



Dear Member,

**January/February 2008**

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. It is our hope that you may enjoy a happy, prosperous and peaceful 2008.

2007 went out with a very busy bang for the club thanks to all our volunteers, committee members, staff and members who stepped up and executed on numerous events.

Our **THANKSGIVING POTLUCK CELEBRATION** attended by 75+. Kicked off the season with wonderful food, decorations and fellowship. Thanks to all the volunteers who decorated, provided food and made this a success

Christmas began with a **TREE TRIMMING PARTY** Dec 10 with a tree donated by Pinery Xmas tree lot arranged by Lance M. Thank You Lance! Ever the P.R. Specialist, our manager Kris visited the Pinery to thank them personally with a photo of the decorated tree Said Kris to this reportrix "I wanted them to know how appreciative we were and thought lets bring them a picture so they can see her in her party dress They loved it!" Thank you to all of those who decorated the club for the holidays. A special Thank you to Wayne B. whose poinsettia florals added a festive finishing touch throughout the club.

The club also hosted it's **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVE ALKATHON** followed by Christmas Day Dinner with participation of 85+ . Thank You to all those who volunteered and attended. This is always a vital and special event, demonstrating the power of our fellowship and how lucky we are to have a friendly welcoming place to go 7 days a week 365 days a year.

The holiday season also presented us with other opportunities for fun and fundraising. Jim G was the lucky winner of our flat screen TV raffle awarded on Jan 1. which raised 1700+. Thank you all for your enthusiasm and generosity in purchasing raffle tickets.

**Thanks to Gordon** for writing us a beautiful **end of year fundraising letter** which was mailed to members and friends of the club. Titled the "**FIRST QUARTER CENTURY**" it gave a wonderful account of our early history, the purpose of the club and made a very discreet request for donations. This is a customary letter many non-profits sent out to garner donations at year end before the tax year ends. There was a modest return over costs and was successful enough to merit making it a regular annual appeal. Thank You to Gordon and all those who did the mailing and made contributions.

After two months of preparations our event committee of Bruce S. Trenton S., John I. and D.A. produced our first Annual **WINTER BALL** hosted at **Club Montage**. It was a smashing success with over 80 participants and revenue of 1900+. It featured hor douvres followed by three entertainers, Laura Jane, singer and emcee, Jeanice a hilarious comedienne and a jazz duo. That was followed by live auction, spectacular deserts (thank you Karen – we have her number if you need

more cake!) and then dancing. Congratulations to The event committee and the many volunteers who helped pull off a spectacular event Special thanks go out to our volunteers and auction participant from the cottages and board member Keith. **A special thanks also to the owners of Club Montage Chris and Marc for their generosity.** Not only did they donate the venue and staff but they also donated staff to help prepare the venue.

THE WINTER BALL was a special event in that we tried to provide a mixed venue of activity and entertainment that would appeal to the widest cross section of members. We received much positive feedback and look forward to trying it again and getting even greater participation next year. Please be sure to give us your feedback and suggestions.

The event committee still had one more trick up their sleeve before it was all over, with their **NEW YEARS EVE 12 STEP-A-THON** with a potluck at ten followed by various meetings, NA, AA, CMA until 5 am on New Years Day. Thank You to all who participated and put this together.

**BOARD BIZ:** For more details the **board meeting minutes** for the last few months are posted on the bulleting board for your perusal. A few items are that our lease has been finalized and should be signed when this newsletter comes out.. Two vacated positions on the Board were filled at the Jan board meeting by Mike Z. and Dave Shipman. John Miller presented planning for an impressive club benefit for the end of April at the January board meeting. Mark your calendar and look for more news of this major event. Over the last two months **Bruce S. and Mel** resigned. The board thanks them for their generous service and looks forward to their vital continued participation. **Letters of Intent to serve on the board are being solicited** for one board position

**COMMITTEES AT WORK:** The **Membership committee** has set out a survey and has been busy polling members investigating ways to build our membership. The **Publicity and public relations committee** is working on a new home for our website since our former host shut down. We expect to have a very basic site up within two weeks but are in need of a more experienced web author/designer to help (you'll know it when you see how basic it is!) The **Fiscal committee** is meeting regularly working out our budget and many other issues and needs volunteers! **Rules and Procedures** also seeks volunteers.

**VOLUNTEERS** are also needed for the **events committee** and for specific events coming up this year. Please consider donating some of your time in service. Please check out the bulletin boards for announcements of upcoming events, board communication and committee announcements. 2008 promises to be a big year for the club as we move into our 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR. A possible bingo event is being considered for Late Feb or early March. We would also like to provide a couple of free member appreciation events for members and are seeking your suggestions on these and any issues at the club.

**WALK FOR RECOVERY 2008!:** Will be held on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 this year. Stay tuned for further information regarding our participation. See Kris F. for details.

Uh oh ....no more room.....Thank you, for reading, participating in the Club and letting us serve you.

Yours,

LLAC Board of Directors