



The Picayune

Serving the Recovery Community Since 1992

September 2026



Recovery • Fellowship • Service

A Letter from the President



Dear Friends,

As summer winds down and fall approaches, many of us settle back into familiar routines. Vacations end, children return to school, and schedules quickly fill. While the seasons change, one thing remains constant—our recovery deserves the same care and attention every day.

The changing of the seasons is a wonderful opportunity to pause and reflect. Are we making time for meetings, staying connected with our sponsors and recovery friends, and finding ways to be of service? Recovery isn't something we accomplish once; it's something we practice, one day at a time.

At South Shore Recovery Club, we're grateful to have a place where people can find hope, encouragement, and fellowship every day of the week. Whether you've been coming through our doors for decades or you're attending your very first meeting, you are always welcome here. Recovery is strengthened when we show up—not only for ourselves, but for one another.

As we move into the fall season, I encourage each of us to recommit to the simple principles that brought us here: honesty, willingness, service, and connection. Sometimes the smallest actions—making a meeting, reaching out to someone new, or simply sharing a cup of coffee before or after a meeting—can make the biggest difference.

Thank you for being part of our South Shore Recovery Club family. I hope to see you around the club this month, and I wish each of you continued peace, growth, and recovery.

With Gratitude,


Mary McKaig

Recovery is built one day, one meeting, and one act of service at a time.

Remembering Denise Marie Farrare



Denise Marie Farrare

The South Shore Recovery Club family lost a dear friend on August 3, 2026, with the unexpected passing of longtime member Denise Marie Farrare.

For more than 40 years, Denise lived a life grounded in recovery, service, and compassion. A devoted member of Alcoholics Anonymous, she was instrumental in establishing the AA for Atheists and Agnostics meeting at South Shore Recovery Club, a meeting that continues to welcome and support countless people in recovery.

Outside of the recovery community, Denise enjoyed a successful career as a cosmetologist for more than four decades. Her warmth, kindness, and genuine interest in others allowed her to build lasting relationships with clients and friends alike. She also enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially walking and running with her dogs.

Above all, Denise cherished her family. She leaves behind her devoted husband, Aaron, her son Aaron and daughter-in-law Maritza, her grandchildren Natalia, Camilla, and Joshua, along with her siblings, extended family, and many lifelong friends.

Denise's impact on our club reached far beyond the meetings she attended or helped create. She offered encouragement, friendship, and quiet acts of service that made South Shore Recovery Club a better place. Her legacy lives on in the countless lives she touched and in the recovery community she helped strengthen.

Our thoughts and heartfelt condolences are with Denise's family and all who had the privilege of knowing and loving her. While Denise's passing leaves a tremendous void, her example of recovery, service, and friendship will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing her. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

In Memory

South Shore Recovery Club extends its deepest sympathy to Denise's family and friends. We are grateful for the many years of fellowship, service, friendship, and hope Denise shared with our recovery community.

One day at a time.

Celebrating Recovery

Recovery is one day at a time, but anniversaries remind us how far we've come.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Lisa

★ **32 Years**

August 11 • Big Book Study

Phyllis P.

★ **1 years**

August 22 • Women's Voice

Sean O.

★ **3 Years**

August 28 • Straight from the Heart

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Alex D.

★ **1 Year**

September 5 • Serenity at Seven

Anne P.

★ **45 Years**

September 5 • Women's Voice

Mike G.

★ **8 Years**

September 6 • Page 30

Bruce H.

★ **45 Years**

September 12 • All Inclusive

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES (cont'd.)

Jade

★ **3 Years**

September 15 • Big Book Study

Stacey F.

★ **18 Years**

September 19 • Going to Any Lengths

Mike H.

★ **31 Years**

September 15 • Page 30

Mary M.

