

AROUND THE COFFEE POT

NEWS AND UPDATES FROM SERENITY HOUSE OF CHARLEVOIX

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1. Current & Upcoming events

- a. The new 8 AM Sunday morning Men's Meeting is chugging along just fine with pretty good numbers considering the season. Stop by and give it a look guys.
- b. A Back to Basics (B2B) 1 day workshop was held on Saturday the 6th of February with nineteen interested participants; both sponsors and sponsees. MC was Scott K. and he was joined by Gerry M. and Pat M. This is a primer covering all twelve steps in the manner of the early days of AA. This program will be ongoing as a Wednesday evening meeting at 6:30pm in the front room of the club and the first Wednesday meeting saw a total of twenty-one attending. Another good turnout and very encouraging. The Wednesday meetings are one hour meetings and cover all twelve steps in four one-hour sessions and then begin again. Feel free to join in at any time as it isn't mandatory that one starts on the first meeting of the series.
<http://www.charlevoixalano.org/documents/BacktoBasicsflyer.pdf>
- c. The Super Bowl Party was a smashing success. About 70 persons from across the area joined in the fun and games as the Saints and Colts put on one of the best shows in recent memory. Kurt S. from Gaylord generously donated his pool winnings to the club for the purchase of two copies of "Living Sober" to be added to our library. Thanks Kurt. Rich B. took charge of quarterly 50/50 drawings and netted \$101 for the club. Congrats to all the winners and thanks to Terry L, Greg W, Rich B and all of the unnamed who contributed time, talent and treasure to this fun time.
- d. Final reports have been made to the various foundations that helped us with our building project. Those are the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, The Oleson Foundation and The Frye Foundation. Major donors also received updates and letters.
- e. Open Speaker Meeting on Friday 2/19/10 with the pot luck starting at 6:30 PM followed by our speaker at 7:15-7:30. The speaker this month will be Gordy H. from Gaylord. Upcoming speakers include Deb N. in March and Celia K. in April. If you are interested in sharing your story please contact Celia or Richard O'.
- f. Board of Directors meeting on Monday 3/8/10 at 5:00pm. Watch for the agenda to be posted at the club.

- g. The state Alanon Convention will be held at Shanty Creek the weekend of May 14-16. There will be opportunities for AA fellowship in conjunction with this event. More to follow.
- h. The state AA Convention is being hosted by District 13 (our district) the weekend of May 28-30 at Boyne Mountain. Plenty of opportunities for some involvement in service work here at the state level. Flyers available on the bookcase.
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- j. With Sonny currently unable to take care of the cleaning duties, a number of people have stepped up to fill in. Linda B., Kyle W., Dave G. and Susan V. come to mind. All of us thank all of you.

2. Monthly Financials

- a. Total Checking & Savings Balance as of 01/01/2010: \$21,744.63
- b. Monthly Income for December 09: Gross \$1,757.11
- c. Monthly Expenses for December 09: \$1,557.87
- d. Total Checking & Savings Balance as of 12/31/09: \$21,943.87

3. Membership

Total current membership hit ninety this week. Way to go!

Membership is good for us all. Annual membership is only fifty dollars and can be made by the same envelopes that the meeting chair uses to deposit the basket donation.

And finally, from “The Twelve Steps of a Sponsor”

“I will help you to grow and to become more productive, by your own definition.”