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The mission of the Alano Club of San Jose is to provide:

- a safe and supportive environment where twelve step recovery can take place,
- information to help those new to recovery,
- a source of encouragement through fellowship within a twelve step community,
- · a facility where twelve step meetings can take place, and
- · a social setting for events and other recovery-related activities.

We have been a community asset for over sixty years.

December Sobriety Milestones

NAME	MILESTONE	YEARS	NAME	MILESTONE	YEARS
Kindra T	12/01/2006	6	Jerry H	12/04/1990	22
Doug H	12/04/1990	22	Miguel G	12/05/1982	30
Muhammed '	Y 12/07/2007	5	Michael S	2/10/2010	2
Eddie D	12/12/2006	6	David B	12/12/2011	1
Francisco H	12/12/1995	17	Duke M	12/14/2009	3
George H	12/18/1968	44	Gary C	12/20/2008	4
David K	12/22/1996	16	Sergio M	12/25/2008	4
Lee C	12/25/1984	28	Mike H	12/26/2007	5
Jeremiah P	12/27/2007	5	Chris G	12/28/1990	22
Mike O	12/30/1983	29	Diana B	12/31/1970	42

December Member of the Month Gino H and Bob N

This month, we send a big shout out to Gino H and Bob N for their generous time and talent – not only did they correct some of the electrical issues here at the club, but to they also added new lighting fixtures in the café. Next up, they will be adding new electrical outlets to adapt with some of our upcoming projects that will required newer technology. We look forward to working with Gino and Bob throughout the 2013 year as we move ahead with all projects outlined. Thank you, Gino and Bob, for you support and you have been awesome to work with in every aspect!!

Happy Holidays From The Alano Club of San Jose



Activities at the Alano Club of San Jose

THE ALANO CLUB OF SAN JOSE PRESENTS THEIR

1st Annual Toy Drive

With Several Activities:

"FIRST ANNUAL TOY DRIVE BIKE RUN"

Saturday, December 15st
Leaving the Alano Club of San Jose at 11:00 am
Registration cost is a brand new, unopened toy or donation



"FIRST ANNUAL TOY DRIVE"

at The Alano Club of San Jose
Saturday, December 1st
Please Bring a New, Unwrapped Toy
Between 11 am – 2 pm
We will be serving Hot Dogs, Hotlinks and Hamburgers
To those that Donate...

Help make a child's Christmas a little happier with your presents

You can also stop by the lobby anytime and donate a toy in the blue bin or a donation at the café counter.

HELP BRING A SMILE TO A KID'S FACE

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Activities & More at the Alano Club of San Jose

(cont'd)

Santa is coming to town!

The Alano Club of San Jose Christmas Morning – Tuesday, December 25th 12:00 pm



COMING SOON AT THE ALANO CLUB OF SAN JOSE CAFE

In addition to recent changes, upcoming are:

Large screen wall-mounted HDTV Fireplace for cold winter days

If you have ideas or comments, Let us know! www.alanosj.org or board@alanosj.org



Stop by for our "All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast – Stop by!!

Saturday, December 8th of 2012

8 am – 4 pm

Members \$6 and Non-Members \$8

Activities & More at the Alano Club of San Jose

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ELECTIONS FOR 2013 ALANO CLUB OF SAN JOSE "BOARD OF DIRECTOR" POSITIONS

Sunday, December 9, 2012 2 pm in Duncan Hall

There are 3 positions up for re-election as well as 2 open positions available Requirements to be a Board Member are:

- Minimum of one year of sobriety
- Ability to attend the monthly board meeting
- · Commitment to put in 20 hours monthly on various initiatives, projects, and activities
- Commitment to participate as a member on several team committees
- Ability to attend a minimum of 70% of the club and board activites



THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2012 AT 6:30 PM. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

Coming Soon at the Alano Club of San Jose

(Dates & Times to follow by email and website)

Super Bowl Party



Dinner and Movie Night



Valentine's Day Celebration



Bingo Night



The Fair Avenue Fellowship Group Invites you to the following Holiday Alcathons

CHRISTMAS EVE ALCATHON

Location: Alano Club of San Jose – Duncan Hall Monday, December 24, 2012 9:00 am – 8:30 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY ALCATHON

Location: Alano Club of San Jose – Duncan Hall Tuesday, December 25, 2012 9:00 am – 8:30 pm

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CHRISTMAS DINNER

Will be served at 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm and hosted by the Alano Club of San Jose All are welcome

NEW YEAR'S EVE ALCATHON

Location: Alano Club of San Jose – Duncan Hall Monday, December 31, 2012 9:00 am – 10:00 pm Potluck 10:00 pm downstairs

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12:15 am January 1st 2013

NEW YEAR'S DAY AA MEETING

The "Fair Avenue Fellowship Group" would like to wish each of you and your families a safe and blessed holiday season.

