

# 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 over sixty years.

## Sobriety Milestones

Name	Milestone/Years	Name	Milestone/Years
Gerardo F	05/01/2013 1	Felix L	05/04/1992 22
Denise S	05/05/2010 4	Steve H	05/06/1985 29
David R	05/06/1989 25	James D	05/11/2013 1
Andy H	05/13/2005 9	Danny G	05/18/2004 10
Tamsen K	05/18/2010 4	Rudy R	05/19/2003 11
Vincent T	05/22/2011 3	Mark M	05/24/1985 29
Frank P	05/24/1993 21	Alex L	05/24/2006 8
Kasren C	05/25/1995 19	Doris G	05/26/1973 41
Michael S	05/26/2011 3	Douglas C	05/28/2008 6
Hank C	05/29/2012 2	Andrew S	05/29/2012 2

## Alano Club Staff

Tony Baron  
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## Member of the Month – Ralph V

This month we are honored to recognize Ralph V as Member of the Month. He is a very quiet guy, so many of you may not have yet had a chance to meet him, but he always seems to be around whenever a staff or member volunteer need a helping hand – whether that be planned or “on the fly”. Ralph is someone who just jumps in – no matter what. He often fills a void that is necessary to keep our club running smoothly and seamless.

Our staff and member volunteers often find themselves asking “Is Ralph around to help out?” – whether it be unloading the truck on Friday mornings or merely jumping up to hang banners – both simple as well as timely things that mean so much to the staff.

If you haven’t met Ralph yet, you can usually find him in the Café – stop by and introduce yourself! And, Ralph, we all thank you for your service!

## Activities & More at the Alano Club of San Jose

### May – August

Don't Forget Mother's Day on May 11<sup>th</sup>  
Celebrate & Bring Her Flowers!  
For Sale on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 2014  
Stop By the Club Lobby

In Honor Of Our Vets & Those Serving Our Country  
The Alano Memorial Day BBQ  
Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
\$4 Vets – \$8 – \$10 At Event

Celebrate Our Country's Heritage at our  
4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ  
Friday, on July 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Kids 5 and under free (dogs, chips, fruit, drink)  
FREE – to all Current Club Members!!  
Non-Members are Welcome to Join!

The "Fair Avenue Fellowship Group" invites you  
"Fourth of July Alcathon"  
Friday on July 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm  
The Alano Club of San Jose  
1122 Fair Ave, San Jose  
408-297-1878 or [www.alanosj.org](http://www.alanosj.org)

10<sup>th</sup> Annual "Bike Run & Blues Band Fundraiser"  
Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 9:00 am  
Music by JC Smith Blues Band  
\$20 Donation Includes Ride and BBQ for 2  
Info: Mike A at 408-859-2848

Karaoke Night & Dance Fundraiser  
Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 2014  
9:30 pm – Midnight  
\$4 Advance, \$5 At Door, Raffles, and Taco Bar  
Celebrating Regina P's 46<sup>th</sup> BB Birthday, too

### One Of Our Largest Fundraisers

## *The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Alano Recovery*



Join us on May 10, 2014

Alano Club of San Jose, 1122 Fair Ave, San Jose  
Registration at 8 AM  
Walk at 9 AM

Registration Packets – Club Café or call Regina 408-297-1878

*Stand Up For Your Recovery!*

## The Alano Club of San Jose – 12 Step Meetings

<b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b>		<b>Narcotics Anonymous</b>	
Daily	9:00 am, 12:00 pm	Mon & Tue	6:30 pm
Mon- Fri	4:00 pm	Tue	8:00 pm ( <b>Book Study</b> )
Mon-Sat	6:00 pm	Tue	8:00 pm ( <b>Spanish</b> )
Tue	9:30 pm ( <b>Men</b> )	Fri	6:00 pm ( <b>Women</b> )
Wed-Fri	7:30 pm	Fri & Sat	8:00 pm
Wed	8:00 pm ( <b>Women</b> )	Sat & Sun	10:00 am
Sat	10:00 am ( <b>Men</b> )	Sun	6:30 pm ( <b>Speaker</b> )
Sun	3:00 pm ( <b>Women</b> ), 5:00 pm ( <b>Men</b> )		
Sun	7:30 pm		
Mon-Fri	7:30 pm ( <b>Spanish</b> )		
		<b>Al-Anon</b>	
		Mon	8:00 pm
		Tue	12:00 pm
<b>AA Medicine Crow Talking Circle</b>		<b>Co-Dependents Anonymous</b>	
Sat	12:00 pm	Wed	6:30 pm
		Sun	5:00 pm
<b>Cross Addiction</b>			
Mon	7:30 pm		

**The Next Alano Club of San Jose  
Board of Directors Meeting**  
May 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 at 6:00 pm – All Members Welcome!

**The Next Fair Avenue Fellowship Group  
Steering Committee Meeting**  
May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

### Kiki Martinez talks about “My Journey in Recovery – The 12 Steps Definitely Work!”

*by Susan W of The Alano Club of San Jose*

In less than 6 years, Anthony (Kiki) Martinez has turned his life completely around. He was just promoted to Assistant Manager of the Alano Club of San Jose. This is his journey to pass along for those new in recovery.

On Christmas Eve of 2008, Kiki returned to San Jose from Project 90 (Napa). While living in a homeless shelter, he walked each morning with his box of clothes to the Alano Club and stayed all day – attended meetings and volunteered his time. In the first week, he met Mike A, who gave him a big book, walked him through the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, and became his sponsor. Mike continues to sponsor Kiki today. Each night, Kiki would return to the shelter, and do the same thing every day. Within his first year of sobriety, he was hired as an employee at the Club. It wasn't long before he began sponsoring a newcomer, and today Anthony R has 3 years of sobriety – “giving back is a wonderful thing!” says Kiki. And it just got better and better. Kiki left the gang life that was the only adult life that he knew, completed parole for the first time ever, and graduated the CET Program as an Auto Technician. However, Kiki's passion continued to grow as an employee at the Club – being in service and helping others with recovery. And, he was good at it.

Today, Kiki is married to Terisa, and they have 3 children – Mercedes (17), Koa (12), and Anthony Jr (3). They no longer take a bus – they drive their nice car. Soon they will be moving into their own 3 bdrm, 2 bath apartment. Kiki's words of wisdom often include “The 12 Steps definitely work!” Congratulations, Kiki, on your promotion to Assistant Manager of the Alano Club of San Jose!



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