



Southern Maryland Intergroup Association, Inc. Tri-County Area: Calvert, Charles & St. Mary's
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RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION

I am responsible when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there; And for that I am responsible.

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MEETINGS INFORMATION
NEW MEETINGS:

Surrender on Ellerbe: 2nd and 4th Saturdays 6:00 PM; Greater Spiritual Fellowship Community Church, Indian Head, MD; OD, NS; HC; 2nd Sat. Beginners; 4th Saturday Open Discussion. (1/09)

Humpday: Wednesday 7:00 PM, Behind Victory of Southern MD 4630 Crain Hwy, White Plains, MD (4/09)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 22: SMIA Annual Picnic, Gilbert Run State Park

Aug. 22: Area Assembly, District 20, Hagerstown, MD

Sept. 26: District 36 Sponsorship & Service Workshop, Lexington Park United Methodist Church.

STEP EIGHT

Made a list of all persons we have harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.

TRADITION EIGHT
 (Long Form)

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage nonalcoholics.

Such special services may well be recompensed. But our usual A.A. "12 Step" work is never to be paid for.

CONCEPT VIII

The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finances, they

Southern Maryland Intergroup, Association (SMIA)

Mailing Address: Post Office Box 767

Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

Meeting Location: Mt. Olive Methodist Church (old bldg.)

811 Dares Beach Road

Prince Frederick, MD

Meetings: 2nd Saturday @ 10:00 AM

Bookstall opens: 9:00 AM

Subscribe to digital Lifeline:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/aainmd>

The Lifeline is an informal, unofficial newsletter published by the membership of the Southern Maryland Intergroup Association, Inc. Any opinions expressed are those of the editor or submissions. They are not endorsed by SMIA, any group or AA as a whole. Group secretaries are encouraged to email or snail mail anniversaries and announcements of events. Please email to: aainmd@yahoo.com or send submissions to SMIA to the above address.

DEADLINE: 25th of each month. Submissions may be anonymous or signed.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: \$7.50 per year to receive by mail.

DISTRIBUTION: A limited amount is available at the monthly meeting. Also can be downloaded in PDF format from yahoo groups at aainmd. Send email address to be notified when Lifeline is posted.

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are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of those entities.

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Happy A.A. Anniversary

August 2009

DATE	NAME	#YEARS	GROUP
5	Beth H.	6	Wednesday Women
5	Lemuel M.	9	Brown Bag
7	Bobby U.	18	Cove Point
13	Renate K.	20	Poplar Hill
20	Linda H.	1	Kingston Creek

September 2009

DATE	NAME	#YEARS	GROUP
3	Jennifer W.	3	Poplar Hill
5	Liz O.	15	Laurel Grove
5	Tom O.	12	Laurel Grove
26	Walter M.	6	Laurel Grove

YOU THINK YOU HAVE MONEY PROBLEMS!!!

Due to the downturn in the economy, Alcoholics Anonymous will NO LONGER be dues and membership "Free" as has been the case for almost 75 years. Like many businesses, AA will now be charging for some things that used to be free, such as:

- 1--Being Rocketed into the 4th Dimension---\$49.99 per trip, fuel surcharge applies, extra baggage NOT included. 5th dimension trips optional. See your sponsor for details.
- 2--Sponsorship--was free, NOW \$9.99 per month, with 4 visits/20 phone calls per month free, after that, \$2.00 each.
- 3--Membership Dues now \$29.99/month, 10% discount for a 1-year plan.
- 4--Seating charges--Each seat now \$1.00 per meeting, with a 20% discount for the 90-in-90 plan.
- 5--Pink Cloud was free, NOW \$14.99 per cloud, with a \$5.00 per event environmental cleanup fee. These are the NEW ozone-free Pink Clouds that do NOT add to global warming.
- 6--Coffee to be \$1.50 per cup, with a 10% discount for 5 or more cups.
- 7--Hugs now will be \$2.50 each.
- 8--Conscious Contact with GOD now \$9.99/month, with the first 450 minutes free, then 0.10 cents/minute fee over. New Double your minutes for life plan is a low \$49.99 one time charge. Holidays and weekends extra, see rate schedule, as GOD is VERY busy.
- 9--Accidental cell phone going off charge now set at \$25.00 per episode.
- 10--"I've been Thinking" fees to now be \$3.00 each, with a relapse re-entry fee of only \$99.99 each, if you're lucky enough to make it back into the rooms.
- 11--Publication of A.A. Birthdays in Lifeline fees will be \$5.00 per 5 years of sobriety. \$5.00 for 1 - 5 years, \$10 for 5 -10 years, etc. Please, void where prohibited by law, AA reserves the right to change none, all, or some of these rates at anytime, with no notice to you. If you need a notice of change of rates, a written request may be sent to headquarters in New York, of course, a \$10.00 fee applies.

NOTE: The editor does not accept responsibility for your reaction to this article.

