

Around the Coffee Pot...

Serenity House - Alano Club of Charlevoix

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2/9/06 Board Meeting Notes

(1) Board minutes approved from 1/12/06; (2) Reviewed January financials (see below); (3) Meeting schedule cards have been ordered and will be available as soon as completed by the printer; (4) Sue G volunteered to be the coordinator for this year's ***Bowl-a-thon fundraiser which will be held on Saturday, March 18th from 1:00—3:00 at Paul Bunyan Lanes in Charlevoix*** - interested bowlers can let Sue

know they would like to bowl and obtain a pledge sheet from the literature table in the meeting room to begin getting sponsors; (5) Board members had some discussions about next steps on building and property issues - currently awaiting more information to come back; (6) Discussion about sending monthly financials, meeting minutes, meeting agenda by email to board members who have this capability - 7 of 10 board members have email available -

this will not only save copying & postage expenses, it will also make it easier for monthly preparation of this material; (7) Board approved the order of 1,000 Alano Club ink pens as promotional items to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Alano Club in Charlevoix.

NEXT BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY,
MARCH 9TH
6:30 p.m. at BASES
(208 W Lincoln Street)

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.

Did you know?

55% of high school seniors report never using marijuana.

50% of high school seniors report never using cigarettes.

25% of high school seniors report never using alcohol.

January 2006 Financial Summary

Income:	
Meeting rent / Coffee	\$ 653.62
Donations	\$ 199.75
Membership Dues	\$ 160.00
Literature & Pop	\$ 118.00
Total Income	\$1,131.37
Expense:	
Office Expenses	\$ 107.01
Utilities	\$ 93.60
Coffee & Supplies	\$ 191.86
Snowplowing	\$ 81.00
Property Survey	\$ 585.00
Building Repairs	\$ 365.00
Contractual Services	\$ 300.00
Total Expense	\$1,723.47
January Net Loss	\$ 592.10

Brain Teaser

What is more powerful than God? What is more evil than the devil? The rich want it, the poor have it. If you eat it, you die.

(see back for answer)

Tidbits from Scott's World

28 days of inpatient treatment at Hazelden in Minnesota for an adult was recently quoted at \$23,000. Hazelden refuses to accept Blue Cross / Blue Shield of Michigan insurance and asks how the bill will be paid upon admission.

Teen alcohol and drug use in the county was above national averages in 8 of 9 categories in 1993. In 2005, the county scores are BELOW national averages in 7 of 9 categories.

Charlevoix has 19 meetings per week.
Boyer City has 12 meetings per week.
East Jordan has 5 meetings per week.

As of January 1, 2006 in Michigan, a person delivering a schedule 1 or 2 controlled substance, other than marijuana, to a person that leads to their death is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for life or any term of years. In Charlevoix County, a new Drug Death Team has been formed in cooperation with the Prosecutor's Office that will aggressively prosecute any person who causes death in this manner.

Reliable sources estimate that there are 7-8 drug related deaths in Charlevoix County each year.

Meeting Donations - Time for an Increase?

The following comes from the Feb 2006 Grapevine magazine (www.aagrapevine.org).

Comparative Costs	1963	2005
A loaf of bread	\$0.21	\$2.89
A gallon of milk	\$0.49	\$4.50
A 6-pack of beer	\$0.86	\$3.76
A carton of cigarettes	\$1.99	\$45.00 (avg.)
A postage stamp	\$0.04	\$0.37
The Grapevine	\$0.35	\$1.50
Meeting Donation	\$1.00	\$1.00

Nothing is the brain teaser answer.

Speaker / Potluck Meeting

3rd Friday of the Month - February 17th
Potluck at 6:30 / Speaker at 7:00

(Held at the Alano Club Meeting Room)

Newsletters & updated Alano Meeting Schedules now available on the internet!! Email to Scott to get more info: scott@basesteencenter.org

2006 Board of Directors

Richard O'Leary - Chair
Kent Warner - Vice-Chair
Sonny Wright - Treasurer
Sue Goodwin - Secretary
Tony Blake
Betty Collins
Liz Gooch
Terry Left
Joanne Beemon (Alternate)
David Demree (Alternate)

<i>Member-ship Updates</i>	<i>Feb 10, 2006</i>
Past Due	9
Due in Mar	11
Due in '06	23
2007+	16
Lifetime	13
TOTALS	72

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Your membership dues expiration date is listed on the mailing labels for those receiving them by mail. Email recipients are notified periodically.

Laughter is good medicine...
What's the last thing a drunk says before he's hospitalized?
"Watch this!"

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