

# Around the Coffee Pot...

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## 7/13/05 Board Meeting Notes

(1) Board minutes approved from 6/8/05; (2) Reviewed June financials (see below); (3) Reviewed board member attendance; (4) Approved a transfer of funds from savings to checking to cover cash-flow issues in mid-late July; (5) Reviewed summer attendance report during Club hours (see right); (6) Building & Grounds update - clarification on tasks to address include developing "options" with as much detail as possible to present to the general mem-

bership for their decision (see back for current options being looked into); also updated on 9 foot property issue that was discovered when reviewing property description paperwork, an attorney has been contacted about drafting appropriate documentation to seek resolution of this issue (attorney fees being donated); (7) Discussion about final Venetian fundraising plans of selling smoothies, chili dogs, cookies, soda and water, Terry brought smoothie and cookie samples for the board to taste; (8) Summer bowl-a-thon has been cancelled due to lack of interest, several people that were expected to be interested in bowling were not and other potential donors reported it was too soon to do again; (9) Reviewed information received from the "Michigan Alano

League" that met in Grand Rapids in May where representatives from various Alano Clubs in Michigan got together and compared notes, interesting to compare membership dues and issues they are being faced with - dues in Charlevoix slightly lower than most but all other issues are similar in membership retention, fundraising, building & renovation of older buildings, etc.; (10) reviewed AA 2004 Membership Survey that was published in the Grapevine (see back); (11) Encouraging board to seek volunteers for Venetian and attempt to increase attendance at Open Speaker meetings due to such low turnout at the past two meetings.

**NEXT MEETING,  
WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 10TH  
AT 6:30 PM.**

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.

<u>June 2005 Financial Summary</u>	
Income:	
Meeting rent / Coffee	\$ 759.75
Donations	\$ 100.00
Membership Dues	\$ 180.00
Literature & Pop	\$ 90.54
Interest Income	\$ 141.37
Total Income	\$1,271.66
Expense:	
Coffee & Supplies	\$ 290.65
Utilities	\$ 63.55
Office Expenses	\$ 34.95
Tax Prep—Account	\$ 500.00
Contractual Services	\$1,300.00
Total Expense	\$2,189.15
June Net Income	(\$ 917.49)
** First month since Feb '04 of negative net income due to contractual services and annual accounting fees in this month.	

### Club Open Hours

June 1 - August 31  
Monday - Friday  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### June Attendance Info

- A) 84 visitors - 15 min. avg
- B) 35 different people
- C) 57% visitors non-members
- D) 6 of 17 phone calls recovering related
- E) majority of visitors just prior to noon meeting
- F) Tory estimates more than 75% of his time is spent alone

**Options being looked at by the building & grounds committee to present to the general membership at some point in the future when final numbers and details are gathered include:**

- 1) ***Selling price of back building***
- 2) ***Demolition price of front building***
- 3) ***Renovation price of front building***
- 4) ***Can property be split?***
- 5) ***Resolution of 9 foot ownership issue***

No decisions have been made about the future directions of buildings or property of the Alano Club. This will be decided upon by a vote of the membership once details are available to share with everyone so they can make an informed decision. This information will be shared through scheduled meetings and in print distributed via internet email or regular mail to all current members. **Please attend board meetings if you would like to share your ideas!!**

**Pot Luck / Open Speaker Meeting**  
*at Depot Beach Pavilion*  
 with Coney Dogs & Dish to Pass  
**Friday, August 26th 6:30 Pot Luck**

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

**2004 AA Membership Survey Results**

78% of members have a sponsor  
 Members attend an average of two meetings per week  
 86% of members belong to a home group  
 65% Men - 35% Women  
 36% sober 10+ years, 14% 5-10 years, 24% 1-4 years  
 38% married, 29% single, 24% divorced  
 9.4% under 30 years old, 18% 31-40, 33% 41-50,  
 23% age 51-60, 16% over 61 years young  
 89% white, 3.2% black, 4.4% hispanic, 1.8% native amer.

**Venetian Booth Fundraising Results**

Thanks to all of the volunteers, members and non-members, board of directors and especially ***Terry L, Richard O and Tony B*** for all of your daily help at this year's Venetian Booth. Initial #'s for the four day fundraising event—

**2005 Total Sales: \$3,774.98**

**2005 Total Expenses: \$1,649.03**

**2005 Net Income: \$2,125.95**

(2004 Net Income: \$1,102.16)

**Thank you one and all!!**

**Board of Directors**

Richard O'Leary - Chair  
 Kent Warner - Vice-Chair  
 Helen Paul - Treasurer  
 Sue Goodwin - Secretary  
 Tony Blake  
 Betty Collins  
 Liz Gooch  
 Sonny Wright  
 Jeff Kirby (Alternate)  
 Terry Left (Alternate)

<i>Member-ship Updates</i>	<i>July 22, 2005</i>
Past Due	4
Due in Aug	3
Due in Sept	5
Remainder of 2005	9
2006+	36
Lifetime	11
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>68</b>

Serenity House—Alano Club of Charlevoix

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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.

**Heard at a meeting...**  
***"Recovery gives us choices,  
 If someone says or does something stupid,  
 We don't have to say or do something stupider."***

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24 July 2005

Venetian Festival 2005 is in the archives. On behalf of the board, I would like to thank all who were able to participate in making our fundraising effort a grand success. No less than 29 individuals pitched in and helped.

A special thanks to Terry & Crew for support, both labor and logistical, above and beyond the call of duty. Soupy, thanks for the free access to your ice machine.

In the boards attempt to divide the labor, our booth operated this year with four daily management teams that were each responsible for their respective day. Tony and his wife Marie opened on Wednesday, Kent and Liz took Thursday, Betty and Sue jumped in for Friday and Linda and I finished up on Saturday. Thanks to all of you for a job well done.

Thanks goes to a couple of special friends, Miah and Dominic, who ran for us and pretty much did whatever was asked of them. Mary and Dan Farrell stood in for the *always there* Howard. Mary is Howards daughter. Howard was on hand anyway.

Helga, Sue, Gerry Blake, Helen, Celia and Scott, many thanks. Joanne, Judy, Ken and Rob, Richard M, Jennifer, Nancy, Diane, Tory and Dave C, thank you. If I have omitted anyone I apologize. Please consider yourself thanked.

Richard O