

LLLAC MEMBER News and Information

2ND Edition MARCH 2012

In the interest of expediency the Board of Directors is issuing this 2nd Member Communication/Update in lieu of our usual newsletter format in order to keep the membership informed to various events and business of the club. Our last Member Communication/update was in October 2011. We currently have no newsletter editor volunteer and hope someone in our membership might have an interest in taking such a commitment. Our hope is to develop 2 types of newsletter. One for internal news and business our members want to be informed of and another that is outward facing to the community that can be distributed more widely in the community to highlight what we do and events we are having. If you are interested in helping with this please fill out a volunteer application at the snack bar and we will contact you.

If you want more detail on anything mentioned here please see a board member and/or inquire at the snack bar to direct you to a board member.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **St Patty's Day Saturday BBQ 2-4pm Saturday March 17**
- **4th Saturday of March – 3/24 2-4pm Saturday at the Movies. Featuring “Death Becomes Her”**
- **Annual LLLAC Easter Bonnet Social 2-4pm Sunday April 8**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWS

Two new members have joined the board and were appointed to vacated seats in January. Ames M. and Arlene J. The club will definitely benefit with their contributions. Another letter of intent has been received from another long time member so we look forward to a full 9 person board in March. The Board of Directors is a challenging commitment and we would like to encourage our members to consider participating in the governance of the club on the board or thru committees. Your help is especially needed now as planning for our 30th anniversary of service to our community is getting underway.

PAST EVENTS

The holidays went well for us and both our Thanksgiving and xmas potlucks were well attended. This year we also did a New Years Eve dance at the club but attendance was low. The event still broke even

due to many donations for costs. Lessons learned on New Year's were coordinate with other sober organizations, earlier planning and promotion. On Jan 6, Ames, a member, organized a cleanup event and included volunteers from the club and Stepping Stone . Just about every surface that could be scrubbed, vacuumed, mopped, was including windows, walls, fans, and over 100 chairs. Many hands made lite work and the club was sparkling. Thank You to Ames and all our volunteers.

ANNUAL LLLAC BENEFIT POSTPONED FROM MAY TO AUG

The Board has decided to postpone our annual fundraiser to farther out into the summer to allow for better planning and more promotion. This will be our fifth annual fundraiser and a date is still be considered. The idea of this event was that every five years it would transform to a full scale gala which will happen in 2013 for our 30th anniversary.

ARLENE J. DONATES A FIRST EDITION BIG BOOK TO LLLAC AS A FUNDRAISER

At the January Board meeting Arlene has offered the club a first edition Big Book to be put in a drawing or raffle as a fundraiser for the club. Look for more news on this very interesting opportunity. The promotion and logistics for this are still being worked out. We expect there will be a lot of interest in this so we hope you'll help spread the word.

FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CLUB

Financial news for the club is good. We closed out 2011 with a much smaller deficit than we have had in years FY 2011 **-\$4,698.00** versus FY 2010 **-\$19,249.00**. As of the end of February 2012 we are at a positive \$7,554.00 opposed to the negative **-\$9,941.00** for end of February 2011. We also received a \$3,784.00 boost from stocks we liquidated to cash. Liquidating the stocks has been underway since 2010 when the financial committee recommended we should not be holding stocks due to their risk. The process of redeeming them was complicated but benefitted us in the end since their value went up in the last year. Please see Board of Directors Minutes and financials which are posted on the office window for more detail. All members are entitled and encouraged to review the club financial reports, P&Ls and minutes.

MAIN ROOM FLOOR REFURBISHING

Finishing the main room concrete floor is expected to be done by the end of March. Various options were explored and it was decided to stain and seal the floor. It is a very low cost and non toxic "green" solution which easily allow us to change options in the future like laying tile etc. The total cost is under \$400 and we have received donations of \$100. If you would like to donate ask for an envelope at the snack bar and leave it with our staff.

OTHER CHANGES AT THE CLUB

Besides the floor there is a lot going on behind the scenes to improve services and the facility. Members of the Friday group have donated and are building some new lighting options in the main room. Once the floor is finished we hope to give the entire interior a fresh coat of paint. An offer, though not finalized has been made to replace the lighting and ceiling tiles in the snack bar. Coffee service will be improving even more with the introduction of a new grinder, new brewer and vacuum pots. We hope the change in preparation will help us realize the fullest potential of our coffee product which is top of the line from Bird rock coffee roasters who also recommended some of these changes to improve our coffee service. New menu boards are also under development for the snack bar area.

BBQ ON THE FLY!

