

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 for 12 Step Recovery, support and Fellowship to take place.

A Community Asset For The Last Fifty Years

Trusted Servants on the Board of Directors:

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Luis S

Trusted Servants in Your Employ:

Tony Baron
Mary Garcia
Whitney Gonzales
Diane Nichols
Kristin Galindo
Regina Palacios
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Recovery Mile Stones

These people will Celebrate Recovery Birthdays This Month :

44 Years: Peggy K. 2/ 28/ 60

25 Years: Dorothy F. 2/ 1/ 79

23 Years: Stace R. 2/ 26/ 81

22 Years: Ted G. 2/ 22/ 82

20 Years: Phil M. 2/ 22/ 84

17 Years: Andy S. 2/ 15/ 87, Cora S. 2/ 24,87

16 Years: John JP P. 2/ 15/ 88, Jack S. 2/ 17/ 88, Rodney R. 2/ 26/ 88

9 Years: Horace C. 2/ 21/ 95

7 Years: Lawra C. 2/ 2/ 97

6 Years: Andrea P. 2/ 11/ 98

4 Years: Dorena M. 2/ 1/ 00, Luis S. 2/ 6/ 00

3 Years: Sherri G. 2/ 3/ 01, Whitney G. 2/ 10/ 01

2 Year: Hiran C. 2/ 20/ 02

1 Year: Lee C. 2/ 14/ 03, Jerry V. 2/ 15/ 03, Mike S. 2/ 23/ 03



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Member of the Month

This month's "Member of the Month", goes out to a person that's done a lot of work at the Club, on the activities for the Martin Luther King Event, she seemed to never get tired of helping out, and for all the extra work she put in at the Alano Club we would like to say Thank You to this very special person. This month's "Member of the Month" is **JoAnn J.**

“ If you're looking for an easier, softer way, there are no directions . “

Club Rules

Please - The Alano Club does not allow animals in the building or on the property, with the exception of Seeing Eye dogs. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Please - be considerate about where you park, the Alano Club is aware that parking is at a premium, but if you park in the no parking area along the side of the club, that is considered a fire lane and your car can be towed.

Please - No Children (Under 13 years old) allowed on the Club Property after 9:30 p.m.

Please - No weapons of any kind allowed on the Club Property, No Violence or threats of Violence will be tolerated for any reason.

Thank You - The Management



“ Success means getting your “but” out of the way..”

The Alano Club of San Jose Presents:

February Recovery Birthdays

Dance and Party

Celebrate our clean and Sober Birthdays.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Without you it would not be possible

Saturday, February 28, 2004

The Alano Club

1122 Fair Ave., San Jose, CA

Potluck Dinner from 3 pm to 5 pm.

Meetings from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.,

then the Main Speaker Meeting at 8 pm.

The Dance Starts after the Main Speaker Meeting.

Donations - \$4.00 Recovery Homes

\$5.00 all Others

Sign Up Now To Participate:

Contact: Luis and Wanda S. at (408) 254- 2624 or (408) 390- 0804



Board of Directors Meeting

February 19, 2004

7:30 pm. In the Downstairs Meeting Room

“Members make your voice heard.”

“ The problem is alcoholism, not alcoholwasism.”



“ People in recovery can be very opinionated and often wrong, but never in doubt.”



“ We together can do what I alone cannot.”

 Words of encouragement

Sent in by a Member of the Alano Club

In December I had the opportunity to visit some other clubs in the Bay Area. I set out initially to learn ways in which we as a Club could better serve our members. What I came away with was an entirely different lesson.

The first club we stopped at was a tiny storefront club with a small comfortable social sitting area, 2 meeting rooms, and a coffee only bar. Membership dues there were \$30.00 a month. Prices for coffee and books were the same for members and non-members alike. Other than a newsletter there were no apparent "perks" to being a member, yet membership has kept this club open for over 18 years. The second club was just a large meeting room with lots of meetings all day long. Membership was encouraged to keep the doors open. I didn't have the opportunity to see the third club we stopped at, because after 40+ years, that club had to close its doors due to lack of funds. The last club we went to had just re-opened and the manager told me that they had great plans for the club, but they were struggling to build their membership.

The lesson I took away from all this was that membership is the key to the survival of our Club. I'm asked all the time, "What do I get for my Membership?" Not once has anyone ever asked me, "What does my Membership do for the Club?" And isn't that the question we who have benefited from all this Club has to offer should be asking. Many have gotten sober here, but more importantly, many more have stayed sober here.

The Members who came before us understood, the importance of paying their dues so that the Club would be here for us. I for one can't think of a better way to say thank-you, than paying my dues to ensure that the doors stay open for those who may need this Club in the future.

Whitney Gonzales
A Grateful Member

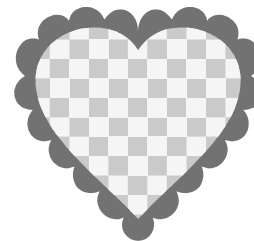
Watch for the Alano Club Dances. Please give your support to all the Alano activities



"Courage is fear that has said it's prayers."



"Try the program for 90 days. If not satisfied we will be glad to refund your misery."



"The first step in overcoming mistakes is to admit to them."

"Faith is our greatest gift. Sharing it with others is our greatest responsibility."

Upcoming Events

THE ALANO CLUB OF SAN JOSE

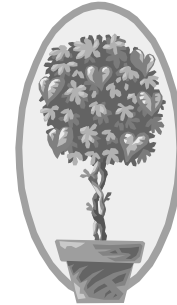
Club Activities 2004

We have many fun and fund raising activities planned for this year, but the Board of Directors can not do it alone. We need the help of the Membership to make these things successful and profitable. Your Dues, the Snack Bar, Meeting Rent and Fund Raisers keep the Club open, but our 1920's sewer line is collapsing and we do not have the money to replace it. You Can Help, by pledging money to replace it. You can help by pledging to the "We Care Fund", or Coordinating or working on the committee of one of the Fund Raisers, or even coming up with a few new ones. We need help with Yard Sales, Car Washes, Recruiting New Members. If you can help **Keep The Doors Open,**
Contact Tony B. (408) 297-1878 or Dorothy F. (408) 258-6130 Badge # 28, A proud Member of this life saving Club since 1979



Up Coming Club Activities

- Feb. 14, 04** - Valentines Day, Dance to the tunes of D.J. David Ayala 9:30 pm to Midnight, On going Raffles, Lots of Fun. Donations are \$ 4.00 - Recovery Homes and \$5.00 all others
- Feb. 19, 04** - Board of Directors Meeting, 7:30 pm, Down stairs Meeting Room. All Paid Members Welcome.
- Feb. 21, 04** - Pathways Dance, 9:30 to Midnight
- Feb. 28, 04** - Pot Luck Dinner, 3 pm in The Main Meeting Room
- Feb. 28, 04** - Dance, February Recovery Birthdays, with David Ayala, 9:30 pm to Midnight on going Raffles Dancing Lots of Fun, Donations are \$4.00 for Recovery Homes, All others are \$5.00. If you would like to sign up to participate: Please contact Luis or Wanda S. (408) 254- 2624 or (408) 390- 0804 "Don't miss a Chance to Dance for your Recovery."
- Mar. 6, 04** - Bake Sale, in the main lobby 10 am to 9 pm. Donations of Baked Goods Greatly Appreciated To Help with this Event contact Brunie O. (408) 272- 4576



"Moving fast is not necessarily the same thing as going somewhere."



"Poor me. Poor me. Pour me another drink."



*"Recovery is Not Easy,
 But I Fear Addiction
 Far Worse".*

From The Editor
 and the Alano Club.