

LIFE LINE



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

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RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION

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

"Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity".



"For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

*A bell is no bell 'til you ring it,
A song is no song 'til you sing it,
And love in your heart
Wasn't put there to stay -
Love isn't love
'Til you give it away.
-Oscar Hammerstein*



**"Let your Hopes,
not your Hurts,
shape your future."**

~ Robert H. Schuller ~

IMPORTANT NOTE: The e-mail address for the Lifeline has changed. The new e-mail address is smia.lifeline@gmail.com. Please spread the word and update your contact lists with the new address. The former e-mail address, aainmd@yahoo.com **may** forward messages for 30 days, but there is no guarantee because that inbox was deactivated by Yahoo because of numerous login attempts by unknown parties. You can also send mail to my personal address, blleftwich@comcast.net. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, send me an e-mail with the subject "Add Me to Lifeline".

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS



The SMIA published Where and When will now be released twice a year in booklet form. You may also obtain a copy of the Where and When by visiting the SMIA Website at: <http://somdaa.org>



Anniversary Announcements	February 2012
2/1	Kim S- 16 years @ Wednesday Women's
2/2	Pierre A.- 3 years @ Almost Normal Sam T. -21 years @ Brown Bag
2/4	Walter B-23 years @Happy Hour
2/5	David D.- 3 years @ K.I.S.S
2/6	Jimmy S-6 years @ Came To Believe
2/8	Beth M-9 years @ Step Sisters
2/9	Dickie R.-27 years @ Poplar Hill
2/10	Peter T-7 years @ Not Quite Right Ann H.-3 years @ NRL Robin G.-2 years @ Almost Normal
2/13	Mary W.-4 years @ Brown Bag
2/16	Steve B.-10 years @Almost Normal
2/17	Ruby R.-4 years @ Friday Night Live
2/22	Paul M.-22 years @ Pax River Lisa K.-8 years @ Step Sisters
2/25	Bill B-1 year @ North Beach

North Beach Day Meetings on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at noon have relocated to the North Beach Community Center at 4025 4th Street, North Beach.

SMIA will accepting nominations for the following Board positions at the February meeting (2/11/12, 10:00 AM): Chairman, Parliamentarian, and Secretary. Please encourage your group SMIA Representative to attend. The success of the SMIA largely depends on each groups involvement

48th Annual International Women's Conference to be held **February 16-19, 2012**. The **48th International Women's Conference** will be held at:

Washington Marriott Wardman Park 2660 Woodley Road NW Washington, DC 20008
Phone: (202)328-2000 Website: <http://www.internationalwomensconference.org>

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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 & 8:30 PM Wednesdays.

Detention Center Meeting: 7 PM Thursdays.

Mailing Address: District 1 Trust Fund, PO Box 234,
Barstow, MD 20610

www.calvertaa.org

District 35 Charles County

District Meeting: 7 PM, 1st Thursday
@ Peace Lutheran Church, Waldorf

Tuesday 7 PM: Women's meeting in detention
center.

Wednesday night: Men's meeting in detention
center.

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, La
Plata, MD 20646

District 36 St. Mary's County

District Meeting: 6:30 PM, 2nd Tuesday
@ Hollywood Rescue Squad Bldg., 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, 1st Wed.
@ Lexington Park UM Church.

PI/CPC Committee: 6:30 PM, 1st Wed.
@ Lexington Park UM Church.

Archives/Grapevine Committee: 6:30 PM,
4th Monday @ Lexington Park Baptist Church.

Mailing Address: District 36, PO Box 1334,
California, MD 20619

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

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SMIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHAIR: Jeff A.

VICE CHAIR: .Wally S

SECRETARY: Terry V.

TREASURER: Cindi F.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Jeanine W.

Where & When: Edna A. ednaallen.1@netzero.net

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Telephone: John L. alrpc2@comcast.net

Bookstall: Nancy L. goterps1@comcast.net

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Please send email to: smia.lifeline@gmail.com ,or mail to SMIA at the above address.

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

DISTRIBUTION: The Lifeline

You have to walk carefully in the beginning of love; the running across fields into your lover's arms can only come later when you're sure they won't laugh if you trip.



