

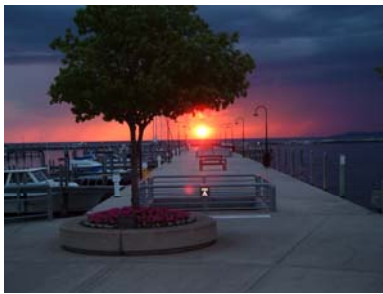
# AROUND THE COFFEE POT...

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## WHAT'S IN THE NEWS AT THE CLUB...

"To say it's been a busy 1st quarter of 2008 would be an understatement." This was the opening line of the last newsletter which came out on 3/21/08—here it is almost four months later! Most everybody has been keeping up with the email updates and copies that have been circulated on the tables to keep all involved and aware during the course of the demolition of the two story building which took place in early May. The hydro-seed and plenty of rain in May and June have us cutting the new grass twice per week. The flower planters did a wonderful job around the building with lots of petunias. The open space in front of the one story building has been a welcome change for many.



We've had plenty of press coverage in the local papers about razing the old building and then launching our fundraising campaign. The fundraising plans have been adjusted from another separate building for \$300K down to an addition with a full basement for \$125K plus another \$75 for furnishing, landscaping, possible overruns, new siding to match on the old building and some minor renovations in the existing building. The board approved this newer, less expensive, more fiscally responsible plan at the meeting in early June. Within two weeks, before we even announced our fundraising plans, two very generous donors each contributed \$30K to aid the building efforts. As of today, we have \$96,000 through donations and savings from the past four years. And then we got even better news yesterday! The building trades class at Charlevoix High

School has chosen our building plans as their main project for the 2008/2009 school year. This will save at least \$50K in construction costs. **OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL IS NOW AT \$54,000 TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT.** The timeline for the project will be to have the building moved from the school's building location to our location downtown near the end of May 2009. We will have the basement and foundation in place in April in preparation for this move. Another anonymous donor within the club has offered to cover all moving expenses of the building. We are hoping to have all members contribute something toward this project. Anyone who is able to donate \$100 or more will have their name on a plaque in the club under the "Friends of the Alano Club Building Fund 2008" heading. Please accept this as your invitation to join in the success of our organization as we build for those who are yet to come!



### Current Membership

Past Due	11
Due in 2008	13
Due in 2009	21
Due in 2010	5
Lifetime	17
TOTALS	67

### Upcoming Events:

- Speaker meetings at Alano Club—3rd Friday of the month—6:30 potluck, 7:00 speaker
- 7/18—Helen P from Charlevoix
- 8/15—Betty C from Eastport
- 9/19—Tom C from Boyne City
- Board Meeting—Monday, August 4th at 6:30 pm at BASES

*It's better to  
light a candle  
than curse the  
darkness.*

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**Recovery Happens Too!**

The "Serenity House - Alano Club of Charlevoix, Inc." was organized in 1986 to provide an alcohol and drug-free environment for 12-step recovery programs. The organization is a non-profit corporation governed by a volunteer 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. Alano Club membership dues are \$5 per month or \$50 per year or you can invest in a lifetime membership for \$1,000. For your membership, you will receive monthly newsletters, have voting rights in determining the activities of the organization, receive an anniversary coin at no cost, have more opportunities for fellowship and service through our annual bowl-a-thon, Venetian Booth and special events. As a club member, you will also be making a positive contribution toward the continuation of recovery support services in our community. Meetings held at the Alano Club in Charlevoix account for over 30% of available meetings within a 40 mile radius. Revenues to cover the \$25,000 annual operating budget for the Alano Club come from the following sources: 36% from Meeting Rent, 32% from Fundraising Activities, 20% from Donations, and 12% from Membership Dues. You can join the Alano Club by using one of our donation envelopes at the Club or mail in your membership dues along with your name, address, city, state, zip and e-mail address if you have one. Checks can be made payable to "Charlevoix Alano Club".

**WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON...**

- 1) Speaker meetings are now meeting at the Club year-around; the pavilion was not available one of the nights when it was needed and it was decided to have them always in one location to avoid confusion.
- 2) Venetian Booth and October Fest fundraising activities by selling stuff through the trailer in the park has been discontinued. The trailer will



be sold for \$5,000 or best offer. Please contact Scott to make an offer (231-881-0810).

- 3) Alano Club phone is now a cell phone carried by a board member—231-547-9184. Meeting information is the most popular call being received.
- 4) The Legacy Group had an organizational meeting and a GSR, Alternate GSR, Treasurer and Secretary were all elected. Percentages of contributions over and above

meeting rent income for 2007 were approved for distribution to GSO, Area 34 and District 13. Next meeting on 9/7/08 at 11:45 am. The Legacy Group registered all AA meetings that meet at the club. See Helga S, Dave G, Judy R or Linda T for more information.

- 5) Total costs on building demolition, new gas line, utility meters, etc. was \$15,259.14.
- 6) Video news clip of the Club's fundraising plans was done on 7/9/08—see the clip at the following link: <http://www.fox33.com/category/story/?id=138118>
- 7) Over 200 building demolition pictures are available at the following location: <http://www.charlevoixalano.org/demo/index.html> (username is: alano ; password is: recovery)
- 8) Membership drive is underway. Please let regular attendees at the Club know that they are welcome to become a member for \$50 per year or \$1,000 lifetime membership. For their membership, they receive newsletters and updates, free sobriety coins, voting privileges in club business and an opportunity to serve others as much as you are willing and able—no major re-



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- quirement. Membership dues help to keep the club going.
- 9) The Club's mailing address has been changed to P.O. Box 422, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Please make a note for your records. The physical address of the building continues to be 106 Mason Street.
- 10) Please help us get rid of old meeting lists that say "ALL MEETINGS ARE IN THE BACK BUILDING" - as there is no longer a "back" building. We have had newcomers driving round and round the block looking for the back building. To help people better find the building, the address numbers, 106, have been posted on the outside of the building and a sign made by Richard O has been set inside the big windows that says "Serenity House—Alano Club" on it.
- 11) An outside water spigot was added and a hose has been installed outside to help in watering the flowers. Feel free to weed the flowers as needed!