

# The Alano Club Chronicle

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**These Fine Folks Will Soon be Celebrating a Milestone in the Twelve Step Programs**

*I know that you are going to find this very hard to believe But, Jack M. from Oregon has 14 years!*

*(The part that you should find hard to believe is that I forgot to put it in the newsletter.)*

Sonny P.	6/01/84	Sherman P.	6/01/88	James S.	6/01/93	Jesse D.	6/02/88
Charlie J.	6/03/92	Gus G.	6/04/72	Dave W.	6/08/74	Roy M.	6/09/93
Alejandro R.	6/09/93	Bill C.	6/10/93	Mel R.	6/10/81	Bob P.	6/11/87
Carolyn M.	6/11/93	Robert Lee A.	6/12/93	Joe C.	6/12/92	Ron M.	6/13/89
Anna M.	6/14/88	Ken A.	6/15/93	Raymond L.	6/15/93	Jesse V.	6/15/84
Marty H.	6/17/93	Tony P	6/18/89	Clara G.	6/19/91	Ray V.	6/20/87
Nell W.	6/21/89	Jim D.	6/25/78	Garry B.	6/28/90	Pat P.	6/28/89
Frenchie P.	6/28/84	William C.	6/28/84	Thats 64,240 days at a time.			

## **Many Thanks, Many Welcomes:**

*Cora S. and Kathy O. have found it necessary to resign from our Board. So we wish you the very best and thanks for your help and support in these positions of importance. We would like to welcome on the Board Chris G. and Klaus S. and promise them an interesting tour of duty.*

## **In Answer To The Editorial Opinion:**

Dear Tony:

May 10, 1994

*Upon reading the may issue newsletter, I ponder on "Seven Reasons I Support the Alano Club".*

*With the "key word" being support, I think of "help" as in monetary. As many of us know we have been operating in the red for some time now and know it can not go on forever. Therefore may I make a suggestion please...HOW ABOUT IMPLEMENTING A PLEDGE PROGRAM.....*

*We have many great members and non-members alike who attend meetings and various functions that are concerned for the welfare of the Club, and also contribute to this segment to get us on an even keel and keep us afloat, and be happy to do it , including myself.*

*This program "COULD AND WOULD" accelerate if approached as a "GOAL" with full purpose of heart and real intent...not to mention being beneficial and rewarding to all.*

*Respectfully.....Bill C.*

Dear Tony,

*In my mind the courts do not send people to AA for the purpose of achieving sobriety. I think the game played is the transferring of a social problem to us due to a lack of funding for treatment programs. There is a direct increase in the head count from the courts verses the closure of publicly funded facilities.*

*I would like to think they care; but overall, they don't. I think the judges that are literally sentencing people to us know little if anything about AA. It appears as if it were one of those word of mouth exchanges from one knowledgeable judge to another that got out of hand.*

*The only true interest the court system appears to have is the transferring of a financial problem. If they wish to suggest that a person can obtain the most valuable gift of their life from us, that is great. Mandatory attendance for the probation of an individual with our cooperation is the most basic violation of our Traditions.*

*I do not want people in meetings or at the Club that do not want to be there. I am tired of picking up the tab for them. I am tired of sitting in meetings and not making expenses yet (day of recent past) seeing everybody smoking. Some where I remember hearing "willing to go to any length" and "self supporting".*

*In that we are a program of complete honesty, we have an obligation to those who think that AA is truly a sentence that must be served. I believe the following points should be posted in large print at the front door. They should be made at the beginning of every meeting before the AA meeting starts.*

*1. We are a program of attraction. We have absolutely no affiliation with the court system. We do not look to them or any other system for membership drives. (You would be suprised how many people think we do.)*

*2. We welcome you here to receive what we have to offer. We want you, of your own free will, to come and see for yourself if what we have might not work for you. We will not sign anything stating that you attended a meeting. You must go back to the court system and tell them to make other arrangements such as having your parole officer meet you here.*

*3. If you do not want to be here, we do not want to have you here. We know we have the answer that has worked for us; if you stay, you must act in a manner that is conducive to sobriety, both yours and that of others..*

*If the court system wants to send people to us for help, then they should work with Central Office to establish a meeting that introduces them to AA. This introduction should communicate points such as listed above. Central Office must contact the system and explain to them at a judge level that we are not one of their tools for controlling the social dilemma they have on their hands.*

*I think the meetings should start concentrating on AA. Meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous should talk about alcoholism. There are other 12 step programs that deal with other substances and if you would like to talk about them, please go there.*

*Meeting distractions should be stopped. When a Secretary counts the money or other such duties when someone is speaking, just think of what kind of message that sends to the new comers or visitors. When the Chair talks to the Secretary when someone else is speaking, the same thing occurs. The dilemma in the back of meetings becomes so bad that I walk out because I can't hear the speaker. People walking in and out for the sake of whatever should be encouraged to stay out.*

*The coffee shop is just as rude as it ever was. The people behind the counter spend time with their friends and conduct club business at convenient points in their personal conversation. At times the juke box is turned up so loud that you can't carry on a conversation. The people who clean up are just as rude as ever.*

*The coffee shop is not a place where people would rather come than go to Denny's.*

*In my mind, it is better to close than to sell out or compromise our beliefs. I would sacrifice myself to die drunk rather than see the program become a politically correct thing that violates every thing that happened in Akron, Ohio. So many well intended movements have disappeared just because they became healthy enough to serve man and forgot God.*

*Ed S.*

## ***Members of the Month***

*The Board of Directors in their infinite wisdom have chosen Carmine and Lupe M. as members of the month for their continuing efforts to make the Club a little bit better! We thank you very much.*

## ***Cinco De Mayo***

*This was a very big success for us and all those involved in this event should be very proud of their efforts. The Club was able to take in over \$1,000 for the day. The television went to a person in a recovery house.*

## ***The Jazz & Blues Festival***

*This event brought us a great time for Music, Food and Fellowship. Again, many thanks to all of those involved. The Club made over \$600 on this event.*

## ***The First Weekly Car Wash***

*This went very well and the Club made \$150 for this event. Anyone wanting future consideration for this event should contact Barry P. Many, Many Thanks*

## ***The Mothers Day Breakfast Was Just Wonderful***

*For those of you that felt left out, the men of this world would like to invite you to the Fathers Day Breakfast. Sunday, June 19th, watch for further information. We promote equal opportunity holidays!*

## ***Many Thanks To Space Systems/Loral***

*Randy G. was able to acquire an \$500 donation from this fine and wonderful company.*

## ***The Golf Classic***

*Sunday, June 26*

## ***The Big Dance***

*Saturday, June 4th, Jerry S.*

*A special thanks to all those involved in our efforts to keep our Club open. Your help can range from keeping your dues current to picking up a piece of paper, to helping us in a different way. Regardless, we need you to survive!*