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**WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS SHOSHI AND JOEY**

**Alano Club Staff**

Tony Baron - CEO  
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Alano Club of San Jose  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
January 6th, at 5:00 pm  
Members Welcome  
(In Person)

Fair Avenue Fellowship  
**Steering Committee Meeting**  
Training for New Secretaries  
January 12th, at 7:00 pm  
All Are Welcome  
Zoom ID 618 624 2512  
Password 241520

**Steering Committee Meeting**  
will be held Via Zoom

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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-eight years.

## Recovery Milestones

Name	Milestone	Years	Name	Milestone	Years
Eric C	01/01/1988	34	William L	01/01/1989	33
Jody K	01/01/1983	39	Joe V	01/01/2005	17
Elsie K	01/01/1994	28	Mike T	01/01/1994	28
Ted R	01/01/2016	06	Luke R	01/02/2020	02
Zenaida R	01/03/2020	02	Becky B	01/05/2020	02
Sherri R	01/06/2004	18	Jake O	01/07/2014	08
Lionel O	01/07/1994	28	Terisa M	01/07/2009	13
Louie R	01/08/1991	31	Mady G	01/09/2020	02
Michael S	01/10/2011	11	Domingo R	01/12/2017	05
Vickie M	01/12/1981	41	David T	01/12/2021	01
Frances P	01/14/2018	04	Mike J	01/15/2015	07
Jim J	01/15/2014	08	Shuna T	01/16/2016	06
Harvey D	01/16/2021	01	Jeannette E	01/17/2001	21
Lisa R	01/18/2009	13	Richard K	01/20/2005	07
Kelly B	01/22/2009	13	Andy L	01/23/2018	04
A.B. B	01/23/2016	06	Shelly L	01/24/2003	19
Linda R	01/24/2005	17	Robert C	01/28/2020	02

## Member of the Month – Joey Martinez

*Big thank you to Joey for the wonderful turkeys he cooked for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thank you for loving this club as much as you do. We truly appreciate you!*

## Monthly Membership Dues

	Month	Six Months	Thirteen
Regular Member	\$25	\$125	\$250
Senior	\$15	\$75	\$150
Fixed	\$15	\$75	\$150
Couples	\$15 (each)	\$75(each)	\$150(each)
Lifetime			\$2,500
Out of Town (75 Miles or More)			50% Off

Dues can now be paid online at [www.alanosj.org](http://www.alanosj.org) using PayPal.

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

### Valentine's Day Bake Sale

February 14<sup>th</sup> 2022

Goodies needed.

### St Patrick's Day Dinner 2022

Come join us for our annual St. Patrick's day  
cabbage and corn beef with potatoes dinner

### Annual Walk-A-Thon

Coming in May 2022

Date and Time  
to be announced

# The Alano Club of San Jose – 12 Step Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous		Narcotics Anonymous	
Sat & Sun	8:30 am Hybrid	Sat & Sun	10:00 am Unknown (Sunday Hybrid)
Mon-Fri	9:00 am Hybrid	Thu	6:00 pm (Women) Unknown
Sat	10:00 am (Men) Hybrid	Mon	6:30 pm Unknown
Daily	12:00 pm ZOOM (T, W, TH Hybrid)	Tue & Fri	8:00 pm (Spanish) In Person
Sun	1:30 pm (Women) Hybrid	Tue	8:00 pm (Book Study) Unknown
Sat	1:30 pm (Spanish) Unknown	Fri	8:00 pm Unknown
Daily	4:00 pm ZOOM ( Wed & Sat Hybrid)		
Sun	5:00 pm (Men) Hybrid		
Mon-Sat	6:00 pm ZOOM Wed,Thur Hybrid		
Fri	6:00 pm (Speaker) Hybrid		
Sun	6:30 pm Hybrid		
M, W, F.	7:30 pm (Spanish) In-Person		<a href="http://www.AlanoSJ.org">www.AlanoSJ.org</a>
Tues	9:30 pm (Men) Hybrid		Check-out our newly revised web site.
Tues.	7:30 pm (AA Cigar Meeting) Hybrid		<b><i>This is a Great Way to Introduce a Friend to the Club.</i></b>
Depression Anonymous			
Sun	6:30 pm Unknown		
Co-Dependents Anonymous		AI-Anon	
Sun	5:00 pm Hybrid	Mon	8:00 pm ZOOM
Wed	6:30 pm ZOOM	Tue	12:00 pm In-Person

**Tuesday 9:30 PM Pacific: Men’s Topic Meeting (San Jose) Meeting ID: 339 961 4550 Join Meeting: Men’s Topic Meeting One tap mobile: +16699009128,,3399614550# Password:149229**

