

# Around the coffee Pot...

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## Highlights from Board Meetings (past 3 months)...

\* Scott & Richard attended a 12-step club workshop in Wisconsin and learned a great deal. Surprisingly, we are not alone in our struggles or our successes! It was interesting to learn that there is a very similar "life cycle" to a 12-step club. We are in pretty good shape and on the right track. More information can be viewed through Wisconsin's 12-step Club web-site at: [www.12stepclubswi.com](http://www.12stepclubswi.com)

\* 2009 budget was approved in anticipation of the new building and the increased utilities and cleaning needs.

\* Parking issues with the City of Charlevoix are being worked out as there have been a number of steps taken to share information with the powers that be related to our building & landscaping plans as well as historical information. An appeal has been filed if necessary. At stake is the potential requirement to pay into the city parking fund that could be \$15-\$22K. There is currently a proposal to view our project from the context of our previous square footage when we had 2 parking spots and our proposed total square footage while maintaining 2 parking spots on our property. Final resolution should be known in the next two months.

\* Fundraising for the building project is going well and on

schedule. The final bids for the total project have been received with an overall project expense of \$225,000. As of 12/31/08, we have raised \$133,000 for this project which leaves us with a **FUND-RAISING GOAL OF \$92,000** to reach our final goal. 37 different individuals have given money to date and will be recognized on the Building Project plaque with their gift of \$100 or more. With the final bids, additional grants will be submitted to possible funding sources in hopes of raising the additional money before the project is finalized this summer.

\* Thanks to Terry L for his assistance with the main food dishes for the Christmas Party / Pot-Luck / Speaker meeting in mid December with an attendance of nearly 40 people which was a maximum for our current facility. Can't wait until next year!

\* With no new nominations for the board in 2009, the current group renewed their terms for an additional one or two years. The board elected officers for the 2009 year consisting of Richard O as Chairman, Terry L as Vice-Chair, Sonny W as Treasurer and Sue G as Secretary. Other board members include: Richard M, Betty C, Judy R, David J and alternate Wally R. There is still one seat open for an alternate. If interested, see one of the names listed above.

\* We had a very successful al-cathon on New Year's Eve that went from 12:00 noon thru 1:00

a.m. with a total of 7 meetings, approximately 50 different people in attendance and THE FOOD WAS GREAT!! Thanks to the following who brought in food: Gregg W, Rob R, Will C, Ken W, Gerry M, Dave B, Melissa G, Sue G, Bev Z, Chuck J, Judy R, Valerie P, Linda B, Michelle S, Dave J and Katie S who all signed up in advance AND DELIVERED!! Thanks to Linda B, Deb N, Gregg W, Rich B, Celia K and Scott K for cleaning up.

\* The date has been set for the annual fundraising **Bowl-a-thon on Saturday, February 28th at 1:00 p.m.** at Paul Bunyan Lanes in Charlevoix. Please let Scott know if you plan to bowl. 3 games with shoes for \$7.00 is our price. The club will pay for bowling and lunch with soda for those willing to solicit some friends and acquaintances for a contribution to the Alano Club. If you are too scared to ask people for donations, you can still come and bowl and eat for \$10 each. If interested, in participating in the event please let Scott know by 2/22/09 so enough space can be reserved at the bowling alley.

\* Progress on the building continues at Charlevoix High School—see pictures on p. 2.

\* 2008 Meeting Rent Report & Expense Report p. 3 & 4.

### Current

Past Due	2
Due in 2009	30
Due in 2010	9
Due in 2011+	2
Lifetime	23
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>66</b>

### Upcoming Events:

- Speaker meetings at the Alano Club—3rd Friday of the month—6:30 potluck, 7:00 speaker
- 2/20—Speaker Jim R from Boyne City
- 3/20—Bob N from Traverse City
- 2/28—Bowl-a-thon Fundraiser at Paul Bunyan Lanes in Charlevoix, Saturday, February 28th at 1:00 p.m.
- Board Meetings—Monday, February 23rd and March 23rd, 6:30 pm at BASES

*"There are some people who, if they don't already know, you can't tell 'em."*

*Yogi Berra*

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Recovery Happens Too!

And construction continues...

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*The "Serenity House - Alano Club of Charlevoix, Inc." was organized in 1986 to provide an alcohol and drug-free environment for 12-step recovery programs. The organization is a non-profit corporation governed by a volunteer Board of Directors elected from its membership. Club membership is never required and should never be implied for participation in 12-step meetings held at the club. We request each group to organize itself as suggested through their respective 12-step program to avoid any violation of their traditions. Alano Club membership dues are \$5 per month or \$50 per year or you can invest in a lifetime membership for \$1,000. Married couples membership is available for \$75 per year. For your membership, you will receive newsletters, have voting rights in determining the activities of the organization, receive an anniversary coin at no cost, have more opportunities for fellowship and service through our annual bowl-a-thon and special events. As a club member, you will also be making a positive contribution toward the continuation of recovery support services in our community. Meetings held at the Alano Club in Charlevoix account for over 30% of available meetings within a 40 mile radius. Revenues to cover the annual operating budget for the Alano Club come from the following sources: 36% from Meeting Rent, 32% from Fundraising Activities, 20% from Donations, and 12% from Membership Dues. You can join the Alano Club by using one of our donation envelopes at the Club or mail in your membership dues along with your name, address, city, state, zip and e-mail address if you have one. Checks can be made payable to "Charlevoix Alano Club".*



The Alano Club is supported by the Charlevoix Emmet United Way.

