

AROUND THE COFFEE POT

NEWS AND UPDATES FROM SERENITY HOUSE OF CHARLEVOIX

Our Mission: To provide an alcohol and drug free environment for 12 step recovery programs

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1. Current & Upcoming News & Events

a. This years' Alcathon is in the books and was a roaring success. Over the thirteen hours (12 noon through 1:00 AM) seven meetings were attended by no less than ninety-nine people. Congratulations and thanks to the Legacies Group and the Women's Monday Night Meeting.

b. You may notice that the carpet was cleaned on Friday the 7th of January. As your mothers used to say, "**WIPE YOUR FEET! ...please**".

c. Scott K will be conducting a "Back-to-Basics workshop on February 12, 2011. This is a great way to gain some perspective on how the "old timers" worked the AA program with such great success. Check the board for time details.

d. Last month's membership meeting saw the election of three additional board members as well as the adoption of two minor by-law amendments. Your new board members are Pat Miller, Jim Descamps and Shelley Roth.

e. The Board of Directors, after much discussion, has entered into a relationship with the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. The CCCF has long been supportive of our club and what we do here and has demonstrated that in the form of grant dollars both before and following our building project. By investing a portion of our cash reserves (\$10,000) with the foundation we demonstrate a greater level of commitment to our own community. If you have questions please contact a board member or go online at www.c3f.org.

f. A notice is on the table at the club about a new women's meeting taking place at 6:30 PM on Thursday evenings. This meeting will share time with the 6:30 PM Thursday OA meeting and those two meetings will have to work out the logistics between themselves. It's good to see the club being used.

Just a reminder; if one wants to start a new or reschedule an existing meeting, please check with both the Legacies Group and the building management.

g. Books and tokens: If you have old year tokens and are not sentimentally attached to them please consider recycling them by dropping them in the drop box. As for books; there are several standard hard cover and at least two large print Big Books for use at the club. The smaller copies of the Big Book are there for sale at a price listed inside

the front cover. Please refrain from using these smaller books for study groups. If you are coming to a Big Book Study Meeting, consider bringing your own book so you may freely annotate as you study. If you wish to purchase a copy please leave payment in a meeting envelope indicating what was purchased and drop it in the box. If you don't see something that you would like to have, leave Richard a note in the drop box and he'll get it for you.

h. When we moved into our new building in August 2009 our membership peaked at 100. Today our membership hovers around 70. Thirty-one of those are lifetime members.

Membership dues in part are what support our comfy surroundings at the club. They help to pay for a number of **member** benefits such as but not limited to **cable & internet @\$130 each month, free wireless access, big screen TV, use of the computer and printer and fresh coffee whenever.**

If you can see your way clear to re-up your membership or if you have never been a member and would like to join you can do so by simply filing in the top left corner of one of the meeting envelopes and depositing it in the drop box. Help us keep our club someplace special. Thanks

g. January is a big month for anniversaries....go figure. Ross V 24y, John F 18y, Richard O 35y, Matt C 2y, Lynn M 1y, Kim C 14y, Barry L 9y, Melissa G 3y, Shaan B 3y. Congratulations everyone.

Monthly Financials

- a. Total Checking and Savings Balance as of 12/1/10 \$23,828.64
- b. Income for December 2010 \$3142.75 (reflects \$1308 CCCF grant)
- c. Expenses for December 2010 \$1888.96 net \$1253.79
- d. Total Checking and Savings Balance as of 12/31/10 \$25,090.93

Upcoming Speakers: Speakers needed for upcoming meetings. If you would like to share your story with others please contact Celia K or Richard O

January 2011: Kurt S from Gaylord (24years)

February-----

March-----

April 15, 2011: Supie from Charlevoix (this is Supies 19th anniversary)

May 20, 2011: Lon K from Boyne City (Lon is bringing his guitar)

From the 12 Steps of a Sponsor:

When I begin to care for you out of pity, when I begin to lose trust in you, then I am toxic and bad, inhibiting both you and me.

From Larry the Cable Guy:

Remember, half the people you know are below average.