



District 36 Service Meeting

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Call To Order

Date	Location	District 36 Officers in Attendance
January 13, 2026	Hollywood Rescue Squad 43256 Rescue Lane Hollywood, MD 20636	District Chair Member (DCM) – Michele H. Secretary – Jeanette W. Treasurer – Rick K.

Meeting was opened at 6:33 pm with the Serenity Prayer

Visitors in Attendance: None

Announcements

DCM Reporting: Michele H.

District 36

- New District 36 email is district36marylandaa@gmail.com
- Discussed adding a link to SMIA anniversary calendar from District 36 website
- February monthly service meeting (Feb 10) will be at a **NEW LOCATION**: Church of Christ, 44850 St. Andrews Church Rd., California, MD (where Monday Night Traditions is held). Attendees were encouraged to announce this change at meetings.

Southern Maryland Intergroup Association (SMIA)

- SMIA Meeting – Second Saturday of every month (next meeting Feb 14)
 - Bookstall opens @ 9am, Meeting @ 10 am
 - In Person at Immaculate Conception Church in Mechanicsville, MD OR Virtual: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87243163741?pwd=UktoZW11eDZnWnRMbXFDRVh6dVpDQT09>
- SMIA Bookstall Bingo and Valentine's Day Dance – Sat Feb 14
 - 4:30 pm BINGO, 6:30 pm Dance
 - Immaculate Conception Church in Mechanicsville, MD
 - No cover charge, but donations are welcome
 - Contact Buddy F. at bookstall@somdaa.org for more info

Area 29

- Area Planning Meeting – Sat Jan 17 @ 9 am, Virtual
- Area Committee Meeting – Sat Feb 14 @ 9 am, [Virtual](#) or In Person in Catonsville, MD
- GSR Orientation or Refresher – First Monday of every month (next meeting Feb 2)
 - Virtual @ 7:30 pm
 - Zoom ID 89217623074; Passcode GSR
- Visit MarylandAA.org for more information on all Area 29 events
- New Maryland General Service mailing address: PO Box 234, Crownsville, MD 21032

Other Upcoming Events

- [35th Annual Northeast Regional A.A. Service Assembly \(NERAASA\)](#) – Feb 20-22, Portland ME
- [15th Annual Southern Maryland Round-Up](#) – Mar 20-22, Annapolis MD



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Officer Reports

Secretary's Report: Jeanette W.

- Information related to the new District 36 email was provided.
 - Attendees were advised to check their spam folder if they did not receive the Jan 2026 District 36 service meeting materials.
 - If email still could not be found in spam, attendees were advised to email district36marylandaa@gmail.com to get on the District 36 distribution list.
- The December 2025 minutes were presented.
 - A motion was proposed to accept the minutes as written.
 - The motion was seconded, voted on, and PASSED.

Treasurer's Report: Rick K.

- Projected expenses vs. projected pledges – there is enough money to get through the year, but it will bring the District into a very low balance. All attendees were asked to bring back to their groups requests for donations to District.
- It was asked if rent will increase at the new location. It will not increase, per DCM, since Church of Christ is not asking for any money. Discussion to give an optional donation to the new location was tabled until New Business.
- The January 2026 Treasurer's Report was presented.
 - A motion was proposed to accept the report as written.
 - The motion was seconded, voted on, and PASSED.

Alternate DCM Report: Ray C. (absent)

Committee Reports

Archives: Buddy F. (absent)

Corrections (Men): Roy B.

- *Wednesdays at 7 pm*
- Averaging 12-15 members with a full waiting list each week; additional meeting being considered to accommodate more interested parties
- Please thank your groups for their 7th Tradition, which has provided literature to the libraries; interest in meetings increased after literature was added to the libraries
- Collaborating with Women's Corrections to host a hybrid "sharing session" so people can hear first-hand what taking meetings into facilities is like
- It was asked if the jails will accept someone with multiple felonies; attendees were encouraged to fill out an application, as determinations for eligibility are on a case-by-case basis
- Applications were made available during the meeting for GSRs to take back to their groups
- **At least 2-3 more volunteers are needed who have worked all 12 steps in AA and have at least one year of continuous sobriety**



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Corrections (Women): Brandi T. (absent, report provided via Roy B.)