★ **16 Years**

September 20 • We Do Recover

Reni

★ **5 Years**

September 21 • Sharing and Caring

Giovani

★ **17 Years**

September 27 • Page 30

Brandon

★ **2 Years**

September 28 • Sharing and Caring

Francine

★ **15 Years**

September 29 • Big Book Study

Congratulations to everyone celebrating a recovery anniversary this month! Every anniversary represents courage, perseverance, and hope. Thank you for allowing South Shore Recovery Club to be part of your journey.

Every anniversary is proof that recovery works.

Did we miss your anniversary?

Please let us know so we can celebrate with you in a future issue.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars! Here are some upcoming events and opportunities for fellowship in our recovery community.



NOVEMBER 27-29, 2026

Free State Region Convention of Narcotics Anonymous (FSRCNA) XXXII

A weekend of speakers, workshops, fellowship, and recovery.

Hyatt Regency Inner Harbor, Baltimore

<https://fsrcna-xxxii-2026.square.site>



NOVEMBER 14, 2026

Phoenix Motorcycle Club Baltimore

Rise & Shine Spiritual Breakfast

Join us as we celebrate recovery with a morning of spirituality, service, fellowship, and unity.

Elks Lodge 2842, 160 Truck House Rd, Severna Park

Tickets \$20, food and drinks included

Stay tuned for ticket information.



DECEMBER 4-6, 2026

Bill & Bob's Rockin' the Book 2026

Join us for fellowship, recovery, and a feast you cannot resist!

St. Michaels Inn • 410-745-3333

Rooms \$90, double occupancy + tax (mention Bill & Bob for this rate)

For More Information

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Upcoming Events (cont'd.)

Mark your calendars! Here are some upcoming events and opportunities for fellowship in our recovery community.

Bay Area Special Events presents:
Annual Crab Feast
 Saturday
 September 26th, 2026, 2-5pm
 Harundale Presbyterian Church
 1020 Eastway, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

Tickets must be pre-purchased, no tickets will be sold at the door
Ticket Price: \$40.00
 All you can eat event, drinks, crabs, and corn on the cob included in ticket price
 Come join us for fellowship, recovery, and a feast you cannot resist!
Eat in only

For more information call or text Taylor — 301-651-1749
 Tommy — 443-858-2953 Frances — 571-245-3994

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

16th Bay Area NA Annual Crab Feast

Join us for fellowship, recovery, and a feast you cannot resist!

Harundale Presbyterian Church

Tickets \$40, all food and drinks included

Advance Tickets

- Taylor: 301-651-1749
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VETERANS RECOVERY RETREAT
 November 6-8, 2026

ABOUT PROGRAM ACCOMMODATIONS FAQ **INTEREST FORM**

★ FOURTH ANNUAL 12-STEP RECOVERY RETREAT ★

STAY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE HERD

A Recovery Retreat Rooted in 12-Step Principles for Active or Retired Veterans, First Responders, Law Enforcement, and Medical Professionals

RECOVERY • RESILIENCY • REGULATION

DATE: November 6-8, 2026
 LOCATION: St. Michaels Inn, St. Michaels, Maryland
 CAPACITY: Limited Spots, Registration Required

87 people have expressed interest.

HIGH DEMAND — WAITLIST NOW OPEN. Interest has been strong. Submit your form — experience shows that spots open up before the retreat.

NOVEMBER 6-8, 2026

4th Annual Veterans 12-Step Recovery Retreat

A weekend of recovery, connection, and support for veterans, first responders, and medical professionals.

St. Michaels Inn

<https://2026veteransretreat.connects360.net>

16TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN MARYLAND ROUNDUP
 with AI-Anon Participation
 March 19-21, 2027
 DoubleTree by Hilton
 Annapolis, Maryland

An Unshakable Foundation for Life

REGISTER NOW!
 To register & for lodging information, visit
www.southernmarylandroundup.org
 Email Questions to:
info@southernmarylandroundup.org

