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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 Meeting**

**Women's Candlelight Step:** Mon. 7:30 PM ; Own Our On, 41660 Park Ave., Leonardtown, MD (3/09)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Oct. 12: District 36 Elections Meeting
- Oct. 17: Election Assembly, District 31 Annapolis, MD
- Oct. 29 – Nov. 1: Fall Conference, Ocean City, MD
- Dec. 12: Area Assembly (Budget & Rotation) District 40, Frederick, MD

From the Editor:

I am often asked why some anniversaries and group activities are in the Lifeline while others aren't. The obvious response is because it was not sent to [aainmd@yahoo.com](mailto:aainmd@yahoo.com), or it wasn't given to me or it wasn't sent to me direct at [samtee1274@yahoo.com](mailto:samtee1274@yahoo.com).

We would love to print your district and group activities so more people are informed of what is going in the tri-county AA community.

District 1-Calvert County  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Halloween Soberfest  
 October 24, 2009  
 St. John Vianney Life Center  
 Prince Frederick, MD  
 Tickets are \$20.00 each for Adults  
 Children 16 and under free  
 Doors Open Fellowship – 6:00 PM  
 Dinner Starts – 6:30 PM  
 Speaker's Meeting – 7:30 – 8:30  
 Dancing and other fun stuff – 8:30 – 11:00

**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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:aainmd@yahoo.com) or send submissions to SMIA to the above address.

**DEADLINE:** 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://aainmd). Send email address to be notified when Lifeline is posted.

**SOUTHERN MARYLAND A.A.**

**1-800-492-0209**



**Biggest problem 1**

# Happy A.A. Anniversary

October 2009

| DATE | NAME      | #YEARS | GROUP           |
|------|-----------|--------|-----------------|
| 9    | Frank H.  | 8      | Hughesville     |
| 11   | Mary G.   | 2      | Solomon         |
| 15   | Ellen E.  | 15     | Brown Bag       |
| 19   | Mark H.   | 23     | Lexington Park  |
| 19   | Kim E.    | 3      | Lexington Park  |
| 22   | Dan S.    | 1      | Poplar Hill     |
| 23   | Brett H.  | 7      | Not Quite Right |
| 24   | Eileen A. | 19     | NRL             |
| 27   | Mike M.   | 25     | Hollywood       |
| 29   | Chris S.  | 1      | Poplar Hill     |
| 31   | Guy A.    | 3      | Early Bird      |

November 2009

| DATE | NAME | #YEARS | GROUP |
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December 2009

| DATE | NAME     | #YEARS | GROUP          |
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| 14   | Elisa S. | 14     | Lexington Park |
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### TRADITION TEN

No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues-particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.

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Is it considered censorship or in the spirit of Tradition Ten when a member shows up to a meeting wearing clothing with writing that could be considered pro or con on politic and social issues and it is suggested that they not wear it (on the qt side and after the meeting)? How about other hot button issues?

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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. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday.  
 Mailing Address: District 1 Trust Fund, PO Box 234, Barstow, MD 20610

### District 35 Charles County

District Meeting: 7 PM, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon.. @ Lexington Park UM Church.  
 PI/CPC Committee Quarterly Meeting TBA 6:30 PM, Lexington Park Baptist Church  
 Archives/Grapevine Committee: 6:30 PM, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 September 2009 Total calls received: 58**

| County        | Want to talk to someone | Meeting location | Request a meeting list | Hang-ups, Alanon NA, OA, etc. | Totals    |
|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| CALVERT       | 2                       | 7                | 1                      | X                             | 10        |
| CHARLES       | 1                       | 8                | 6                      | X                             | 15        |
| ST. MARY'S    | 2                       | 18               | 1                      | X                             | 21        |
| OUT OF AREA   | 0                       | 4                | 2                      | X                             | 6         |
| OTHER         | X                       | X                | X                      | 6                             | 6         |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>5</b>                | <b>37</b>        | <b>10</b>              | <b>6</b>                      | <b>58</b> |

