

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. **THE 2ND ANNUAL GREAT LAKE CHARLEVOIX ICE-OUT is on!** With winter not in the mood to get started this year it was kind of iffy but the ice has made and as of Tuesday February 14th the guys down the lake in Boyne City were able to creep out, place the rock and clock tower on the ice and creep back before getting wet. 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. If you remember, the winning guess last year was made by John O. His guess of 8:12 AM on April 10th took home the \$1000 prize. Tickets are available at the Villager Pub, the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce office and from board members for a cost of \$2 per guess. Good Luck to you all.
- b. The membership drive is well under way and by all indications is pretty successful thus far with at least fourteen new or renewed memberships. Welcome and/or welcome back to you all. Pat M is working on a new membership card and will have something for us soon.
- c. We, the Alano Club, recently joined the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce. The board's reasoning is that we're an important piece of this community and have much to offer. We have certainly benefitted from generosity and friendship of our friends and neighbors in the business community. Now it's time to give back. One of the many benefits to belonging to the chamber is that as a member of the Alano Club, **individuals** may access health care (Blue Cross) insurance through the chamber's group. This is how some of our members already insure themselves, their families and their employees. For a bunch of people like us for whom there are no big deals, this is a pretty big deal.
- d. The New Year's Alcathon saw a total of fifty-six people attend six meetings on New Years Eve Day (no one showed for the 8PM meeting). It seems that there was quite a bit of competition for the sober crowd on that particular day. There were several

- events going on in the area including something at St. Francis with our own Helen P as the featured speaker.
- e. .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
 - f. A committee appointed by the board of directors is currently working on a job description for a club manager's position. Richard will be relinquishing the job at the end of April and will assist the board in defining the duties of the incoming manager. When this document is complete the board will post it and interested persons can contact the board to make application.
 - g. Let's congratulate Joanne B with 33 yrs, Dave J with 28 yrs, Judy R with 24 yrs, Brad A with 1 yr, Gary C with 3 yrs and Tom O with 3 yrs. Congratulations to all of you sober people.

Monthly Financials

- a. Income for January-December 2011 \$22,6636.29
- b. Expenses for January-December 2011 \$22,757.29 In the red (\$121.16)

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

March 16, 2012...Keri W (a young person) from Gaylord with 1 year

A Universal Search:

“I do not claim to have all the answers in spiritual matters, any more than I claim to have all the answers about alcoholism. There are others who are also engaged in a spiritual search. If I keep an open mind about what others have to say, I have much to gain. My sobriety is greatly enriched....”

From the Daily Reflections pg. 337

From Larry the Cable Guy:

“Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak”.

And Finally, Let This Quote from Psalm 46 be your entranceway into the now:

**“Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I am
Be still and know
Be still
Be”**

Adapted from Everything Belongs: The Gift of Contemplative Prayer