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Note from our president, Annabelle

☺ The Valentine's Party was rescheduled for Saturday night, February 25th. We had about 45 guests. It was a nice event, and we were glad that so many people came.

☺ I wish to express appreciation to Fran Jones and Laura McIntyre for their past leadership to ASAM and their continued support to our chapter.

☺ Upcoming events include 1) Singles Day at Reaching Hearts International Seventh-day Adventist church on March 18; 2) The Chesapeake & Potomac Conference annual Adult Singles Retreat is April 21-23; and 3) Our chapter is sponsoring a volunteer mission trip to Brazil in October. Please see calendar of events for details. ASAM alumni couples are welcome to come to our events.

☺ Please help us update our mailing list by providing your name, address, telephone number and email address. If you know of someone who would like to be on our mailing list, let me know.

☺ A big thank you to those who sent the \$5 contribution for the year to help defray the expenses of mailing our newsletter. We do need your continued support. Please send to ASAM at Chesapeake Conference, 6600 Martin Road, Columbia, MD 21044-9988.

☺ Please let me know if you have a singles group at your church. Thank you.

☺ I wish to welcome **Barbara Babcock**, who is the New Coordinator of Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM) for the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. "After 26 years of marriage, Barbara found herself a *Second Time Single* because of divorce. Barbara is passionate about ASAM making a difference in the lives of those who are single – whether by choice, or by it being thrust on them. According to Barbara, ASAM needs to be "a safe 'family' for ALL singles" where they come to fellowship, find friends and healing, and become an active part of the Adventist Church where they can make a difference in the lives of others."

☺ The North American Division has a web site for singles. Check it out:
<http://www.adventistsingleadultministries.org/>

A Word of Wisdom from Forest

"God's love liberates us so that we are free to live and to love again. We don't have to struggle to win His love and acceptance, because God gives us both at the very start of our relationship with Him. This liberates us from the anxiety and futility of striving to gain what He has already given to us."

Looking for Something to Do? Check this out!

March 7, Afternoon Tea, Tuesday, 1:00 PM

Strathmore Mansion, 10701 Rockville Pike
North Bethesda, MD 20852-3224

Call the Ticket Office at (301) 581-5100. For Tea Reservations, call (301) 581-5108.

March 12, Spring History Walk, 2-4 PM

Sykesville Gate House Museum
7283 Cooper Drive, Sykesville, Maryland.

It will be a walking tour of historic locations in and around Sykesville.

March 12, 19, Maple Syrup Process, 10 AM-2 PM

Cunningham Falls State Park
14039 Catoclin Hollow Road
Thurmont, MD 21788; (301) 271-7574

Park staff will demonstrate the process of making maple syrup from tree tapping, boiling & packaging. A donation is requested. There will be activities and stories for children. A sign language interpreter will be available. A pancake breakfast will be served from 9:30 AM-2:30 PM for an additional charge.

April 23-May 21, Coronary Health Improvement



Sunday, Monday, Wednesday &
Thursday, 7-9 PM

Burnt Mills SDA Church
10915 Lockwood Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20904
301-594-4325
bmchip@gmail.com

May 2-June 6, 2006, Grief Care

Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, MD
Tuesday evenings, 7-9 PM

This is a support group for those experiencing loss through death of a loved one, divorce or other major crisis. It is offered free. To register or for more information, call Carolyn Jones: 301-891-5265 between 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Calendar of Events

March 18, Singles Day, RHI, Spencerville, Maryland

Reaching Hearts International (RHI) singles group welcomes us to enjoy the day with them. Sabbath School begins at 9:45 AM and the divine service is at 11 AM. Please bring something for the vegetarian buffet. A member has invited us to their home after the potluck, so we do need to know if you plan to attend. The activities include singing, vespers, light supper and games. **RSVP by March 15 to Annabelle randalla@gc.adventist.org** We hope you can join us.

RHI meets at Cedar Ridge Community Church.
Route 198 W, 1.9 miles west of Route 29, across the street from Spencerville Post Office and Peach Orchard Rd.

March 22, 2006, ASAM Leadership Convention

3rd Annual ASAM Leadership Training Convention
(Phoenix, Arizona)

Special guest speaker: Dr. Hyveth Williams, Senior Pastor at the Campus Hill Church in Loma Linda, CA

Contact:

Phone: 1(800)732-7587

[Http://www.plusline.org/events](http://www.plusline.org/events)

March 23rd-25th, 2006, SAM '06 Convention

Phoenix, Arizona (Single Adult Ministries)

Keynote speakers: James Garlow, Leonard Sweet, Nancy Ortberg, Dennis Franck, and Don Wilson.

Contact Lorraine Thomas for special price for ASAM members: LThomasASAM@aol.com or go to the web: <http://www.sameevents.org/> and click on "registration," for a complete schedule.

April 21-23, 2006, Adult Singles Retreat

Mt. Aetna Camp in Hagerstown, Maryland.
Guest speaker, Pastor Steve Wall.

Renew old acquaintances and make new friends.

Contact: John Arner or

Annabelle Randall: randalla@gc.adventist.org

Computer Helps

Whenever you send an e-mail to more than one person, do NOT use the TO: or CC: columns for adding email address. Always use the BCC: (blind carbon copy) column for listing the email addresses. This way people you send to will only see their own email address. If you don't see your BCC: option, click on TO: and your address list will appear. Highlight the address and choose BCC: and that's it. It's that easy.

--Cheryl Wagner, Alaska

ABCs

Author Unknown

Although things are not perfect **B**ecause of trials or pain
Continue in thanksgiving **D**o not begin to blame **E**ven
when the times are hard **F**ierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able. **H**old on to what you know
Imagine life without His love **J**oy would cease to be.
Keep thanking Him for all the things **L**ove imparts to
thee **M**ove out of "Camp Complaining" **N**o weapon
that is known **O**n earth can yield the power **P**raise can
do alone **Q**uit looking at the future **R**edeem the time at
hand **S**tart every day with worship **T**o "thank" is a
command **U**ntil we see Him coming **V**ictorious in the
sky **W**e'll run the race with gratitude **eX**alting God most
high **Y**es, there'll be good times & yes some will be bad,
but... **Z**ion waits in glory...where no one is ever sad!

Happy Birthday to:

Bee Cheng	March 21
Dave Hittle	March 24
Chuck Betts	March 26
Rachel Wardecke	March 27
Luciana Mar	March 30

Calendar of Events . . .

Southern Union Singles Retreat, May 25-28, 2006

Indian Creek Camp, Liberty, Tennessee

Guest Speaker is Larry Allen

Special Music is Cherie Adams, formerly of Avalon

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Oct. 19-30, 2006, ASAM Mission Trip

Aquiraz, State of Ceara, NE of Brazil



Reasons for Trip:

- ✓ Enjoy the joy of service;
- ✓ Help build a church in the North-East region of Brazil;
- ✓ Participate in health and public outreach programs;
- ✓ Have new international cultural experiences;
- ✓ Tour through local villages; and see the beautiful sea coast and dunes.

Accommodations: Participants will be staying at a local inn in the fishing village of Iguape.

Who's invited? Adventist Singles and their friends (geared to age group 30+). Ideal group size is 30-40 participants. Please register by filling application form or go online at the www.missionserv.org.

Contact Dirici: (301) 662-5200

“Reaching and empowering Single Adults to create Christ-centered safe places for fellowship, nurture and service”
--Mission Statement of the North American Division Adventist Single Adult Ministries