In the past BBQs at the club were a pain because someone had to loan their grill, transport it to and from the club and usually it was the same one or two folks who shouldered this burden. If they happened to be out of town it was even more difficult because new donors had to be found. The board has discussed having a BBQ owned by the club, kept at the club so we can have more BBQ social events when we feel like it! No sooner had we decided after a year of consideration to spend the money, the money appeared. A motion was made to allocate funds and before even discussion could be had it was cancelled by three individuals who donated the needed funds! (\$250) Now that's teamwork and commitment! Thank You so much.

NEW TENANT IN OUR BUILDING – !!! NO MORE PARKING !!! IN FRONT OF CLUB

Our landlord has finally leased the upstairs to a new tenant so the three spaces next to the house west of the club must be kept free. This leaves the club with only 2 spaces for volunteer and staff parking. Please help us observe this new restriction so we can be good neighbors.

GOOD NEWS FROM PRIDE FOR THIS YEARS COFFEE VENUE

This is not finalized but are hopes are up that PRIDE may be considering a larger venue for our coffee service at the festival. Our Board staff and volunteers have worked very hard the last four years at the our coffee booth at pride to improve service, consistency, presentation and product in order to merit a larger venue like we used to have. The old location was more of a venue with a lawn and seating and not just a small booth. If we do get a venue we would like to add an activity/entertainment that gets attention and sets us apart and raises funds like "drag jail". Coffee at the festival is a an opportunity for us to raise funds but it is also an opportunity to be present and carry a message of fun and service. We hope you'll want to get involved. Pride is always a lot of work but it is also great fun.

PLEASE SEE OUR CLUB WISH LIST

We have posted a club wish list whiteboard next to the restroom in the snack bar. On it we list projects/materials we are seeking donations for. Anything you can help with is greatly appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS WE NEED

Do you have experience with computers, graphics, networking, web sites, word processing, excel? We could really use your help. Running the club as a modern business requires these specific digital tools and allows us to do more work much easier.

Do you have any background in PR, donor development and relations? We currently use software called GIFTWORKS to help us manage and develop our donor base. In 2011 we (read Dave S.) made great strides in getting all our donors recorded, thanked and followed up with. We now need help in taking this further so we can continue to build those relationships and cultivate repeat and regular giving we can depend on year to year from those who want to help us in our mission. Please let us know if you would like to help us with a couple hours (2-3) a week in donor and fundraising development.

NEW WEBSITE UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Some of you may already know about this because you received an email about a member login to LLLAC.NET. That was a mistake. As you all know our website is www.lllac.org. The NET website is a development area where our new website is being built. The new website will be launched in the next few weeks and you will receive another email notification when it is available. The new site is designed to present much more up to date and dynamic information to the community, our members and donors.

PLEASE USE OUR LONELY SUGGESTION BOX!

Our Board, Staff and Volunteers frequently receive verbal comments and suggestions from our members when they are at the club but the suggestion box located to the left of the main doors inside the snack bar is usually empty when we check it before board meetings. Please take advantage of this to give us your feedback. Your suggestions in the box go directly to the 2 board co-chairs and then the board for consideration. We are your trusted servants and need your suggestions.

SATURDAY AT THE MOVIES EVENTS RESTARTING

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday the club is hosting a Movie screening event in the afternoons from 2:30 to 5. The next event will be Saturday March 24th. We had 3 screenings in 2011 and attendance was growing. We hope this will be a popular event for all our members. We hope to see you March 24th when we present "Death Becomes Her", a very campy movie with Goldie Hawn.

MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORTER SUBSCRIPTIONS

On our website members may now subscribe their membership and save. We are offering incentive discounts for members to use this option since it is more convenient than paying in person, is more efficient and less costly to the club to administer and it greatly improves consistency of membership and membership income. Non member supporters also have the option to subscribe.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER JOINING A COMMITTEE?

The club regularly has many people willing to volunteer behind the snack bar but there are many other ways members can volunteer. The bylaws require that we have committees in order to involve as many members as possible in the operation of the club. Over the last few years we have had active committees for months at a time but it is very fluid and we would like to see this be more consistent. The first step is interested members who have some spare time. The committees are: Housing, Fiscal, Public Relations, Membership, Events, Rules and procedures. Can you help us get these committees going and/or coordinating volunteers?

In closing the Board of Directors thanks all our members for their support and efforts in keeping the LLLAC going. With our financial position stabilizing and the opportunity for much positive change we are looking forward to 2012 and all the opportunities it may present.

Yours In Service and Fellowship,

The LLLAC Board of Directors

David S. co-chair, Shirley L. co-chair, Patrick L. treasurer, Frank H. Secretary,

Arlene J. director, John F. director, Erwin G. director, Ames M. director