

AROUND THE COFFEE POT...

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WHAT'S IN THE NEWS AT THE CLUB...

Fundraising for our building renovation project continues to move along very well; plans have been updated at the club meeting room and on the web-site; working on resolving parking issues, site plan review by the City of Charlevoix, gathering bids from various contractors; donation envelopes are available at the club with recognition opportunities with a donation of \$100 or more; we are now set up to accept stocks & bonds as gifts as well; as well as accepting donations via mail to PO Box 422! Your support is needed!

Reminder that we are trying to sell the old trailer previously used to sell goods in the park—best offer opportunity!

Many thanks to Ray W for his help with the building plans and coordination, Tom D for cleaning up the back of the building of all brush, and Mark M for power-washing the building!

Construction has started on the building at

Charlevoix High School (see photos on page 2).

Nominations are now being accepted for those interested in serving on the board of directors; the current slate of officers have all agreed to continue on for another term to see the building project through to completion. Anyone interested in serving on the board needs to contact Scott before the next board meeting on 11/11/08.

A Christmas Party is being planned for 12/19/08 — this will be done in conjunction with the pot luck and open speaker meeting; Richard O will be the speaker and the club will supply turkey, ham and beverages, please bring a dish to pass.

The board approved changing the meeting rent charge to \$15 per meeting from \$10 due to increased utilization and attendance at the majority of the meetings. Attendance numbers show a 12% increase over last year. Expenses in 2007 showed more than \$19 were needed to cover the average costs of a meeting at the Club, with no administrative costs included in this amount. 11 of

the 16 meetings are near or above the \$15 meeting rent amount based on 9 month averages for 2008. No meeting will be discontinued if they are unable to meet the rent; however, please encourage the members of your meeting to help defray expenses and support these smaller meetings. If a group would like materials to be available for sale at the club, please let Scott know and the materials can be ordered. If a meeting would like to make some things available at no cost, please contact the Legacy Group representatives about how this may be possible.

For dues paying Club Members and Building Fund contributors, please pick up your complimentary "Just for Today" 2009 wall calendar at the club. And don't forget those Alano Club ink pens that can serve as a gentle reminder that your decision to live a healthy life is shared and supported by many, many others!

Current Membership

Past Due	2
Due in 2008	7
Due in 2009	27
Due in 2010+	9
Lifetime	17
TOTALS	62

Upcoming Events:

- Speaker meetings at the Alano Club—3rd Friday of the month—6:30 pot-luck, 7:00 speaker
- 11/21—Jim R from Boyne City
- 12/19—Richard O from Charlevoix
- Club Christmas Party—Dec. 19th
- Board Meeting—Tuesday, November 11th at 6:30 pm at BASES

"There's no town drunk here - we all take turns."

*November 2008
AA Grapevine*

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Recovery Happens Too!

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. For your membership, you will receive monthly 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, Venetian Booth 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 \$25,000 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".

AND CONSTRUCTION BEGINS...

October 13, 2008



October 23, 2008



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