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MICHIANA AREA NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2012

STEP ONE

*We admitted we were
powerless over alcohol
—that our lives had
become unmanageable.*

IN MEMORY...

RAY L.

AUGUST 4, 1950 - DECEMBER 11, 2011

THE CSO CORNER

We had a total of 38 visitors to the CSO Open House. The following people won door prizes: DEB S., BOB A., GLEN G., CAROLINE G., and BRAD L. The Wednesday Willow Creek girls did a super job providing food and hosting the affair. My thanks go out to them for all the great service work they do. They have done this for several years.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have volunteered and the people who have served on the Office Committee and who have chaired various intergroup committees for their help in making this office a strong one so that we can help the still suffering alcoholic.

May God bless you all!

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A.A. ANNIVERSARIES

NAME	YEARS	GROUP
CORRECTIONS for DECEMBER 2011		
SHARON K.	29 Years (not 19)	Birds of a Feather
HEATHER R.	19 Years (not 9)	Birds of a Feather
MIKE B.	8 Years	T Group
JESSICA C.	6 Years	T Group
TERESA	1 Year	T Group

December Updated = 134 years of sobriety represented!

January 2012

TOM G.	29 Years	3 Minute Step
BOBBY H.	32 Years	A. H. Sat. Night Candle Light Grp.
CARL M.	26 Years	Birds of a Feather
ERIC P.	18 Years	Birds of a Feather
JACK R.	6 Years	Birds of a Feather
CHRIS L.	1 Year	Birds of a Feather
Don K.	1 Year	Birds of a Feather
RON P.	12 Years	California Group
TOM B.	23 Years	Cleveland Road Group
ROBERT B.	3 Years	Green Group
JANIE V.	1 Year	Green Group
PENNY B.	1 Year	Ivy Group
NANCY	21 Years	Mishawaka Noon-timers
BOBBY LEE	13 Years	Mishawaka Noon-timers
KATHY M.	29 Years	Monday Morning Big Book Mtg
PEGGY V.	26 Years	Monday Morning Big Book Mtg
FORREST	30 Years	Portage
DAVID M.	29 Years	Portage
NANCI K.	9 Years	R.U.T.S. Group
PHYLLIS T.	26 Years	Second Chance Group
PATRICK T.	24 Years	Second Chance Group
BOB M.	3 Years	Sunday Reflections—Brownies
DAVE N.	3 Years	Sunday Reflections—Brownies
TOM F.	3 Years	Sunday Reflections—Brownies
DINA P.	24 Years	T Group
SHANNON G.	7 Years	T Group
DEB W.	5 Years	T Group
AMY Y.	2 Years	T Group
WENDY W.	2 Years	T Group
DALE T.	12 Years	Tuesday Night—Niles
WADE C.	19 Years	Wade's Group—Buchanan

440 Years of Sobriety represented by January's birthdays!!!

TRADITION ONE

*Our common welfare
should come first;
personal recovery
depends on AA unity.*

Common Sense Prayer

So far today, God, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or over-indulgent. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get up out of bed and from then on, I'm going to need a lot more help!

Thank You, Amen!

***Getting help is giving help.
Giving help is getting help.***

Alcohol is supposed to be good at killing brain cells. It's too bad it didn't kill off the ones that caused us to drink!

The Groups at Area Hall present:

THE STEPS WE TAKE

The message is: *The Steps Work!*

Come join us on the 4th Saturday each month from 1-3 p.m. to study how we apply these principles in our lives to achieve:

FREEDOM FROM ALCOHOLISM!

Each presentation will be given by a long-time AA member who is practicing all 12 Steps.

2012 SCHEDULE

January 28	May 26th	September 29th
February 25th	June 30th	October 27th
March 31st	July 28th	November 24th
April 28th	August 25th	December 29th

AREA HALL

525 Lincolnway West
South Bend, IN

K.I.S.S. DANCE

(Keep It Simple Sweetie)

Saturday, February 18th

7:00 pm — Midnight

Larry Moore Estates

64100 Mangus Drive, Lakeville, IN
(10 minutes from Downtown South Bend)

There will be Fellowship and Fun, Music, Dancing Games, 50/50 Drawing

Cookie Walk—Bring a dozen or two of your best cookies and join the fun!

