

# 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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## Recovery Mile Stones

These people will Celebrate Recovery Birthdays This Month :

33 Years: Ida L. 11/21/71

23 Years: Reggie Y. 11/1/81

22 Years: Henry R. 11/21/82

21 Years: Don M. 11/12/83, Charles M. 11/27/83

18 Years: Brunie O. 11/5/86, John R. 11/15/86

15 Years: Clyde R. 11/26/89

10 Years: John V. 11/2/94

7 Years: Ray C. 11/21/97      4 Years: Shawn O. 11/16/00

2 Years: Steve S. 11/11/02, William C. 11/15/02

1 Year: Ken H. 11/12/03, Mark G. 11/15/03, Ben L. 11/17/03  
Patricia C. 11/29/03



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## Member of the Month

This month's "Member of the Month" goes out to two Members. These Members are always ready to get involved, they go beyond just being regular club members. When our computers crashed, when we needed flyers made, when we needed help with Activities, or anything else that was asked of them they came through for the club, this month's "Members of the Month" are **Dorothy F. and Pedro Y.** Thanks for all your hard work.

## Club Announcements

The Alano Club - Will have new hours beginning this month. The Club will be closing at 10 pm. Every night except, Tuesdays and the 2nd and last Saturday of the month.

The Alano Restaurant - Will be closing the grill at 9 pm., so if you want something hot please order before 9.

Alano Membership - The Alano membership has been slowly declining, if you come to the Club and are not a member, Please Join, your membership helps keep these doors open, If you are a sponsor please encourage your spouse to join. It gives you and many others a place to have 12 step meeting, Clean and sober events or just a place to go and be around clean and sober people, your membership also gets you discounts at the restaurant and at some Club functions. Bottom Line this place saves lives, maybe yours.

Please - No Children ( Under 13 years old ) allowed on the Club Property after 9:30 p.m., this includes Club Dances. Thank You - The Management



"Let go and let God."



"K.I.S.S. - Keep it simple stupid."

## The Alano Club of San Jose Presents:

### *Alano Recovery Dances'*

*Dances every 2nd and last Saturday of the month  
Dance and Party Clean and Sober.  
Everyone is invited to attend.*

*Next Dances - Saturday, November 13, 2004  
Saturday, November 27, 2004*

*THE ALANO CLUB  
1122 Fair Ave., San Jose, CA*

*Meetings from 6 p.m. to 7 pm.*

*The Dance Starts after the 8 pm. Main Speaker Meeting.*

*Donations - \$4.00 Recovery Homes  
\$5.00 all Others*

*If you would like to help:*

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



*"nothing is so bad, a  
drink won't make it  
worse."*

### Board of Directors Meeting

*November 18, 2004*

*7:30 pm. In the Downstairs Meeting Room*

*"Members make your voice heard."*

**Words of encouragement**

See you! at the next Meeting

A member of a certain AA meeting, who previously had been attending regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, another member decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The visitor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his old friend's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a big chair near the fireplace and waited.

The visitor made himself comfortable but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the play of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, he took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet fascination. As the one lone ember's flame diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. Just before the member was ready to leave, he 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 visitor reached the door to leave, his host said, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery wake-up call. You'll see me at the next AA meeting."

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 "If you cannot be grateful for what you have, what makes you think you would be happy with more?"

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



"Keep an open mind."



"Alcoholism is an equal opportunity destroyer."



"When all else fails follow directions."

## Upcoming Events

### THE ALANO CLUB OF SAN JOSE

#### Up Coming Club Activities

We need help with Yard Sales, Car Washes, Recruiting New Members.  
To help, Contact Tony B. (408) 297-1878

Find out what's coming up—Check out our web site - [www.Alanosj.org](http://www.Alanosj.org)

- Nov. 13, 04 - An Afternoon with Veterans in Recovery.** 1:30 pm. To 5:30 pm. For more information or to get involved, please contact Whitney G. at the Alano Club at (408) 297- 1878
- Nov. 13, 04 - Club Dance.** Clean and Sober Dance, starts after the main speaker meeting. Donations \$4.00 Recovery Homes and \$ 5.00 all others.
- Nov. 18, 04 - Board of Directors Meeting.** Downstairs Meeting Room 7:30 pm. Members Welcome. Help with Club activities.
- Nov. 20, 04 - Bake Sale -** Saturday 10 am. To 9 pm. Donations of baked goods greatly appreciated, We also need some people to help sell the goodies. If you can HELP please contact Brunie O. at (408) 272- 4572.
- Nov. 25, 04 - 12 Step Marathon.** Meetings all day.
- Nov. 25, 04 - Thanksgiving Dinner.** 2 pm. To 4 pm. All Welcome, free dinner. We can also use your help, with preparing, cooking, and serving the Thanksgiving Dinner, if your interested please contact Betsy P. at (408) 294- 5396
- Nov. 27, 04 - Club Dance.** Clean and Sober Dance, starts after the main speaker meeting. Donations \$4.00 Recovery Homes and \$ 5.00 all others.
- Dec. 5, 04 - Board of Directors Elections - 1 pm.** If you are a current Member and do not come out and vote, don't ask what's wrong with your club. YOUR VOTE DOES COUNT! Please attend. Spaghetti Feed to follow elections.
- Dec. 11, 04 - Christmas Boutique -** for information on space rental, contact Cora S. at (408) 223- 1654
- Dec. 16, 04 - Board of Directors Meeting -** 7:30 pm. Down stairs.
- Dec. 18, 04 - Club Christmas Dance -** Clean and Sober Dance, starts after the main speaker meeting. Donations \$4.00 Recovery Homes and \$5.00 all others.



*"Share your Happiness"*

The Alano Club can use your help, get involved, help with activities. For more info. call Tony B. at the Club (408) 297- 1878

*"We Care Fund "ask about it at the Snack Bar, than ask how can I Help? Please keep the doors open."*



*"Recovery is Not Easy, But I Fear Addiction Far Worse".*  
From The Editor and the Alano Club.