

The Club Chronicle

1122 Fair Avenue, San Jose, Ca.
Saint Patricks Day and the Rest of March 94

Thank You.

Many thanks to the Westin Hotel for their donation of \$200 to our Club. And along these lines we want to thank the Alano Club West for their help in purchasing some Bingo equipment that we can't use and they can. They gave us a \$300 donation. And if you would like to see play a little, it is the Alano Club West, Friday Night Early Birds at 7:15, regular games (17) for \$10.00, \$250. Progressive Black-out.

He was a former Board Member and a Great Friend To the Club.

Howard Hunt died in February from Cancer. He is survived by Barbara his widow, Steve H., Gary H. and David H. his three sons. Our condolences to the Family. Our condolences to his many friends.

Some Activities You Should Know About.

On Saturday March 5th, Carolann E. ,will speak at the Saturday Night Speakers meeting. After the meeting the Legacies Conference out of San Francisco will be doing a Conference Fundraising Dance here at the Club.

On Saturday March 12th, Jack H., will be the Speaker, Followed by The Clubs' Saint Patricks Day Dance. Our D.J. will be Marcus Anthony.

On Saturday March 19th, The First Annual Women Celebrating Recovery Conference will start at 1:45 Parenting, 2:45 Long Term Recovery, 4:00 Womens A.A. Meeting, 5:15 Illness & Loss, 6:30 Relationships/Sexuality, 8:00 Candy B. will be our speaker followed by , The Association of Recovering Motorcyclists, Chapter 37, will be having a Live Music Dance. Members \$2.00, Recovery House residents \$3.00, \$7.00 for Future Members and \$10.00 for Couples. A Mid March Blowout!

On Saturday March 26 Toni B. from Seattle will be our speaker at the the Saturday Night Speaker Meeting. Following the meeting we will have a Dance with Marcus Anthony as the D.J.
Sunday, April 3rd, An Alka-thon and an Easter Egg Hunt

The Board of Directors have Selected Andre M. for his help in getting a donation as Member of the Month.
Thank you, Andre!

The Consuming desire of most human beings is deliberately to plant their whole life in the hands of some other person. I would describe this method of searching for happiness as immature. Development of character consists solely in moving toward self-sufficiency. Quentin Crisp

Looking for A Non- Smoking Meeting ?

March First because it's The Law, All meetings at the Alano Club will be Non-smoking. Just as an after thought I will be enclosing a schedule of a new group calling themselves Nicotine Anonymous. No Requirement for attendance. I know this is going to be tough for a lot of people. Whatever path you choose, please stay with us!

No one keeps a record of decisions you could have made but didn't. Everyone keeps a record of your bad ones.
Pfeifer's principle

Milestones For The Members In March:

Sprig F.	3/1/92	Leon O.	3/1/83	Paul P.	3/1/79	Ray T/	3/1/88
Tony L.	3/3/89	Shirly G.	3/4/81	Bill W.	3/4/91	Douglas P.	3/5/91
Andre M.	3/7/90	Jesse M.	3/7/89	Donald A.	3/8/92	Jeff M.	3/9/93
Coach B.	3/10/93	MonaLisa J.	3/12/84	Belinda O.	3/13/89	Eric C.	3/15/86
Cliff D.	3/15/93	Rube E.	3/15/89	Bruce B.	3/16/91	Gill W.	3/16/93
Tim H.	3/17/87	Ralph H.	3/17/76	Carolyn S.	3/17/77	Greg W.	3/17/91
Roy F.	3/21/87	David R.	3/21/88	Donald R.	3/21/91	Ed S.	3/22/81
Royce F.	3/25/89	Paul R.	3/25/92	Dennis F.	3/27/85	Ed B.	3/29/93

Thank you !

Our membership is slowly on the rise. We need you and we need some more. We now have 431 members and that is way up from when our problems started happening. So, Thank you and we really need you to continue. We need to keep this Club here for whoever may need it. It has helped so many people!

The Alcoholic Paradox

The alcoholic represents many things to many people. He is the world's supreme paradox. He goes to a bar, knowing that he won't find what he is looking for. He is looking for happiness and freedom from fear, but he only finds despair. Yet, he will trade his freedom of choice for a drink. He searches frantically for courage in the bottle, but he finds only hopelessness and yet he drinks.

He knows from experience that alcohol makes man rich in fancy for a short time and it makes a wealthy drunkard poor in fact. The alcoholic drinks because he must, not because he likes it. He drinks before dinner to ease tension of the day. He drinks a pint before bedtime to escape the pressure of tomorrow.

He is in love with himself, yet he tries to kill himself. He wants to be free, but he rushes headlong into a self-made prison. When he is sober, he wants to get drunk. When he is drunk, he prays for sobriety. He gets high in the evening so that he can be low in the morning. He wants the beauty of life, yet he seeks the sordid and the ugly.

The strange paradox of the alcoholic is that he thinks that the only way he can feel better is by drinking the liquid that will make him feel worse. He seeks to inflate his ego with the whiskey bottle, but he only shrivels his soul in the bitter gall of remorse. Watch him. He will start all his bouts with the dignity of a king and winds up fawning like a clown.

And so he goes on his incredible, paradoxical way, leaving behind in human wreckage all those he loved. Down the road he stumbles in a stupor of oblivion, staggering, until he drowns himself in the two ounce whiskey glass... or by the Grace of God he finds himself in the doorway of Alcoholics Anonymous.
Wheakey, Surrey, London, England