- *Mondays at 7 pm*
- Two additional women waiting on orientation
- **At least one more volunteer is needed who has worked all 12 steps in AA and has at least one year of continuous sobriety**

Website: Justin C.

- A link to the SMIA anniversary calendar will be added to the District 36 website this week
- Flier for SOMD Roundup has been posted; will add flier for the SMIA Valentine's Dance

Grapevine: Amber W. (NEW REP)

- Received overview from Rick K., who transitioned out of position for 2026
- Attendees were asked to contribute old Grapevines for use by the corrections and treatment committees

Newcomer Packets: Kaki B.

- Supplies coming in smoothly through AA World Services
- Qty. 40 packets brought to meeting for distribution

Public Information / Cooperating with Professional Communities (PI/CPC): Melissa W. (NEW CHAIR) (*with Mary F. and Troy T. working the racks*)

- Inventory list for pamphlets in stock has been updated
- Will put in request for Bookstall after discussing budget with Treasurer
- Unsure about SMIA Where & When printing, would like to distribute everything together
- Some pamphlets have been retired, will be removed from inventory
- Could not find link for PI/CPC meeting through Area 29; DCM agreed to look into it

SMIA: Keith T. (NEW CHAIR) (absent)

Treatment (Men): Mike M.

- *Compass – Mondays at 6 pm; Pyramid – Wednesdays at 7:30 pm*
- Need to determine way-forward regarding home groups taking meetings in (one different home group per month), will discuss with Kathy I. (women's treatment) and District Officers
- Volunteers are feeling burned out after doing it for several years

Treatment (Women): Kathy I.

- *Pyramid – Wednesdays at 7:30 pm*
- Weeks Three, Four, and Five are not split up by gender due to lack of volunteers; ideal to split up by gender sometimes if we could recruit enough volunteers
- Groups would sign up for their month at District service meeting, and Treatment Chairs would be their point of contact
- Two of the female volunteers have been doing it for 4-5 years



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Where & When: Rev

- Hollywood Group will be moving to Church of Nazarene in March; District 36 Where and When's will be updated to reflect
- District 36 Where and When's were brought to the meeting for GSRs to take back to groups
- SMIA Where and When's: 1,000 were just printed for use across the three counties; will need to add labels to reflect updated location for Hollywood Group
- A lot of outdated ones were removed from PI/CPC racks

Special Events: Mary F.

- Looking for ideas for 2026 events
- Next event will likely be a game night in March
- New Co-Chair: Kim S.

Workshops: Open Positions!

- Please let District 36 Officers know if you are interested in volunteering

Zoom Account: Lynn B. (absent)

- Treasurer to check when Zoom account was last paid for; it may be up for renewal

GSR Reports

Groups with no representation at Jan 13 meeting:

Almost Normal

Beginners at Noon

Blue Top at Noon

Clean Air

Drunks-R-Us

Helping Others

Leonardtowntown Big Book

Lexington Park Big Book

Living Sober

Monday Nite

Never Too Late

Not Quite Right

Poplar Hill

Rocky Roads

We Were Drunks

What's the Point

Basic Text: Duke R.

- Anniversary: Vance D., 1 year on Jan 15

Battled and Rattled: Rick K.

- Consistent group of about 7 attendees

Charlotte Hall: Justin C. (filling in for Rob)

- 15-20 in attendance, Open Discussion, Thursdays @ 7 pm across from Veteran's Home
- Anniversary: Robbie H., 1 year on Jan 15

Early Bird: Rev

- Live speaker every week, top of the line coffee & snacks ☺

Early Risers: Paige D.

