

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. Persons in and around the club may notice a new addition to our décor. Recently we were gifted a commemorative leather bound and numbered facsimile of Bill W's original working manuscript of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* commonly known to us as The Big Book. Included are Bill's margin notes and comments as well as historical notes and insight into the genesis of our program. It is enclosed in a custom built case by Don Kelly and his sidekick Frank of Kelly's Antiques. The donor of the book wishes to remain anonymous but is eager that we all use and enjoy this resource. Please be gentle with both the book and the case.
- b. **Now we wait.** The tickets have been sold, sorted by day and placed for safe keeping pending the big rock falling through the ice at the other end of the lake in Boyne City. Ticket sales were somewhat disappointing both here and in Boyne but we did manage to pass the break-even point. Sooner or later some lucky winner will pocket \$1000. As I said; **now we wait.**
- c. Over the years the Charlevoix County Community Foundation has been unwavering in its support of our club granting us many thousands of dollars in funding for worthwhile projects. With that in mind, the board took steps to invest a portion of our cash reserves with the CCCF. Our fund is to be called **The Charlevoix Alano Club Fund** with the stated intention "**to provide for the general operations of the Charlevoix Alano Club**". The board of directors in taking these steps has made a long lasting commitment to ensure the ongoing operation of our home. Thanks Terry and the Board.
- d. Board member Pat M has signed on as Membership Chair. Perhaps due to the nature of things, our membership numbers fluctuate wildly. Pat will be looking at different possibilities for membership cards as well as notification when dues (cheap @ \$50 per year) are coming due. If there are any ideas floating around concerning this please drop a note in the box and Pat or Richard will get in touch.
- e. In the interest of finance the board has opted to discontinue our internet subscription. Discussion was also heard on the cable subscription and that was tabled for the time being. Our savings on the internet amounts to \$64.48 per month.

- f. Anniversaries for the month of March....Kyle W. 2 years, Rachel M. 2 years, Deb N. 3 years, Mark M. 5 years, Matt C. 7 years and Jack R. 13 years. Congratulations everyone.

Monthly Financials

- a. Total Checking and Savings Balance as of 1/1/10 \$25090.93
- b. Income for Jan. & Feb. 2011 \$3864.86
- c. Expenses for Jan. & Feb. 2011 \$13,005.53 net -\$9140.67 (reflects \$10,000 to CCCF) actual net is \$859.33
- d. Total Checking and Savings Balance as of 2/28/2011 \$15,957.76 (balance does not include \$10,000 investment with CCCF)

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

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

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

June-----

July 15, 2011: Paula R from Michigamme (Paula is a friend of Richard O's and is from Michigamme near Marquette. She has been sober 32 years)

From the 12 Steps of a Sponsor:

You must know that my help is conditional: I will hang in there with you as long as I continue to get even the slightest hint that you are still trying to grow.

From Larry the Cable Guy:

If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.

And Finally:

Remember that reality is only an illusion that occurs due to a lack of alcohol.