

The Club Chronicle

The Mothers' Day Edition

May 1994

The Alano Club Will Have A Mothers Day Breakfast. We will be open from 9:00 a.m., so get here early, even if you're just thinking about becoming a mother, you need our breakfast. Reduced prices for the moms and a little something extra. Sunday, May 8th.

If you always do what you've always done.....You'll always get what you've always gotten!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Board of Directors want to thank the goodfellows for their help in making the Club work for the month of April. Let us begin with Dale P. who reconditioned our air-coolers for the long hot summer as well as Chris L. and Frenchie for their help with our freezer and our reach -in cooler. You guys have the nod for members of the month and thank you all, for your caring, help.

These Fine Folks will soon be Celebrating a Milestone in the Twelve Step Programs

Errol F.	5/01/84	Mark G.	5/01/89	Donald H.	5/01/89	Harley R.	5/05/91
Steve H.	5/06/85	Rosemary B.	5/07/81	Joe B.	5/07/61	Mick F.	5/11/84
Richard R.	5/11/82	Ed R.	5/11/91	Maryann W.	5/11/78	Cleo F.	5/14/82
Mel S.	5/17/89	Jerry W.	5/17/78	Michael D.	5/20/93	Val C.	5/20/82
Lupe M.	5/22/89	Dan O.	5/22/81	Chelsie L.	5/23/88	Frank P.	5/24/93
Jaime R.	5/24/91	Butch C.	5/25/93	Norris P.	5/26/91	Lewis F.	5/27/91
Jimae T.	5/28/93	Lee B.	5/29/88	Trip H.	5/30/93		

Well hopefully a few more of you are considering filing your taxes by the end of the month!

An Editorial Opinion:

The Alano Club of San Jose has been willingly helping people with substance abuse and chemical dependency problems since 1951. We have become so good at this that I am afraid that we have caused some problems that may become our downfall. The court systems are sending a large majority of people with addiction problems to the various 12 step programs. A great many of these assignments end up here at our Club.

What has happened over the last five or ten years is that some of the people that the courts send to our 12 step programs achieve sobriety and return to their lives as functional members of society, but many of them don't see the potential available and only see their time here as punishment and the meetings as something which they are being forced to attend, which in fact is true. This has resulted in a multitude of people that have become less than willing to help support our 12 step meetings as well as the Club.

Although the court system is solving a great problem for the court system, and I believe that they are doing the right thing, they have inadvertently caused us a problem that we need to give careful consideration. In my opinion we are getting more and more people who are less and less willing to support a program that will help them survive and learn to live healthy and functional lives in our community.

I think that it is important to tell you that I was sent here by the Court system and that I would welcome rebuttals for our next newsletter. Tony Baron

Were you at our Last Jazz and Blues Festival?

The Alano Club of San Jose presents the Second Annual Jazz and Blues Festival. Sunday, May 15th starting at noon and going until? It will be held in the newly refurbished Serenity Garden at noon along with a Chicken Bar-B-Que and all the trimmings. Tickets are limited and are on sale now. A fundraiser for our Club. Members \$5, Non-Members \$5.50. Come and listen to the Johnny Cosmic Band, direct from JJ's in the Downtown Area.

And How About that Eighth Annual Golf Tournament!

Sunday, June 26th, \$50.00 to participate in this Noble Cause. You can have a side bet with the current manager assuming that you have an NCGA Index. Winnings and Proceeds go to the Alano Club. Break the Manager, you will feel good about this endeavor! You can sponsor a hole for \$50.00, a little note that makes a statement, to be placed at one of the eighteen holes at Spring Valley Golf Course. Applications are at the Club or you can call and have one mailed to you.

CINCO de MAYO

*A Celebration to be held here at the Club on Saturday, May 7th.. A Menudo Breakfast \$2.00, also Huevos Rancheros, Chorizo con Huevos/ Corn or Flour Tortillas Members 3.85, Non-members \$4.85
A little Lunch= Bar-B-Que Chicken, Garlic Bread, Beans, Salad, Chips & Salsa, Members \$4.00 Non-Members \$5. This to start at noon
2:00 p.m. Children's Round Up/ 3 Pinatas
3:00 p.m. Straight Pool Tournament , \$10.00 Entry Fee
8:00 p.m. Happy Birthday, Freddie M. 20 years so lets have a speaker meeting
10:00 p.m. Dance Members \$3.00, Recovery Houses \$4.00, Future Members \$5.00
A Raffle for A 20" Remote Control Television, and lots of dues. \$1.00 donation
So lets all be a little different and Celebrate the 5th of May on the 7th.....It works for Me!*

A Pathways Dance and Fun Fundraiser

*Friday May 27th, At the Club, 10:00 p.m.
Club Members \$2.00, Recovery Houses \$3.00, Future Club Members \$5.00*

Seven Reasons I Support The Alano Club:

- 1. I want it to be there for anyone that needs it between meetings!*
- 2. It was there for me.*
- 3. It is a really good idea.*
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- 6. It is a really dood idea.*
- 7. Can you fill this one in-----?*