

Around the Coffee Pot...

Serenity House - Alano Club of Charlevoix

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Alano Club, Inc. in Transition

As many of you may be aware, things are changing at the Alano Club at the organizational level. At the Board of Directors meeting on 1/15/04, the Board learned that funding was a major issue as the checking account balance had shrunk and the bills were piling up. The Board laid off three employees effective on 1/17/04 which has closed the front room of the main building for drop in activities. The Board met on 1/19/04 at 8:00 am to share ideas about what to do next. A 90 day recovery plan was adopted (see bottom right) by the Board of Directors. A meeting of all interested parties was held on 1/22/04 to outline the urgent need for help from

all those who would like to see the Alano Club continue to offer a meeting place for numerous 12 step groups. The meeting was difficult as many strong emotions and much misunderstanding were expressed. At the meeting's end, everyone seemed more comfortable having had an opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas. Another Board meeting was held immediately following the 2 hour general meeting to firm up the Board's plans. Near the end of the 2 hour Board meeting at 11:00 pm, the atmosphere was more positive and optimistic. The Board agreed to follow through on the initial 90 day plan, develop a list of volunteer duties and a resource



Is it half full or half empty?

list for volunteers to be reviewed at the 2/11/04 Board meeting, investigate prices on Director's & Officers Liability Insurance, and institute a schedule of group volunteers to have the meeting rooms cleaned on a weekly basis. We appreciate those who expressed an interest in becoming part of the solution.

The "Serenity House - Alano Club of Charlevoix, Inc." was organized in 1986 to provide a meeting place for 12 step meetings. The organization is a non-profit corporation governed by a 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.

The Alano Club is a group of people interested in helping those seeking relief from addiction related problems by providing a place for 12 step meetings to be held.

How You Can Help (please fill out the form on the back and drop in the mail slots of the front and back doors of the main building if interested)

- 1) Volunteer to serve as an emergency 12th step contact person to address calls that may come in for help.
- 2) Become a member / keep your membership current: Dues are \$5 / month, \$50 / year or \$1,000 / lifetime.
- 3) Volunteer to be a contact person for a specific weekly meeting so that when people come here seeking help, someone is there to offer assistance.
- 4) Help us with a Saturday, March 13th 1:00 Bowl-a-thon Fundraising Activity by contacting Scott (547-1144) to get a pledge sheet, recruit pledges and bowl to raise money for the Alano Club.
- 5) Share your list of possible contacts for fundraising ideas so we can have a coordinated fundraising effort in the community.
- 6) Attend monthly Board meetings so you are up-to-date and can share your input: 2nd Wed of the month at 7:00 pm, Feb 11th, March 10th, April 14th.

90 Day Club

Recovery Plan:

- Maintain a place for meetings to be held
- Develop a volunteer system of operations
- Navigate through the financial issues that must be addressed
- Address the organizational needs of the non-profit corporation
- Develop a long-term plan with input from Club Members

