

Around the Coffee Pot...

Serenity House - Alano Club of Charlevoix

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Alano Club, Inc. in Transition

As many of you may be aware, things are changing at the Alano Club at the organizational level. At the Board of Directors meeting on 1/15/04, the Board learned that funding was a major issue as the checking account balance had shrunk and the bills were piling up. The Board laid off three employees effective on 1/17/04 which has closed the front room of the main building for drop in activities. The Board met on 1/19/04 at 8:00 am to share ideas about what to do next. A 90 day recovery plan was adopted (see bottom right) by the Board of Directors. A meeting of all interested parties was held on 1/22/04 to outline the urgent need for help from

all those who would like to see the Alano Club continue to offer a meeting place for numerous 12 step groups. The meeting was difficult as many strong emotions and much misunderstanding were expressed. At the meeting's end, everyone seemed more comfortable having had an opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas. Another Board meeting was held immediately following the 2 hour general meeting to firm up the Board's plans. Near the end of the 2 hour Board meeting at 11:00 pm, the atmosphere was more positive and optimistic. The Board agreed to follow through on the initial 90 day plan, develop a list of volunteer duties and a resource



Is it half full or half empty?

list for volunteers to be reviewed at the 2/11/04 Board meeting, investigate prices on Director's & Officers Liability Insurance, and institute a schedule of group volunteers to have the meeting rooms cleaned on a weekly basis. We appreciate those who expressed an interest in becoming part of the solution.

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.

How You Can Help (please fill out the form on the back and drop in the mail slots of the front and back doors of the main building if interested)

- 1) Volunteer to serve as an emergency 12th step contact person to address calls that may come in for help.
- 2) Become a member / keep your membership current: Dues are \$5 / month, \$50 / year or \$1,000 / lifetime.
- 3) Volunteer to be a contact person for a specific weekly meeting so that when people come here seeking help, someone is there to offer assistance.
- 4) Help us with a Saturday, March 13th 1:00 Bowl-athon Fundraising Activity by contacting Scott (547-1144) to get a pledge sheet, recruit pledges and bowl to raise money for the Alano Club.
- 5) Share your list of possible contacts for fundraising ideas so we can have a coordinated fundraising effort in the community.
- 6) Attend monthly Board meetings so you are up-to-date and can share your input: 2nd Wed of the month at 7:00 pm, Feb 11th, March 10th, April 14th.

90 Day Club

Recovery Plan:

- Maintain a place for meetings to be held
- Develop a volunteer system of operations
- Navigate through the financial issues that must be addressed
- Address the organizational needs of the non-profit corporation
- Develop a long-term plan with input from Club Members

Recent Changes and Updates on the 90 Day Plan

The financial crisis is lessening over the past two weeks as the bills are all paid and we have had a number of timely membership dues and donations come through!

Mail slots are being installed in the front door and the back door of the main building to drop off meeting rent payments, dues, donations or mail. Envelopes with necessary information are being printed and will be available on the meeting tables to make deposits. Please fill out the requested information. On the back of each door behind the mail slots, we will be installing metal lock boxes to add to the security and create a safe place for deposits.

Key boxes have been installed at the front door of the main building and the door of the back building. Members of the Alano

Club who are contact people for a specific meeting will be given the codes for the key box so they can open up the building for their respective meeting. This will prevent us from the added expense of making numerous keys and in the event of a security concern, we can change the codes at no additional expense.

The answering machine in the Club Room has a greeting that provides the AA Hotline in Petoskey (348-5005) for those calling for immediate help, the number to contact Scott for Club related business in an emergency (547-1144, leave a message and the machine will page him

so he can call you back), or the opportunity to leave a non-emergency message. The answering machine and mail are being checked each day.

Shoveling of snow is being done by anonymous volunteers as it is needed. Thank you one and all for your help in keeping the Alano Club an inviting and safe place.

PS—Shovels are located outside by the back door.

We've been trying to keep an additional supply of coffee and cups hidden in the event that the public location runs out -

Alcoholics are always good at finding things they want! Thank you all!!



The Time Has Come!
To Share A Contagious Smile So
People Wonder What You're Up To!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION SHEET

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
 HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____
 CELL PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

EMERGENCY 12TH STEP VOLUNTEER?

Yes
 No

Length of Sobriety _____

Contact Person to Run a Weekly Meeting?

Yes
 No

Day / Time _____

Become a Club Member or Re-New Membership?

\$5 / month
 \$50 / year
 \$1,000 / lifetime

Bowl-a-thon Participant on Saturday, March 13th at 1:00

Yes
 No

Fundraising Goal \$ _____

Fundraising Contact Ideas:

Organization Name

Contact Name

Current Meetings / Contact

Sun 10:30 am-AA / Sue G
 Sun 8 pm-AA / _____
 Mon 12 noon-AA / _____
 Mon 7 pm-Women AA / Kim B
 Mon 8 pm-AA / _____
 Tue 8 am-Men AA / Tom D
 Tue 8 pm-AA / John F
 Wed 12 noon-AA / _____
 Wed 8 pm-Alanon / _____
 Wed 8 pm-AA / _____
 Thur 8 am-Men AA / Tom D
 Thur 9 am-Womens / Joanne B
 Thur 7 pm-OA / Kathy P
 Thur 8 pm-AA / _____
 Fri 12 noon-AA / _____
 Fri 8 pm-AA / _____
 Sat 8 am-Men AA / Bill S
 Sat 9 am-Women AA / Helen P
 Sat 12 noon-AA / _____
 Sat 8 pm-YPAA / Tory W

Meeting contact people need to be Club Members so you can have the code to the door key box located at the right of door.



Are you bored? Here's a chance to get out and have some fun and raise some money for the Alano Club.

Bowl-a-thon Fundraiser!!

Saturday, March 13th 1:00 pm

Paul Bunyan Lanes

Contact Scott at 547-1144

to get pledge sheets.



Keep a positive attitude!

Board of Directors

Sue Goodwin - President
 Scott Kelly - Vice-President
 Jeff Kirby - Treasurer
 Ginger Malison - Secretary
 Howard Horton
 Helen Paul
 Betty Collins
 Terri Staley

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 Charlevoix, MI 49720
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 AA Hotline: 231-348-5005

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.