

The San Jose Alano Club News
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Happy New Year!

Club in Dire Straits:

At this months board meeting the financial news was bleak. The Club is losing money at an alarming rate and if this trend does not turn around it will be unlikely the Club will continue to exist in 1995.

As current and past members of the Alano club we are asking you to help us answer these questions: Does our City need an Alano club? Is the Alano Club no longer serving the needs of the recovering community? And if so, what are some of these neglected needs?

I myself don't know if I would be sober today if it were not for the Alano Club. I've heard from members and others in the fellowship that they also used the Club early in their sobriety but they no longer tell newcomers or their sponsees that we are here. Why is that?

I know that in the past there has been some sort of conflict between the fellowship and the Club. I really don't know the details, and I really don't care. I believe for the good of the newly recovering alcoholic and the community that we should find our common ground, and work together to build a nurturing and supportive, safe, sane, and sober place for the newcomer and old-timer to go. This club can be the Club YOU want it to be!

In the past the Club has sometimes been a haven for the homeless and drunk alike. We are aware of this. It has sometimes been a hard call to make since our primary purpose is to be a haven for the Alcoholic in need. This year the Club has had to take inventory and has begun more strictly enforcing our policy of members only.

We are in dire need of support from our members and future members alike, even if only stopping by for a cup of coffee, every little bit helps. If you haven't been to the Alano Club in awhile come by and see what we have to offer and check out the improvements we've made in the last year." This text was taken from the Petaluma Alano Club Newsletter for December 94.. This text applies to us with the exception of the members only policy.

Well Look Who Is Celebrating A Milestone in Recovery:

Nick B.	1/01/90	Ezequiel B.	1/01/94	Jim E.	1/01/90	Jody K.	1/01/83
Harry Mc.	1/01/87	Hassan A.	1/01/94	Ed P.	1/01/91	Robin T.	1/01/89
John A.1/02/85	Ben C.	1/04/86	Juan A.	1/05/82	Judy M.	1/05/89	
Mark N.	1/06/83	Freddie P.	1/06/86	Barry P.	1/06/86	Scott P.	1/06/83
Reed S.	1/06/86	Esther O.	1/07/62	George P.	1/07/94	Steve M.	1/08/74
Steve O'.	1/08/92	Billy D.	1/11/87	Anna V.	1/12/91	John A.1/13/93	
Susan S.	1/13/90	Patrick S.	1/14/91	Rudy C.	1/14/78	Robert C.	1/15/90
Dan O'	1/15/73	Jimmy W.	1/15/89	Ben R.	1/17/92	Dean T.1/19/91	
Larry B.	1/23/92	Mike H.	1/27/86	Frank V.	1/27/92	Bill R.	1/30/89
Steve S.1/30/82	What are the odds of three members having the same birthday?					One in 3,102,500 ?	

Our King for a Day has Arrived:

Steve Hun? was kind enough and brave enough to get inside of the mind of our computer. After a mind link he was able to get our computer to stop sending three members per page into the dark abyss. Management has been returned to a sense of sanity. Thank You Steve!

Our Membership and Election Results.

Many thanks to all of those that attended the membership meeting. Coach B. will start his two year term of office in January. However, we should thank him for his help with the Christmas Dinner here at the Club. Those that were given another two years in office to get it right were; Cha-Cha, Chuck, Cora, Norm. Klaus missed re-assignment by one vote, so many thanks to him for his help over the last year! This is a really new concept, but, we actually had ten people run for the Board of Directors and I think that is a very positive statement about our Club and its most interested members.

Thanks for Thanksgiving:

Many, many people made this possible for us this year but two stayed up really late and got back here real early. Those two were Nell W. and Patrick S. As a result of their efforts the Board of Directors has awarded them the title of Members of the Month.

Wanna Help?

The revival of the Activities Committee will be on Sunday, January 8th at 3:00 pm. Consider yourself invited and you can make a difference.

I'm Betting that our New Years Dance Was A Big Success:

We decided to make it free to all those that needed to dance on this special night. It was just our way of saying thanks for helping us keep the doors open for another year. CAPS who was going to host our Dance had some internal problems earlier this month!

Our Christmas Boutiques:

Many Kudos to all of those great and wonderful people that had anything to do with our Christmas Boutiques. We ere able to raise \$165.67 and \$167.15 for the Club. I was able to go from a 32" snug to a 34" snugger at the waist.

The Heritage Dinner was Great:

Howard Cooked, Michele Served, And a cast of thousands ate. Milton MC'd, Al historized, and a cast of thousands ate. Overall it went very, very, well, and the Club made a profit of \$721.97. Doug did our Dance and many did dance. And a cast of thousands ate!

The Alano Club of San Jose would like to wish You and Yours the very Best of everything in 1995!

Happy New Year Everyone!

We Made It Another Year!

Just Made It!

Thank You.