

Area 46, District 4 December 2020 Newsletter



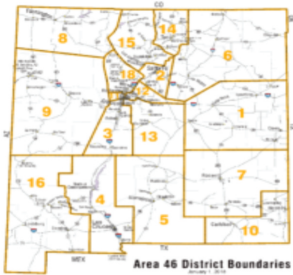
COVID 19 Virus changes the way we meet
The District web site <http://www.nmdistrict4aa.com> has the latest ZOOM meeting group links.
District meetings are beginning to open

For latest Area 46 up dates go to Area website <http://www.nm-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 \$6357.64 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?

At Nov 29 District the groups voted to send \$4000 to support GSO.

"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 10:00 am

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

Step Twelve	Tradition Twelve	Concept Twelve
<p>“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”</p> <p>The joy of living is the theme of A.A.’s Twelfth Step, and action is its key word. Here we turn outward toward our fellow alcoholics who are still in distress. Here we experience the kind of giving that asks no rewards. Here we begin to practice all Twelve Steps of the program in our daily lives so that we and those about us may find emotional sobriety. When the Twelfth Step is seen in its full implication, it is really talking about the kind of love that has no price tag on it.</p>	<p>“Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”</p> <p>The spiritual substance of anonymity is sacrifice. Because A.A.’s Twelve Traditions repeatedly ask us to give up personal desires for the common good, we realize that the sacrificial spirit—well symbolized by anonymity—is the foundation of them all. It is A.A.’s proved willingness to make these sacrifices that gives people their high confidence in our future.</p>	<p>General Warranties of the Conference: in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the Conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that, though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.</p>

Speaker Meetings

Calendar of Birthdays

<p>Saturday speaker meetings are now on Zoom 10:30am (http://www.nmdistrict4aa.com) 12/04 Emmil B. Boise, ID 12/12 Roby N. 12/19 Rick - CA 12/26 Jake R.</p>		<p>Liz L. 12/16 3 years Teresa V. 12/28 12 years Chris C. 12/ 21 2 years</p>
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