

Around the Coffee Pot...

Serenity House - Alano Club of Charlevoix

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April 11th Board Meeting Notes...

Everything is going well; no major issues; see the financial updates below; hoping to have some community service helpers clean up around the outside of the buildings by raking and preparing the flower beds and cleaning windows. If you know of people who need hours, have them contact Scott.

NEXT BOARD MEETING
MONDAY,
MAY 15TH
6:30 p.m. at BASES
(208 W Lincoln Street)

BOWL-A-THON **FINAL REPORT**

Thank You to our six bowlers during our March bowl-a-thon:
Sue G, Scott & Celia K, Judy R, Richard O, & Bruce H.

Many thanks to the following bowl-a-thon sponsors: Jeff K, Sue R, Richard M, Fran K, Bill K, Karen, Rich B, Sue G, Sonny W, Don K, Fran M, Ken W, Bill S, John, Richard O,

Linda O, Bruce H, Pat M, Helga S, Mary Ellen, Norm G, Ginny A, Marsha M, Janet A, Pam A, Shannon F, Julie C, Betty S, Judy W, Jerry L, Betty C, Brian M, David C, Terry L, Don C, Kent W, Val P.

Thanks to the efforts of one and all, \$1,800 of profit was placed into the Alano Club rainy day fund to address emergency needs that may arise in the future.
Thank you!!

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.

March 2006 Financial Summary

Financially, things are going well. Annual taxes are in the works to meet our corporation filing deadline of May 15th for non-profits. We still have a credit balance on the heating bill and have saved several thousand dollars by closing and not heating the front 2 story building for the winter. Additional money was added to the savings account. A regular monthly financial account will be given next month.

March Net Income \$1,991.56

"Many Seniors Still Don't Know About Medicare Enrollment Deadline

Washington—About four in 10 elderly Americans still don't know the enrollment deadline for the new Medicare drug benefit is May 15, and nearly half are unaware that they face a financial penalty if they delay, according to a new poll. Medicare officials are making an aggressive push to move people without prescription drug coverage into the benefit before the deadline. An estimated 6 million to 7 million beneficiaries out of 43 million have no prescription drug coverage. A poll indicates that many senior citizens aren't paying close attention to that push. When interviewers asked seniors when the deadline is, about 55 percent gave the right answer. However, 34 percent said they didn't know." (Petoskey News Review article this week).

If this applies to you, please get signed up by May 15. Please contact your doctor or pharmacist for more information on how to complete this registration.

Letter Received from Leslie T. Shapton Post No. 226 (American Legion) in Charlevoix in late March 2006
(Thought it may be more appropriate to make our membership aware of this request to get your input and to offer you the individual opportunity to make a contribution if you so choose. If you think the Club should assist with a financial contribution, please share this information with a member of the board.)

The veterans of Charlevoix are in the process of raising funds for a new Veterans Memorial at Veterans Park in downtown Charlevoix... The monument is to honor anyone who died while in active service during either time of peace or armed conflict...over forty men who died while in active service...A model of the proposed memorial is currently on display at the American Legion Hall, 106 E Garfield...The late Louis Orłowski designed the memorial...To date they have reached about \$7,500, or half the amount needed to build the memorial...Please make checks payable to Veterans Memorial Fund and mail to the attention of the American Legion, PO Box 534, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Speaker / Potluck Meeting on 3rd Friday of the Month moving to Depot Beach Pavilion for the rest of the summer.

Scheduled Speakers:

May 19 - Rich B - Charlevoix

June 16 - Celia K - Charlevoix

July 21 - Peter C - Detroit & Charlevoix

Aug 18 - Helga S - Charlevoix

Potluck at 6:30 / Speaker Following

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

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

24th Annual Spring Round-Up May 26-28, 2006

Shanty Creek Resort
 One Shanty Creek Road
 Bellaire, Michigan 49615

Presented by Northern Michigan Inter Area

Fellowship
 Panels
 Speakers
 Ice Cream Social
 Banquet & Dance

Round-Up Registration is only \$18.00 per person for the entire weekend

Forms available on the information table at the Club

2006 Board of Directors

Richard O’Leary - Chair
 Kent Warner - Vice-Chair
 Sonny Wright - Treasurer
 Sue Goodwin - Secretary
 Tony Blake
 Betty Collins
 Liz Gooch
 Terry Left
 Joanne Beemon (Alternate)
 David Demree (Alternate)

<i>Member-ship Updates</i>	<i>Apr 25, 2006</i>
Past Due	8
Due in May	5
Due in ‘06	17
2007+	26
Lifetime	13
TOTALS	69

Laughter is good medicine...

“An Al-anon speeds home, skids to a halt in the driveway, and runs into her house. Slamming the door, she shouts at the top of her lungs, “Honey, pack your bags. I’ve won the lottery!” The drunken husband, from his spot on the couch, yells back, “You’re kidding! That’s great! Should I pack for the beach or the mountains?” His wife yells back, “I don’t care, just get the heck out!”
April ‘06 Grapevine