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DISTRICT NOTES

District 1 Calvert County

District Meeting: 7 PM, 3rd Monday @ St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Prince Frederick, MD
 Barstow Treatment Center meetings 8 AM Sundays & 8 PM Wednesdays.
 Detention Center Meeting: 8 PM. 2nd Thursday.
 Mailing Address: District 1 Trust Fund, PO Box 234, Barstow, MD 20610

District 35 Charles County

District Meeting: 7 PM, 1st Thursday @ Peace Lutheran Church, Waldorf
 Saturday: Women's meeting in detention center.
 Men's meeting in detention center Wednesday night.
 Tuesday: Anchor Treatment Center Meeting.
 Need leaders for Corrections and Institutions meetings. Contact Ed H. 240-427-7096.
 Mailing Address: District 35, PO Box 1981, LaPlata, MD 20646

District 36 St. Mary's County

District Meeting: 6:30 PM, 2nd Tuesday @ Placid Harbor, Hollywood Monday; Women's meeting in detention center.
 Wednesday; Men's meeting in detention center.
 Friday; Anchor Treatment Center meeting
 Sunday; Marcey House Meeting.
 C&T Committee: 6:30 PM, 2nd Mon.. @ Lexington Park UM Church.
 PI/CPC Committee Quarterly Meeting TBA 6:30 PM, Lexington Park Baptist Church
 Archives/Grapevine Committee: 6:30 PM, 4th Monday @ Lexington Park Baptist Church.
 Mailing Address: District 36, PO Box 1334, California, MD 20619

SMIA Monthly Update

SMIA Telephone Report for the month of July 2009 Total calls received: 70					
County	Want to talk to someone	Meeting location	Request a meeting list	Hang-ups, Alanon NA, OA, etc.	Totals
CALVERT	2	9	5	X	16
CHARLES	2	12	1	X	15
ST. MARY'S	2	17	2	X	21
OUT OF AREA	0	7	3	X	10
OTHER	X	X	X	8	8
TOTALS	6	45	11	8	70

Treasurer's Report For: 08/02/2009

Account Balances

(Cleared and Pending Transactions)

*May include bank charges and interest not previously reported

Account Number	Name	*Balance on: 6/29/2009	Deposits	Withdrawals	Net	Balance on: 7/29/2009
1168	Prudent Reserve(S)	\$2,106.10	\$0.53	\$0.00	\$0.53	\$2,106.63
1192	Bookstall(S)	\$1,918.13	\$479.30	\$129.25	\$350.05	\$2,268.18
6806	Business Checking	\$7,259.42	\$536.77	\$247.25	\$289.52	\$7,548.94
	Petty Cash	\$29.60	\$48.00	\$16.80	\$31.20	\$60.80

Total Group Contributions: \$455.52

AA In The AM	\$8.00	The Way Of Life	\$90.70
Smoke Free	\$40.00	Bryantown Group	\$200.00
Waldorf Group	\$91.82	Tuesday Night BB	\$25.00

Please send your group's 7th Tradition contributions to:

Southern Maryland Intergroup Post Office Box 767 Charlotte Hall, MD 20622	Maryland General Services (MGS) Area 29 Post Office Box 2683 Salisbury, MD 21802	General Service Office (GSO) Post Office Box 459 Grand Central Station New York, NY 10163
District 1 Trust Fund Post Office Box 234 Barstow, MD 20610	District 35 Post Office Box 1981 LaPlata, MD 20646	District 36 Post Office Box 1334 California, MD 20619

MINUTES OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION, INC. MEMBER MEETING**July 11, 2009**

Jeff L. opened the meeting @ 10:00AM with the Responsibility Pledge.

Attendance: St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert counties were represented.

Minutes: The June 13, 2009 minutes were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: The report was accepted as submitted.

Where & When: Charlie reported that all is going well and that there is no other report at this time

Lifeline: No Report. Please keep sending information for publishing.

Bookstall: Cindy B. reports that we are short on bronze chips, more are being ordered.

Telephone: Mike T. reported that 77 calls were received. Research on phone number in the information directory is still a work in progress and may take some time.

Institutions: Charles County reports that all is going well, they are looking for more women to carry the message. Calvert County has sufficient male volunteers until November. They are looking for more women to chair a meeting on Thursday's at 7:30 p.m. St. Mary's County is also in need of more women to carry the message into institutions. If there are women who are interested and available to take meetings into institutions please come join us on the second Saturday of the month to get more information or contact your Intergroup Representative.

Public Information: A motion was made and seconded to form a committee for public information. Andy from Calvert County volunteered to chair the committee and solicit volunteers from Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties to pass on information and ensure the District has proper supply of literature. Anyone interested in volunteering for this committee and passing on the message are encouraged to come join us.

Gratitude Dinner: SMIA still needs a Gratitude Dinner Committee chair. A request has been made to continue to pass it on to groups.

Serenity Brunch: No report.

Picnic—Flyers have been distributed for the annual picnic scheduled to be held at the Gilbert Run Park 22 August 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Volunteers are still needed to assist in setting up and cleaning up, please contact Rob S. or Jeanine W. if you would like to assist in the event.

Old Business: None.

New Business— Due to Sessions and low board member availability in September a motion was made and seconded to move the Intergroup meeting for the month of September from the second Saturday (12 September) of the month to the third Saturday (19 September).

John V. from Area 29 is facilitating communication for the Soberfest 2009 to be held on Saturday, 5 September 2009, at the Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds in Crownsville Maryland from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Seventh tradition contribution is \$10.00; children and potential alcoholics under 12 are free. Area 29 is soliciting musicians (sober bands) to participate in the event. If interested in playing music for the event please contact John F @ 443-562-1604 for more information. Flyers have been made and distributed.

District one has a service position, Secretary, that is available and in need of a volunteer. If interested please contact your group General Service Representative (GSR) for more information.

Adjourned—10:40 AM