**Treasurer's Report For: 09/27/2009  
Account Balances  
(Cleared and Pending Transactions)**

\*May include bank charges and interest not previously reported

| Account Number | Name               | *Balance on: 8/29/2009 | Deposits   | Withdrawals | Net      | Balance on: 9/27/2009 |
|----------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------------------|
| 1168           | Prudent Reserve(S) | \$2106.63              | \$0.00     | \$0.00      | \$0.00   | \$2,106.63            |
| 1192           | Bookstall(S)       | \$2,090.08             | \$997.50   | \$0.00      | \$997.50 | \$3,265.68            |
| 6806           | Business Checking  | \$7,271.48             | \$1,665.21 | \$861.70    | \$793.51 | \$8,342.46            |
|                | Petty Cash         | \$43.80                | \$25.00    | \$11.70     | \$13.30  | \$74.10               |

**2009/2010 Checking Budget: \$4,287.00**  
**2009/2010 Bookstall Budget: \$1,610.00**

**Total Group Contributions: \$1,665.21**

|                   |          |                  |          |
|-------------------|----------|------------------|----------|
| Happy Hour        | \$158.36 | Not Quite Right  | \$6.10   |
| Positive Identity | \$110.00 | Hollywood        | \$140.00 |
| A Vision For You  | \$25.00  | Waldorf          | \$113.75 |
| Graceful Sobriety | \$65.00  | Lexington BB     | \$250.00 |
| Do Drop In        | \$50.00  | Hughesville      | \$311.50 |
| Inspiration       | \$30.00  | NRL              | \$400.00 |
| Happy Destiny     | \$20.00  | Huntingtown Noon | \$25.00  |

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

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

**MINUTES OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION, INC. MEMBER MEETING****SEPTEMBER 19, 2009**

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

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

**Minutes:** The August 8, 2009 meeting minutes were accepted as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** Larry S. reported that all the bills were paid and up to date and the report was accepted as submitted.

**Where & When:** Rob S. reported that a 1000 *Where & When's* were printed and are available.

**Lifeline:** Sam T. reported all is going well and request that anniversaries be sent in as soon as possible. November marks the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Lifeline and he is requesting any old articles, information, or history of SMIA to help celebrate by publishing a special edition of the Lifeline.

**Bookstall:** Nancy and Debbie are currently training for turn over as the new volunteers for Cindy who will be departing the bookstall service as of November 2009. Budgeted Institutions money is still available for literature: \$182 for Calvert County; \$181 for St. Mary's County; and \$300 for Charles County.

**Telephone:** Mike T. reported that 54 calls were received as posted in the Lifeline.

**Institutions:** Rod P. from St. Mary's County reports that there will be a new Chair TBD in October/November timeframe. Wally from Charles County reported women's meeting is still in need of volunteers for the Charles County Jail. No report was given for Calvert County.

**Public Information:** No report.

**Gratitude Dinner:** A motion was made and seconded and passed to suspend the Gratitude Dinner this year due to the lack of a volunteer to chair the Committee.

**Serenity Brunch:** SMIA needs a volunteer to chair the Committee for the Serenity Brunch to be held in the April 2010 time frame. Anyone interested should contact their intergroup representative or attend the SMIA meeting on the second Saturday of the month.

**Picnic:** Rob S. reported that the annual picnic had a great turnout. SMIA thanks and appreciates all those that volunteered.

**Old Business:** Larry S. is still in work on submitting funding/budget information in the Lifeline to better describe expenses and balances to give a more accurate picture of the finances.

**New Business:** Clare from District 1 described how SMIA could create a website for public information instead of the AA group site that we currently use to post Lifelines, Where & When, flyers, pricelists and other AA related information. Krista R. has volunteered to work with Clare and do the research of a domain, service support, and a hosting agency for initial set up. She will bring back information for consideration in the October 2009 SMIA meeting at which point a determination can be made on a special website committee chair and the path forward.

**Adjourned:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.