

# AROUND THE COFFEE POT

## NEWS AND UPDATES FROM SERENITY HOUSE OF CHARLEVOIX

Our Mission: To provide an alcohol and drug free environment for 12 step recovery programs

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### 1. Current & Upcoming News & Events

- a. **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 50/50 Update.** Being unable to resolve licensing issues with the state lottery commission in a timely manner that would have allowed for our 2nd Annual 50/50 Raffle in September, the board has decided to postpone it until sometime next summer or fall.
- b. Taking the place of the 50/50 will be this years Ice-Out guess-a-thon. This is a joint venture with Unity Hall in Boyne City where-by persons pick a time and date when they believe that the *very sophisticated and pretty cool* time keeping device records the exact time and date of the big rock falling through the ice marking, as we see it, the official end of the rock sitting on the ice time. President Terry L and Richard O will be meeting with the brains in BC this week to work out some details. Stay tuned for ticket sale info.
- c. The fall clean-up around the club is pretty much completed; only a few remaining leaves for Dave B to take care of. Tony W generously volunteered to power wash the building and it looks terrific. Brady's Carpet Cleaning was here and gave the carpet a much needed cleaning. If the pre-cleaning condition of it was any indication, we had a very busy summer. Cottage Gardener has things cut back for the winter and in fact had to cut back the roses as they were still blooming like crazy into late October.
- d. Scott is conducting a **Back-to-Basics** workshop on Saturday November 12, 2011. Same format as usual; Bring a sharing partner/sponsor and get a real Twelve Step workout in a few short hours. If you want or feel the need to visit or revisit any or all of the steps this is an ideal format. It's not just for the newcomer but for anyone wishing to reach a little deeper into recovery. See the board for details.
- e. After some spirited discussion, the Coke vending machine has been removed and replaced with the refrigerator. It is currently stocked with the remains of the Coke machine. When that's gone the club will no longer purchase soft drinks or bottled water for visitors. People are certainly welcome to bring in a case of water or soda if they wish to do so but the club will not be in the drink business any longer. Thanks for your understanding.

- f. The usual schedule of meetings will apply on Thanksgiving Day and if anyone is interested in staying around for any part of the day for fellowship, football or whatever please feel free to do so. Please remember though that regularly scheduled meetings cannot be preempted by televised sporting events or anything else.
- g. There is a **Lost and Found** box in the basement. If you forget a cap or jacket or something check the green plastic tub downstairs. Thanks Barb or was it Pat?
- h. Speaking of Pat, Pat M is the membership chairperson and she has some great ideas for membership renewals and such. Watch here for details.
- i. If you happen to notice that we need anything around the club please call Richard at the club number (547-9184) or drop a note in the drop box. Thanks
- j. Since I can't find the scrap of paper that I had been keeping track of anniversary dates on I am assigning everyone with an anniversary in July, August, September or October a new date; **TODAY!** Congratulations to all of you sober people.
- k. Celia K has decided to step aside from her position as co-chair of the 3rd Friday Speaker Meeting citing business and education responsibilities. Betty S has been kind enough to pick up the handles and serve as Celia's replacement. Let's thank both of them.

### **Monthly Financials**

- a. Income for July-October 2011 \$7690.90
- b. Expenses for July-October 2011 \$7293.55      In the black \$397.35

**Upcoming Speakers: Speakers needed for upcoming meetings. If you would like to share your story please contact Betty S or Richard O.**

November 18, 2011: Bev Z from Charlevoix

December 16, 2011: Gregg W from Charlevoix

**From Ralph Waldo Emerson:**

**“Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you”.**

**From Larry the Cable Guy:**

**Life isn't like a box of chocolates; it's more like a jar of jalapenos. What you do today just might burn your butt tomorrow.**

**And Finally:**

**“God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do”.** Regina Brett of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, age 90 years, from her column, “A 90 Year Old's 45 Life Lessons” (#34).

