

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:

Mike Austin
Shawn Oyao
Thomas Graham
Betsey Pierce
Frank Gutierrez
Tina Morrill
Julie Patterson
Rudy Lugo
Brunie Oyao

Trusted Servants in Your Employ:

Tony Baron
Mary Garcia
Whitney Gonzales
Larry Avelar
Joel Lechuga
Amber Garner
Angie Austin
Wendie Lindsay

Recovery Mile Stones

These people will Celebrate Recovery Birthdays This Month :

35 Years: Fred B. 1/10/70

33 Years: Audrey B. 1/13/72

32 Years: Dan O. 1/15/73

27 Years: Rudy C. 1/14/78

24 Years: Janet H. 1/26/81

23 Years: Juan A. 1/5/82, Edith M. 1/29/82

22 Years: Jody K. 1/1/83,

19 Years: Barry P. 1/6/86

18 Years: Harry M. 1/1/87,

Kurt C. 1/15/87

17 Years: Josh K. 1/13/88

16 Years: Hazel C. 1/3/89,

Bill R. 1/30/89,

Mark F. 1/31/89

11 Years: Lionel O. 1/7/94,

Rachel P. 1/16/94

9 Years: Craig S. 1/1/96

7 Years: Robin Q. 1/1/98

5 Years: Gilbert S. 1/1/00

2 Year: Diane N. 1/26/03



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"If you stay in the middle of AA you won't fall off the edge."

Member of the Month

This months "Member of the Month" goes out to a Club Member. Who has stepped up when we needed help, with all his time and energy, volunteering around the club and help setting up and working at the Christmas boutique We would like to say Thank You to this months "Members of the Month". David G. (Bear)

"You can't give away, what you don't have."



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 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.

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

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



"Fear is the darkroom
where negatives are
developed"



The Alano Club of San Jose Presents:

Alano Recovery Dances'

Next Dance - Saturday January 8, 2005

Saturday January 29, 2005

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

Board of Directors Meeting

January 20, 2005

7:30 In the Downstairs Meeting Room

"Members make your voice heard."

This Club depends on its Members.

"AA is an education
without graduation."



"Backsliding begins
when knee-bending
stops."

Words of encouragement

Just a Letter of Hope

Christmas, the meaning has changed drastically since
the time when I was a little girl till now.

Christmas trees surrounded by presents of all sizes and electric
trains running in circles around the base of the tree
has vanished. Now I see the lights of the streets
instead of the lights on the tree.

This time of year is when everyone's eyes begin to sparkle
and smiles appear out of thin air, but for me it's
just another day, another day with no secure
place to stay, another day to try and hustle
money on these crooked streets.

I stop to look at a Christmas wreath hanging from a
beautiful heavily decorated house, I try to imagine
myself inside that house, living a day in their life.

I close my eyes hoping that it might come true,
I might for that moment be next to that warm fire.

Then my thoughts are quickly smashed as a
car horn blows and another perverted guy
has something deranged to say
about my appearance.

I wipe that single tear from my cheek and continue
down that dimly lit street. This Christmas shall
be different why?, because I choose to for the
first time in three years I will be with family, family
that has stuck by me through thick and
thin and will be there to the end, not because
they have to but because they want to.

It's hard to call your own mom just to say Merry Christmas
and receive just a cold dead line on the
other side of the connection, it hurt, hurt so
badly that I felt my heart would shatter,
shatter in a million pieces on the linoleum
floor. Just as I was about to fall my family
was there to catch me and comfort me in just
the right time with the help of them and
the strength within myself, I will survive and
this Christmas will be one of the best, why?
Because it's my life and I choose to be happy.

Dec. 24, 2004
Audrey Jane

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



"Courage to change."



*"Take what you can use
and leave the rest."*



*"Bring the body and the
mind will follow."*

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

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!

Jan. 29, 05 - Club Dance - Clean and Sober Dance, starts after the main speaker meeting. Donations \$4.00 Recovery Homes and \$5.00 all others.

Club Elections

Last month the Alano Club had Election for new Board members, We would like to say thank you for all the Club members that came out and voted.

A special "Thank you" to, and a sad good bye to Diane Nichols, who made the great meal that was served after the elections, thanks for all the hard work you've done for the Club good luck, we will miss you in the restaurant.

Stepping off

- John Mack
- Dorothy Frost
- Luis Salas
- Brunie Oyao
- Betsy Pierce
- Tina Morrill

Stepping up

- Julie Patterson
- Betsy Pierce
- Tina Morrill (1 year)
- Frank Gutierrez
- Brunie Oyao
- Rudy Lugo



"EACH ONE TEACH ONE."

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.