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The Alano Club of San Jose News

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The Alano Club is your Club. Our mission is to:

- Provide a safe & supportive environment where 12-step recovery can take place
- Provide information to help those new to recovery
- Provide encouragement through fellowship within a twelve step community
- Provide a place where twelve step meetings can take place
- Provide a social setting for events and other recovery-related activities.

We have been a community asset for the last sixty years.

Sobriety Milestones

Name	Milestone/Ye	Milestone/Years Name Mil		Milestone/Y	ears
Brian F	02/01/2007	6	Anthony P	02/01/1988	25
Ernest 0	02/01/2001	12	Lawra C	02/02/1997	16
Italo T	02/02/2012	1	Hank B	02/02/1988	25
Andy S	02/05/1987	26	Judith B	02/06/1992	21
Sue E	02/07/2009	4	Michele A	02/08/2008	5
Luther B	02/09/1990	23	Sue W	02/09/2007	6
Gary B	02/09/2006	7	Whitney G	02/10/2001	12
David E	02/10/1998	15	Anthony R	02/10/2010	3
Irene M	02/13/2001	12	Bud N	02/14/2009	4
Jerry V	02/15/1991	22	Walter M	02/16/2004	9
Steve H	02/17/2011	2	Judy H	02/17/2008	5
Jack S	02/17/1988	25	Carroll P	02/19/1994	19
Hortencia B	02/19/2012	1	Melva L	02/21/2012	1
Horace C	02/21/1995	18	Curtis H	02/23/1988	25
Jose C	02/23/2003	10	Cora S	02/24/1987	26
Harvey D	02/24/2005	8	Diamond V	02/26/2004	9
Jesse T	02/28/2011	2			

Member of the Month - Ernie A

A huge thanks goes to Ernie for his time and talent on several occasions. Behind the scenes, the freezers have been a challenge and have required repair. Ernie has stepped up to not only finding an immediate repair, but also long term solutions to avoid any future problems. Thank you, Ernie, for your loyalty to the club!

In Memory Of

Paul Paridiso – A longtime member of the Alano Club of San Jose before moving to Morro Bay, Paul was one of our favorites here at the club. He was most known for saying "you can't change nobody". Our prayers are with his family.

Jerry Head – We are saddened by the passing of our friend and member of the Alano Club of San Jose. Jerry was known for his warm smile, sense of humor, pride for our club, the AA program, and bike runs. He will be truly missed.

Activities & More at the Alano Club of San Jose

The next Board of Directors Meeting - Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 6:30 pm. All Members are Welcome!

Valentine Old School Dance – Music by the DJ Kid GC



Saturday, February 9, 2013 9:30 - Midnight \$5 at the door

Do Your Shopping at our Valentine's Day at the Alano Club of San Jose

Bake Sale & Boutique

Wednesday, February 13, 2013 5 pm – 8 pm



Dance, Dance - Sponsored by Pathways



Saturday, February 23, 2013 9:30 - Midnight \$5 at the door

Activities & More at the Alano Club of San Jose

(cont'd)

Join Us for St. Patrick's Day



Saturday, March 16, 2013 9 am – 2 pm



Sunday, March 17, 2013 4 pm – closing



Saturday, March 30, 2013 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm



Egg Coloring
Baskets
Easter Egg Hunt
Prizes by age

Coming Soon at the Alano Club of San Jose

27th Annual "Alano Club Golf Classic" May 5, 2013

5th **Recovery Walkathon** Saturday, May 18, 2013





Memorial Day BBQ May 27, 2013

Alano Community Yard Sale Saturday, June 29, 2013





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

The Fair Avenue Fellowship Group

The "Fair Avenue Fellowship Group" is well into another year of fellowship. We continue to encourage any ideas that you may have for group activities. We have set up an email address that you can send any of your ideas, suggestions, and comments to: SteeringCommittee@alanosj.org

One idea presented to our committee was to host a Bowling Night, and we are in process of coming up with a plan to make that happen. Please look for that info soon.

We currently have secretaries committed for all the meetings that are Fair Avenue Fellowship Group meeting held at the Alano Club of San Jose. However, we can always use Greeters, so if interested, please send us an email or talk to a meeting secretary.

Remember that the Steering Committee meeting is still held on the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting is on Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 6:30 pm. It is mandatory that all secretaries of the fellowship attend. Your attendance gives you an opportunity to have your voice heard.

The Steering Committee
The Fair Avenue Fellowship Group

Why I Keep Coming Back

"A few of my family members are in AA. The rest of my family still drink and are alcoholics. I am an alcoholic.

For a long time, my AA family members have been pushing me to try AA. One day I just couldn't face life one more day. So I came to a morning meeting at the Alano Club. I announced myself as a newcomer. A lot of men welcomed me after the meeting and talked to me. One of the men even talked to me before the meeting. I came back the next day. After the meeting, one of the men bought me breakfast in the café and talked with me for a long time. I related to his story. I had a lot to say because I understood his story. I bought a big book. I came back the next day. I got a sponsor. After a week, I was called on to share and I gave one week's worth of my recovery. It felt good to have one week of recovery, and sober friends. I keep coming back because it has been working for me. I am sober, happy, and life has been good as long as I follow directions – directions like keep going to meetings, work with a sponsor, get a support group, and get into service."

~ Anonymous AA Member

"AA has changed my life completely. For years, I tried to stop drinking on my own. I tried everything and every day I would fail and drink. I was a terrible way to live. I was court ordered to AA. I came three times a week. I did as what I was told by others in the program. Soon I began to come every day. Soon I began to listen and understand that I was like others. I was court ordered for only six months, but I kept coming back. I kept doing all of the things that the program and fellowship suggested. I started working. I started to become happy again. Actually, happier than I ever had been. I started to want to become responsible and get rid of the baggage of my past. Life was getting better. And I had support. I didn't have to do this alone. I keep coming back because it really does work."

~ Anonymous AA Member







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

Welcome to our newest members on the Board of Directors – Freddie Parra, Michael Dardis, and Any Salazar. Our 2013 Board of Directors is as follows:

Laura M – President Sue W – Vice President Sue E – Secretary Milton B Freddie P Regina P Judith B Andy S Michael D

Our first board meeting was held on January 17, 2013 and we are off to a great start. As a note, we very much appreciate the many club members that have been attending our monthly board meetings.

Currently, we are in process of planning key milestones for the year. In addition, we are in process of researching a broad range of financial stability plans. A stable financial foundation is taking time to build, but will ensure our immediate future. What does this mean for you – our club members? We believe that our club members should have an idea of what's going on with the club at all times. We are in process of scheduling the majority of events, activities, fundraisers, and giving-back programs for the year. Stay tuned for an update on this.

It is a pleasure to serve as your President of the 2013 Board of Directors. The entire Board and our CEO/Manager, Tony Baron, are excited to move ahead and keep up the momentum of change. Our members have been awesome to work with, and we take pride in having such a wonderful team here at the club!

And, most importantly, the Board continues its' commitment to be of service to all who walk through the doors of the Alano Club of San Jose – recovery can be fun and we strive to provide a safe place for all.

Warm Regards, Laura Martin, 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 Meetings	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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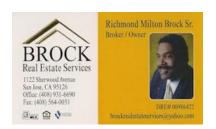
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