

Around the Coffee Pot...

October 1, 2005

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9/13/05 Board Meeting Notes

(1) Board minutes approved from 8/10/05; (2) Reviewed August financials (see below); (3) Accepted board member resignation letter from Helen Paul; (4) Welcomed new board member, Joanne Beemon; (5) Future meetings scheduled for Thursdays at 10/13, 11/10 and 12/8 at 6:30 p.m.; (6) Keys were handed out to board members to get into the storage closet inside the main building in order to obtain medallions easier when they are requested; (7) Update was given on

attempts to resolve the legal paperwork regarding the “9 foot” property issue, if the appropriate paperwork is not obtained in the next week, legal action will be pursued; (8) Thanks to Joanne for coordinating the Alano Club as a fundraising beneficiary at the August Big Band performance at Ferry Beach which raised \$355.10; (9) October 14-16 AppleFest fundraiser discussion with Sue G and Kent W serving as coordinators, Terry will prepare food at his restaurant, menu items will include navy bean with ham soup, chili, apple crisp, hot apple cider, raspberry smoothies, coffee, pop & water, volunteer sign-ups will be coordinated by Sue and Kent; (10) Discussion about closing front building for the winter to save on utility expenses (annual expenses for the

front building over the last 12 months were at \$3,149.47 and back building expenses of \$893.72), board approved closing front building effective on 10/1/05, board members were designated to contact the five groups involved with the change and arrange for alternate plans (see new schedules); (11) We received a new lifetime member who remains to be anonymous—THANK YOU!!; (12) Approval to donate Big Books & Twelve and Twelves (pocket size) to Alano Club in Baton Rouge, Louisiana for distribution to shelters resulting from hurricanes (Men’s Sat AM Group contributed as well as Alano Club Board).

**NEXT BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY
OCTOBER 13TH
6:30 P.M.**

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.

All Meetings Moved to Back Building

Effective Oct 1st, all meetings will be held in the back building. (See new schedule.) This is to save utilities expenses for the winter.

The answering machine and phone will stay on with an “announce only” to give meeting schedule and times, and additional phone numbers for more information.

August 2005 Financial Summary

Income:	
Meeting rent / Coffee	\$ 784.34
Donations	\$ 536.96
Membership Dues	\$1,480.00
Literature & Pop	\$ 76.71
Insurance reimburse	\$ 125.00
Petty cash box	\$ 30.97
Total Income	\$3,033.98
Expense:	
Office Expenses	\$ 150.36
Venetian Expenses	\$ 559.04
Coffee & Supplies	\$ 231.28
Contractual Services	\$ 700.00
Total Expense	\$1,640.68
August Net Income	\$1,393.30

Apple Fest Volunteer Opportunities

Friday
October 14th
 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
 1:00 – 4:00 pm
 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Saturday
October 15th
 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
 1:00 – 4:00 pm
 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Sunday
October 16th
 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
 2:00 – 5:00 pm

We are looking for volunteers to work these shifts at the Alano Booth. Please contact Sue G or Kent W if you are interested in helping out.

Pot Luck / Open Speaker Meeting
Comes back inside!!
Next Meeting:
Friday, October 21st 6:30 Pot Luck Speaker—Tory W from Petoskey

Newsletters & updated Alano Meeting Schedules now available on the internet!! Email to Scott to get more info: scott@basesteencenter.org

Serenity House—Alano Club of Charlevoix

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 Charlevoix, MI 49720
 231-547-9184

Your membership dues expiration date is listed on the mailing labels for those receiving them by mail. Email recipients are notified periodically.

"I was going to buy a copy of The Power of Positive Thinking, and I thought: What the hell good would that do?"
 Ronnie Shakes

If we ask someone to dance and get turned down, we can feel sorry for ourselves or sorry for the other person for losing out on a date with us.

Attitudes can make or break us. A good way to see how positive or negative our attitudes are is to do an attitude check. Whenever we feel down or sorry for ourselves, we ask, "Is there another attitude I can adopt instead?" If there is, then we try to change our negative talk into positive talk. When we go through life with positive attitudes we know lots of miracles will happen.

Today, let me remember to check my attitude and keep it positive.

- *Our Best Days (Nov. 9)*

Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort

Richard O contacted a representative at Club 12 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and learned that they were doing outreach work by visiting the numerous shelters set up in the New Orleans area and would appreciate pocket-sized Big Books and Twelve Steps & Twelve Tradition books. 80 copies of each (4 cases in total) were ordered on 9/15 through AA World Services office in New York for delivery to Club 12 in Baton Rouge at an expense of \$601.60. The Saturday Morning Men's Group contributed \$200 toward this effort.

Board of Directors

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 Kent Warner - Vice-Chair
 Sonny Wright - Treasurer
 Sue Goodwin - Secretary
 Joanne Beemon
 Tony Blake
 Betty Collins
 Liz Gooch
 Jeff Kirby (Alternate)
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<i>Member-ship Updates</i>	<i>October 1, 2005</i>
Past Due	8
Due in Oct	1
Due in Nov or Dec	5
Due in '06	40
2007+	5
Lifetime	13
TOTALS	72

Laughter is good medicine...
Did you hear about the drunk who staggered into an upholstery shop to sleep it off? He woke up recovered.
 - *AA Grapevine, October 2005, p. 58*

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Meeting Schedule

Effective 10/1/05

ALL MEETINGS IN BACK BUILDING

<u>Day of the Week</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
Sunday	10:30 am	AA	Sue G
Sunday	8:00 pm	AA	Jeff K
Monday	12:00 n	AA	
Monday	1:30 pm	Alanon	
Monday	6:30 pm	Women's AA	Kim B
Monday	8:00 pm	AA	Dave
Tuesday	8:00 am	Men's AA	Tom D
Tuesday	12:00 n	AA	Sue G
Tuesday	8:00 pm	AA	John F
Wednesday	12:00 n	AA	Tom T
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Alanon	Lynn G
Wednesday	8:00 pm	AA	
Thursday	8:00 am	Men's AA	Tim B
Thursday	12:00 n	AA	Bill W
Thursday	6:30 pm	Overeater's Anonymous	Kathy P
Thursday	8:00 pm	AA	Kent W
Friday	12:00 n	AA	
3 rd Friday	6:30 pot-luck 7:00 speaker	Open Speaker –beginning 10/21	Terri S
Saturday	8:00 am	Men's AA	Bill S
Saturday	9:30 am	Women's AA	Judy R

Alano Building / Emergency Issues or Additional Info: please call Scott Kelly – 547-1144 / cell: 881-0810

The Alano Club phone number will remain in operation with an “Announce Only” feature to provide a list of meetings and other available emergency number – 547-9184. To purchase sobriety medallions (\$3.00 each), please contact Scott or any of the Alano Board members. See the monthly Alano newsletter for updated Board Member list.

AA Hotline: 231-348-5005

Community Mental Health Access / Information: 1-800-834-3393

Central Diagnostic & Referral Services: 1-800-686-0749 (for state funded substance abuse treatment admission at all levels – call to get info and set up a phone assessment to determine eligibility and level of treatment need)

State Funded Detox Programs: Males – Harbor Hall in Petoskey 347-5511

Females – Addiction Treatment Services in Traverse City – 231-922-4804 x-112