The Steering Committee
The Fair Avenue Fellowship Group

12 Tips on Enjoying the Holdiays Clean and Sober

Holiday parties without liquid spirits may seem a dreary prospect to newcomers. But many of us have enjoyed the happiest holidays of our lives sober – an idea we would never have dreamed of, wanted, or believed possible when drinking. Here are some tips for having a great holiday season while staying clean and sober.

"Line up extra AA activities for the holiday season." Arrange to take newcomers to meetings, speak, help out at funtions.

"Be host to AA friends, especially newcomers."

"Keep you AA telephone list with you, and use it." If a drinking urge or panic comes – postpone everything else until you've called an AA.

"Find out about the special holiday parties, meetings, and other celebrations given by groups and go."

"Skip any drinking occasion you are nervous about."

"If you have to go to a drinking party and can't take an AA with you, keep some candy handy."

"Don't think you have to stay late."

"Worship in your own way."

"Don't sit around brooding."

"Don't start now getting worked up about those holiday temptations." Remember, one day at a time.

"Enjoy the true beauty of holiday love and joy."

"Having had a..." no need to spell out the twelfth step here, since you already know it.







A Message from your President – Board of Directors at The Alano Club of San Jose...

The holiday season is here, and there is so much to be grateful for here at the Alano Club of San Jose. First and foremost, our most valued club members – without you, we would be without such a great solution for the entire 12-step community. It has been most gratifying to see the teamwork between our manager, Tony B, our Board of Directors, and club members – working together. The volunteer of time and talent from our club members has been above and beyond our expectations, and it has been a pleasure to work with each of you on the many projects.

As our annual theme says "More Than Solutions, Enabling Possibilities" for 2012, it is evident that change has been an easy concept here at the club. Not only have you provided ideas and suggestions, but you have teamed up with staff and Board members to see projects through successfully. More to come, so stay tuned as we move into a new year.

This month we are pushing for a successful "First Annual Toy Drive" with a series of activites. This is in preparation for the many kids that look forward to Santa arriving each year here at the club. On December 1st, we are having our "First Annual Toy Drive" from 11 am until 2 pm. Stop by with a new, unwrapped toy, or a donation. Enjpy hot dogs, hot links and hamburgers for all those who donate. In addition, on December 15th, we are having our "First Annual Toy Drive Bike Run". We leave the club at 11 am. Registration cost is a new, unwrapped toy or a donation. For those who don't ride, stop by and join in the fun. Once again, hot dogs, hamburgers, and hot links will be served for those who donate. Reach out and put a smile on a kid's face – you can also place a toy in the lobby bin, or donate money at the café counter at any time until December 20th.

Also, on Sunday, December 9th at 2 pm, we are having the elections for the 2013 Baord of Directors. This is also your time to come out and voice your opinion – voting is important. There are 2 open positions and 3 positions for re-election.

Once again, the Board continues its' commitment to be of service to all who walk through the doors – recovery can be fun and we strive to provide a safe place for all. We all wish you and your family a blessed and joyous holiday; for those of you who are around, please stop by and join us!

Warm Regards, Mike Austin, President Board of Directors The Alano Club of San Jose, Inc.

More Than Solutions - Enabling Possibilities

The Alano Club of San Jose – 12 Step Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous

Daily Daily Mon- Fri Mon-Sat Daily Sunday	9:00 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:30 pm	Sat backroom & Sun downstairs Friday is a closed meeting Fri backroom, Sat downstairs, & Sun downstairs candlelight Speaker Birthday Chip meeting	
AA Women's Meetings	Wednesday Sunday	8:00 pm 3:00 pm	Downstairs Backroom
AA Men's Meeting	Tuesday Saturday Sunday	9:30 pm 10:00 am 5:00 pm	
AA Spanish Speaking	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	7:30 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Backroom Backroom Backroom Backroom Downstairs
AA Medicine Crow Talking Circle	Saturday	12:00 pm	Backroom
Al-Anon (Understanding friends & relatives who are Alcoholics)	Monday Tuesday	8:00 pm 12:00 pm	Downstairs Backroom
Co-Dependents Anonymous (Dealing with childhood and relationship issues)	Wednesday Sunday	6:30 pm 5:00 pm	Downstairs Downstairs
Narcotics Anonymous			
Open Meeting Open Meeting Open Meeting Tagalog Speaking NA Closed Women's Meeting Open Meeting Open Meeting Open Meeting Open Meeting Open Meeting	Monday Tuesday Sat & Sun Saturday Friday Friday Saturday Sunday	6:30 pm 6:30 pm 10:00 am 1:00 pm 6:00 pm 8:00 pm 8:00 pm 2:00 pm	Downstairs Downstairs Sat downstairs Backroom Downstairs



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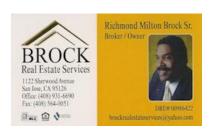
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