Top Row = wall that will face the existing building, SE view (a 10 foot section will be built on location, the wall to the left of the door opening will be removed)

Second Row = view from Mason Street and entrance to parking lot at NE corner of our property

Third Row = view from Mason Street at NW corner of our lot near Courier Building

Fourth Row = view from SW corner of our lot, large window to west behind Courier Building

# Charlevoix Alano Club Meeting Income Report

	Average <u>2004</u>	Average <u>2005*</u>	Average <u>2006</u>	Average <u>2007</u>	Average <u>2008</u>	2008 Totals Totals - 52 wks
<b>Meeting Income:</b>						
Sun 10:30 AM	\$ 17.60	\$ 17.36	\$ 18.56	\$23.60	<b>\$30.99</b>	\$ 1,611.60
Sun 8 PM	\$ 3.01	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.76	\$10.37	<b>\$10.21</b>	\$ 530.90
Mon 12 noon	\$ 6.92	\$ 4.76	\$ 4.13	\$ 8.16	<b>\$12.41</b>	\$ 645.55
Mon 6:30 Women	\$ 5.34	\$ 6.08	\$ 6.27	\$ 5.51	<b>\$ 9.72</b>	\$ 505.66
Tues 8 AM Men	\$ 14.78	\$ 11.84	\$ 21.08	\$20.02	<b>\$20.40</b>	\$ 1,060.85
Tues 12 noon	\$ 6.21	\$ 5.55	\$ 10.90	\$11.78	<b>\$12.62</b>	\$ 656.21
Tues 8 PM	\$ 7.39	\$ 11.10	\$ 7.56	\$ 8.28	<b>\$10.34</b>	\$ 537.49
Wed 12 noon	\$ 5.84	\$ 4.15	\$ 6.21	\$ 9.08	<b>\$11.32</b>	\$ 588.83
Wed 6:30PM Alanon	\$ 6.06	\$ 6.31	\$ 9.73	\$ 5.92	<b>\$ 5.85</b>	\$ 304.00
Thur 8 AM Men	\$ 15.98	\$ 17.08	\$ 22.56	\$21.11	<b>\$22.18</b>	\$ 1,153.35
Thur 12 noon	\$ 5.68	\$ 5.59	\$ 5.32	\$ 7.78	<b>\$10.83</b>	\$ 563.11
Thur 6:30 PM OA	\$ 6.09	\$ 3.04	\$ 6.57	\$ 9.63	<b>\$ 8.78</b>	\$ 456.55
Thur 8 PM	\$ 3.69	\$ 0.78	\$ 7.02	\$10.25	<b>\$13.61</b>	\$ 707.65
Fri 12 noon	\$ 6.97	\$ 6.27	\$ 12.22	\$14.84	<b>\$18.70</b>	\$ 972.49
Fri 8 PM	\$ 10.63	\$ 21.00	\$ 22.97	\$20.43	<b>\$26.53</b>	\$ 318.40
Sat 8 AM Men	\$ 21.86	\$ 13.08	\$ 18.56	\$19.85	<b>\$23.46</b>	\$ 1,220.00
Sat 9:30 AM Women	\$ 8.09	\$ 9.12	\$ 12.92	\$14.81	<b>\$15.58</b>	\$ 810.25
Mon,Wed,Fri 8am/ Special						\$ 153.00
			number of meetings	830	<b>844</b>	
<b>TOTALS</b>				\$12.71	<b>\$15.16</b>	\$ 12,795.89

**RED INDICATES INCREASE IN AVERAGE FROM 2007**

14 OF 17 MEETINGS SHOW AN INCREASE

\* 2005 numbers reflect only 6 month totals divided by 26 weeks due to loss of data with computer crash in Jan. 2006

## **2008 Expenses to Operate the Charlevoix Alano Club**

Coffee & Meeting Supplies	\$ 2,436.67
Utilities	\$ 1,603.15
Literature	\$ 1,697.20
Telephone	\$ 567.54
Insurance	\$ 1,473.00
Legacy Group funds	\$ 930.00
Memorial contributions	\$ 146.50
Snowplowing	\$ 162.00
Office supplies (copies, pens, flyers, calendars, web-site, etc.)	\$ 1,279.65
Building & equipment repairs	\$ 1,034.89
Contract Labor - management, cleaning, bookkeeping, web-master	\$ 4,800.00
Professional Fees - accountant / consulting	\$ 620.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 21.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 16,771.60</b>
<i>No building project expenses were included in these figures.</i>	
Average cost per meeting to operate the Charlevoix Alano Club	\$ 19.87
844 meetings were held at the Alano Club in 2008 to generate:	\$ 12,795.98
Current meeting rent being requested by Board of Directors	\$15.00