

CATHY'S CORNER

I am Cathy R., and I am volunteering to maintain the SIA website and meeting and donor database. I live Baltimore, MD, only 20 minutes away from the SIA Home Office. I am also an email responder for International SIA website inquiries. I work a full-time job in addition to volunteering, and my 2nd full-time job is recovering from the effects of incest.

STATUS OF MEETING DIRECTORY:

I have now verified most of the active meetings registered with the SIA Home Office. There are groups that I listed in the last newsletter who I have not heard from, so I have inactivated those meetings. Going forward, all meetings will be registered on the website by the contact person of that group or by myself even if they send in a paper registration. All meetings will still have the option to be registered without listing all of the group's information online.

Currently, 99 SIA groups are registered and 96 are listed online. So, there are still three groups whose information is not listed online. The three groups are all women's groups located in MD, Washington DC, and CA, respectively. If you are the contact person for any of these groups, and would like any of your meeting info listed online, please contact me.

PROCESS UPDATES AND CHANGES:

** I have streamlined the email responder process of providing meetings to people who email to get meetings not listed online. Instead of keeping track of an entirely separate database directory of meetings that do not want to be listed online, we are only providing the 3 meetings that DO NOT want to be listed online yet.

** I emailed all active meetings to see if contacts would want to receive their SIA newsletters and announcements via email or snail mail to save on woman/manpower and printing and mailing costs. So far, there are 45 out of 103 groups that have elected to receive their newsletters via email, so thank you for your willingness to be kind to the environment and reduce costs for the home office. If you are currently receiving information via snail mail, and wish to switch to email, please email me to change your preferences.

**There are also groups that do not have a contact person with an email address OR a snail mail address. If you are a group contact, and are not receiving the newsletter in either way, please contact me to give me an email address or snail mail address for you.

SIA WEBSITE UPDATES:

**Historical Copies of SIA Newsletters and World Service Conference Notes have been moved from under the "Literature" tab to their own tab entitled "SIA Newsletters." I am working on scanning the newsletters prior to 2008 to add to this section.

**Added a "Brief History of SIA" to the "About Us" tab on the website.

If you have ideas or suggestions on how to improve the presentation of information on the SIA website or additional information that you believe would be beneficial to provide there, email me and give me your ideas.