**Saturday 10:00 AM Pacific: Think Tank (Alano Club, San Jose) Meeting ID: 930 3631 4063 Join Zoom Meeting: Think Tank Alano Club One tap mobile: +16699006833,,93036314063#,,,,0#,,847721048# US (San Jose)**

**Sunday 5:00 PM Pacific: Fair Ave Men’s Meeting (San Jose) Meeting ID: 339 961 4550 Join Zoom Meeting: Fair Ave Men’s Meeting One tap mobile: +16699009128,,3399614550# Password: 149229**

Monday 8:00 PM AI-Anon Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/3399614550>  
1-669-900-9128 339-961-4550 149229

CODA: Sunday @ 5:00 pm / Wednesday @ 6:30 pm  
4085934790  
password 978717

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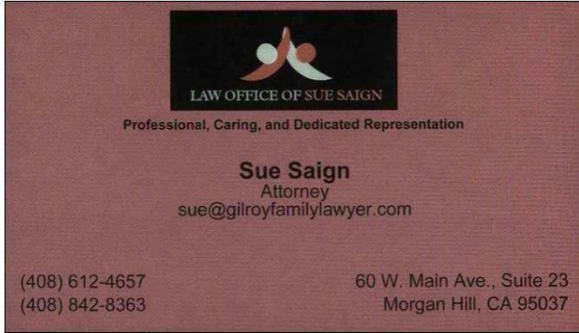
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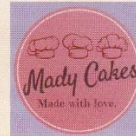
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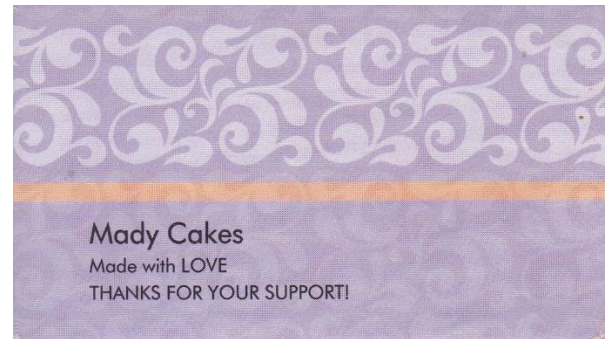
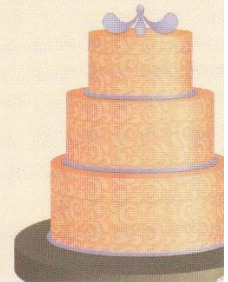
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## **We Would Like Your Input**

**Anthony (Kiki) Martinez would like your input.  
How can we make the Alano Club better?**

**Do you have any ideas of how we can improve our club?**

**Your Ideas or concerns can be anonymously  
placed into an idea box at the coffee counter.**



## Alano Club of San Jose and COVID19

Here at the Alano Club we hope all of you are staying healthy and safe.

We have implemented meetings on ZOOM app/online

Our meetings times are 9am 12 noon 4pm and 6pm.

**The zoom Room ID is 618 624 2512**

**The Zoom Password is 241520**

We have a virtual 7<sup>th</sup> tradition set up through VENMO

**@FairAvenue-Fellowship.**

If you need any help with Zoom or Venmo feel free to contact Terisa

Via Email or txt

[terisamartinez79@gmail.com](mailto:terisamartinez79@gmail.com) or 408-830-6339

You can continue paying your dues by sending check in mail or through our website

[www.alanosj.org](http://www.alanosj.org) Via PayPal

### Alano Club Hybrid Meetings

Please see updated schedule on page 3

Hybrid meetings are in-person & on Zoom

Alano Café will be open and serving food during our Hybrid meetings.

**We are now open to full capacity Seating**

**Wearing masks in doors is now mandated and will be enforced by staff thank you for your understanding.**

# ***Our History “The Alano Club of San Jose, Inc.”***

## ***A BOARD OF DIRECTORS***

*One of the things required of a corporation, be it for profit or nonprofit, is a Board of Directors to manage the affairs of the organization. Three or more, but not more than nine, sit on the board and are elected by the membership to serve terms as prescribed in the by-laws adopted by that organization. The Alcoholics Anonymous Alano Club of San Jose, the name this group first selected for themselves, opted for a five-man board, each member serving two years, with elections held each year, alternately replacing three then two members from the membership. On October 23rd, 1951, the date the charter was granted, five men sat on the board: Harvie W, President, Jim H, principal motivator behind the founding of the club three years earlier, Sim H, attorney who filed the charter application, Johnny B, sober three and a half years and Alberta H, the only woman on the board.*

*With a charter in hand and five trusted servants to lead them, this band set out to expand, having outgrown the Padre Theater facilities. One of the things they didn't reckon with, however, was the conceptual difference between AA, the organization that got them sober, and a club, an organization they hoped would provide peaceful surroundings in which to enjoy their sobriety. In AA, there were no leaders, as such, no one governed and the Big Book, with the Twelve Steps, and the newly affirmed Twelve Traditions provided the guidelines. In a club, there were recognized leaders who were to govern, but no guidelines to lead the way. The minute the charter was official; these differences made themselves known and began to grow.*

