

# 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:

Thomas Graham  
Betsey Pierce  
Frank Gutierrez  
John Mack  
Tina Morill  
Julie Patterson  
Mike Austin  
Luis Sales  
Shawn Oyas

### Trusted Servants in Your Employ:

Tony Baron  
Mary Garcia  
Whitney Gonzales  
Diane Nichols  
Larry Avelar  
Joel Lechuga  
Amber Garner  
Angie Austin

## Recovery Mile Stones

These people will Celebrate Recovery Birthdays This Month :

33 Years: Betsey P. 12/20/71      21 Years: John B. 12/26/83

20 Years: Tyree S. 12/3/84, Dick U. 12/4/84

18 Years: Rick H. 12/26/86

16 Years: Rick J. 12/22/88

14 Years: Morris T. 12/4/90, Hazel C. 12/14/90, Chris G. 12/28/90

9 Years: Francisco H. 12/12/95

6 Years: Louis B. 12/19/98, Armando E. 12/25/98

5 Years: Paul A. 12/6/99, David J. 12/8/99, Sonia S. 12/27/99

2 Years: Donny C. 12/29/02, Susan B. 12/30/02

1 Year: Judy H. 12/3/03, Manny V. 12/24/03, Solomon T. 12/30/03



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## Member of the Month

This months "Member of the Month" goes out to two Members. These Members are Dan P. for all his time and energy to make the Alano Club second hand shop work. And Edie M. for the donation of food and preparing and serving the food at the Alano Club Heritage Dinner. We Thank her and are sorry to see her go. These Two members are this months "Members of the Month" Thanks for all your hard work.

Contributors Continued ...



### 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.

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 sponsee 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.

"AA = Altered Attitudes"



### The Alano Club of San Jose Presents:

#### *Alano Recovery Dances'*

*Next Dance - Saturday, December 18, 2004*

*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: The Club at (408) 297-1878*

"Look For Similarities  
Rather Than Differences."



#### *Board of Directors Elections*

*December 5, 2004*

*1 pm. In the Main Meeting Room*

*Remember your vote counts*

*"Members make your voice heard."*

*This Club depends on its Members.*

**SPONSORS: have one  
Use one, be one**

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**Words of encouragement**


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**Newcomer's Gratitude**

The wars, when we fight, cannot be won  
 But they will not be lost if His will is done.  
 Serenity and Acceptance these are the keys  
 Humility and Gratitude will help set me free.

I am an alcoholic this I know,  
 "Easy does it," they say, "Let yourself grow."  
 "I have not patience," I exclaim with a sigh,  
 "Give it time," says the old-timer, "Neither did I"

"Don't drink, go to meetings it's what you must do,  
 Ask God for help, He'll come through for you."  
 I'm lonely, I'm scared I'm lost and confused  
 Over the years I've been used and abused.

I know that you're lying, you can't feel what you say,  
 But God! I'd give anything to feel that way.  
 "Keep coming back," you say, "Recovery's in sight."  
 "It works," you say, I retort, "Yeah, right."

But the light's getting brighter, some things have changed,  
 Two months clean and sober, I'm not quite as deranged.  
 In these rooms, at these tables, I see what I'm after.  
 Acceptance, Love, Hope, but most of all, Laughter.

I'm happier now, a little more free,  
 I'm so very grateful you did this for me.  
 So I'll see you tomorrow, same time, same place,  
 I hope you'll be here I like seeing your face.

So if you feel like drinking, your life's out of whack,  
 Just remember: It Works  
 And Keep Coming Back

"You are richer today if you have laughed, given, or forgiven."

*"Merry Christmas  
 And A Happy New Year."  
 From the Alano Club*

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



**"Count your Blessings."**



**"Change is a process, not  
 an event."**



**"To keep it you have to  
 give it away."**

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## 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)

**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.** Downstairs Meeting Room. All Members Welcome, Help with Club activities. Get involved!

**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.

**Dec. 24, 04 - Christmas Eve Alkathon— 12 step Meetings,** opening till closing at 10 pm.

**Dec. 25, 04 - Christmas Dinner and Santa too—** Dinner starts at 2 pm. And goes till 4 pm. Also a visit from Santa Clause. All are welcome. Remember "you are not alone," have a Christmas dinner with us at the Alano Club -Its free! also If you want to help, get in touch with the Club at (408) 297-1878 ask for Tony B. or Tina M.

**Jan. 1, 05 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

**Jan. 8, 05 - Club Dance** - Clean and Sober Dance, starts after the main speaker meeting. Donations \$4.00 Recovery Homes and \$5.00 all others.

**Jan 15, 05 - Martin Luther King Celebration** Watch for flyers, or call the Club for information at (408) 297-1878

**Jan 20, 05 - Board of Directors Meeting - 7:30 pm.** Downstairs Meeting Room. All Members Welcome, Help with Club activities. Get involved!



"YOU ARE NOT ALONE"

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.*