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Alano Club of San Jose
Board of Directors Meeting
February 3rd, at 5:00 pm
Members Welcome
(In Person)

Fair Avenue Fellowship
Steering Committee Meeting
Training for New Secretaries
February 9th, 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
Norman Q	2/1/1994	28	Steve C	2/1/2016	06
Bill B	2/1/2014	08	Ernie O	2/1/2001	21
Anthony P	2/1/1988	34	Lawra C	2/2/1997	25
Hank B	2/2/1988	34	Andy S	2/5/1987	35
Sue E	2/7/2009	13	Michele A	2/8/2008	14
Luther B	2/9/1990	32	Robert M	2/9/2014	08
Sue W	2/9/2007	15	Bud N	2/14/2009	13
Margaret C	2/14/2016	06	Jerry V	2/15/1991	31
Arturo G	2/15/1990	32	Bill G	2/15/2013	09
Walter M	2/16/2004	18	Jack S	2/17/1988	34
Steve H	2/17/2011	11	Clayton K	2/17/2003	19
Rigo J	2/18/1987	35	Curtis H	2/23/1988	34
Julia S	2/23/1997	25	Jose C	2/23/2003	19
Thompson S	2/23/1999	23	Cora S	2/24/1987	35

Member of the Month – Frank C. & Ann C.

We would like to show our appreciation to these two members for the work they did repairing our stucco on the side of building. Thank you to both of 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 using PayPal.

Activities & More at the Alano Club of San Jose

Valentine's Day Bake Sale

February 13th & 14th 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

1st Annual Boots & Scoots

Walk-A-Thon & Bike Run

May 14th 2022

Walk-A-Thon and Bike Run Registration packets
available at café counter.

Start time TBD

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		www.AlanoSJ.org
Tues	9:30 pm (Men) Hybrid		Check-out our newly revised web site.
Tues.	7:30 pm (AA Cigar Meeting) Hybrid		<i>This is a Great Way to Introduce a Friend to the Club.</i>
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>
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CODA: Sunday @ 5:00 pm / Wednesday @ 6:30 pm
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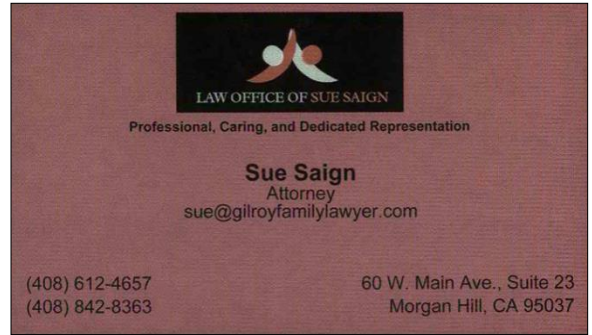
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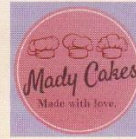
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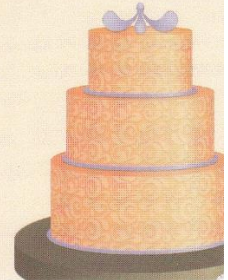
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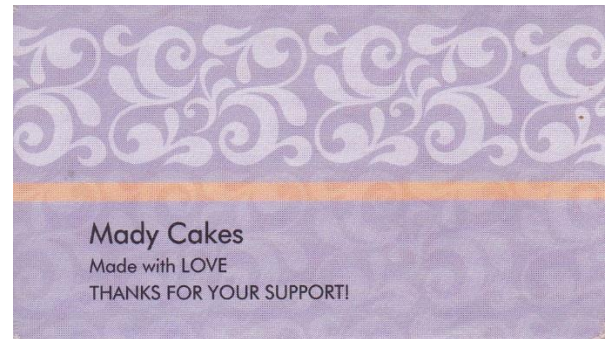
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We Would Like Your Input

**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 7th 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 or 408-830-6339

