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The mission of the Alano Club is to maintain a safe, secure and stable environment of 12 Step Recovery, support and fellowship to take place.

Those of you that were just too busy to make the Membership Meeting:

We decided to proceed without you. Of the topics for discussion and voting were;

- A. Would you like the SJAC to make its facilities available to other 12-Step Groups such as ACA, CODA, SLAA, Etc. for meetings and other gatherings of those groups? Yes to a unanimous vote!
- B. Would you like to see the Club used more for large group activities such as conferences and other special events by the current 12-Step groups who use the SJAC as well as any new 12 Step groups that take an interest in meeting at the SJAC? Yes to a unanimous vote!
- C. Would you like the SJAC to attract and become more "user friendly" for young (under 25) peoples' 12 Step recovery groups? Yes to a unanimous vote!

Followed by a serious dinner! Chef Tony and assistant Cora did a really good job.

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

Tony B. 7/4/73	Sherri G. 7/7/94	John M. 7/7/88	Manuel C. 7/9/99
Rudy P. 7/11/98	Ed Y. 7/14/87	Gregory G. 7/14/97	Lisa M. 7/15/99
Marianne C. 7/19/83	Gary P. 7/22/96	Solomon T. 7/22/98	Al E. 7/22/51
William W. 7/25/99	William C. 7/29/99	Charles P. 7/31/99	Congratulations!!!

Member of the Month:

We had to go back a while on this guy but he deserves a bit of recognition for the many, many things that he has done is the past for the Club. Many of those things were while he was serving a tour of duty on the Board so he wouldn't qualify for member of the month, but many of those things were at times when he just wanted to help the Club. The guys name is Steve Holloway, a newly wed and long-time fixer of things. Things that just make management ponder over, in exasperation. Congratulations on the marriage and congratulations on me finally getting around to you for the current nomination. Senility isn't pretty.

Love Tony

4th of July BBQ

Celebrate your independence with a little celebration. Morris will be cooking!

July 7th, A Fundraiser for our Martin Luther King Day Celebration in 2001

Karoke & Dance Starting Friday Night at 10:00 p.m. the cost for this event is \$5.00 in advance \$6.00 at the door. \$20 if you want to be a super supporter. A raffle will be held for a portable CD Player. For more information you can call Jo Ann J. @ 241-2044

DJ Kid will be putting on two dances for the month of July

And those dances are on Saturday the 8th and the 22nd of the month. Starting round 10:00 p.m. You are invited and the cost to members is \$3.00, those in recovery houses \$4.00 and those other folk we ask \$5.00 So be Hip and Hop.

Dear Ann L.

I have this really great job and sometimes I think that I really, really do a good thing for my community but sometimes I have to ask people that use the Club as a Social Club, and they use it quite a bit over a long time to actually support it through Club Membership. And after a while I have to ask them to not use the Club any more unless they are willing to support it! This doesn't mean that they can't come here for meetings because that is really a good thing and not my business as Club Manger. (The "C" word = Club Membership) is all that I am asking, and if they don't have the money they can work off their dues. And it has been my experience that usually this is the time that I am reminded that I have forgotten where I came from and that I am just a bald headed Jerk. Well, anyone who can see knows that I have quite a bit of hair on my head. So I just don't get it. Should I just let the takers take and look the other way so I don't get called those nasty, untrue names? Confused.

Dear Confused, you do have a lot of hair!

What do you think?

A member of AA, who had previously been attending meetings on a regular basis, stopped going to any meetings at all. After a few weeks, her sponsor decided to visit her. It was a chilly evening and the sponsor found the sponsee at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for her sponsor's visit, the sponsee welcomed her, led her to a big chair near the fireplace and waited.

Her sponsor made herself comfortable but said nothing. In the grave silence, she contemplated the play of flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the sponsor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a bright burning ember and placed in to one side of the hearth all alone. Then she sat back in her chair, still silent. The sponsee watched all this in quiet fascination. As the one flame diminished, there was a momentary glow once more. Soon it was cold and "dead as a door nail." Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting.

Just before the sponsor was ready to leave, she picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the sponsor reached the door to leave, the sponsee said, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I'll meet you at the meeting in the morning."