

# The Alano Club of San Jose News

July 2012

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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 Sixty Years*

Check out our website at [www.alanosj.org](http://www.alanosj.org) . Suggestions, comments, or something you would like to contribute? Drop us your info online!

## July Sobriety Milestones

Name	Milestone	Years	Name	Milestone	Years
Jim O	7/1/2010	2	Stephen C	7/18/2005	7
Tony B	7/14/1973	39	Cassandra V	7/19/2008	4
Jack L	7/4/2003	9	Ed S	7/20/1984	28
Domingo H	7/8/1989	23	Dan B	7/20/2005	7
Peter F	7/8/2008	4	Al E	7/22/1951	61
Mark P	7/10/1986	26	Anthony M	7/22/2008	4
Wayne J	7/11/2001	11	Montana W	7/24/1996	16
Rudy P	7/11/1998	14	Mike S	7/25/1971	41
Carolyn M	7/12/1987	25	Tammy A	7/26/2009	3
Ricky L	7/13/2005	7	Vickie C	7/31/2011	1
Betty A	7/13/1982	30			

## July Member of the Month

Sheri R.

Thanks to our valued club member, Sheri R, for her gracious time and talent with her outdoor gardening efforts at the club! Sheri has taken it upon herself to place colorful flowerpots throughout our gardens and the front of the club; you might also notice the smoking ash cans are now bright and colorful, too! Additionally, you may often see Sheri here on the weekend watering the many plants and rose bushes that go unattended. A huge shout out to Sheri for stepping up the outdoor appearance of our club!!

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## July Activities at the Alano Club of San Jose

Board meetings are now held at 6:30 pm. The next Board of Directors Meeting - Thursday, July 19, 2012 at 6:30 pm. All Members Welcome.

“We Love Our Club” Luncheon Fundraiser  
Enjoy lunch with family, friends & new friends at the club!!

Sunday, July 15, 2012

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

\$ 7.50

Menu: Caesar Salad with grilled & seasoned chicken  
Assorted rolls and breads  
Fresh local and tropical fresh fruits  
Dessert by Pastry Chef Amy



Join us for our monthly “Pancake Breakfast” Fundraiser!!

Saturday, July 21, 2012 8 am – 4 pm

“All You Can Eat” Pancakes, Bacon, and Scrambled Eggs

Served with coffee

Members - \$ 6 Non-Members - \$ 8



Such a deal!!

Up to 35 MPH – ECO Friendly

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Check it out in the Duncan Hall at the Club

Raffle Tickets in the café

\$1 each – 6 for \$5 – 25 for \$20



# July Activities & More at the Alano Club of San Jose (cont'd)



The Alano Club of San Jose  
invites you to the  
**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike Run & Blues Band Fundraiser**  
– a non-profit clean and sober ride –

**Sunday, July 22, 2012**  
**9:00 am**

**Music by JC Smith Blues Band**  
**\$ 20 donation includes ride and BBQ for 2**  
(More info: Mike A 726-9880 or Milton B 564-5962)

Member of the Club Yet?

Check out the many benefits of becoming a valued member  
of the Alano Club of San Jose!!

## Benefits -

- 20-25 % discounts at the café
- Your own internet access account
- Wi-Fi for your laptop (members only)
- Special prices on many events & activities
- Newsletters, other mailings, & email club updates
- A place to hang out & work on your 12 step recovery
- A place to bring family, friends, and meet new friends
- A place to get school work or job search done
- If a licensed & bonded with a trade, or a business owner,  
you qualify to join the Alano Club of San Jose Leads Referral Club
- A place to meet with business clients for breakfast, lunch, or dinner



The Cost? One month of a membership pays for itself!!

\$20 per month

\$10 per month (if a senior or on a fixed income)

\* Other discounted “pre-payment” options available at the café



## July Activities & More at the Alano Club of San Jose (cont'd)

Join Our Network: The Alano Club of San Jose Business Leads Club!

Run your own business? Licensed & bonded with a trade?

This referral club is perfect for you! Grow your business & supporting other club member professionals!



How Much Time Does It Require Of Me?

Very little. We meet once a week at the club. Our exchange online does everything else for you! Call Judith B at 408.439.6050 for info to join.



### “NA Any Lengths Homegroup” Fundraisers Alano Club of San Jose

“Fun Run” Fundraiser: Starting from the Alano Club on July 7

Meet at 8:30 am

Bake Sales: Sunday, July 1, 15, and 29 9 am – 2 pm

Car Washes: Sunday, July 8 and 22 9 am – 3 pm

(no affiliation with the club)

\* Fundraisers for the annual NA Speaker Jam – held on  
29 Sept 2012 at the Alano Club of San Jose



### *Dances for July at the Alano Club!!*

Alano “We Love Our Club” Dance

It’s Summa Summa Time at the Club!!

Sat, July 21, 2012 9:30 pm – midnight

\$4 advance \$5 door



NA Any Lengths Group Speaker Meeting & Dance

Sat, July, 28, 2012 Meeting 8 pm Dance 9:30 pm – midnight

\$5 suggested donation

# July Activities & More at the Alano Club of San Jose (cont'd)

Sunday Evenings at the Café!! 6 pm – 9:30 pm  
Light Menu Fare, Appetizers, & Desserts  
12 Step Meetings, Sports in café, and Social Gatherings  
Special prices!  
Join us at the club café!!