FREE.....FREE.....FREE

Coffee and water will be provided.
Bring a snack to share and BYOP.

Directions: US 31 south to Highway 4 in Lakeville (5 miles); Turn right (West) on Highway 4; Turn left on Mangus Drive; The Estates are on the right; Longbranch Drive is the driveway. Watch for the signs — *It's Simple, Sweetie!*

Questions?

Call Glen 386-2884 or Renee 309-5724

THE BREMEN MUNCY GROUP

announces.....

WHAT: YOU ARE INVITED TO A DINNER AND OPEN SPEAKER MEETING TO HELP US CELEBRATE OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEN: FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2011

WHERE: FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
323 S. CENTER STREET (CENTER & SHERMAN STREET), BREMEN, IN

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Ribs and Chicken Dinner at 7:00 pm

Speaker (To Be Announced) at 8:00 pm

**DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.
PLEASE BRING A DISH OF FOOD TO PASS.**

CSO Treasurer's Report
for the month ended December 31, 2011

Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$505.83
Plus: Gross Revenue	\$2,915.20
Less: Expenses	(\$2,245.23)
Transfers In/(Out)	<u>\$66.82</u>
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$1,242.62

Total Funds Available	
Checkbook Balance	\$1,242.62
Prudent Reserve	\$99.54
Prudent Reserve-MM	\$8,517.72
Social Activity Fund	\$343.01
Total Funds	<u>\$10,202.89</u>

Group Donations

CSO Basket	34.00
Experience Strength Group	218.00
Keep It Simple	186.59
Niles Grapevine	60.00
Noontimers	100.00
Saturday 730-LF	200.00
Second Chance Group HCC	150.00
Sunday Morning After	241.20
Sunday Night Live - LF	300.00
Total Group Donations	<u>\$1,489.79</u>

Expenses

Accounting Fees	\$75.00
Advertising	\$37.00
Answering Service	\$176.00
Bank Service Charge	\$9.50
Literature	\$333.53
Miscellaneous Expense	\$0.00
Office Supplies	\$11.95
Payroll	\$879.90
Payroll Taxes	\$0.00
Postage	\$73.40
Printing and Copying	\$133.00
Property Insurance	\$0.00
Rent	\$385.00
Security	\$0.00
Social Activities	\$0.00
Telephone	\$130.95
Travel & Seminars	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$2,245.23</u>

Other Revenue

Birthday Club	\$98.00
Coffee Can Fund	\$0.00
Literature Sales	\$987.41
Memorial Contributions	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0.00
Personal Contributions	\$340.00
Social Activity Committee	\$0.00
Subscriptions/Newsletter	\$0.00
Total Other Revenue	<u>\$1,425.41</u>

Total Gross Revenue **\$2,915.20**

Interest Income (Money Market) \$0.00
Interest Income (Social Activity) \$0.05

“Outsiders are sometimes shocked when we burst into merriment over a seemingly tragic experience out of the past. But why shouldn't we laugh? We have recovered and have been given the power to help others.”

—Alcoholics Anonymous, AA's Classic Big Book

Office Committee

<i>Chair</i>	Glen G
<i>Treasurer</i>	Sue L.
<i>Secretary</i>	Carla M..
<i>Member</i>	Tom E.
<i>Member</i>	Ann N.
<i>Member</i>	Doug R.
<i>Office Manager</i>	Mable V.

<i>Correction Facilities:</i>	Wayne N.
<i>Grapevine:</i>	—Open—
<i>Newsletter:</i>	Scott K.
<i>Prof. Committee:</i>	Doug R.
<i>Public Information:</i>	—Open—
<i>Social:</i>	Glen G.
<i>Website:</i>	Mitch F.