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The San Jose Alano Club News

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY <u>Trusted Servants on</u>
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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.

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

Miguel O. 3/1/00	Paul P. 3/1/79	John C. 3/3/99	Vern M. 3/6/83
Jesse M. 3/7/89	Andre M. 3/7/90	Angie A. 3/8/98	Daniel M. 3/14/00
Esequiel Z. 3/15/94	Luz G. 3/16/00	Jack L. 3/16/84	Marc B. 3/17/97
Branton P. 3/19/98	Carolyn S. 3/19/77	Nathan P. 3/20/00	Michael M. 3/21/00
Diana R. 3/22/00	Rudy L. 3/23/99	Josephine D. 3/23/89	JoAnn G. 3/24/00
Christine P. 3/24/99	Royce F. 3/25/89	Dennis F. 3/27/85	Mike A. 3/28/92
Congratulations	Congratulations	Congratulations	Congratulations

Member of the Month:

This month's member of the month goes out to James D. for his volunteer work whenever he is asked, also for his help in Judging the Dance contest at the Valentine's Dance. Not only is he a great help at the Club, but James is a very positive role model, he always has a good word for you. At times when this Club needs its' spirit up lifted it's good to have people like James as Club Members, Thank you James D. Member of the Month.

"What we see depends mainly on what we look for."

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

Mar. 15th – Alano Club Board meeting, Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 17^{th} – St. Patrick's Day dinner, starts after the meeting.

Apr. 15th – The Easter Bunny comes to the Alano Club. Watch this Newsletter for info. about the age hunt.

Apr. 19th – Alano Club Board meeting, Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Lucky Recovery Leprechaun says!

"Motivation is when your dreams wear work clothes."

Alano Club does not allow animals in the building, with the exception

of Seeing Eye dogs, Thank you.

New Meetings: at The Alano Club.

Dual Recovery Anonymous, Wednesday 5:00 p.m., downstairs **Clean Teens,** NA Meeting every Monday 8:00 p.m. backroom



Valentines Dance?

Did you make it to the Valentine's Dance? if you didn't you missed out on something special. Not only did you miss a chance to support the Club. You missed a chance to dance with your Sweetheart, or to find a Sweetheart of your own. The DJ was Upside Sounds, and they were great! there was also a live band that was fantastic, we would like to thank the DJ and the Band for their time, and say it was a pleasure listening and dancing to them. There was also a Dance contest that was fun and if you were not there you missed out. This year the Club is making an effort to bring some really special events to you, and we do need your support. If you want to see the dances back here at the Club and more other Special activities, than come out with your support, we want to see you here.

The Alano Club of San Jose presents

A Celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

This event was a great success we would like to thank everyone for attending, a special thanks goes out to the vendors who had booths, there; Rochelle's Boutique, BMDPT (Black Men Doing Positive Things) and ESO. Thank you for all your support, hope you had some fun and we would hope to see you next year.

Attention:

The Alano Club will present, in May Women in Recovery Day.



This event will be on Saturday May 12th 2001. There will be panels on different subjects relating to Women's issues; also Raffles thru-out the day, a Bar-B-Q, and Massages and Manicures.

For more information call:

Cora Stewart (408) 223- 1151, Dorothy Frost (408) 258- 6130 or Cha-Cha (408) 258- 1089



Lucky Recovery Leprechaun says!

When you hold onto the past with one hand and grab at the future with the other, you have nothing with which you can hold on to today.

Alcohol and Crime, Did you Know –?

Based on victim reports, on average each year about 183,000 (37%) rapes and sexual assaults involve alcohol use by the offender, as do just over 197,000 (15%) robberies, about 661,000 (27%) aggravated assaults, and nearly 1.7 (25%) million simple assaults.

Among violent crimes, the offender is far more likely to have been drinking than under the influence of other drugs, with the exception of robberies where other drugs are almost as likely to have been used as alcohol.

Male offenders are more likely to have been drinking than female offenders when they committed their crimes, except among inmates of state prisons where women were more likely to have been drinking.

Four in ten violent crimes involve alcohol use by the offender; alcohol use is even more common in public order crimes (such as driving while intoxicated, weapons offenses and commercial vice) and assault.

State prisoners convicted of murder reported that alcohol was a factor in about half of the murders they committed; those who murdered inmates reported drinking the largest quantity for the longest period prior to the offence.

Why is it OK to have only about ten beds in this valley to detox men and only about the same amount for women? This valley has grown a lot in the last few years but the places where an alcoholic can go for help have not. This Club is one of the places that saw a need to help, about fifty years ago people knew there was a need in this valley, all of you that are members know there is a need. We go right on building the prisons to house these criminals, why don't we invest in a way to help them? or is it because there's more to be made by locking them up? Think about it.



Home

As I get out of my car

Sometimes I hear, How you doing? What times the meeting? Will you chair?

As I come up to the club

Sometimes I hear, Is there a speaker meeting this Saturday? Will you be there? Can't change nobody.

As I walk up the stairs

Sometimes I hear, How much clean time do you have? Who's your sponsor? Where can I find a meeting guide?

As I get to the door

Sometimes I hear, Who's working tonight Debi or Dorenna? What's the special? Is Tony here?



As I come through these doors I know I'm home (To the Alano Club, My Home) Frank G.

Lucky Recovery Leprechaun says!

The practicing alcoholic is the only person in the world who can lie in the gutter and still look down on others.

Recovery is not easy, but I fear Addiction far worse. Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day and a great March From The Alano Club.