**Ballroom Dancing Classes every Saturday!**  
Duncan Hall  
3:00 – 4:30 pm  
\$ 5 suggested donation  
All are welcome, especially beginners

Announcing a new “AA Birthday Speaker Chip Meeting”  
Every Sunday evening at the Alano Club of San Jose  
6:30 pm



## Save the Dates – Upcoming Events in August!!

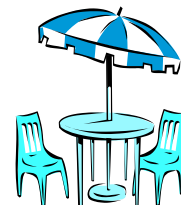
### “Dine Out While Giving Back”

Chilis Restaurant  
Wednesday, August 8, 2012  
6 pm – closing  
15% of all proceeds donated back to the club!!



### “Hot August Nights BBQ & Outdoor Movie”

Friday, August 24, 2012  
BBQ 7 pm – 10 pm  
Movie starts at dusk  
Come early, set up chairs/blankets on the lawn!!  
Kids Booth will be set up for fun, fun, fun!!



# *The Alano Club of San Jose*

SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY FOR SIXTY YEARS

## **12-STEP MEETINGS**

Held at Your Alano Club 1122 Fair Avenue San Jose

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

Daily	9:00 am	Sat (backroom) and Sun (downstairs)
Daily	12:00 pm	
Mon- Fri	4:00 pm	
Daily	6:00 pm	Friday (closed meeting)
Daily	7:30 pm	Fri (backroom) and Sat (downstairs)
Sunday	6:30 pm	Speaker Birthday meeting (6:30-8 pm)
Sunday	7:30 pm	(downstairs candlelight)

### **AA Woman's Meetings**

Sunday	3:00 pm	(backroom)
Wednesday	8:00 pm	(downstairs)

### **AA Men's Meeting**

Sunday	5:00 pm
Tuesday	9:30 pm
Saturday	10:00 am

### **AA Spanish Speaking**

Monday	7:30 pm	(back room)
Tuesday	7:30 pm	(back room)
Wednesday	7:30 pm	(back room)
Thursday	7:30 pm	(back room)
Friday	7:30 pm	(downstairs)

### **AA Medicine Crow Talking Circle**

Saturday	12:00 pm	(backroom)
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### **Al-Anon**

(Understanding friends & relatives who are Alcoholics)

Monday	8:00 pm	(downstairs)
Tuesday	12:00 pm	(backroom)

### **Co-Dependents Anonymous**

(Dealing with childhood and relationship issues)

Wednesday	6:45 pm	(downstairs)
Sunday	5:00 pm	(downstairs)

### **Narcotics Anonymous**

Open Meeting	Monday	6:30 pm	(downstairs)
Open Meeting	Tuesday	6:30 pm	(downstairs)
Open Meeting	Sat & Sun	10:00 am	Sat (downstairs)
Tagalog Speaking NA	Saturday	1:00 pm	(backroom)
Closed Women's Meeting	Friday	6:00 pm	(downstairs) (Chip 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri)
Open Meeting	Friday	8:00 pm	
Open Meeting	Saturday	8:00 pm	
Open Meeting	Sunday	2:00 pm	

Most valued members of the Alano Club of San Jose. I am coming up on my return as your manager of the Club at the six month mark, and I would like to extend heartfelt thanks for putting up with me. I had been somewhat enjoying semi-retirement for the last four or five years, perhaps not. I am truly amazed at how far technology has come in such a short time, and how much I have had to learn by trial and error, and indeed some sleepless nights, hopefully the learning will continue, but, please not so much, so quick!.

I would first of all like to thank the Board of Directors for taking a chance on me and their continued efforts to make our Club the best that it can be.

I would like to thank the staff of our Club for helping me make the transition as the new current manager of the Alano Club and make the sacrifices necessary and the required changes to make our Club survive on a daily basis. I have to keep this to a page, so I will not be able to list all of the kind folks that have contributed to my overnight success. I want to start with the smoking members of the Club that have helped make a painful change the very best that it could be. Laws change and we must adapt.

John G. who has single handedly pulled me kicking and screaming into the 21<sup>st</sup> century as our webmaster and my personal Saint. Denise S. my granddaughter who knows stuff about computers, Kelly S. her mother who know some stuff about payroll, and her mother Audrey B. who knows some stuff about all most everything. Margaret C. for all her work in my office, Rudy L. Roman A. and Lionel for the office remodel, Amos for the other office remodel.

We had lost a bit over ten thousand dollars in the year of 2011, and with a non-profit that isn't made up very quickly or without some serious sacrifice on everyone's part. Those of you that have helped in some large or small way, you have my sincere gratitude.

One of the changes that we are trying to implement is putting our newsletter out on email format and saving a small forest somewhere. It is no easy task, so if you would be so kind after reading this and you have an e-mail address, please send it to me, along with your member # and name and address, and zip to [tonybaron@alanosj.org](mailto:tonybaron@alanosj.org). We will be most grateful and you will be saving a tree or perhaps a small forest, and reducing the cost of our doing the great things that we do for our community.

I wish you could be present for all of the people that come from foreign cities that are so amazed that we have been able to do what we have been able to do here. So many Clubs have gone by the wayside in different areas of our country. Lack of support is and always has been the chief executioner of community Clubs. Let's not become one of those statistics that become irreversible! Our sister club Alano Cub West should be opening its new doors in August.

It is my belief that everyone should have the opportunity for a better life, and that has to mean that all people with crippling addictions need a place to recover and stay out of the storm. If any of us are chosen then it is our inheritance to give back what and where we can, and I don't believe that we get to always choose how to do it. I could be wrong!

So thank you all so much for putting up with me these six months and I guess the thirty five years at the other end as well. I will try to do the best I can for the greatest majority for as long as I can. So even if you feel like you might be in the minority from time to time, let's bring back some of the magic that might be missing in our recovery center/Club/refuge.

Love, Tony Baron