



# CARVEL CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Have You Checked Out the New Carvel  
Club Website?

**Come check out The Club's new website [www.thecarvelclub.org](http://www.thecarvelclub.org)!**

You'll find an easy-to-navigate listing of all meetings, upcoming events, past newsletters, and recovery resources.

Visitors to the site can also sign up for the Carvel Club Newsletter, and support The Club through purchase of an individual or family membership, or by making a personal gift or by making a contribution honoring a loved one's passing or another major milestone or accomplishment.

The Carvel Club is always looking for ways to communicate with the people it serves so we're open to your suggestions for website additions or for future newsletter articles. Send your ideas to [carvelclub@indy.rr.com](mailto:carvelclub@indy.rr.com) (please include the word 'website' in the subject line)

**Click [HERE](#) to visit the NEW website!**

## **Mark Your Calendars!**

**September 21st**  
**Primary Purpose Day**  
AA Speaker • Al-Anon Speaker  
Food • Fellowship • Fun

A Long Overdue

## **Welcome to Our Newest Board Members:**

**Aaron R.**  
**Melissa C.**  
**Steve C.**  
**Steve D.**

**Member Spotlight**  
**Jack W.**

**Sobriety Date:** November 15, 2001

**Home Group:** Sunday at Seven (co-ed)

### **What is your favorite memory from The Carvel Club?**

Early on, I'd go to a Saturday noontime meeting held in the "little room" in the basement. Two "old-timer-guys" usually chaired, and often, other old-timers might be in attendance. After one such meeting, Buck B. (now deceased) and I had a long and very memorable conversation afterwards. He gave me his "lowdown" on the early history of AA in Indy (origins of The Club, how the "Brodie Room" got its name, takes of the formerly on-site "frame house," etc.). I miss those remembrances from those "crusty old-timers."

### **What is your favorite thing to order at The Club?**

Always, coffee (before each meeting)

### **How do you carry the message?**

Service work and sponsorship; I like the concept that "You may be the only Big Book someone sees."

### **What is something you always share with a newcomer?**

I've often heard alcoholism described as "suicide on the installment plan."

### **What is a funny or unique fact about yourself?**

I have (or had) perfect pitch; I took piano lessons all during grade school. I actually don't even think about it much these days.

## **Join us! The 15th Annual Doug Barry Carvel Club Golf Outing**

Thursday August 1st, 2024

Registration: 11am

Tee Off 12 Noon

4 Person Team Scramble • Closest to the Pin • Putting Contest

\$95 (per golfer)

Cost includes green fees, cart, range balls, and lunch.

Stop by Club for any questions!

## **Tough Decisions**

It has been at least 8 years since The Club increased the rent paid by groups utilizing its upstairs and downstairs meeting rooms, and at least 15 years since the membership dues structure has changed.

However, rising costs on everything from insurance, utilities, repairs and maintenance, staffing and all other costs to maintain an aging structure and keep the doors open from 6:30 am (5:30 a.m. on Saturdays) to 9:30 pm 365 days a year, have necessitated a tough decision by the Board to increase both rents and membership dues. The effective date was June 1.

During the pandemic and for a period of time thereafter, Club attendance at meetings declined in part due to public health restrictions, and in part from a migration to online meetings. The result was that revenue dropped considerably, whereas the cost of maintaining the building increased.

Periodic increases in the sales of food, literature, and token, as well as the recent increase in memberships and room rents, are all efforts on the part of a dedicated and diligent board to maintain The Carvel Club as a safe and welcoming environment that will continue to serve the recovery community for decades to come. In 2023, room rentals accounted for approximately 23% and membership 8% of total club revenue. The balance came from food and beverage sales; token and literature sales; donations for holiday meals, the golf outing, and donations from members. In 2022 and 2023 The Club was also fortunate to be recipient of a modest grant from a foundation located in central Indiana.

We hope you will continue to support The Club through your annual individual (now \$175/yr) or family (now \$245/yr) membership, as every single dollar collected is vital to our continued operations. And when you attend meetings, we hope you'll consider throwing an extra dollar in the bowl, not only to cover rent, but also to ensure continued periodic group contributions ("splits") to Indianapolis Group, the General Service Organization, District 24 and Area 23, who likewise count on your support. Together, "we" can preserve the Carvel Club as the treasure it has come to be regarded in the recovery community.

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DONATION**



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