

# AROUND THE COFFEE POT

NEWS AND UPDATES FROM SERENITY HOUSE OF CHARLEVOIX

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## 1. Current & Upcoming News & Events

- a. We received a nice card from Marcie Murdick and family thanking all for our support upon Fran's passing. Let's continue to remember the family in our prayers.
- b. The new door locksets and deadbolts have been installed and are working fine. Remember that the front door, garden door and side door leading to the basement stairs are self-locking and can only be opened from the inside or with a key. The side door opening to the kitchen area, the one that most of use remains the same except for the addition of a deadbolt. Please remember to check and see that all the doors and deadbolts are locked when leaving after meetings.
- c. A new drop box has replaced the old one that was located adjacent to the door. The new one is bolted to the counter near the back coffee station.
- d. The pop machine seems to be making a journey of it. Apparently it arrived in the warehouse and the boss noticed that it was too large to be hauled up those five steps and through that narrow door right at the sidewalk and sent it back. He told the salesman that they had a heck of a time taking the old one out of there. He gets an A for memory as he correctly remembered the old building. Another machine is on order.
- e. Back-To-Basics is back. Scott will be conducting this great workshop on November 13<sup>th</sup> and about every three months following. For details, check the flyers all around the club.
- f. The Legacies Group decided at their group conscience meeting held on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> to drop the Wednesday and Friday midnight meetings for the winter and to change the Saturday night Young Persons meeting to a Beginners Meeting. Changes have been made on the website and the printed schedules.
- g. At the October board meeting a presentation was made by three representatives of the Boyne City Alano Club laying out that club's financial picture. They, as of that night, have retired their mortgage and are in the process of implementing changes that will help Unity Hall be self supporting. Our board of directors recalling how generous people were not just with our recent project but over the many years voted to grant to the Boyne City Alano Club (Unity Hall) the sum of \$2000 to help with expenses as they work towards financial independence.

- h. As autumn marches on a quick look around the club shows that our pre-winter chores are being wrapped up even as we speak. The building has been washed; thanks Mark M. The lawn and gardens, beautiful all summer are being put to bed for the winter; nice job Dave B and Cottage Gardener. The sprinklers will be winterized on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Now it's time for the bird people to reacquaint themselves with our little feathered friends out in the garden.
- i. Congratulations to Linda B with 1yr, Dave B 2 yrs, Gregg W 2 yrs, Tom C 13 yrs and Nolan L with 1 yr. Nice going guys and apologies to anyone missed.

**Monthly Financials: Reflects our recent 50/50 raffle**

- a. Total Checking and Savings Balance as of 8/1/10 \$23,243.48
- b. Income for August & September 2010 \$12,330.05
- c. Expenses for August & September 2010 \$8286.88 Net \$4043.17
- d. Total Checking and Savings Balance as of 9/30/10 \$27,286.65

**Upcoming Speakers: Speakers needed for upcoming meetings. If you would like to share your story with others please contact Celia K or Richard O**

November: Bruce H from Charlevoix

December: Maribeth B from Virginia

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

**I cannot convince you of the crucial choice of choosing the scary uncertainty of growing over the safe misery of not growing.**