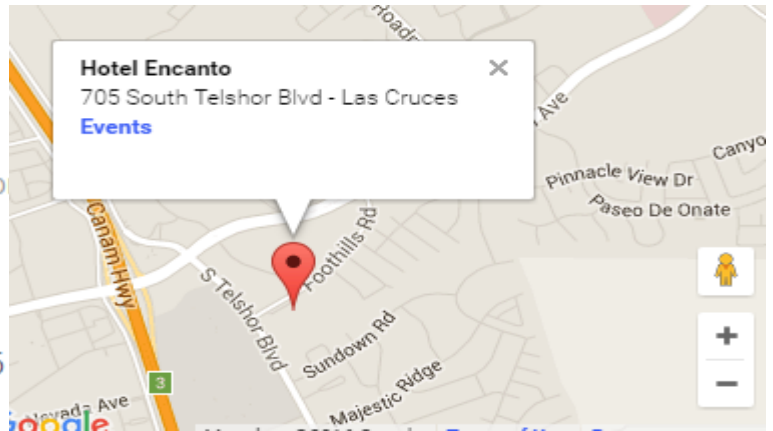
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Date(s) - Fri August 12, 2016 to August 14, 2016

All Day

Location

Hotel Encanto



From our Readers

~~From our Readers~~

Hello My name is Kel, I'm a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. I open and attend meetings here in Grants, New Mexico. I'm a trusted servant, I'd like to ask that you print the schedule of AA meetings that meet here in Grants in the upcoming issue of El Farolito?

We have low attendance and I believe this will get the word out to more people. The Steps Club 411 E, Santa Fe Ave Grants, New Mexico 87020 Room # 4.

Here is the schedule of the meetings.

Monday 12-1 pm High Noon Group, open AA meeting.
Wednesday 12-1 High Noon Group, open AA meeting & 5:30-6:30 pm, Uranium Capital Group, open AA meeting.
Thursday 12-1 pm High Noon Group, open AA meeting.
Friday 12-1 pm High Noon Group, open AA meeting & 5:30-6:30 pm Uranium Capital Group, AA Big Book Study.

The 1st Monday of every month is an open AA speaker meeting, with a Brunch at 11:30 am, and 12-1 pm the Open AA Speaker meeting. The last Friday of every month is an AA Sobriety Birthday meeting. Pot Luck 5:30-6:30, Birthday meeting 6:30-7:30 pm. Thank You, Kel, High Noon Group



Hobbs Original Groups' 62nd Anniversary

July 9, 2016 web2 0 Comments

Date/Time

Date(s) - Sat July 9, 2016
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Location

Hobbs Original Group

The Hobbs Original Group is celebrating it's 62nd anniversary!

5:30 BBQ Brisket

7:00pm Jim H. from Carlsbad shares

8:00pm Raffle



2016 NMCYPAA Registration

"Peculiar Mental Twist"

Starts Friday August 12-14, 2016

At Hotel Encanto (866) 383-0443

705 S. Telshor Blvd.

Las Cruces, NM.

Speakers, Workshops, Food, Dance, and more

Convention begins at 12noon Friday

Name: _____ AA or AI-Anon: _____
 Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
 Where are you from? _____ #Registrations: _____ (\$15each)
 Shirt? S M L XL(\$15) Qty: _____ Mugs (\$10) Qty: _____

Please detach and mail the lower portion of this form with payment to:
 NMCYPAA 3855 S. Main St. Mesilla Park, NM 88047

Or

visit our website(host.nmcpaa.com/registration) to register online.

For more information email: bryan.nmcpaa@gmail.com

Pre-registration ends Aug. 1st and prices will go up after that.

El Farolito is holding "Mailing Parties" to tape, label and stamp each issue.

We still need 5 parties to host to complete my rotation

So far, Districts 1, 4, 5, 7, 13, 16 have not hosted

With 10 people or so it takes only about an hour

They have been held at Clubs, after and before regular meetings (with me speaking at some), at special meetings and even at a DCMs home.

It has been an awesome experience to explore my new adopted home state and to meet so many dedicated members of Area 46.

Apr-15	03/28/15	11
May-15	04/25/15	18
Jun-15	05/30/15	3
Jul-15	06/27/15	2
Aug-15	07/25/15	12
Sep-15	08/29/15	10
Oct-15	09/26/15	
Nov-15	10/31/15	14
Dec-15	11/28/15	
Jan-16	12/27/15	6
Feb-16	01/30/16	9
Mar-16	02/27/16	
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May-16	04/30/16	8
Jun-16	05/28/16	10
Jul-16	06/26/16	6
Aug-16	07/30/16	15
Sep-16	08/27/16	
Oct-16	10/01/16	
Nov-16	10/29/16	
Dec-16	11/26/16	
Jan-17	12/31/16	

From the Editor

Unfortunately I missed the State Convention due to my compromised immune system from the chemo. When my white cell count is below a certain point my Dr. strongly insists I stay away from crowds. Just as I do with my Sponsor, I always follow direction. I sorely missed everyone. I understand from Jeff H. my room was put to good use.

I spent last weekend in Akron at Founders' Day and saw 11,000 of my closest friends! It was great, I told everyone how impressed I am with the service commitment in Area 46 and many were amazed. New Mexico is my home now, but I left 62 years in Ohio, plus it is soooo green!

Once again contributions just got us above prudent reserve so we are again still at 20 pages. Thanks to the following for contributions since the last issue:

Fourth Dimension	Farmington	Any Lengths Womens	Albuquerque
Isleta Group	Albuquerque	El Dorado Group	Santa Fe
Hobbs Original Group	Hobbs	Hi Nooners	Farmington
Bayard Group	Silver City	Cosmopolitan Group	Albuquerque
Serenity Group	Albuquerque	TGIF Taos	Taos
Sober at Sunrise	Las Cruces	The Dawn Patrol	Albuquerque
Early Birds Group	Roswell	Foothills Group	Albuquerque
Lunch Bunch	Roswell		



