



May 2010 NEWSLETTER

Mission Statement

The Recovery Club is a non-profit service organization dedicated to supporting individuals in recovery. We provide a safe and a sober environment collectively based on the principles of 12 step recovery programs. This includes meetings, fellowship, educational activities and social events. The result is the enhancement of the lives of people in recovery and the communities in which they live.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Greetings Brothers and Sisters!

The 4th annual WRC Golf Tournament will be held Sunday, June 6th at the Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills Massachusetts. The annual Golf Tournament is by far the largest fundraiser of the year. Its proceeds make it possible for us to maintain (and upgrade) the property and to offer many of the activities that we conduct through-out the year. **Rob P** chairs the Golf Tournament committee.

Service opportunities abound for the tournament. Help is needed to procure financial support and golfers for the event, prepare for the event and work the day of the tournament. For more information on the tournament follow the link on our web page (www.windsorrecoveryclub.org). To volunteer for the **day of the event** please sign up on the board in the main meeting room. To volunteer for event preparation **prior** to the tournament, please leave a message for Rob on the club answering machine, (860-285-0016).

Our spring clean-up day, co-chaired by **Hillary W** and **Tony L** was a great success. I was amazed by the number of people who participated and by what was accomplished. More importantly, the process really inspired me; a large group of people in recovery working together towards a common goal. It was a beautiful sight, which literally brought tears to my eyes. The air was alive with feelings of joy and family.

At the April meeting the BOD voted to implement our "members only" policy regarding the member's lounge. Consistent with that decision the lounge will be locked starting on June 1st. The plan

is to install a combination lock on the door and change the combination monthly. Members, in good standing, will receive the new combination with their copy of the Newsletter.

Recently, the issue of supervision of children at the club has been raised. One of our neighbors has expressed concern about damage done to their property, by children, during one of our evening events. The activity of the unsupervised children was filmed. I am sure we can all agree that being on good terms with our neighbors is desirable. For the safety of our children, and to prevent the destruction of property, it is requested that adults know the whereabouts and the activities of the children in their care at all times.

The summer picnic season will officially open on Monday, May 31st. The Sunlight Of The Spirit group has volunteered to sponsor the Memorial Day Picnic. Quittin Time has volunteered to sponsor the July 4th celebration. We are asking for a group to volunteer to sponsor the Labor Day picnic.

In Recovery

Fred Faulkner (friendofbill2002@live.com)

Windsor Recovery Club Board of Directors April Board Meeting Highlights

Your Board of Directors met Monday April 24th at 7:00 PM.

President Fred Faulkner gave his report. The club received a \$250 matching grant from 3M," as part of the 3M Volunteer Match, the 3M Foundation will donate \$250. to an eligible non-profit organization for which a 3M employee volunteers 20 hours a week, or a 3M retiree volunteers 25 hours a week or more per calendar year." Club Treasurer, Dave Harvey, qualifies for this matching grant for the many hours he has donated to the club. 3M has recognized Dave's generous gift of time and skills. Those who know Dave personally, acknowledge his tireless commitment to the club; Dave's generosity well exceeds 25 hours. Thanks Dave, and thanks 3M.

Fred also reported on the wonderful experience of Spring Clean Up Day. "We accomplished quite a bit, not just the work itself but the coming together of our community. The spirit was a manifestation of what we are all about." Thanks to everyone who participated.

Club Anniversary.

In November 2010, the Club will celebrate its incorporation 20 years ago. Fred suggested we commemorate this milestone. Keep this in mind and more to come.

Security at the Club

Security concerns have been ongoing at the club. Fred reported that a safe has now been installed for receipts of money. Proceeds from open mic and rent payments, can now be left securely at the club.

Treasurer's Report

Dave H. treasurer reported that we have seen significant savings in our water bill with the renovations of the rest rooms. Water leaks are repaired and we should continue to see savings.

Committee Reports:

Bookstore: I hope you have had the opportunities to visit our bookstore. There have been ongoing changes to the bookstore. We are putting in place practices, which will track the sales and profits. We have more consistent hours and you may notice some price changes, which have been necessary due to costs of books and keeping prices consistent with area prices. We are still working with the register to better understand and implement its capabilities. We are researching whether we need to be charging Sales Tax.

Golf Tournament: Less than 6 weeks to go (June 6th). We have 5 foursomes signed up out of a full course of 36 foursomes. We have strong sponsorships, but we all will be working to solicit additional foursomes. Sign ups sheets will circulate around the club for volunteers needed the day of the event. Again another rewarding service opportunity and just a fun day.

Spring Clean Up: Bookstore, kitchen, windows and curtains were all cleaned. An inventory of our supplies for open mic and other club activities was taken, and were organized. The weather cooperated for the outside spring clean up which included, raking, planting, mowing, sweeping, mulching, and beautifying our grounds. A fun, creative day was experienced by all, including some children. The committee was very grateful for the support of this day.

Safety : Meeting Rooms

A concern was presented regarding **candle use** in the Angel Room. This is a safety hazard, and we were reminded that a vote had been taken a few years ago to prohibit the burning of candles anywhere in the building other than the main meeting room. Tony will discuss with the groups who rent the rooms. An alternative to the candles might be the use of battery operated tea lights for the same effect.

Kitchen Safety and Concerns

It was also presented as a concern that we needed to have the **kitchen exhaust system** cleaned and maintained. This service to the exhaust fan is overdue. A motion was presented and passed to allot

