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# The San Jose Alano Club News

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### A LESSON FROM OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS

We live on the Pacific Flyway, one of the earth's major bird migration paths, so we often see geese in the fall and spring. As surprising as it may sound, our feathered friends can teach us a lot about unity and teamwork:

**FACT:** As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an "up lift" for the following geese. By flying in a "V" Formation, the whole flock moves 71 percent faster than if each goose flew alone.

**LESSON:** People who share a common direction, sense of community, and goals can get where they are going faster and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

**FACT:** Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone. It quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the "lifting power" of the bird immediately in front.

**LESSON:** If we wish to be efficient, we will stay in formation with those who are headed where we want to go.

**FACT:** When a goose gets sick, wounded, or shot down, two geese drop out of formation to follow him down to help protect him. They stay with him until he is either able to fly again or dies. They then launch out on their own or with another formation to catch up with their flock.

**LESSON:** We need to mentor, nurture, support, and stand by each other.

**FACT:** When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates to back of the formation and another goose flies at the .....point position—the cutting edge.

**LESSON:** We must develop multiple leaders and take our turns on the cutting edge. Everyone is important and must learn skills to make a positive contribution to the flock.

**FACT:** The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up the good work.

**LESSON:** We need to make sure our "honking" from behind is encouraging, never anything less helpful.

*These Great and Wonderful People will be Celebrating a Milestone in Recovery in the month of November:*

Cory D.	11/06/78	Fred Y.	11/14/80	Chuck H.	11/16/81	Henry R.	11/21/81
Don Mc.	11/12/83	Marty M.	11/17/83	Charles M.	11/27/83	Johnny S.	11/11/89
Clyde R.	11/26/89	Ken H.	11/02/93	Jose R.	11/03/93	Allen O.	11/26/94
Robert C.	11/01/95	Reisa S.	11/01/96	Roy C.	11/13/96		

*"Do not search for truth," said an ancient patriarch, "only cease to cherish opinions."  
Courage To Change*

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**The November Member of the Month: Jerry V. for putting a great accent light in the foyer to highlight the display case. Many Thanks to Jerry for all his help in the past also!**

### **We Have Something You May Be Interested In:**

**Ken & Kimmy at Bay Area Computer donated us two brand new computers to do with as we wish, so phase one will be to try to sell them at a reduced price to a Club Member.**

- 1. CPU 486DX2-66, 8 Meg Memory, VLB Mother Board, 256 Cache, 630 meg hard drive, 1.44 Floppy, VLB controller card, 1 meg memory, Mini-Tower computer Case, Keyboard and mouse. 3.1 windows and 6.22 DOS software. 30 days Parts and Labor. (No Monitor).**
- 2. CPU 486DX4-100, 8 Meg Memory, VLB Mother Board, 256 Cache, 540 meg hard drive, 1.44 Floppy, VLB controller card, 1 meg memory, Mini-Tower computer Case, Keyboard and mouse. 3.1 windows and 6.22 DOS software. 30 days Parts and Labor. (No Monitor).**

**These will be for sale at a very reasonable price of \$300 each for one month only! After the November Deadline they will be used as raffle prizes.**

### **Do You Care?**

**Last month we put out a distress call. Our answers came in the form of miracles. I hope that we don't have to use this call for a while. With your help we were able to go from \$6,500 at one point in the red, to the great and wonderful figure of \$3,500 in the black. Special thanks to Space Systems/Loral, Bay Area Computer Products, A & H Heating and Air Conditioning, The Home Depot, Los Gatos Heating and Air Conditioning, Some very anonymous donors and great friends of the Club (Who I hope will consider sponsoring me on the Senior Golf Tour). Our community has asked us to stay around a bit longer, and all of us here at the Alano Club and the 2,000 folks that we provide a meeting hall to on a weekly basis would like to offer our heartfelt Thanks. God blessed us through you.**

### **Entertainment "98**

**If you are familiar with these books we have them. Pay at the counter and I or one of our board members will see that you get your copy. Good values, \$40 per book. You can easily recapture your investment in a weekend and help our Club with a fund-raiser.**

### **Dances**

**After the Great Success of our last Dance, we have asked the committee to do two more and hope that they will be equally successful. I think that the community has voiced a commitment to give us another try as a not for profit entity as opposed to the Fremont For Profit Enterprise. So we have Friday November 14, and Friday December 12<sup>th</sup> on our calendars. We hope you will show your support.**

### **New Years Eve?**

**We are planning another Luau, with professional entertainment. This is a great event and will be our third of this kind. Plan on being with us!**

**Our Board of Directors would like to invite you to our Annual Membership Meeting To Be Held on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**

### **A Comedy Show**

**Saturday, November 29 at 9:30 p.m. The Club will host a comedy show. Latner & Greene Productions will put this on. Tickets are \$5.00 for a night of laughter and fun. Join us for good times in sobriety.**

**Thanks For Making It Work One More Month!**