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**St. Mary's County  
Human Relations Commission**

**2014 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Purpose**

Since 1963, the St. Mary's County Human Relations Commission (SMCHRC) has been empowered to promote understanding and harmony of relationships between the people of the county and to use its influence and persuasion to direct the community's efforts to the solution of problems that cause racial and other tensions stemming from acts of discrimination within the county.

**II) Significant Activities**

A) The HRC co-sponsored the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast held at St. Mary's College of Maryland by attending planning meetings and assisting with PR. One member, also, served as the Co-MC for the event.

B) Held Volunteer recognition breakfast at the James A. Forrest Center on October 26, 2013. The keynote speaker this year was coach of the St. Mary's College of Maryland Men's Basketball Team Chris Harney. There were 15 individuals recognized for their service this year. The members are looking forward to this event next year.

## **Problem/Challenges**

**The challenge continues for the membership to find creative ways to accomplish their goal of advocating for human/civil rights and cultural diversity. Also, the group decided it needs to increase it's visibility within the community so more people become aware of what they do and, hopefully, membership would increase. Increasing membership to do all the work required of the group is a necessity.**

## **Plans for the Upcoming Year**

**This is an opportunity for increased cultural awareness.**

**Recruiting members for the open positions.**

**Trying to develop more partnerships with other likeminded committees and organizations.**

## **Membership as of June 2014**

Theo Cramer, Chair  
Sarah Tyson  
Wayne Lockley  
Agnes Butler  
Deborah Dennie  
Joshua Brewster