

# Area 46, District 4 November 2020 Newsletter



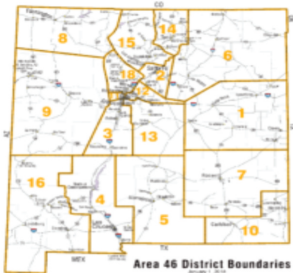
COVID 19 Virus changes the way we meet  
The District web site <http://www.nmdistrict4aa.com> has the latest ZOOM meeting group links.  
District meetings are beginning to open

For latest Area 46 up dates go to Area website <http://wwwnm-aa.org>

**GSO is still closed all staff are working from home!**

AA is fully self supported by it's membership. GSO research shows that if every member donated \$9.00 a year it would not be dependant on literature sales. Bring this to your groups. It is our responsibility to keep the message flowing.

## District 4 to host the September 2021 Area 46 Assembly Yes this is a year away. So, why mention this now?



This is a large event that draws AA's from Area 46. The planning and execution will take a focused effort. The Area helps with \$2000 in seed money but this has not been, in the past, nearly enough to not only feed the hundreds of people (lunch and snacks are provided for 2 days) but supply a large enough venue, have coffee and water always available, and all the little things that make up an event like this.

The last district meeting raised the question of creating a budget line item that would hold in reserve another \$2000 to cover any extra expenses. No vote was taken at the time and we are asking all the groups to weigh in on this important question. And remember that just because the money is there, it does not have to be spent. This is a cushion that ensures an excellent Assembly. This is a voting assembly where the Area elects the trusted servants for the next rotation. Your input, support, and participation are needed.

**Historically, District 4 has not made contributions "down the triangle," either to Area 46 or the General Service Board, at least in my (Jen N.) experience. At present, our district currently has over \$4000 above the prudent reserve. The district must always be guided by the will of the groups. It is up to the groups to decide whether to contribute some portion of the funds in the district treasury to the General Service Board.**

**To put it in a nutshell: District 4 has a lot of money. We don't need as much as we have. The General Service Board is hurting for contributions. Should we contribute some of our excess funds to the General Service Board?**

"Many of us felt that we had plenty of character. There was a tremendous urge to cease forever. Yet we found it impossible. This is the baffling feature of alcoholism as we know it – this utter inability to leave it alone, no matter how great the necessity or the wish."  
- Bill W.

## New Years Eve Party

This year will be a virtual ZOOM party  
Join the discussion every Sunday at 3:30  
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://lcps.zoom.us/j/6517056156?pwd=WU9jZ21ZcGdJaVlOU1Y3SW1VVmMzUT09>

Meeting ID: 651 705 6156

Password 0rUAYf

# Step, Tradition, and Concept of the Month

<b>Step Eleven</b>	<b>Tradition Eleven</b>	<b>Concept Eleven</b>
<p>“Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.”</p> <p><i>PRAYER and meditation are our principal means of conscious contact with God.</i></p> <p><i>We A.A.’s are active folk, enjoying the satisfactions of dealing with the realities of life. usually for the first time in our lives, and strenuously trying to help the next alcoholic who comes along. So it isn’t surprising that we often tend to slight serious meditation and prayer as something not really necessary. To be sure, we feel it is something that might help us to meet an occasional emergency, but at first many of us are apt to regard it as a somewhat mysterious skill of clergymen, from which we may hope to get a secondhand benefit. Or perhaps we don’t believe in these things at all.</i></p>	<p><b><i>“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.”</i></b></p> <p><i>Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us.</i></p>	<p>While the Trustees hold final responsibility for A.A.’s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Therefore the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs, and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concerns</p>

## Speaker Meetings

## Calendar of Birthdays

<p>Saturday speaker meetings are now on Zoom 10:30am (<a href="http://www.nmdistrict4aa.com">http://www.nmdistrict4aa.com</a>) 11/07 Dorrian V. 11/14 Christi from Austin 11/21 Patrick H. 11/28 Matt S.</p>	<p>Sherrell G. is asking for a volunteer to continue hosting the Saturday speaker meeting. Without a new host the meeting will have to close.</p>	<p>Freddy J. 11/12 31 years Tom H. 11/12 31 years</p>
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## Grapevine and La Viña are here to help

FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR NEW DOWNLOADABLE, DIGITAL EPUB VERSION OF GRAPEVINE (INCLUDING AUDIO), WE ARE MAKING IT AVAILABLE AT A RATE OF ONLY \$1.99 PER ISSUE (EVEN LESS WITH A YEAR OR MORE SUBSCRIPTION AND THE ABILITY TO CANCEL AT ANY TIME).

PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR FELLOWS.

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