*Martin K was against a club, feeling that it would create resentments. Bob G had started a club, of sorts, earlier at Vine and Virginia Streets, but that former sign shop was an exclusive group dedicated to card playing, mostly poker. This was often cited as a negative example. Herman K wanted a place to socialize, and didn't want AA meetings at the club. Johnny B loved to dance, so his preference, naturally, would include room for that. Martin, sober since December 7, 1941, was a recognized spiritual leader, so when Johnny, a salesman by trade, began to solicit support for the new clubhouse, Martin's objections to gambling were a key obstacle to overcome.*

*One by one, members would say "If you can get Martin to go along, we'll go along."*

*Johnny's reply would be "At meetings, Martin tells us we have to learn to stand on our own two feet, so why do we have to do only what Martin says." Martin was against gambling and cards at the club, even though he'd play cards at his own or friends' homes, so Johnny said that if that was a problem then there'd be no cards. Al C disagreed, saying "I wouldn't do that. Cards are one of the few ways we have to make money, and card players are the only regular ones we can depend on." Martin was Johnny's sponsor and would always say '~whenever I have a problem like that, I take it to my Higher Power.'" Johnny finally did that, and decided "My Higher Power told me to go ahead.*

*By this time, what with all the dissention and bickering going on, all the board members had resigned, leaving Johnny alone, also making him President, even though by default. He was proud of that. They had moved into the larger building at 1274 Almaden Street, and the members allowed Johnny to pick his own board. Martin was one he picked, and at one meeting in the basement the subject of pinball machines became a heated topic. Martin was dead set against them, viewing them as a sin of gambling dangerous for an alcoholic, rather than a source of enjoyment and, more importantly, revenue for the club, so he gave an ultimatum: "Either the pinballs go, or I go." The pinballs won and Martin resigned. It wasn't more than a few weeks before he returned, resigned to the fact that more good came for the club than harm was done by the machines.*

*Johnny worked hard as President, neglecting many of his business duties running soda pop and taking care of club business while his wife, Amelia, ran the store, always wondering when he'd show up to make deliveries or care for other, to her, more important matters. When his term ended, he wanted to continue but was told "your, your time is up." The early struggles and dissention among the board settled down, but periodically rose again, often as fierce, periodically being reflected by resignations, new appointments and more resignations. Johnny was also behind the counter, cooking behind the grill or any number of other tasks to keep the club going - and going well.*

*Over the years, the club has experienced all varieties and types of managers, some devoted and dedicated, others that are better forgotten except for the lessons~ learned. The more deserving have been honored in special ways, such as Duncan Hall, the plaque to Harold P that hangs in that hall and Goble Hall, our present coffee lounge. We may have to expand if Tony continues in his rigors.*



***ALANO CLUB OF SAN JOSE MANAGERS***

***PADRE THEATER  
1948 to 1951***

***Harold B., Roy M., Harvie W.***

***1274 ALMADEN STREET  
1952 to 1957***

***Duncan M., Bob S., Jules DeM.***

***1421 WEST SAN CARLOS STREET  
1957 to 1957***

***Bill B.,***

***1139 MINNESOTA AVENUE  
1957 to 1962***

***Evelyn W., Paul S., Glenn & Thelma G***

***1122 FAIR AVENUE  
1962 to 1973***

***Glenn & Thelma G., Ralph A., Mac., Lee L., Al C***

***Paul W., Dean & Judy W., Harold P., Al B., Tony B., And, Antonio M.***

***1973 to 1976  
Al Borquez***

***1976 to 2019  
Tony Baron***

***2019 to Present  
Antonio Martinez***

# NCCAA Spring Conference

Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous

Conference Date

**March 11, 12 & 13, 2022**

**San Jose, CA**

@Holiday Inn San Jose-Silicon Valley



## Host Committee Planning Meeting

Denny's @ 1390 S 1st St, San Jose, CA 95110

Second Saturday of the Month

December 11, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm (Chair Workshops)

January 8, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

February 12, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

And Final Meeting on March 5, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

***Come join the fun!***

We are back in San Jose so let's show the newcomers how we get involved in service.

*See NCCAA website for more information: [norcalaa.org](http://norcalaa.org)*

***Open Chair & Co-Chair Positions***

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Dance and Literature

***Open Co-Chair Positions***

Welcoming, Registration, 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition

***This is NCCAA's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year***

**Guest Speakers, workshops and panels are planned.**

**Contact Host Committee Chair Wayne B. 408.205.7993 for more information**

Special Note: Denny's Restaurant business policy requires that masks be worn at all times inside the restaurant. The waitress will come to the table to take your order.