

# 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
Sonny P	06/01/1984 30	Jesse H	06/04/2006 8
Daniel L	06/07/1993 21	Dennis S	06/10/1989 25
Joey M	06/11/2007 7	Nina S	06/11/2013 1
Jeff S	06/13/1991 23	Tonya C	06/14/2007 7
Anthony P	06/14/2009 5	Manuel T	06/15/1992 22
Holly W	06/15/2009 5	Adrian F	06/16/1977 37
Brenda R	06/20/1995 19	Lance H	06/21/1992 22
Peggy M	06/23/2012 2	Arnold C	06/25/2000 14
Robert O	06/25/2013 1	Liz K	06/26/1988 26
Garry B	06/28/1990 24		

## Alano Club Staff

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## Member of the Month – Ricky L

What can we say about Ricky L? Member of the Month for June 2014! That's because Ricky relentlessly makes himself available for just about any maintenance problem at the club that requires an expert's solution!

A few examples for this past month – the immediate need to fix the sprinkler system, the grease trap, the plumbing in the café kitchen, and stopping by to merely show a staff member how to install a part in order to repair, yes – the kitchen sink. Although Ricky is no longer an employee at the club, you would never know it. His never-ending moments of "dropping everything" to stop by and take a look at a maintenance problem is a part of his love for the club.

All in all, Ricky has been our rock star of maintenance and repair here at the Alano Club of San Jose! Thank you, Ricky, for your time, talent, and never ending smile!

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

### June – August

Hear the Message – Support One Another  
“Dinosaur Speakers With A Message”

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Old Timers Speaker Jam BBQ Fundraiser  
Held at Parisi House On The Hill – 9505 Malech Rd  
Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am – 5:30 pm

BBQ \$5 and Raffle Tickets \$1, \$5 for 7, \$10 for 15  
Info: Call 408-281-6570

“MONTANASILVER796” Summer Sale

Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 3 pm in Serenity Garden

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Raffles!! Pair of 14K 1/4CT Diamond Earrings &  
1.35 CT Amethyst and Opal Ring  
Benefiting the Alano Club of San Jose

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

Karaoke Night & Dance Fundraiser

Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 2014

9:30 pm – Midnight

\$5 Door - 50/50 and Other Raffle Prizes – and Taco Bar  
Celebrating Regina P’s 46<sup>th</sup> BB Birthday, too

The Fair Avenue Fellowship Group  
7<sup>th</sup> Annual “Cup Of Coffee Celebration Party”  
Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from Noon – 3:30 pm

DJ and Dancing – Potluck Menu  
Call Steve H at 408-839-0111

“Building Respect Through Dance” Classes

Taught by the 13 Step Dance Team

The Alano Club of San Jose

Every Saturday from 3:30 pm – 5 pm

## The Alano “Summer Fun Day Festival”

*Bring the family to the Alano Club of San Jose for our*

### Summer Fun Day Festival



Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 2014

11:30 am – 3:30 pm

Fun Fest for the Kids

Jumpy House, Batting Cage,

Face Painting, and More



Taco Stand, Ice Cream Cart, and More

DJ Music

Raffles and Prizes

**Free – To All Alano Club Current Members**

*Celebrate Our Country's Heritage at our Club's*  
**4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ**



Friday, on July 4<sup>th</sup> 2014  
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Serenity Garden  
Kids 5 & under free (dogs, chips, fruit, drink)

***FREE – to all Current Club Members!!***

**Non-Members are Welcome to Join!**

**Become A Member – as low as \$10**

**The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual “Bike Run & Blues Band Fundraiser”**

*The Alano Club of San Jose invites you to*  
**The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual “Bike Run & Blues Band Fundraiser”**

– a non-profit clean and sober ride –  
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: Call Mike A at 408-859-2848**

## 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
<b>AA Medicine Crow Talking Circle</b>		Tue	12:00 pm
Sat	12:00 pm		
		<b>Co-Dependents Anonymous</b>	
<b>Cross Addiction</b>		Wed	6:30 pm
Mon	7:30 pm	Sun	5:00 pm

**The Next Alano Club of San Jose  
Board of Directors Meeting**  
June 5<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 6:00 pm – All Members Welcome!

**The Next Fair Avenue Fellowship Group  
Steering Committee Meeting**  
June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

### Terry S talks about “I Had To Change One Thing - Everything”

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

On Jan 24, 2013, Terry Stribling walked into his first Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at the Alano Club of San Jose – the 9:00 am Cup of Coffee meeting. Little did Terry know just how much his life would change. He introduced himself as an alcoholic. After the meeting, Eddie M loaned him a Big Book. Before Terry left, those “miracle” words were imprinted in his mind – “Keep coming back.”

The next morning, Terry came back. Milton B bought him his own Big Book and gave him a sponsor – Shawn B – who continues to sponsor him today. He worked the steps, went to meetings, and was in service immediately. Terry knew that he had to change one thing – everything. And so he did.

Terry earned his GED, and will soon graduate from Silicon Valley Technical Education Center, earning certificates for both electrician and carpentry. He will be married on June 8<sup>th</sup> to his longtime partner, Dameka, who stood by him and held the family together throughout the years. Together, they have 7 children, ranging in age from 20 to 8. Terry was recently blessed to attend family reunions in Lake Charles, LA and Houston, TX – both sides of his family – and sober for the first time in his life.

How he feels today? “None of this would have been possible if not for Alcoholics Anonymous – my Higher Power, the Big Book, the fellowship, and my sponsor. I was able to reach out for support during the difficult times. I continue to work towards being the man that I’ve always wanted to be – the steps really work!”

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