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Ignorance, Arrogance or Malice:

In the early part of this summer another Alano Club was forced to close its doors. The South County Alano Club and I can't help but wonder why these things have to happen. I visited this club on a couple of occasions and found the fellowship of recovery to be alive and well. At the time I visited people were sharing at a club level and having a good time. I went to a meeting and heard people talk about being grateful. I hear of Program Central Offices not making enough to pay their expenses. I personally can't thank Alcoholics Anonymous enough every time I see somebody like myself sleeping in a doorway or mooching on a street corner. I'm sure that my God doesn't grace me more than the guy in the doorway, I sure that my God didn't want me to live at the cost of another alcoholics death. I'm positive that my God wants me to contribute a little extra to my community until the new guy can start to contribute and then I think he wants me to contribute a little more because I'm further along in this new life. I have the opportunity of watching some givers and takers in these programs and it is far less important if I am a giver or a taker, in my opinion it is important that we don't become a program of takers. You have a gift that we all should envy, but you can contribute to your community and contribute to your gift, I believe that by these actions that some of us get to keep the gift just a little bit longer. If your higher power tells you that all you have to do, is not take the first fix, pill or drink for the rest of your life then please solicit a new one. Go do something for someone that can't do for themselves, and forget about your opinion if it is based on one upmanship.

Just another Drunk with an opinion and a soap box.

Do our programs a favor, give this to someone in the dark. If not this, then another message. We gotta Grow.

These Great and Wonderful Club Members will Celebrate a Milestone In Recovery This Month

Jay V.	8/4/60	Sharon P.	8/1/72	Paul J.	8/2/74	Ed Mc.	8/14/80
Johnnie P.	8/21/78	LeeAnna P.	8/1/79	Edwin S.	8/1/80	Byron W.	8/3/82
Ricardo H.	8/8/82	Jeri B.	8/10/82	Erin O.	8/30/83	Rochelle M.	8/6/85
Klaus S.	8/19/86	Ray D.	8/16/87	Norm D.	8/23/87	Vernon M.	8/2/88
Tony R.	8/9/88	Gordon B.	8/15/89	John W.	8/8/90	Ken L.	8/15/90
Anita G.	8/18/90	Frank G.	8/27/90	Andrew R.	8/8/92	Leopoldo N.	8/23/93
Mike B.	8/2/94	Elaine F.	8/2/94	Richard G.	8/11/94	Tomothy G.	
	8/4/95						
Michele Z.	8/16/95	Russel C.	8/22/95	Karen F.	8/28/95	Congratulations!	

Having a tremendous capacity for alcohol may make us proud, but it's like telling someone with tuberculoses that they cough very well.

The Rock:

Some of us saw the movie, and then wanting to see the real thing, went to the prison. Steve Mendoza put together a prison posse for the purpose of breaking into Alcatraz. (I assume after seeing the movie, he or some of his associates, didn't quite remember it that way). I signed up for this event with mixed emotions and was quite pleased at the outcome. On June 29th we went for it, we became tourists and had a great time in the process. So first of all I want to express my gratitude for an immediate return to the mainland. And further express my gratitude to some folks that made it happen: Kelli and two youngins, Connie, Scott, Linda, Mike, Nick, Kathy, Johnny, Irene, Steve, Ron and one youngster, Frank, Maggie, Terri, Fred, Bob, Richard, Fernando, Lisa, Monica and Pam.

The Board States That These Folks Get The Member of The Month:

Dorothy Frost and Judy Park for their help to Carmin in the Yard Sale, Look for another Yard Sale on August 3rd. (Rent your own Space \$10.) A late thank you to Todd Wadsworth for his help on the BBQ

The Alano Club Network Meeting

This is a great opportunity to discover a little about how other Clubs do things and how we can make our Club better. We are co-hosting this meeting with the Mid-Peninsula Alano Club and it will be held on Sunday August 18 at our Club.

Our Alano Club is having our own Hot August Afternoon.

Featuring Classic Cars 40's, 50's, 60's. Come join us on this special afternoon, bring the family, friends and kids. We'll have Hot Dogs and Drinks, Raffles and more. To help support our Club. August 11th

Independence Day

Many Thanks to Nell Wright, Steve Holloway and a cast of thousands in bringing about our Fourth of July BBQ. I got here a little late for the event and had to make due with what was left, but I could clearly see that our BBQ graced the palet of many. So we just want to give you guys a happy fourth of July Thank You!

Alcoholism is a progressive disease that is characterized by a gradual increase in tolerance and a gradual deterioration in lifestyle. Some 18 million Americans are either alcoholics or alcohol abusers- one out of every 10 adults.

International Buffet

On Saturday August 10th, we will be trying a Buffet from 11:00 a.m. until ?, why don't you? Our cooks assure me that we will be having a few really good dishes.

Please Check Your Dues on the Address Label of This Newsletter, Please continue to help us make this work . And if you can, recruit a new member!

Thank You