

# Around the Coffee Pot...

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## Board Meeting Highlights from 3/23/09...

Richard met with the zoning board of appeals and received a favorable recommendation on our parking issue for our site plan. 4/13/09 meeting with the final site plan review committee and 4/20/09 meeting with City of Charlevoix Council for final approval on our site plan for our building renovation project. Building at the school location is coming along fine with the roof and windows installed so the building is weather-proofed so the electricians could get a share of the wiring completed. We anticipate beginning on the basement on 4/21/09. The construction crew will begin renovations in the existing building the week of 4/6/09.

All operations will be moved to the Beacon Center meeting room which is located just across the parking lot from our current location. About 40+ volunteers assisted in moving everything from the existing building to the new meeting room in 17 minutes. It took a few more hours for the room to be reset with great thanks to Deb N for her coordination of the move, cleaning and setting things. The room looks great—please see the pictures within this issue.

Our license to solicit charitable donations was renewed for another year as the annual taxes were also filed back in February.

Fundraising activities continue as we have an additional \$55,000 to go. Grants have been submitted and are pending for \$14K of that amount and the board reviewed a plan to coordinate

efforts to raise the balance in the next few months. Your individual participation is needed in support of the building project. For any donation over \$100 to the building project, recognition will be provided on a plaque commemorating the building renovation project in 2009. The Frey Foundation has given us a challenge grant where we need to raise a certain percentage of our total fundraising goal to receive their gift of \$9,000. Your help in reaching this mark will be greatly appreciated.

The bowl-a-thon raised just over \$1,000! Thanks to our bowlers and the donors who made it possible.



**2009 Bowl-a-thon Participants plus Rich B & Judy R**



<i>Current</i>	
Past Due / Due Soon	5
Due in 2009	23
Due in 2010	13
Due in 2011+	3
Lifetime	24
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>68</b>

### Upcoming Events:

- Speaker meetings at the Alano Club—3rd Friday of the month—6:30 pot-luck, 7:00 speaker
- 4/17—Bill S (aka: Coast Guard Bill) now living in Traverse City
- 5/15—Joanne B from Charlevoix
- Board Meeting—Monday, May 11th, 6:30 pm at BASES

*“Worry looks around, sorry looks back, faith looks up.”*

*Unknown*

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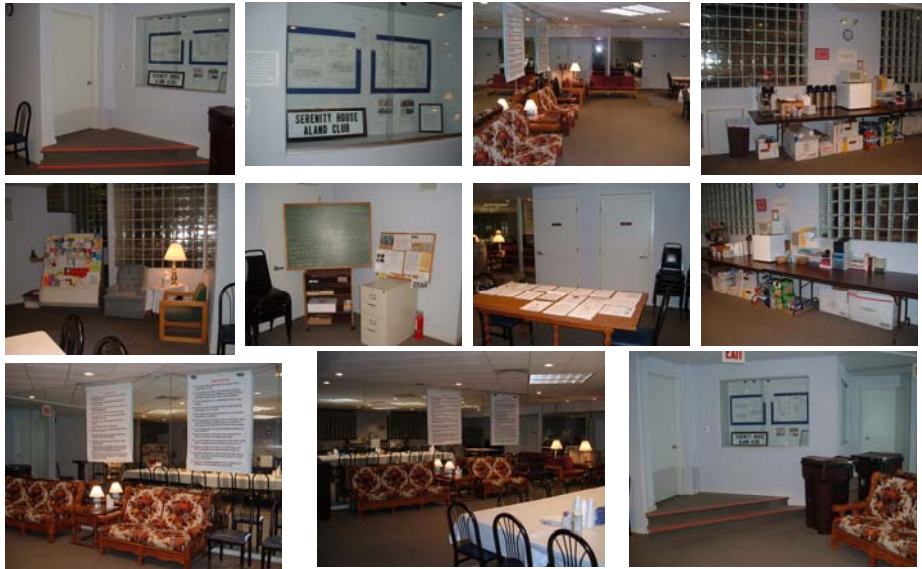
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Recovery Happens Too!

Pictures of the new meeting room...



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



We anticipate being in this meeting room for 8-12 weeks, ending in June 2009, when our renovations & building project will be completed. From the existing facility, go east through the parking lot, enter into the double glass doors that are marked, walk about 40 paces down the enclosed hallway and enter the 2nd door on the right. The door is marked. There are two steps into the meeting room. Handicapped accessibility is gained through the 3rd door on the right, down the hall and into the back door.



*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".*