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The San Jose Alano Club News

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Would You Like To Help A Bit More? Want To Give Some Back? Then Consider This

We have immediate openings on the following volunteer committees:

The Board of Directors has decided to put some committees in place to better our Club.

Steering Committee (Strategic Planning for the Club).....Thomas Graham 297-4464

Activities Committee (Activities Planning for the Club).....Cora Stewart 223-1151

Membership Committee (Maintenance of Member Base).Cha-Cha Wills 274-0588 Steve Holloway 272-3906

Finance Committee (Financial Planning) Thomas Graham 297-4464 Cha-Cha Wills 274-0588

Facilities Committee.....Steve Holloway 272-3906 Frank Peralta 280-5175

Please give them a call and see if it might be something You and the Club and the Newcomer would benefit from.

These Great and Wonderful Club Members will be Celebrating a Milestone Soon!

Lee D. 4/01/98	Joaquin P. 4/01/97	Mario R. 4/01/97	Scott H. 4/01/85
Robert H. 4/01/87	Donald S. 4/01/92	Sam A. 4/01/67	James A. 4/05/98
David V. 4/05/98	Elsa T. 4/20/98	Ralph S. 4/24/80	Jessica M. 4/24/94
Patty R. 4/26/98	Chris L. 4/28/84	Joe H. 4/28/91	Obey G. 4/29/98

Our Board Meeting played out like a finely tuned Stratavarios:

Steve Hill and Manny Tomaz are the newest and most welcome additions to our board of Directors. Welcome aboard! And then there were nine.

Rod Sartoris is our new maintenance man and he did such an outstanding job so far the board of Directors would like to acknowledge his efforts by electing him member of the month. Rod has much experience in such things and a most welcome addition to our staff. Thanks Rod!

Easter Activities

For those with artistic talent, we will be dying eggs on Friday at 6:00 p.m. on April 2nd here at the Club and for those that want to find an golden egg, we will have our Easter Egg hunt on Saturday April 3rd at 1:00 p.m. Anybody with donations for the children, please contact Cora at 223-1151

Cora's Business Machine Sale

Anyone interested in a ATM machine contact Cora, at the above number.

Dorothy's Story Part Two

Shortly after I became a member the front door was kicked in and the safe was robbed. At that time a burglar alarm was installed and a person was hired for room and board to sleep in the downstairs room to act as janitor and watchman.

The unofficial greeter was Snowball, a long hared white cat who lived at the club. She demanded all who came to the door pet her. She attended the noon meetings daily. She would come into the meeting room about five minutes before the meeting began, lay down in the chairperson's chair and get an attitude when you put her on the floor. The day she had kittens, she came in late and plopped down in the middle of the room with the "Boy, do I need a meeting." attitude.

Heritage dinners were semi-formal, the dress has become more casual, but the Heritage dinners were and still are a good place to meet the people who really care about the club.

Early in my sobriety the club had free picnics away from the club, The club furnished the meat and sodas and the members brought salads, deserts, etc. The club picnics were always a good time to show the newcomer that you can have fun clean and sober.

There were porker games going almost non-stop in the back-room, we had lots of complaining when the Al-Anon meeting disrupted the game. In the early eighties card playing gave way to porker machines and tear offs. The club was riding high, rolling in the money from the porker machines until the police came, said we had illegal gambling devices and arrested the manager.

We've had weddings, funerals, baby showers, and super bowl parties, pot luck dinners, the list could go on ad infinitum. Our Club is now the home of the annual Women In Recovery Day and the planning committee of the 35th International AA Women's Conference.

The club has grown and is keeping up with the times and needs of the people who come here. In '79 we had 14 AA and two Al-Anon meetings per week. Now NA, CA, OA, SA. CODA 12 Step programs have all found a home here.

The roof no longer leaks. The plumbing works, most of the time, the wiring is up to code, the black ceiling has been changed, the crystal ball, that was installed during the first month of my sobriety, still spins at dances and Jerry is still the best DJ. The steps, that were painted by a member and survived the fire at the location on Almaden Ave. now hang above the stage. A beautiful mural reflecting the Unity, Service and Recovery of all the 12 step programs who have found their way to our room now graces the north side of the meeting room.

Since '51 the club has been a home to people who just want to hang out as well as the dedicated few who work so hard keeping the doors open for all. Won't it be nice if the "hanger~outers" joined the club and actually participated instead of just complaining?

In '79 the motto of the Alano Club was "If it's for AA we are for it". in '96 the motto was changed to "If it's for Recovery, we're for it" to better reflect the needs of the people coming here seeking a safe place to recover.

The people from the Club have been there and supported me since the first day I walked up the steps and I hope I'm around another nineteen years to carry the message of recovery and fellowship that is found here.

I'm proud to be a member of the Alano Club of San Jose.

Dorothy F.
Badge #28

The Wall behind the Badge Board

The wall has been blank behind the badge board for some time now, I would like our members to suggest a type of tribute to be put on the wall. Thanking those that have come before us and have been willing to see that the doors stay open to the Alano Club of San Jose. Those literally putting their money in the place of their vocal functions. Please send you ideas to Tony Baron at the Club or call me at home 251-4912. Chester has said he would help with the project! Chester Can Do!

The Dance

Saturday April 17th

We would welcome your participation!