

# AROUND THE COFFEE POT

NEWS AND UPDATES FROM SERENITY HOUSE OF CHARLEVOIX

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## 1. Current & Upcoming events

- a. First of all, nothing happened during the month of July except a few anniversaries which we'll get to.
- b. Regarding the loose tiles, not to worry, they have been repaired. Being unable to coordinate with Bartlett's we went ahead and contracted with Carl Heitmeyer out of Elk Rapids. Carl is a longtime friend of Richard & Linda's and a well respected tile contractor in the Traverse City/Elk Rapids area. He did a grand job in a short time and tried to refuse payment. He finally agreed to a ridiculously low sum.
- c. On a number of occasions the doors of the club have been left unlocked by those responsible following meetings. This has resulted in some uncomfortable incidents, particularly for some of our women members and guests. Please remember to secure the building when leaving. The Board will be looking at new locksets that will automatically lock the doors when they close. Another note about security issues; meeting chairpersons, please make certain that your envelopes drop completely down into the drop box. And finally while on the topic of security, the door code will change on Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup> following the Men's 8:00 AM AA meeting. Meeting contact people and known chairpersons will be given the keybox code as the time approaches. Each meeting has a contact person and it will be that person's responsibility to see that the building is accessible to people for that particular meeting. The contact person may give the code to others but let's be a little discriminatory about who we give this code to. Members in good standing are certainly entitled to it.
- d. Our **FIRST ANNUAL 50/50 CASH RAFFLE** was a roaring success. Out of a possible one thousand tickets available we managed to sell 959, taking in nine thousand five hundred and ninety dollars. Our one lucky winner, Nancy Decker from Boyne City, netted a cool \$4795. Judy R sold Nancy the lucky ticket and will help present the winner's check. Thanks to all of you (us) who participated in ticket sales, purchases or just talking it up around town.
- e. That thing about dogs in the last newsletter goes for *parrots* as well.

- f. Wendy H reports that last Saturday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of August, OA held a pretty successful ½ day workshop. Attendance was good with seven newcomers at the three hour event. Good job Wendy.
- g. Next Saturday, the 28<sup>th</sup> of August, Scott K will be conducting a Back-to-Basics workshop at the club from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. If you haven't had a chance to do one of these workshops, think about giving it a try. B2B is based on the AA for newcomers of the forties and fifties. All twelve steps are covered in one day and it is truly and eye opener. There is no charge and if the class behaves, Scott may give you a lunch break (that's actually built in).
- h. Members who celebrated anniversaries in July are Dee 14 yrs, Pam B 9 yrs, Bruce H with 28 yrs, Scott G 1 yr, Rob M 7 yrs, Syd B 3 yrs, Amber 9 yrs and Vanessa 3 yrs. Congratulations from all of us to all of you July sobers. In August Ken W 10 yrs, Bill S 24 yrs, Mike O 2 yrs, and Diane W2 yrs. Nice going and keep it up.
- i. We received a little note from Judy W out in California with a new address. She sends love to all and she misses us. If you would like to drop her a note Richard has her address.

### **Monthly Financials**

- a. Total Checking and Savings Balance as of 6/1/10 \$22,297.35
- b. Income for June & July 2010 \$6593.88
- c. Expenses for June & July 2010 \$5647.75 Net \$946.13
- d. Total Checking and Savings Balance as of 7/31/10 \$23,243.48

### **Upcoming Speakers**

September: Kent W from Charlevoix

October: Eddie K from East Jordan

November: Bruce H from Charlevoix

December: Maribeth B from Virginia

### **From the 12 Steps of a Sponsor:**

**I cannot sense your world for you, evaluate your goals for you, or tell you what is best for you in your own world.**

