

ALDEN MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER 2015

HAVING FUN HELPING OTHERS!

2015 is just about done and speaking for myself, I had fun this year. And judging by the smiles and laughter, I wasn't the only one enjoying myself. Yes, we worked hard but we laughed too!

I laughed so hard that I could barely hand out coffee at our coffee tent during the Trout Festival as I watched little children squeal with delight as they caught their first fish. And then run away from that fish once it was on shore because they were afraid of it. Then there was the dad who jumped into the pond up to his knees to help his 5 year old land "Big Jack", the 8lb, prize trout. I laughed again as the boy walked out followed by a flock of admirers, explaining how he landed the prize with his dad patiently squishing along behind in wet shoes, carrying "Big Jack".

Listening to the banter at our monthly meetings is usually good for a laugh as well. Someone is always ribbing someone. And what about "Cowboy Dale", the winner (and only contestant) in our Halloween costume contest? Congratulations Dale!

Mike and Vito had everyone laughing as they tried to outbid each other for pies during the pie auction at the Harvest Dinner.

There were countless other light moments during the year that made us forget that we were working hard. But make no mistake; we worked hard, investing thousands of man-hours.

2015 AMC EVENTS

APRIL

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

MAY

COFFEE TENT @
PETOSKY STONE
FESTIVAL -
EASTPORT

WAREHOUSE SALE
- ALDEN

JUNE

SARHATT GOLF
TOURNAMENT -
KALKASKA

JULY

ANNUAL
RUMMAGE SALE -
ALDEN

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:**

Gene Hutchins

Steve Jones

Steve Kane

Norm Schrieber

And welcome back

Tom Frey

We collected so much stuff for the July rummage sale that we ran out of room and had to have an extra sale in May just to make room for the rest of the stuff. We sold gallons of coffee and countless cookies & donuts at our coffee tents. We hosted a golf tournament and put together a fine harvest dinner; all in the name of helping those in need. Those efforts paid off too as we grossed over \$26,000 this year! Well done people. Well damn done! I am proud to be part of this team!

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 & Laurie Sarhatt who believed in strengthening their community by helping the children to grow and lead productive lives.

One of the ways we honor Bob, who was a longtime supporter of Scouting, is to provide \$500 scholarships to local Scouts who earn the rank of Eagle. 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 2015, the Alden Men's Club provided \$2800 in scholarships and troop grants.

The Thompson family, with the support of local businesses, hosts the Children's Trout Pond every year in conjunction with Kalkaska's National Trout Festival. This is a great opportunity for families to bond while giving small children the chance to catch what is probably their first fish. The AMC provided a \$500 grant this year from the Sarhatt Fund to help keep this heartwarming activity going.

The Antrim County Baby Pantry provides material support such as diapers, cribs and clothing for families with small children in the area. We supported the pantry this year with a \$250 grant to purchase needed supplies.

Support for the Sarhatt Fund comes from the AMC's annual Sarhatt Memorial Golf Tournament held in Kalkaska on the 3rd Saturday in June. If you'd like to play golf with us or provide sponsorships, please contact Brad Fields at 231-518-4066.

**The Alden Men's Club would like to thank the following sponsors
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You are receiving this letter for one of two reasons:

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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