

ALDEN MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER 2016

WHO ARE WE?

Who is the Alden Men's Club? Have you ever considered who we are? It is a simple question with many different answers. I look at our **members** and I see doctors, bankers, engineers, farmers and businessmen. I see fathers, sons and grandfathers.

When I look around our events, I see the blue shirts of our "**Honorary Men**". These are our wives, daughters, mothers and female friends who toil alongside us.

Our golf tournament and the Harvest Dinner wouldn't be nearly as successful if it weren't for our **sponsors**. Local businesses that support our efforts by donating goods and services.

Don't forget our **donors**! Some make financial gifts and others purchase things for us. While many more donate items for our rummage sale.

All told, we are talking about 100's of people. I would submit to you that we are a "**community**". The dictionary defines a **community** as "a group of people living together....having interests, work, etc. in common". I believe our members, Honorary Men, sponsors and donors form a **community** with the common interest of helping those in need. The individual parts can do it alone, but we are stronger and we can do more as a **community** and I can prove it. Just look at what we did this year!

The AMC Community grossed over \$33,000 from all sources(events, donations, and grants) in 2016! This is a record amount and every member of our **AMC Community** helped make it possible. And to give you an idea of what this money means to the people we support, here are some highlights of what we were able to do with the money:

2016 AMC EVENTS

JUNE

SARHATT GOLF
TOURNAMENT -
KALKASKA

JULY

ANNUAL
RUMMAGE SALE -
ALDEN

OCTOBER

ANNUAL
HARVEST DINNER
- ALDEN

NOVEMBER

COFFEE TENT @
ICEMAN RACE -
TRAVERSE CITY

**AMC MEMBER OF
THE MONTH
WINNERS FOR
2016:**

Joe Barnes – February

Buzz Bryson – July

Gary Brunk – August

Larry Fields – August

Paul Foster – August

Gene Hutchins – August

Chuck Selander – August

Bill Esterline - October

- Donated over \$15,000 to our six area food pantries. They have increased buying power and can purchase an average of \$6 of food for every \$1 donated, which means our donation is worth over \$90,000! These same six pantries feed more than 10,000 people every year!
- Purchased \$500 worth of fish to support the Kid's Trout Pond during the annual Trout Festival in Kalkaska.
- Provided \$2000 in educational scholarships to four local Eagle Scouts.
- Provided \$800 in grants to local scout troops to support operations.
- Made a \$400 grant to support the Alden Methodist Church's VBS program.
- \$200 grant to Antrim County Habitat for Humanity to help an individual in need.
- \$250 grant to support the Village Market's Giving Tree program that helps families in need.
- \$200 grant to support educational programs at Grass River Natural Area.

As you can see, we did a lot of good and helped a lot of people.

I want to thank every member of our **AMC Community** for your gifts of time, treasure and talents that made it all possible! I am truly grateful to be part of this community.

Brad Fields, AMC President

Looking for a few good people!

The Alden Men's Club is always looking for good people to join our team. We are a non-denominational, 501(C) 3 charity made up of community minded people who help those in need. If you think you'd like to know more about us come join us for breakfast. We usually meet the third Saturday of the month, at 8AM in the fellowship hall of the Alden Methodist Church. You can also check out our website (www.aldenmensclub.org) or contact Brad Fields at 231-518-4066.

**The Alden Men's Club would like to thank the following sponsors
for their support!**

Alden Bar & Grill – Alden

Alden Marine & Sports – Alden

Alden Outfitters – Alden

Alden Store -- Alden

Bill Marsh Ford – Kalkaska

Butch's Tackle & Marine -- Bellaire

Dewey Insurance -- Kalkaska

Dr. Brian Rathke – Bellaire

Grandma's Parlor – Alden

Higgin's Store -- Alden

Kal-Gas Propane – Kalkaska

Kritter's Hideaway – Rapid City

Larry King of Edward Jones – Kalkaska

Mama's Kitchen -- Alden

Memorial Health Center – Kalkaska

Mancelona Hardware & Rental – Mancelona

Pear Tree -- Alden

Pro Image Design – Rapid City

Siren Hall – Elk Rapids

Tall Pines Computer Training – Rapid City

The Grand Hotel – Mackinac Island

Torch Chiropractic – Rapid City

Twin Birch Golf Course – Kalkaska

Vista Ridge Vineyards – Alden

Alden Lumber -- Alden

Alden Mill House – Alden

Alden State Bank – Alden

Bayside Real Estate – Rapid City

Blue Water Bistro – Alden

Carter's Candles – Alden

Dewitt Marine -- Bellaire

Gill-Roy's Hardware – Rapid City

Guy Dean Insurance – Alden

Jack's Sport Shop – Kalkaska

King Orchards – Central Lake

Lakeside Dip -- Alden

LaVoie Designs – Alden

McLean's Hardware -- Kalkaska

Mrs. Pete's Restaurant - Bellaire

Nifty Things – Alden

PK Interiors – Alden

Shear Shack – Rapid City

Spencer's Creek Trading – Alden

The Golf Shop -- Kalkaska

The Warm & Fuzzy -- Alden

Torch Plumbing – Rapid City

Village Market Food Stores – Rapid City

Voice Chevrolet – Kalkaska

The Alden Men's Club is a non-denominational, 501 (C) (3) charity whose purpose is to help those in need. If you would like information about how you can support the efforts of the AMC or if you would like to join us, visit our website at www.aldenmensclub.org or contact Brad Fields at 231-518-4066.

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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