SPEAKERS

Steps 1, 2 & 3; Step 12	Jimmy A.	Spring Lake, NJ
Steps 4 & 5; Steps 8 & 9	Katie D.	Pittsburgh, PA
Steps 6 & 7; Steps 10 & 11	Joe C.	San Diego, CA
AA Keynote Speaker	Angie P.	Cincinnati, OH
AI-Anon Keynote Speaker	Kathy H.	Cincinnati, OH

"...WHEN SELF-EXAMINATION, MEDITATION, & PRAYER... ARE LOGICALLY RELATED AND INTERWOVEN, THE RESULT IS AN UNSHAKABLE FOUNDATION FOR LIFE."
 12 STEPS & 12 TRADITIONS, Pg. 98

MARCH 19-21, 2027

16th Annual Southern Maryland Roundup

with AI-Anon Participation

Join us as we come together to share our inspiring stories of evolution from despair to recovery.

DoubleTree by Hilton

<https://www.southernmarylandroundup.org>

Community Partner Spotlight

Club 164 Events (for more information, visit: www.club164.org)



Karaoke Night

Friday, September 11
7-10 p.m.



Golf Tournament

Wednesday, September 16
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.



5th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, September 18
5-9 p.m.



Pasta Dinner & Bingo Night

Friday, September 25
Dinner 4:30 p.m.
Bingo 7-10 p.m.



Spades Tournament

Friday, September 26
5-10 p.m.

This Month's Steps and Traditions

Fellowships meeting at South Shore Recovery Club follow a 12-Step and 12-Tradition program. Below are this month's Steps and Traditions for each fellowship.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Step 9: *Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.*

Tradition 9: *A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.*

Chemically Dependent Anonymous

Step 9: *We made direct amends to such people wherever possible except when to do so would injure them or others.*

Tradition 9: *CDA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.*

Narcotics Anonymous

Step 9: *We made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.*

Tradition 9: *NA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.*

Overeaters Anonymous

Step 9: *Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.*

Tradition 9: *OA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.*

Secular Alcoholics Anonymous

Step 9: *Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others..*

Tradition 9: *A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.*

Sex Addicts Anonymous

Step 9: *Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.*

Tradition 9: *SAA, as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.*

Weekly Meeting Schedule

Sunday 9:00 Happy Sunday (AA)
 10:30 Page 30 (AA)
 4:00 Sunday Four South Shore Group (AA)
 7:00 We Do Recover (NA)
 7:00 Bay Area NA H&I Subcommittee (NA)
(last Sunday of the month; large back room)

AA • Alcoholics Anonymous
CDA • Chemically Dependent Anonymous
NA • Narcotics Anonymous
SAA • Sex Addicts Anonymous

Monday 7:00 Serenity at Seven (AA)
 6:00 AA for Atheists & Agnostics (AA) *(large back room)*
 6:30 Sharing and Caring (CDA)
 7:30 Serenity Circle* (SAA)

**All meetings are open, except where noted.*

Tuesday 7:00 Serenity at Seven (AA)
 5:30 Grapevine (AA)
 7:00 Big Book Study (AA)
 8:30 Left to Our Own Devices* (SAA) *(large back room)*

Wednesday 6:00 Emotional Sobriety (AA) *(large back room)*
 7:00 Serenity at Seven (AA)
 12:00 Emotional Sobriety: The Next Frontier (AA)
 7:00 The Hatchery (AA)

Thursday 7:00 Serenity at Seven (AA)
 5:30 Emotional Sobriety Too (AA)
 6:30 Bay Area NA PR Subcommittee (NA)
(second Thursday of the month; large back room)
 7:30 The Third Tradition (NA)

Friday 7:00 Serenity at Seven (AA)
 7:00 Straight from the Heart (CDA)

Saturday 7:00 Serenity at Seven (AA)
 10:00 Women's Voice (AA)
 1:00 Overeaters Anonymous (OA)
 4:00 All Inclusive (AA)
 7:30 Going to Any Lengths (AA)

Interested in starting a meeting at the SSRC? Visit our website or scan the QR Code:
<https://southshorerecoveryclub.com/ssrc2/contact.aspx>



Scan Me

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