

ALDEN MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER 2014

AMC HAS BANNER YEAR IN 2014

Teamwork made it possible!

As I look back over 2014, I see a job well done. I see a group of people who came together to help others. I see people who put other people's needs ahead of their own and did so with a smile. Most of all, I see a team that found new ways to work smarter and exceed expectations!

Our team has always done good work, but 2014 was a record setter. This year, our activities grossed approximately **\$28,000** to support our six area food pantries as well as another **\$5000** for the Sarhatt

How did we ask? We did it ways of When this year's focused on

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Memorial Fund! do it you might by trying new running our events. gathering items for rummage sale, we estate sales as

opposed to accepting yard sale leftovers. This brought in much higher quality items which sold for more money. After the sale, we recycled the left over cardboard, plastic & glass and scrapped the metal which reduced the cost of clean-up significantly.

We did it by trying new ways of fundraising. We sold coffee & donuts during Kalkaska's Trout Festival, Bellaire's Rubber Ducky Festival and the Iceman Bicycle Race, which runs from Kalkaska to Traverse City.

We did it by turning to others for help. We applied for and received grants from other organizations, such as the Community Foundation and we participated in the Village Market Community Cash program.

We received generous donations from donors to help us purchase what we couldn't afford.

Sadly, we lost Bill Bocksthaler, this year. But before he died, Bill helped us by asking that people make donations to the AMC in lieu of sending flowers.

2014 AMC EVENTS

APRIL

COFFEE TENT @
KID'S TROUT POND
DURING TROUT
FESTIVAL -
KALKASKA

JUNE

SARHATT GOLF
TOURNAMENT -
KALKASKA

JULY

ANNUAL
RUMMAGE SALE -
ALDEN

AUGUST

COFFEE TENT
DURING RUBBER
DUCKY FESTIVAL -
BELLAIRE

OCTOBER

ANNUAL HARVEST
DINNER - ALDEN

NOVEMBER

COFFEE TENT
DURING ICEMAN
BICYCLE RACE -
TRAVERSE CITY

**THE ALDEN MEN'S
CLUB WELCOMES
THE FOLLOWING
GENTLEMEN WHO
JOINED OUR
RANKS THIS YEAR:**

Buzz Bryson

Michael Crawford

Bill Estherline

James Garrow

Norm

Neuenschwander

Ken Oeder

We are a "men's organization," but we would be remiss if we didn't recognize the support of our "Honorary Men," our wives, our daughters and our female friends who have toiled alongside of us. They have collected & sorted items for the rummage sale and prevented us from throwing out the "good stuff." They have sold food & coffee at our events. They have baked fantastic pies for the Harvest Dinner. They run our website & they handle our publicity. They, too, are part of our team.

I also want to recognize my fellow officers, because I know that I would not be nearly as effective without their counsel and support.

Most of all, we succeeded by everyone chipping in and by being a team. Well damn done people! It is a pleasure and a privilege to serve with you. *Brad Fields, AMC President*

SARHATT MEMORIAL FUND

Building Sustainable communities!

The Alden Men's Club also supports our local communities through the Sarhatt Memorial Fund. This fund started in 2010 as a way to honor Bob Sarhatt, an AMC member who passed away that year. The fund was originally called the Robert Sarhatt Memorial Fund. Bob was a consummate gentleman, and was widely known for his generosity and his willingness to help other people. He was rarely seen without his loving wife, Laurie, who he always referred to as "my bride." When Laurie died later that year, the fund's name was shortened to the Sarhatt Memorial Fund to honor both Bob & Laurie.

Bob and Laurie believed in strengthening their community by helping the children to grow and lead productive lives. Bob was a longtime supporter of Scouting because he believed the values they teach made a good foundation on which to build a solid future. With this in mind, the AMC, through the Sarhatt Fund, grants \$500 scholarships to local Scouts who earn the rank of Eagle. The intent is to reinforce success by helping these young men further their education. We also make a \$200 contribution to the Eagle's troop to help the Scout Master finance the needs of the troop and grow more Eagles. In 2014, the Alden Men's Club provided scholarships to Jayden Smith & Matthew Ingersoll of Troop 45, and Alec Stilwell of Troop 76.

Laurie knew that sometimes children's lives get off to a rough start because of abuse or neglect and that these children need to know someone cares about them. Because of this, Laurie was fond of the LUV PACS program in Antrim County. They provide back packs filled with a variety of essential & comfort items to children who are rescued from abusive situations and are going into foster care. The AMC has made financial contributions to LUV PACS in Laurie's memory.

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Alden Bar & Grill – Alden

Alden Mill House – Alden

Alden State Bank – Alden

Bellaire Bar & Restaurant – Bellaire

Black Forest Golf Course – Gaylord

Carter Candles – Alden

Chef Charles Pizza – Elk Rapids

Hairport Salon & Spa – Elk Rapids

Fox Run Country Club – Grayling

Grandma's Parlor – Alden

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Kal-Gas Propane – Kalkaska

Memorial Health Center – Kalkaska

Kritter's Hideaway – Rapid City

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You're a member of the AMC & you deserve congratulations on a job well done.

You have helped the AMC in our endeavors & we want to let you know what your help has meant to us & the people we support.

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