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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

None

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 19; Area Committee Meeting (Budget), District 42, Crofton, MD
- Sept. 26; District 36 Sponsorship & Service Workshop, Lexington Park United Methodist Church.
- 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

**GRATITUDE DINNER CHAIR
NEEDED!**

The Intergroup is in dire need for someone to step up and take charge of putting together the annual Gratitude Dinner which normally takes place in November of each year....If interested, call any member of the Board of Directors listed on page 2 or come to the monthly meeting for details.

**THE SEPTEMBER 2009 MONTHLY
MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAS
BEEN CHANGED FROM
SEPTEMBER 12, 2009 TO
SEPTEMBER 19, 2009.**

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](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/aainmd). Send email address to be notified when Lifeline is posted.

**SOUTHERN MARYLAND A.A.
1-800-492-0209**

TRADITION NINE

A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create our service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

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Happy A.A. Anniversary

September 2009

DATE	NAME	#YEARS	GROUP
3	Jennifer W.	3	Poplar Hill
5	Liz O.	15	Laurel Grove
5	Tom O.	12	Laurel Grove
7	Teresa S.	5	New Life
11	John L.	2	Wayside
13	Rebecca L.	5	Solomons
14	Norma	2	Twelve Steps Home
15	Richard L.	33	Tuesday Night BB
21	Carrie C.	1	Lexington Park BB
22	Candy L.	5	Brown Bag
22	Eddie O.	5	Lexington Park BB
26	Walter M.	6	Laurel Grove
27	Linda M.	9	KISS

October 2009

DATE	NAME	#YEARS	GROUP
11	Mary	2	Solomons
15	Ellen E.	11	Brown Bag
31	Guy A.	3	Early Bird

WHO'S SITTING NEXT TO YOU?

I saw you there the other night at the eight o'clock meeting. I don't know how long you've been sober, but I know you've been coming around for a while because you spoke to a lot of people who knew you.
I wasn't one of them.
 You don't know who I am. I wandered into your meeting place alone the other night, a stranger in a strange town. I got a cup of coffee and sat down by myself.
You didn't speak to me.
 Oh, you saw me. You glanced my way, but you didn't recognize me, so you quickly averted your eyes and sought out a familiar face.
 So who am I? It might be my first meeting. I might have been suicidal, grasping at one last straw.
 It happens that I am none of the above.
 My only problem that night was that I'd been alone with my own mind too long. I needed to touch base with my AA family. I know from past experience that I could have walked into your meeting place and stuck my hand out and introduced myself things would have been different, but I didn't. BUT what if I had been a newcomer...too scared to talk...Not knowing what to say?

(Excerpts from the March 1991 Grapevine article of the same title)
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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 August 2009						Total calls received: 54
County	Want to talk to someone	Meeting location	Request a meeting list	Hang-ups, Alanon NA, OA, etc.	Totals	
CALVERT	0	0	1	X	1	
CHARLES	2	6	6	X	14	
ST. MARY'S	0	17	2	X	19	
OUT OF AREA	0	2	2	X	4	
OTHER	X	X	X	16	16	
TOTALS	2	25	11	16	54	
<p>Treasurer's Report For: 08/02/2009 Account Balances (Cleared and Pending Transactions) *May include bank charges and interest not previously reported</p>						
Account Number	Name	*Balance on: 7/29/2009	Deposits	Withdrawals	Net	Balance on: 8/29/2009
1168	Prudent Reserve(S)	\$2106.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,106.63
1192	Bookstall(S)	\$2,268.18	\$425.25	\$603.35	-\$178.10	\$2,090.08
6806	Business Checking	\$7,548.95	\$888.13	\$1,159.60	-\$271.47	\$7,277.48
	Petty Cash	\$60.80	\$0.00	\$17.00	-\$17.00	\$43.80
Total Group Contributions: \$284.73						
St. Charles Step		\$126.32		Waldorf Group		\$109.46
Rt. 5 Big Book		\$24.00		Drunks 'R' Us		\$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**AUGUST 8, 2009**

Dave T. opened the meeting @ 10:00 AM with the Responsibility Pledge.

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

Minutes: The July 11, 2009 minutes were accepted with the following correction: a misprint was identified and corrected for Public Information Committee Chair posted in July 2009 minutes. "The Committee Chair was assigned rather than a Committee was formed to pass on information and support the Districts".

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

Where & When: Rob S. reported that we are almost out of *Where & When's*. A motion was made and seconded to print 1000 more with the most current updates.

Lifeline: Please keep sending information for publishing, all is going well.

Bookstall: Cindy B. reports that bookstall is being turned over to new volunteers. She will no longer be working the bookstall as of November 2009. New price list is posted at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/aainmd>.

Telephone: Sam T. reported for Mike T. that 70 calls were received as posted in the Lifeline.

Institutions: Money is available for literature. No report was given for Charles County, Calvert County, or St. Mary's County.

Public Information: No report.

Gratitude Dinner: SMIA still needs a Gratitude Dinner Committee chair. Please continue to pass it on to groups.

Serenity Brunch: No report.

Picnic: Rob S. reported that all is going well for the annual picnic at Gilbert Run Park 22 August 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Old Business: Due to Sessions and low board member availability in September the Intergroup meeting for the month of September will be held the third Saturday (19 September).

New Business: Edna A. reported being told about concerns of funding/budget posted in the Lifeline. Larry S. has agreed to post something that better describes expenses and balances to give a more accurate picture of the Intergroup budget.

Rob S. suggested creating a web site 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. If there is anyone who has experience in this area and is willing to support this type of effort, please contact your Intergroup representative or join us on the second Saturday of the month to assist.

Adjourned: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM..