

Around the Coffee Pot...

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8/11/04 Board Meeting Notes

(1) Approved by-law changes as outlined previously, a copy of the by-laws is available on the Alano web-page; (2) Reviewed July financials with a net income of \$1,062.25 (see below) and 7/31/04 balance sheet with \$12,605.48 in total current assets; (3) Venetian financial totals included \$3,441.87 income, \$2,339.71 expenses with a net profit of \$1,102.16; (4) Annual corporation filings for the past 3 years have been submitted; (5) Quarterly wage detail re-

ports have been submitted for the past 5 years with a check for \$2,303.72; (6) Scott is in contact with a representative from the Unemployment Office to further resolve penalties, late fees and interest charges; (7) Bill & Cherie were complimented on their terrific job organizing and coordinating the Venetian Booth this year, they have also expressed an interest in working the booth for AppleFest in October (10/8-10/10) - please mark your calendars!!; (8) Agenda items for future board meetings will include: (a) September - Applefest, future uses of main building, long-term financial guidelines, up-

date meeting list and contact list, review list of Board Members up for re-election of 1 and 2 year terms; (b) October - finalize plans for nomination procedures and voting procedures with process for absentee ballots, (c) November - general membership meeting for the nomination of new board members, (d) December - annual meeting for the election of board of directors with change in board in January to coincide with calendar and fiscal year; (e) schedule of future board meetings: Wed, Sept 8th; Wed, Oct 13th; Wed, Nov 10th; Tues, Dec 7th - all meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in back building.

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.

<u>July 2004 Financial Summary</u>	
Income:	
Donations	\$1,550.00
Venetian Activities	\$3,441.87
Meeting rent / Pop	\$ 871.57
Membership Dues	\$ 120.00
Apartment Rental	\$ 500.00
Total Income	\$6,483.44
Expense:	
Venetian Activities	\$2,339.71
Building Repairs	\$ 26.58
Supplies	\$ 100.00
Utilities	\$ 302.95
Meeting / Misc.	\$ 326.23
Garbage/Snowplow	\$ 22.00
Payroll Expenses	\$2,303.72
Total Expense	\$5,421.19
July Net Income	\$1,062.25

Club Open Hours
Monday - Friday
11:00 - 2:00
Additional hours as we have more volunteers

**NEXT MEETING,
WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8TH
AT 6:30 PM.**



The Chrysalis Transition

by Scott Kelly

Has anyone ever said to you, "Oh, it's just a phase?" You know, they may be right. A phase called life! We are ever changing, always in one state or another of the grieving process as we constantly lose things over time. And yet, at the same time, we are being introduced to whole new worlds everyday. Are things coming or going? Who really knows in our fast-paced lives these days.

The Chrysalis Transition helps remind me that we are all butterflies in the form of caterpillars in at least one, probably many, areas of our lives. I have been blessed with many opportunities to break free from various cocoons to discover that I had wings. Fortunately, I learned about the grief process many years ago so that I would understand the natural emotions that are accompanied by major changes or transitions in life.

DABDA with a shock at first!

1) **S**hock, 2) **D**enial, 3) **A**nger, 4) **B**argaining, 5) **D**epression and 6) **A**cceptance. Common expressions that go with each stage: 1) "You gotta be kidding!", 2) "No way, it won't happen to me.", 3) "Now I'm really mad!", 4) "But what if we did this...?", 5) "Oh, what's the use, it wouldn't work anyway!", and finally, 6) "Okay, it happened, now let's get on with life so no more grief is brought about." Hope it helps you the next time change finds you.

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

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Please note: ADDRESS CHANGE!!
When Charlevoix changed addresses due to 911 inclusion, the address was changed to 106 Mason Street. Please make a note for your records and future correspondence.

Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

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Receive your monthly newsletters and more via the internet and save us the cost of postage, ink, envelope, label and copies! ☺

We send 26 of 77 via email so far!



<i>Membership Updates</i>	<i>Aug 14, 2004</i>
Past due	7
Due in next month	5
Due in 2+ months	11
Due in 2005	37
Due in 2006+	6
Lifetime	11
TOTALS	77

Board of Directors

Sue Goodwin - Chairperson
Jeff Kirby - Vice-Chair
Scott Kelly - Treasurer
Liz Gooch - Secretary
Howard Horton
Helen Paul
Betty Collins
Richard O'Leary

Thought for the Day:

By staying rooted in our commitment, today's vision becomes tomorrow's reality.

