

Vice-President's Report

November 15, 2011

Club Events

The recent passing of Tom Allen, the Club's well-loved Treasurer, continues to be a sad fact for each of us here. We are reminded almost daily of just how much he did for the Club. And Tom continues to give to us. Tom's family designated the Washtenaw Alano Club as the recipient of donations in Tom's memory. As of November 13th, a total of \$1,085 has been received. A dedicated memorial here at the Club is being planned to honor Tom; more details to follow. Our heartfelt sympathy to the Allen family for their loss and a big thanks to them for their great generosity in designating the Club for the memorial donations.

The Second Annual Angels' Night was a blast, although a chilly and wet one. The food, with generous helpings of pasta, salad and chicken, all courtesy of Jerry C.'s restaurant, fed over 280 people. Double D on the grills threw down 80 hot dogs and chili to the cold and late arrivals. We sold \$430 in 50/50 raffle tickets; the winner Robert F. renewed his Club membership with the proceeds and donated the rest back to the Club. The Halloween costume contest was a close one as about 25 contestants tried their best to scare the pants off of the judges; Mike W (a mummy, we believe) won 1st place: a \$100 gift certificate to Jerry C.'s restaurant. Jim B's open talk was amazing as the game room was packed with about 70 listeners. The bonfire kept the brave souls warm outside and the euchre players heated up Room 1; the Club gave away a Big Book and a meditation book to the winners. Spooky karaoke was too frightening to even talk about; no one has ever seen the game room in such a scary condition, at least not since Grant P. tried to sing karaoke. Over \$550 was generated by the night's activities. Thanks to the many that made this possible, you know who you all are: the judges, the DJ Gary, Merge, Rebecca, Chris W., Ellen S., Bob E., the contestants, Jerry C., DD, Renee, Rachel, Mike C., John S., Janet V., Jeffrey L., Jim B., Scott the Karaoke Legend, Neal B., Home of New Vision women, and many, many others.

On November 11th, another free Driver's License Seminar was presented by Ken Laako of Ypsilanti; as always great guidance and valuable information

was provided to all that attended. Thanks once again to Ken and his wonderful staff.

Excitement continues to build as we are nearing the start of the holiday season and planning for the Thanksgiving Alkathon continues. Only 5 of the 2-hour time slots remain unfilled at this time. Please pass the word. The Alkathon begins on Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve, at noon and goes through Thanksgiving at midnight. The Club continues to fulfill its mission to the recovery community by being open and ready to host meetings whenever they are needed. Thanks to Linda and Keith at HVAI for all their help in getting the word out.

Plans to serve full Thanksgiving dinners to all comers at the Club on Thanksgiving Day include up to 7 turkeys, all the fixings, several hams and all the side dishes one can imagine. Huge thanks go to the staff of Dawn Farm for donating the fresh turkeys to the Club, truly amazing! We welcome all to dine and/or volunteer to serve or cook the meals. See Ron P. or our esteemed President, Dave Crisp, for more details.

The number of new/renewal memberships sold during the month of October was 14 and so far for this month 20 have been sold, including 3 lifetime memberships.

Staffing

Sue W. is taking some time off from her responsibilities as senior counter staff; she has promised however to return on Thanksgiving Day to direct the kitchen activities starting at 6a.m. What would Thanksgiving dinner at the Club be without Sue's famous green bean casserole! Thanks to all the staff for picking up Sue's shifts; you guys/gal are amazing!

Facilities

The boiler was finally fired up last week for the first time this season, making all members and meeting attendees happy, joyous and warm!

Preparations are being made to winterize the building and get things ready for the Xmas tree sale. Thanks to Pat B. for all his efforts.

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Board Vice-President

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