

VICE-CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe how quickly time has passed and how much has happened at Arid since our last News Letter.

First and foremost, our prayers are with our Chairman, Carl Johnson - his rapid recovery and positive attitude are a miracle and an inspiration for us all. Carl plans to be back at his post in time for the Christmas Party.

Thanks to Trillium, the Fort Erie house has undergone major restorative work to prevent future flooding and improve structural integrity; additionally, new carpets and flooring will be laid by the end of November. We have also received our second installment of the Trillium Grant - kudos to all involved in the preparation of the progress report. The supplemental operating funds of \$10,500.00 are extremely welcome as other revenue sources continue to decrease.

We extend the Board's best wishes to Jim Muir who has resigned his part time

post for personal reasons; fortunately for Arid, Bob Tisi has accepted our offer of a part time support position. Bob brings with him a wealth of experience and his low keyed approach has been well received by both the residents and other staff.

Invitations to all those involved with Arid, our Partners and friends, have been sent for the Annual Appreciation and Christmas Party to be held at the Fort Erie house on December 1st at 6:30 p.m. We sincerely hope that many of you can make it; it is a wonderful opportunity for the Board and the Staff to both show off the Arid operation and thank our many supporters personally for your continued support.

Merry Christmas

Allan Fishburn
Vice-Chair

JOIN THE CAUSE: BECOME AN ARID PARTNER

A great way to support ARID is to Partner with us. We started the ARID Partner Program to help cover operating shortfalls caused by declining Bingo revenues. Every dollar we collect goes to providing a safe supportive place where alcoholics and addicts can start their road to recovery with dignity.

Becoming a partner is easy - simply agree to contribute \$1 a day (less than the cost of a small coffee) to ARID Group Homes. Your commitment is especially important right now. Our Trillium Grant is partly contingent on signing up 100 partners over the next three years - so every new partnership contribution is effectively matched by Trillium funding.

Individuals and businesses are eligible to become partners, and the contribution can be made as a one-time gift or as a monthly debit to your Visa or MasterCard account.

Want to know more? Just call or e-mail us and we'll have someone get in touch. Your contribution will help save lives and build a better community.



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