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KEEP COMING BACK!

Welcome to the SECOND issue of the Serenity Club Newsletter. It has been an exciting year in the making.

Last year "You Are No Longer Alone!" was the featured heading of the FIRST issue of Volume 2. It was chosen because it is one of the first (and likely original) signs you will see as you enter the club and look up to the right. This year, I chose to highlight "**Keep Coming Back!**" It is the other prominent sign that you will see when you look up as you leave the meeting area. "*Keep coming back!*" is also a response many long-time meeting attendees provide when others share they are new to recovery during and after meetings. I remember how important those words were when I first entered the club and still are today.

There is always a lot happening at the club that we want to share. Whether you are newly sober or have remained sober one day at a time for years, we want you to feel comfortable, safe and like FAMILY while at the club. Remember, YOU ARE NO LONGER ALONE when you enter the Serenity Club, Inc.

Service Opportunities:

➤ Club Level:

- ✓ Desk Duty volunteer
- ✓ Newsletter Editor
- ✓ Parking Lot Cleanup
- ✓ Holiday Event volunteer
- ✓ Membership List Coordinator
- ✓ Membership Drive Organizer/Host
- ✓ Event Coordinator (Ex. Monthly Game night/Movie night/Restaurant Fellowship)
- ✓ Member Service Match Coordinator
- ✓ Other Suggested Areas of Need

➤ Individual Group Meeting Level:

- ✓ Secretary
- ✓ Treasurer
- ✓ Coffee Bar Attendant
- ✓ Greeter
- ✓ Literature
- ✓ Chip Presenter

- LABOR DAY COOKOUT, September 4th
- Miscellaneous Pop-Up Events
- THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION (November TBA)
- HOLIDAY ALCATHONS (Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's)

Below are some highlights from several of our Sober events from Summer 2022 through our upcoming Labor Day 2023 BBQ. As a Member or friend of the Club, we think you will have an AWESOME time celebrating with us. There's always good food, sober brothers and sisters to fellowship with and great music to dance and/or listen to. Believe it or not, YOU CAN ACTUALLY HAVE FUN WHILE SOBER!!!

A special thanks to **Dave Futrell and The TOO EXTRA Band**.



They have been very generous this past year by donating their time and talent to perform LIVE music and also bring a lot of good food for several club events.

Come see them LIVE at the Club on Monday, September 4, 2023. Details below.

SERENITY CLUB

LABOR DAY
SEPTEMBER 4TH

LIVE MUSIC
DAVE F & THE TOO EXTRA BAND

FELLOWSHIP
BARBECUE

MONDAY, 09.04.2023
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

BECOME A MEMBER or SUSTAINER:

You can now JOIN the club or DONATE by Cash, Check or using our **PAYPAL** QR Code:

Membership: is \$90/year (or \$92.35 if you would like to help cover the cost of the Paypal transaction fee).

Sustainer: What is a Sustainer? A sustainer is an individual who pledges to pay a monthly contribution to the club by check, automatic debit, bank draft or through PayPal. \$5 or \$500, it all helps to keep the doors of the club open.

LABOR DAY COOKOUT

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH
1:00-3:00pm



FOOD FUN FELLOWSHIP

Hamburgers and Hotdogs

Come with your favorite meat, side, or dessert.

Volunteers needed for set up and clean up.
Donations appreciated!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR
THANKSGIVING DINNER
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2022
1:30-3:00pm

WHAT ARE YOU GRATEFUL FOR?

HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

SERENITY CLUB 2022 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 - LOTS OF NEW ITEMS!



WOMEN'S & MEN'S GIFTS! Questions-contact CVNDI S. 703-619-7827



WE LOVE TO
DECORATE THE
PLACE WE CALL
HOME.



DO YOU...

- Like to decorate?
- Have special skills or talents you'd like to use but don't know where to be of service?

Please, don't be shy!

- INQUIRE WITHIN!
- E-mail: serenity.club.alexandria@gmail.com

TWO ALCATHONS HOSTED BY DISTRICT 11

Christmas Alcathon

At The Serenity Club
8121 B Richmond Hwy Alexandria VA



CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24TH MEETINGS FROM NOON – 10 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25TH MEETING FROM 7:30 AM – 10 PM

MEETING EVERY NINETY MINUTES

CHRISTMAS DINNER, DECEMBER 25TH 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

New Year's Alcathon

At The Serenity Club
8121 B Richmond Hwy Alexandria VA

NEWS YEAR'S EVE, DECEMBER 31ST
MEETINGS FROM NOON – 10 PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY JANUARY 1ST MEETING
FROM 7:30 AM – 10 PM

MEETING EVERY NINETY MINUTES

NEW YEAR DAY DINNER, JANUARY 1ST 1:30 PM –
3:30 PM

HELLO 2023

Starting the year off right began with:



SERENITY CLUB 6th ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF
SATURDAY MARCH 25th
1:30-3:30pm

\$5 DONATION AT THE DOOR

ENJOY FELLOWSHIP AND HAVE FUN
JUDGING YOUR FAVORITE CHILI

PRIZES FOR 1st, 2nd, and 3rd PLACE





Do you have a favorite recipe? Will YOU be our next WINNER? We also need plenty of friends to cast their votes for their top 3 favorites. Either way, you're a winner!

