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Carvel Club Newsletter

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<u>Member Spotlight</u>

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What is your favorite memory from the Carvel Club?

Receiving my first membership "tag". It was a gift from two members for doing service work at the club.

What is your favorite thing to order at The Club?

Brownies and Cookies!!! (Of course!)

How do you carry the message? Sponsorship, service work, and work with newcomers!

What is something you always share with a newcomer?

Keep doing what you're doing if you're liking what you're getting! What is a funny or unique fact about yourself?

In addition to my sobriety, I am proud of having been awarded the rank of Eagle Scout.

Below is a picture from Ed's Sponsor Family Dinner from 2015!



Holiday Blessings Experienced by Many

The Carvel Club hosted a traditional Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday dinner again this year. Heartfelt thanks go out to friends and supporters of the Club who generously donated funds and/or time to make the dinners possible.

These holiday dinners are intended for people seeking or in recovery who do not have a "safe" place to celebrate holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas. At the Carvel Club they can feel safe and be in the company of people just like them who understand that alcohol is not a necessary ingredient in order to feel and express love and fellowship.

Carvel Club staff estimate that 150 people took advantage of the free holiday dinners in 2022. Donations (cash, checks or credit card gifts) are already being accepted to put toward the 2023 holiday events. Every donation, no matter the size, will make a difference!

You Can Own a Piece of Carvel Club History!

Thanks to the generosity of two of our members, brand new seating for the large meeting rooms (upstairs and downstairs) was delivered in January. If you have not yet laid your eyes on the new chairs, it's worth a trip to the

Club! There you can see many of your old friends, attend an in-person meeting, and experience firsthand the comfort of these attractive and spacious new chairs.

But wait! There's more! We held back a small inventory of the upstairs vinyl and downstairs plastic chairs to make available, for a donation of \$10.00 or more per chair, to people who have a sentimental attachment to the former chairs. Many chairs have already found a new home, but a limited number remain. Just notify the staff member on duty of the quantity you would like and they will be happy to assist you!

2023 Membership Campaign Another Success!

Every person who supports the Carvel Club through an annual membership is making an investment in keeping the Club operating in a way that we have all come to rely on. With rising costs for labor, supplies, utilities and more, but not wanting to increase meeting rents, membership goes a long way in helping us bridge the gap.

THANK YOU to the nearly 200 supporters who purchased or renewed their membership in 2022. And if you're not yet a member, keep in mind that you don't have to wait until November, which is gratitude month. You can purchase a membership at ANY time, in person at the Club, by mail, or even on the Carvel Club website: thecarvelclub.org

"In God's economy, nothing is wasted. Through failure, we learn a lesson in humility which is probably needed, painful though it is." -Bill W.