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Hello Everyone!

Welcome to the 1st monthly newsletter for the Fredericksburg Adult Asperger's group! My name is Tricia Farrell and I trust that everyone has had a wonderful summer filled with fun and adventure finished off with a nice relaxing Labor Day weekend!! Now September is upon us, a month usually associated with new beginnings and fresh starts. I think the same holds true for our group. My idea for our next meeting, which is being held Thursday, September 6th 2012, is to have a planning session. We can brainstorm ideas on how to bring back, increase, and/or keep up membership to secure the future of our group.

For those not familiar with our small group, we have been around since March 2011 when Robin Shank and her daughter Danielle brought us together. We meet once a month on the first Thursday at Trinity Episcopal Church (corner of William St/College Ave in Fredericksburg) from 7-9 pm. Thus far our activities have included several guest speakers and movie/game nights. We have also had excursions to Washington, D.C. and the Fredericksburg fair.

In keeping with our "fresh start" theme, there are several goals/visions I have for the future of this group. One is to finish our current project of designing and creating fliers for publicity. Other goals I would like to see happen are to have at least one group excursion a month, plan activities in conjunction with other Fredericksburg area Autism groups (i.e. FRAAG), and as a group to participate in the Red Cross's "Letters to Santa" Program. Hopefully, we will be able to meet with the Richmond Asperger's group and have Stagedoor Productions come visit us. Robin has been working very hard to accomplish this.

Personally, I would like to see this group continue to grow and succeed so that our members know they are not alone and that someone cares. So please come armed with your thinking caps to our next meeting on September 6th!!!