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SMIA Telephone Report



SMIA TELEPHONE REPORT

FOR THE MONTH OF: December

COUNTY	WANT TO TALK TO SOMEONE	MEETING LOCATION	REQUEST A MEETING LIST	Hang-ups Alanon NA -OA Etc.	TOTALS
CALVERT		5			5
CHARLES		10	1		11
ST. MARY'S		10	1		11
OUT OF AREA		7	2	1	10
OTHER					
TOTALS		32	4	1	37

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SMIA Treasurers Report



Group Contributions: January 2012 - \$441.67
 Total Contributions for Current Fiscal Period (May 2011 to January 2012): \$ 6,724.16

January 2012 Contributions			
End of the World	83.00	NRL Group	50.00
Inspiration Group	90.00	Saturday Night Alive Group	50.00
Monday Night Traditions	15.00	Waldorf Group	24.22
Not Quite Right Group	129.45		

Treasurer's Report For 1/24/12
 Account Balances
 (Cleared and pending transactions)
 * May include bank charges and interest not previously reported

Account	Name	Balance on: 1/1/12	Deposits	Withdrawals	Net	Balance on: 1/24/12
1168	Prudent Reserve	\$2,109.05	\$0.12 (Interest)	0	-	\$2,109.26
1192	Bookstall	\$2,024.71	\$693.60	\$1,002.30	-308.70	\$1716.01
6806	Checking	\$7,051.79	\$1,443.97	\$641.12	-\$802.85	\$7854.64
	Petty Cash	\$73.00	-	-	-	\$61.00

CHECKING BUDGET FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR: \$16,711.04
 BOOKSTALL BUDGET FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR: \$9,767.45

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SMIA January Meeting Minutes



MINUTES OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTER-GROUP ASSOCIATION, INC., MEMBER MEETING 14 JANUARY 2012

Opening: Wallace S. opened the meeting @ 10:05am

Attendance: Board members present: Wallace S. Vice Chair; Jeanine W. Parliamentarian; Cindi F. Treasurer; Terry V. Secretary, Chairpersons Present: Bill L. Lifeline; John L. Telephone; Nancy L. Bookstall; Pat P. Web; Edna A. Where and When, Groups represented: Ben E. Waldorf; Linda H. Kingston Creek; Petie G. We Are Not Saints; Greg H. Turn It Over; Jeff L. Solomons; Benny E. WFWG; Roger M. Living Sober Group; Claudia W. DoDropIn; Wayne J. Step Free; Sam T. Brown Bag; Bill W. Graceful Sobriety; Jim F. Grapevine; Will W. Covepoint.

Minutes: Accepted as read

Treasurer's Report: Cindi F. reports all bills are paid.

Where & When: Edna A. has made 100 copies of the tri-fold Where and When.

Lifeline: Bill L. reports he is still on the learning curve and has concerns about using new copy machine to make copies of the lifeline. Discussion resulted in using petty cash for these copies. Question about Lifeline on the website not available and was revealed the link was not working properly.

Bookstall: Nancy L. reported that the debit card worked great and she has an invoice.

Telephone: John L. reports there is a need for volunteers for the Twelfth Step Call List from Calvert county. John is still transferring the list and expects to be done by next month.

Institutions: Calvert County: No report
Charles County: No report
St.Mary's County: Edna reports a new Corrections and Treatment chair for District 36.

Public Information: Calvert County: John L. reports District 1 is sponsoring a Founders Day trip in June.
Charles County: No report
St.Mary's County: No report

Gratitude Dinner: No report, need chairperson

Serenity Breakfast: No report, need chairperson

Picnic: No report, need chairperson

Web Committee: Pat P. reports there is a problem with the link for the Lifeline.

Old Business: Discussion type of copies for the Where and When (tri-fold or booklet) resulted in a motion for SMIA to publish the Where and Whens in booklet form and the motion was seconded. Vote resulted in 15 yeas and 1 opposed. There is a PDF file on the website (somdaa.org) for the tri-fold type. SMIA is accepting nominations next month for Chair, Parliamentarian and Secretary positions with a vote due in March. Volunteers needed from Calvert and St. Mary's counties to help in rotation of counties on the board. Person should have 2 years sobriety minimum and the position is a 2 year commitment.

New Business: John L. reports that the General Service Organization website does not have a direct link for the SMIA. Pat P. is to contact the GSO webmaster for resolution.

For the good of the order: None

Adjourned: @11:10AM

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WHEN: JUNE 8-10, 2012 (Departure: Lusby, MD. 6:00 a.m. on June 8 and return after closing speaker on June 10. Two other pickup locations to be determined – more information to be provided)

WHAT: JOIN DISTRICT 1 ON A BUS TRIP TO AKRON FOR FOUNDER'S DAY 2012

COST: \$320 PER PERSON INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

**Roundtrip bus transportation
Basic Registration (ribbon & name badge)
Accommodations (Friday & Saturday night)
Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner
Sunday breakfast
Bus tour of the historic sites
Coffee & Donuts before departure
Box lunch enroute**

Payment Plan is available: Payment of \$180.00 is due on 2/6/2012 and final payment due 5/7/2012. For more information and a registration form - please contact: events@calvertaa.org WE NEED AT LEAST 40 MEMBERS TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN!!!

SIGN UP TODAY!!

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