

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: Sharon P. 8/1/1972, Katryna W. 8/27/1972

27 Years: Johnny P. 8/21/78

25 Years: Michele A. 8/3/1980

23 Years: Ricardo H. 8/8/1982, Byron W. 8/31/1982

19 Years: Klaus S. 8/18/1986

18 Years: Ray D. 8/16/1987, Norm D. 8/23/1987

16 Years: Randy S. 8/10/1989

15 Years: Frank G. 8/27/1990

14 Years: John R. 8/6/1991

11 years: Richard G. 8/11/1994

8 Years: Laura M. 8/30/1997, Rechelle P. 8/21/1997

7 Years: Wes K. 8/24/1998

2 Years: Lori P. 8/11/2003, Freddie P. 8/16/2003, Kristin G. 8/18/2003

1 Year: Mathew F. 8/2/2004, Alfred M. 8/5/2004, Carlos A. 8/13/2004

Karen C. 8/24/2004

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Member of the Month

This months "Members of the Month" goes out to The crew that showed up at one in the morning to change Stove/Grills in the Kitchen. A three hour job: Jerome A., Poncho H., Mike A., Doug S., Larry A. And some old dude that was mostly just in the way.

Club Announcements

Alano Membership - All of you know someone in recovery that has just had a hard time giving back a little of what we have been given. Ask him or her to join the Club and perhaps get them jump started into a new way of life where we actually become givers instead of takers.

Please - be considerate about where you park, the Alano Club is aware that parking is at a premium , but if you park in two places people will just think you are an idiot.

Please - No weapons of any kind allowed on the Club Property, No Violence or threats of Violence will be tolerated for any reason, and people will think you are an idiot.

Please - No Children (Under 13 years old) allowed on the Club Property after 9:30 p.m., this includes Club Dances. Even if on the odd circumstance the children are actually supervised .

Announcement:

Men in Recovery Day has been changed from August 21, 2005 to August 20, 2005, The date had to be changed because we need more volunteers to help put on this event. If you are interested in helping, get in touch with the Alano Club, any one can volunteer man or woman. Please we need all the help we can get to make this a great event, so



“Slogans are wisdom written in shorthand.”



“Everyday is a gift that's why we call it the present..”

The Alano Club of San Jose Presents:

Alano Recovery Dances'

***Next Dance - Saturday August 13, 2005
Saturday August 27, 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

August 18, 2005

7:30 pm. In the Downstairs Meeting Room

“Help keep these doors open.”



***“I've been sober
and I've been drunk
sober's better.”***

Words of encouragement

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that I learned of the death of John Boland.

John was a long time supporter and member of the Alano Club. He was born in Chicago, Illinois. John was the youngest of six siblings and, survived by his son Brendan. John graduated with an English Major, a graduate of Santa Clara University. John celebrated 21 years of sobriety in December. John was 49 years old.

On behalf of the Alano Club recovery community, we wish to extend our deepest sympathy to his beloved son and the entire Boland Family.

Thank You For Caring

Earlier this year a plan was hatched to benefit all of our Santa Clara County Alano Clubs. The plan was to present a play for our recovering community and the proceeds to be divided up with all of the under supported Alano Clubs.

"Hope Is The Thing With Feathers"

Dennis S. had the idea and what he did that I think quite unique, in that he followed through with it. A play was planned, put on, and the proceeds were divided equally between the Alano Club West, The All Amigos Alano Club, The Mid-Peninsula Alano Club, and our Club. \$2,008.15 went to each Club and the play was pretty good as well. Milton may have been a little over the top, but, then I judge no man.

We would like to take a moment to thank all that were involved in making our recovery community a little bit better for all those in it.

Letter to the Manager

"What can be done about the language in some of the meetings? I would like to bring my mother to one of the meetings, but I just don't feel safe. She would really be embarrassed to hear some of the language. What can you do?"

First of all, I can't do anything about the 12 step meetings except participate to the best of my ability. However, I think it should be mentioned that someone with a few years of Good Days and God probably shouldn't need to express himself as if he wasn't given the best gift of a lifetime.

So if you have another opinion, let's kick it around next month. I will quote your letter with in the confines of reason and sanity. Think about it!

I believe that we don't have to change friends if we understand that friends change



"Let it begin with me"



Always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.

Heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences

Upcoming Events

THE ALANO CLUB OF SAN JOSE

Up Coming Club Activities

Find out what's coming up—Check out our web site -
www.Alanosj.org

Club Boutique - Now Open, see what's for sale or bring in Re-saleable
Donations Only. Thanks

August 13, 05—Membership Drive

August 13, 05—Alano Club Dance, Starts at 9:30 p.m.

Aug. 18, 05 - **Board of Directors Meeting** - 7:30 pm. Downstairs Meeting
Room.

Aug. 20, 05 - **Men in Recovery Day**—Starts at 8:00 am, Continental
Breakfast. \$7.00 Donation for the Day.

Aug 27, 05—Alano Club Dance, Starts at 9:30 p.m.

Sep 10, 05— **Bake Sale**

Sep 10, 05— **Bike Run/Blues Festival/ BBQ**, Starts 10am

Registration \$20— Make checks payable to
The Alano Club of San Jose

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“**Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up
their sleeves, some turn up their noses,
and some don't turn up at all.**” **Sam Ewig**

*The Club Boutique is
open, see what we have to
sell, if you have new or
good used items to donate
they are greatly
appreciated. Contact
Dan P. or Tony B. at
(408) 297-1878*

*Our background and
circumstances may have
influenced who we are,
but we are responsible
for who we become*

*It's frustrating when you
know all the answers, but
nobody bothers to ask you
the questions*



It isn't always enough to
be forgiven by others.
Sometimes you have to
learn to forgive yourself.