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Alano Club of San Jose
Board of Directors Meeting
July 2nd at 6:00 pm
 Members Welcome

Fair Avenue Fellowship
Steering Committee Meeting
July 9th at 6:30 pm
 All Are Welcome

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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 over sixty years.

Sobriety Milestones

Name	Milestone/Years	Name	Milestone/Years
Tony B	07/04/1973 42	William B	07/04/2010 5
Bob R	07/05/2009 6	Christina N	07/06/2007 8
John M	07/07/1988 27	Frank R	07/07/2014 1
Peter F	07/08/2008 7	Domingo H	07/09/1989 26
Rocky F	07/09/2014 1	Mark P	07/10/1986 29
Jeanne W	07/10/2013 2	Rudy P	07/11/1998 17
Carolyn M	07/12/1987 28	Leo P	07/12/2010 5
Penny J	07/12/2014 1	Betty A	07/13/1982 33
Ricky L	07/13/2005 10	Leigh G	07/13/2007 8
Luis S	07/13/2014 1	Lisa R	07/15/1999 16
Ian Y	07/16/2013 2	Victoria M	07/17/1994 21
Michael D	07/18/1982 33	Steve C	07/18/2005 10
Cassandra V	07/19/2008 7	Ed S	07/20/1984 31
Al G	07/20/2001 14	Kiki M	07/22/2008 7
Montana W	07/24/1996 19	Tim M	07/24/2012 3
Mike S	07/25/1971 44	Mike H	07/25/2008 7
Tammy A	07/26/2009 6	Stefanie C	07/27/1999 16

Member of the Month – Angela & Martin

Angela and her brother Martin have put forth great efforts to make bar-b-cues here at the Club a success. Many thanks for the spirit of volunteering that these two have always shown. Angela’s enthusiasm encourages other and sets an example for others to follow.

Surprising Facts About Addiction*

Everyone knows that addictions are harmful, because they often cause serious physical, psychological, social and financial problems for people who struggle with them - the following facts about addiction tend to surprise many people:

- Addiction is unpredictable—it can happen to anyone at any time
- Many addicts suffer from co-occurring disorders, meaning they have an addiction alongside at least one other mental health condition
- Relapse happens to many people during recovery
- Addiction is a disease that is completely treatable

*FoundationsRecoveryNetwork.com

Activities & More at the Alano Club of San Jose

Fourth of July Barbecue

Serenity Garden
1 pm – 4 pm
Raffle

Shake It Off Dance Production

July 27th at 9:30 pm
Following the Speaker Meeting

2nd Annual Alano Club Car Show

July 26th
10 am – 4 pm
Awards and Raffles

Schedule Your Event

Here at the Club
With Tony Baron

One Member's Story

Hi, my name is Kiki Martinez; my sobriety date is July 22, 2008. Like many of us I came from a dysfunctional family. Many nights, I woke-up to hear violent fighting going on between my parents. My father was a "functional alcoholic". He went to work every day. He died at the age of 52, due to his drinking and drugging.

My mom abandoned me at a hotel in Santa Rosa when I was six or seven years old. It was during those early years that I discovered alcohol and drugs. I was sent to live with my grandparents in Orland, CA. My brother and I became juvenile delinquents. After breaking into the home of the county sheriff, I was placed on probation. I realized that I loved the excitement of stealing which I practiced well into my adult life.

I discovered the San Jose gangs while I was doing time in Juvenile Detention. Gang members made me feel part of and appreciated. From the age 15 to age 33, I was mostly homeless.

During one of the times I got involved with gangs, I was sent to the Boy's Ranch to do six months. I ended up doing a and a half because I was a fighter and was very disrespectful to the staff.

I had a daughter when I was 17. I wasn't part of her life until she was 11. My involvement with drugs, alcohol and gangs kept me locked up. I did time at the County Jail and Elmwood. In 2005, I got shipped-off to San Quinton where I served prison time of about two years.

The first time I came to the Alano Club was in 1999. I was sent here due to drinking and drug possession. I felt I was too young to be here. My second introduction to the Alano Club was in my twenties. I came here on Prop. #36. I stayed Clean and Sober for about one year, and then I went back-out. I was homeless again.

My real sobriety started in 2008, when I was 33 and I had been living in a shelter for about a month and one-half. It was during this time that I met my wife Terisa at the Club. Both of us were newcomers, with less than six months of sobriety.

Since 2009 I have had my daughter back in my life. My wife, Terisa and I have a Son who is now four. The most exciting news of my life was seven months ago. On November 24, 2014, my family moved into a beautiful four-bedroom apartment. This is my first place ever....I've never owned a home, ever in my life."

Today I'm giving back by supporting the Club which gave me back my life. It was the Alano Club which gave me a home when I did not have a home. I am now Alano Club's Assistant Manager. Sobriety helped make that happen.

Alano Club of San Jose Car Show

Saturday, July 26th 2015
10:00 am – 4:00 pm



For More Info: Joseph 408-402-5453 or 408-561-9791

Entrance Fee for Cars – \$ Your Donation
Volunteers – Sign up in Cafe

People's Choice Awards

- Best in Show
- Deepest Reflection
- Sweetest Low Rider
- Rattiest Rod

Two Raffles

- \$1 - Prizes includes 2 tickets to Gilroy Gardens
- \$5 - Two Tickets to Mexico or Hawaii

The Alano Club of San Jose – 12 Step Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous		Narcotics Anonymous	
Daily	9:00 am, 12:00 pm	Mon & Tue	6:30 pm
Mon- Thu	4:00 pm	Tue	8:00 pm (Book Study)
Mon-Thu	6:00 pm	Tue	8:00 pm (Spanish)
Mon	8:00 pm (Tagalog)		
Sat	6:00 pm (Newcomers Q & A's)	Fri	6:00 pm (Women)
Tue	9:30 pm (Men)	Fri	8:00 pm
Thu	7:30 pm (Chip Mtg)	Sat	8:00 pm (Speaker)
Wed	8:00 pm (Women)		
Fri	6:30 pm (Speaker)	Sat & Sun	10:00 am
Sat	10:00 am (Men)	Sun	10:00 am (Spanish)
Sun	3:00 pm (Women) , 5:00 pm (Men)	Sun	6:30 pm (Speaker)
Mon-Fri	7:30 pm (Spanish)	Sun	7:30 pm (Spanish)
		Cocaine Anonymous (CA)	
		Sat	8:00 pm
AA Medicine Crow Talking Circle		AI-Anon	
Sat	12:00 pm	Mon	8:00 pm
		Tue	12:00 pm
Crystal Meth Anonymous (CMA)		Co-Dependents Anonymous	
Sun	6:00 pm	Wed	6:30 pm
		Sun	5:00 pm
Cross Addiction			
Mon	7:30 pm		

Help Wanted

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Do you know computers and networking? How would you like to be our new "I.T. Guy/Gal"?

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