

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. **2nd Annual 50/50 Update.** The board, on the heels of last year's very successful raffle, had tentatively scheduled our event for September 16th of this year. Communication snafus between the club and the State of Michigan have put that date in jeopardy. Last year's license was granted on the condition that we change our by-laws making it clear that we are in fact open to all and not just the membership. We made what we thought were sufficient changes but it appears that while we are in fact in compliance with the spirit of the regulation we aren't in compliance with the letter of the regulation. We are working with the state lottery commission to get this resolved ASAP and hope still to hold our fundraiser this September. We'll keep you posted.
- b. There have been enough complaints about the practice of smoking right at the side entrance to the club that it is deemed to be newsletter worthy. If smokers could smoke away from the doors and allow persons entering to do so through clean air that would be nice. Thanks
- c. Summer is upon us here in Charlevoix and all that goes with it. Attendance is up at meetings and we're seeing and getting re-connected with some all too infrequent visitors. Judy W was in town recently from California for about a week and it was great to see her. Wendy H from Cal also, along with Dan H back from Chicago and Peter, Julie and Casey C up here from Florida just to name a few. Welcome back friends.
- d. Scott is conducting a **Back-to-Basics** workshop on August 27, 2011. Same format as usual; Bring a sharing partner/sponsor and get a real Twelve Step workout in a few short hours. See the board for details.
- e. If you think of it when stopping by for a meeting take a moment and look about our club. Doesn't it look just great? Thanks to Cottage Gardener, Greenskeeper Lawn Maintenance and all of the rest of us who stoop down and pick up a scrap of paper or cigarette butt. We continue to get many compliments from out of town visitors as well as our neighbors on how nice the place looks.

- f. At the May board meeting the board adopted a building use fee for for group activities other than regularly scheduled meetings. A fee of \$25 will be asked from groups wanting to use the club. As usual that will include coffee. Each group is expected to provide its own supplies such as plates, flatware, napkins etc.
- g. If you would really like to “pass it on” in a tangible way think about donating your year medallions back for use by another recovering person. That is if you aren’t too sentimentally attached to them. Just think about all of the MOJO they already have.
- h. Anniversaries for the months of June....Mary Ann R 29 years, John O 4yrs, Betty S 28 yrs, John M 36 yrs, Tony W 1 yr, Dave L 23 yrs, Bill S “Coast Guard Bill” 19 yrs, Casey C 25 yrs, Larry R 24 yrs, Mary Ellen R 2 yrs, Bruce W 8 yrs; & July---Bruce H 28 Yrs, Rob M 8 Yrs, Syd B 4 Yrs, Scott G 2 Yrs, David C 1 Yr, Dee 15 Yrs, and Steve F 1 Yr. WOW! 258 YEARS. Congratulations to all of you sober people!

Monthly Financials

- a. Income for April - June 2011 \$6683.22
- b. Expenses for April - June 2011 \$6498.46 In the black \$195.36

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

August 19, 2011: John O from Charlevoix

September 16, 2011: **YOUR NAME HERE**

Heard at a Meeting:

“It isn’t so important that I understand God. It is important that I *believe* that God understands me”.

**From Larry the Cable Guy:
He who laughs last, thinks slowest.**

**And Finally:
Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.**