- Saturdays @ 7:30 am at Church of Ascension, hybrid meeting, Big Book format
- Averaging 10 attendees in person with a couple more attending via Zoom
- Anniversaries: Claudia D., 15 years on Jan 17; Andrew W., 20 years on Jan 24



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Emotional Sobriety: Laura P. (filling in for Mary P.)

- Ladies welcome, Tuesdays @ 7 pm

Don't Louse It Up: Melissa W. (filling in for Bobby L.)

- Men's meeting, Monday nights, well attended

Hollywood: Donna S.

- Averaging 10 people in attendance each week
- Moving to Church of the Nazarene as of March 3, not sure how long they will be there
- Changing meeting time to 8 pm (Tuesdays)
- Anniversaries: Mary A. & Donna S. just celebrated

Kingston Creek: John W.

- Unfulfilled \$75 pledge to 2025 budget, conversations about that are ongoing
- Anniversaries: Eileen M., 26 years and John W., 38 years on Jan 31; Dennis B., 50 years on Feb 28

KISS: Mike M.

- Anniversaries: Francis R. just celebrated 34 years; Will B., 5 years on Jan 18; David D., 17 years on Jan 25; Gordon M., 44 years on Feb 1

Laurel Grove: Troy T.

- Kaki B. just celebrated 32 years
- Anniversary: Dave celebrating on Jan 20

Leonardtown Group: Mary F.

- Numbers are up thanks to newcomers and visitors, plus one new homegroup member
- Fridays @ 7 pm, different book every week

Lexington Park Step Sisters: Laura P.

- Wednesdays @ noon, Women's hybrid meeting
- Step, Big Book, Tradition, Speaker rotation
- Averaging 5-10 attendees

Monday Night Traditions: Willy A.

- Holding steady in attendance
- Got a new homegroup member

More Will Be Revealed: Michelle T.

- Anniversary: Michelle T., 12 years on Feb 16

ODAAT: Jeanette W.

- Jeanette W. will continue in GSR position until 2-year commitment ends in July
- Chrissy T will NOT be celebrating on Jan 18 as reported last month

Patuxent River: George

- Wednesday nights at Church of Ascension, steady attendance
- Anniversary: RC, 7 years on 11 Feb



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There is a Solution: Billy B.

- Struggling with attendance (averaging 3-7 people); need support
- Round Robin style, everyone gets to share
- Wednesdays @ 8 pm at Church of Nazarene

Old Business

District 36 Holiday & New Year's Alcathons

- Positive vibes all around; thanks to all who brought in meetings and food
- As many as 20 people in attendance at some of the Holiday Alcathon meetings; as low as 0-1 at other meetings (sparsely attended overnight)
- Still working on attendance numbers for New Year's Alcathon

New Business

Events Committee and Workshops

- Tentatively planned game night for March; not planning anything until then so as not to conflict with SMIA dance in February
- Paper was passed around at meeting to collect ideas for events; attendees were asked to bring back ideas from their groups as well
- Always looking for volunteers to help with each event
- Ideas so far: BBQ / Rib competition (tied in with picnic), Talent Show / Open Mic Night (after prior year success, can use new PA system), Annual Chili Cookoff (possibly move to May to reduce event conflicts in the fall), Speaker Jam, Dessert Competition

February District 36 Service Meeting

- Reminder: Feb 10 meeting will be at Church of Christ in California, MD
- Treatment POCs will lead a discussion at the end of the Feb 10 meeting

Rent Costs

- Treasurer asked for group conscience on whether we should continue paying \$200 per year at new location, as budgeted for 2026; 11 months at new location would come out to \$18 / month
- Rent was last paid on Oct 8, 2025 to Hollywood Rescue Squad; Question was raised on whether that was for Oct 2025 – Oct 2026
- Concern was raised about donating entire \$200 to new location; Suggestion was made to pay quarterly instead
- Outcome: Discussion tabled to next month until Treasurer gets more information on rent costs already paid to Hollywood Rescue Squad

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting was concluded at 7:43 pm with the Lord's Prayer