

# The San Jose Alano Club News

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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.

**Many things can be preserved in alcohol. Dignity is not one of them!**

These Great and Wonderful Club Members will be celebrating a Milestone

Sharon P. 8/01/72	Morris T. 8/01/99	Byron W. 8/03/82	Jay V. 8/04/60
Jerry N. 8/06/75	John R. 8/06/91	Paul M. 8/08/96	Ricardo H. 8/08/82
Tony R. 8/09/88	Richard G. 8/11/94	Jose B. 8/11/86	Michele A. 8/13/80
Ray D. 8/16/87	Claudio M. 8/20/98	Anthony L. 8/21/97	Peter O. 8/21/96
Leopoldo N. 8/23/93	Norm D. 8/23/87	Edward B. 8/24/94	Katryna W. 8/27/72
Erin O. 8/30/83	Laura M. 8/30/97	Congratulations!	Keep Coming Back

### Member of the Month:

**Chris Lowe** is the Alano Club member of the month. I seem to recall that he doesn't care for the attention too much, but we were stuck for a candidate this month so the board of directors has again nominated and elected Chris Lowe as our Member of the Month. These acts of unselfishness are so necessary to improve everyone's quality of life at our Club. So the Board would like to acknowledge you for your much needed help and support. What does Chris help with? Everything!

## **Your Attention Please!**

As we look around at the rooms of our Alano Club and realize how much the club has helped in our sobriety, we come to a crossroads. That bump in the road has been created by the past 49 years of our existence. Why do we stay open? The answer is simple. The Alano Club provides a safe, clean and sober environment for over 150 12-step meetings each month. Over Three Million (3,000,000) people have passed through the doors since the Club was established in 1951. The San Jose Alano Club is open 365 days a year, including all holidays. Our experience has taught us that affiliation with the Alano Club helps people to stay clean and sober-85% or more of our members maintain long-term sobriety.

What are we asking of you? We only ask that you support your club in a manner that you are comfortable with. This should include becoming a member and indeed maintaining that membership, buying your food and beverages here or even becoming a volunteer behind the counter. Additionally there are many committees and events throughout the year that can always use good ideas and help. Here is an opportunity for you to be a "Star". Show the Club how you can contribute to our long-term success. I hope that you can contemplate the down side of this editorial about our Club, and a great deal of the future is in your hands now.

Lastly, we need ideas. Use the suggestion box for any and all ideas, which may improve your club. Just because we have tried something doesn't mean we won't try it again. But, please do not expect someone to do the work for you. Come up with ideas and solutions. Thanks for your support.

We have some events coming up that we would like you to know about:

Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, Dance at your Club. And then again on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>, Ice-Cream Socials at our Club. Members Only!

Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, Our Annual Heritage Dinner.

Interested in an Alcoholics Anonymous Alka-thon for Thanksgiving and Christmas. That means that you are interested in helping make it happen, contact Tony Baron 297-1878 and at home 251-4912

## **Board Changes**

Tom Graham has transferred to Singapore and Michele Ashby has some illness in her family requiring a great deal of her time. We of the Alano Club would like to give our appreciation for the service that these former Board Members have performed. On the newly elected roster we have Lawra Calvetti-Garza, Mike Adams, Rudy Lugo and Norris Ponder. We consider these trusted servants a good indication for our clubs future.

## **Thinking**

What I do today is important because I am paying a day of my life for it. What I accomplish must be worthwhile because the price is high. What we see depends on mainly what we look for. John Lubbock

Mensch tracht, Gott lacht, (Man plans . God laughs!) Yiddish Proverb. If you're not afraid to face the music, you may some day lead the band. If you hate a person, you hate something in him that is part of yourself. What isn't part of ourselves doesn't disturb us. Herman Hesse

Time is the best teacher; unfortunately, it kills all its students. The illiterate of the 21<sup>st</sup> century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn. Alvin Toffler