The Golf Tournament is one of our biggest fundraisers the Club has held. The proceeds from this event go a long way in supporting our operating expenses which include rent, utilities, maintenance, supplies and insurance. Thank you to all who participated.

The Friends of the Serenity Club is an ad-hoc and informal group of Club members and non-members who gathered, after formal approval by the Club Board, to present this event. The Friends' purpose is to contribute to Club funding and to offer a fellowship sporting event for other friends. Any other group which may wish to continue the ad-hoc effort of the current group is welcome to adopt the name, after Board approval of such use and the purpose for which it is used. Thank you for coming out for this event, or for sponsoring and providing gifts honoring our purpose.

Donations are welcome and fully tax deductible. Please click on "Contributions" at the Serenity Club website, www.serenityclubva.com, for information about membership, donations and Sustaining Membership.



THE 2023 SERENITY NOW GOLF TOURNAMENT

To benefit The Serenity Club
Fort Belvoir Golf Club - Friday, May 12
11:30 a.m. sign-in / 1:30p.m. shotgun start
4-person team scramble format

REGISTER NOW TO PLAY, TO BE A SPONSOR OR PRIZE DONOR AT
WWW.SERENITYCLUBVA.COM

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FEELING LUCKY?

We hold 50/50 and 50/25/25 Raffles to benefit the club and one or two of our lucky guests at most events. Rich W. and Sharon G. are ready to announce the next winner. Will it be you?



A Special Note from Our Club Steward

"Thanks to all those who volunteer and help with desk duty from 1-4pm Monday-Friday. You help to make sure someone is there for a newcomer and for those who need a sober place to hang out."

A Special Shout Out to:

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| Helen J. | Dennis M. |
| Mike J. | Bill W. |
| Carol J. | Lynn R. |
| Greg H. | Christine W. |
| Jack D. | |

Also, thank you to Dennis who helps keep the club clean and stocked of all items needed on a daily basis! He has done such a wonderful job in helping to improve the look and feel of the club!

All the club members, and the board are working together to help keep the Serenity Club a comfortable and inviting place to all those in AA and especially the newcomer!

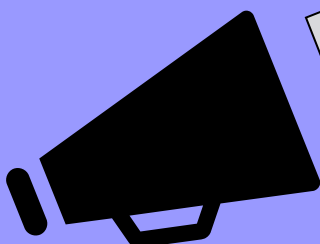
I am grateful to be in AA and to be fortunate enough to be of service as the club Steward!

With sincere gratitude,
Christine H.



HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW FLOORING?

David, a long time member, and his company graciously worked with a flooring company and installed the flooring in all 3 bathrooms PRO BONO! Thank you so much for your service and the much needed improvement to the look and feel of our club.

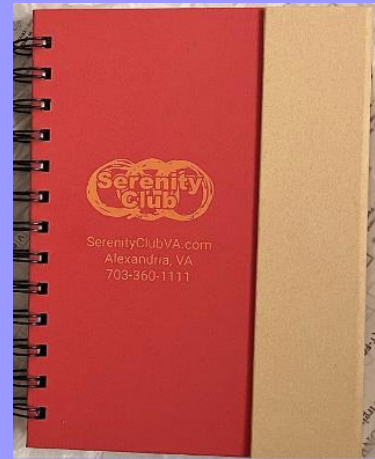


Are You
Ready For
THIS?

SERENITY CLUB SWAG!!!

We are SO EXCITED to announce we will be offering SERENITY CLUB SWAG for sale at the Club starting in August/September 2023. What a great way to show your LOVE and SUPPORT for the Club while also raising funds to keep the doors open and generate AWARENESS in our COMMUNITY!

5x7" Eco Friendly Spiral Notebook with Pen available in colors shown:



See Inside:

Each of these comes with 60 - ruled pages, magnetic closure, pen, sticky notes and colorful sticky flags. Great for general use, taking notes at meetings and A gift to a Sponsor or Sponsee. **\$13/each.**

Bistro Style Large Coffee Mugs 16 oz. Printed on both sides. Available in 4 styles shown. \$16/each.



FRONT



BACK



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15 oz. Terra Tumbler. Club logo is laser Printed on one side. \$16/each.



Note: (pink box around logo is for proof purposes only).



16 oz. Cayman Travel Tumbler. Blue Band printed with full color Club logo on one side. \$20/each.

Gildan 5000 Adult Heavy Cotton T-Shirt. Club logo in full color printed on front.

Available in:

White (S-3X) @ \$21/each



CAROLINA BLUE (S-3X) @ \$23/each



Heliconia (Fuscia) (L-2X) @ \$23/each



Berry (S-2X) @ \$23/each



Updated BOARD OF DIRECTORS list:

Officers:



President,
Sharon Gleim



VP,
Richard Whittington



Treasurer,
Jeanine Jessup



Meeting
Chair

JOHN VALCEANU
John Valceanu

Secretary (VACANT)

Note: Jeanine Jessup is currently filling in temporarily as needed

Directors:

- Joe McLaughlin
- Jack Dutko
- Eric Weinhagen
- Jim Shanahan
- Mary Normile



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Alternates:

2 Vacant positions

If you have any questions, concerns, are interested in serving on the Board of Directors or in a specific area, please feel free to reach out to us if you see one of us in the club. We also have a locked **RED** communication box at the front desk or you can email us at: serenity.club.alexandria@gmail.com.