

# 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 Nine Years*

## July Sobriety Milestones

| Name       | Milestone | Years | Name        | Milestone | Years |
|------------|-----------|-------|-------------|-----------|-------|
| Linda E    | 7/1/2010  | 1     | Ricky L     | 7/13/2005 | 6     |
| Tony B     | 7/4/1973  | 38    | Ed Y        | 7/14/1987 | 24    |
| Rene J     | 7/4/2008  | 3     | John B      | 7/14/2000 | 11    |
| John R     | 7/4/2008  | 3     | Philip V    | 7/14/2008 | 3     |
| Bobby P    | 7/5/2010  | 1     | Stephen C   | 7/18/2005 | 6     |
| John M     | 7/7/1088  | 23    | Paul G      | 7/19/2005 | 6     |
| Peter F    | 7/8/2008  | 3     | Cassandra V | 7/19/2008 | 3     |
| Domingo H  | 7/8/1989  | 22    | Ed S        | 7/20/1984 | 27    |
| Mark P     | 7/10/1986 | 25    | Dan B       | 7/20/2005 | 6     |
| Chauncey H | 7/11/1999 | 12    | Anthony M   | 7/22/2008 | 3     |
| Rudy P     | 7/11/1998 | 13    | Al E        | 7/22/1951 | 60    |
| Wayne J    | 7/11/2001 | 10    | Mike P      | 7/23/2010 | 1     |
| Bob B      | 7/12/1994 | 17    | Montana W   | 7/24/1997 | 14    |
| Leo P      | 7/12/2010 | 1     | Mike S      | 7/25/1971 | 40    |
| Carolyn M  | 7/12/1987 | 24    | Tammy A     | 7/26/2009 | 2     |
| Betty A    | 7/13/1982 | 29    | Dennis A    | 7/27/2010 | 1     |

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## July Member of the Month

This month it's our own Norris P. for his continued commitment in supporting the Alano Club! Many thanks Norris!

Have you visited our Web Site? [alanosj.org](http://alanosj.org)

Do you have something you would like to Contribute ?

to contribute? Send us an e-mail. [alanosj.org](mailto:alanosj.org)

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## The Alano Club of San Jose Presents April Activities

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### **Board of Directors Meeting**

**Thursday**

**July 16 , 2011 7:30pm**



### ***Karaoke Nights Are Back In July!!!***

***Friday, July 8, 2011***

***\$ 3 at the door***

***AND***

***Friday, July 29, 2011***

***Come Out And Sing !!!***

### **Alano Club Bike Run And Blues Band**

**Saturday, July 23, 2011**

**\$ 20 purchase in advance**

**\$ 25 day of event**



### **Alano Club Summer Fundraiser BBQ**

**Saturday, July 30, 2011**



### **Three Dances in July!!!**

**Birthdays Panel Meeting 8:00 Dance 9:15      Saturday, July 16**

**Project 90 Dance      Saturday, July 9**

**Speaker Meeting Dance Hosted By NA      Saturday, July 23**

**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.

**Children under 16 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.**

**In and outside of the meeting**

## Words of encouragement

### “Given What Was So Freely Given To Me...”

I remember my first sponsee. I wanted so bad to give her everything that I had gotten here. I wanted to give her the message and solution, a higher power, all the steps and everything AA had given me in one full swoop. I was quickly reminded that as willing as I was, she had to want what I had, and be willing to go to any lengths to get it. Unfortunately, she was not. However, she taught me to be willing to freely give what was given to me by every person I have worked with in AA. I hold that lesson very close to my heart for she was the first newcomer to ever want what I had and gave me the confidence and willingness to share my gifts of sobriety with anyone who asked.

I found the offering of help to someone new was the most satisfying part of sobriety. When I first got sober, I did not think I had anything to offer anyone. I soon learned that every day that I stayed sober, was one more day to help another. Every hug a newcomer receives when getting a chip, every time they ask me to take them through the book or the steps, all those times handing out a business card with my number on the back saying “CALL ME”, and even if one newcomer calls, it would be worth it. The first real smile they get when they know they are changing from who they were into who they will become. Or when reading in the big book and they look up at you because something has finally clicked and part of the fog has cleared inside their head and they related to something in the pages of our solution. These are amazing blessings we get when working together with those that are new to the rooms of AA.

When I think about these gifts, I get goose bumps. It reminds me not only of where I have been, but the entire group of wonderful AA members who helped me get from there to where I am now. I think of all the hugs, and “I love you’s”, that I did not want as a newcomer but accepted because I really did just want to be held and told everything would be all right. I wanted to know all the wreckage I had created would just work itself out and one day things would be better. Today, that is my truth. I have worked the steps, and have worked hard to change my thoughts and repair the actions of the life that I used to lead. Everything is a million times better than I ever dreamed possible because my higher power graciously gave me and did for me what I could not do for myself. Carrying that to a newcomer has never seemed more important.

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