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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 Eight Years

- **Trusted Serrants on the Board**
- Milton Bruch
- Domingo Hernandez
- Phil Lubliner
- Carol Stewart
- Steve Holloway
- Sam Salzman
- Joshua Johnson
- Laura Martin
- Maria Paster
- **Trusted servants in your employ**
- Tony Baron
- Whitney Gonzales
- Cindy Caraseo
- Patty Vargas
- Regina Palacios
- Tahnee Re
- Angelica Martinez
- Arvie Taylor
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December Sobriety Milestones

Name	Birthday	Years	Name	Birthday	Years
Kindra T	12/1/2006	2	Misty C	12/9/1992	16
Elsie K	12/1/1995	13	Francisco H	12/12/1995	13
Victor Y	12/3/1987	21	George H	12/18/1968	40
Don S	12/3/2006	2	Lorrie K	12/26/2001	7
Tyree S	12/3/1984	24	Chris G	12/28/1990	18
Morris T	12/4/1990	18	Susan B	12/30/2002	6
Miguel G	12/5/1982	26	Diane B	12/31/1970	38
Cecilia P	12/8/2005	3			

Congratulations! Sobriety is a wonderful gift. Sponsorship can be the greatest gift you give, and get in this upcoming year.



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December Member of the month

A big thank you to the 14 new members who joined in the month of November. You make a difference!!!

Have you visited our Web Site? alanosj.org

Do you have something you would like to Contribute ?

The Alano Club of San Jose Presents— December Activities

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday Dec 18, 2008 @ 7:30pm

All members are always welcome !!



Christmas Boutique

Saturday December 6, 2008 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Tables available \$25 See Joann Johnson @ 408 420-8060

Arts & Crafts, Christmas gifts, Baked Goods

Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday December 14, 2008 @ 2:00PM

Members your vote matters, have a say in who represents your club

Free Spaghetti Dinner after the Vote

Annual Free Christmas Dinner

December 25, 2008 Dinner served at 2:00 pm

Santa arrives at 1:00 pm with Toys for the kids

Christmas Day Alka-thon Meetings

Alano Club Membership: *We need you to Continue Paying your Dues. You Help Us Do The Impossible and we appreciate it.* Do you like having a safe, sober, clean and fun place to hang out? We can't do it without your membership! So it is up to you to keep our club doors open!

Behavior: We count on Good Behavior!

Children: No children under 13 years old allowed on Club property after 9:30 p.m. This includes dances. Children must not be left unattended for any reason. This includes 12-Step meetings.

We ask the all parents please be responsible for their own children.

A Home for the Holidays

For the past fifteen years, my Christmas went something like this: A recliner, a television, a remote control, a bottle of booze or two (whatever I could afford), and a TV dinner. Compared to many other alcoholics and addicts, I felt that was a pretty good Christmas. I had heat, a bed, a locked door, and an unplugged phone. Other alcoholics and addicts were freezing under bridges or huddled in homeless shelters. But, wherever we were, most of us were alone and curled up with our addictions.

This year, after twelve years in the AA program and discovering The Alano Club of San Jose, I began to reach out my hand and found I received hugs in return. Through my sponsor and making the effort to reach out with true fellowship, I feel I have finally found a home.

I attend meetings daily. I strive to be of service where and when I can, welcome the newcomer, and stay connected with those I meet here. AA is my home and its members are my people and my family which make me no longer feel alone.

As I progress in the program one day at a time, I know it will be an ever-changing, always inspiring, often disheartening priority which makes the good things in my life possible.

As long as I stay spiritually connected on a daily basis, practice the steps to the best of my ability, and be of service whenever I can, the chances are I'll be celebrating peaceful and purposeful Christmas's for many years to come.

God bless AA.

Randy B.- Grateful Member