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

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

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The members continued to look for a better facility for the club, finally locating a suitable building at 1139 Minnesota Ave. The property was then owned by the Mormon Church, and any rental agreement had to come from Salt Lake City. After a few months waiting, the approval came and the members took over in July 1957. Originally a butcher shop in the early 1900's, Saint Francis Episcopal Church had its beginnings there in 1927. One of the leading founders was Frances R. Schallenberger, schoolteacher and daughter of Moses Schallenberger who, at age 17, was part of the Steven Murphy Party, one of the first wagon trains to reach San Jose in 1844. The church remained there until 1947, when it moved to its present location on Pine Street. In 1959, the property was purchased by Kenneth Stringfellow and B. Floyd Farr, non-alcoholics, the rent going in July from \$135 to \$150 per month until September of 1961 when it was raised to \$160 per month. The rent was consistently at least a month late, going to about two months late after the \$160 rate. The lease had one year to go when the club moved to Fair Ave, so the property was sub-leased to various groups, among them the San Jose Gospel Choir.

In 1962, the membership decided to purchase their own clubhouse, locating the Fair Avenue facility through a real estate listing. The property was originally built as the McKinley School in 1911 as part of the Franklin School District, established in 1886. The school was built to serve the children of local fruit growers, as well as the few farmers in the area. In the 1920's, it was on one of the routes used by the Garden City Wheelmen as a bicycle racing course from Story Road to McLaughlin, down Fair Avenue to Lucretia ending on Keyes Road. At the time of purchase, it was owned by the Golden Rule Church Association in Bolinas, with an asking price of \$45,000. An offer of \$40,000 was grudgingly accepted, with \$10,000 down and the church carrying \$30,000 at 6 and 1/2 percent interest. Four payments of \$261.40 were made from October 1962 to January 1963, when the loan was refinanced through Wells Fargo Bank. The church wanted their money, so the club applied to the bank but was told that all members with ~jobs and property would have to sign for the loan. One of the members knew Joseph George, owner of Joseph George Liquor Distributing Co., and when Joseph heard of this, he called the loan manager at the bank, suggesting the loan be approved. When the manager replied "They're nothing but a bunch of drunks", Joseph suggested that it would be an easy matter to transfer all his banking business elsewhere. The loan was approved immediately.

Payments continued at \$261.40 until August of 1965 when it was refinanced in order to purchase additional land next to the club, payments then going to \$300 a month. That loan was paid in full in May of 1977, less than fifteen years after moving in. Later that year, Wells Fargo provided a loan to pave the parking lot, this time without the need to be convinced by anything other than that the club had demonstrated its ability to stand on its own two feet. The changes made throughout the years have been many, much of the work being completed by donated material and volunteer effort. In other cases, members of various professions have been paid for their work. Regardless, there is no nook or cranny here which has not been touched in some way or other by a sober alcoholic either being or striving to be a Part Of.

Alano Heritage

Heritage

Dave Q.

NOTHING HAPPENS WITHOUT A PURPOSE

The Big Book begins with Bill W's struggles with alcohol, relating in Chapter Eleven, "A Vision for You", how he met Dr. Bob, thus forming the beginnings of Alcoholics Anonymous.

One man on an unsuccessful business trip far from home, forming a strong friendship with another man through a random selection from a church directory in a hotel lobby, while searching for relief from his own suffering and temptation, would seem to go against most odds in it.

But, for that chance meeting and subsequent friendship to grow into a powerful miracle bringing relief to sufferers throughout the world, would seem to be against any odds that even the greatest of odds-makers might conjure up. A chance meeting?

Consider the events six years later, when three men, one in Kansas City and two strangers living two blocks apart in Willow Glen, began a journey that would extend this miracle, forming a fellowship that has endured for over thirty years and still grows. This is the Heritage of the Alano Club of San Jose, California.

Although the club itself did not receive its charter until 1951, the foundation was being laid ten years earlier, a year that brought the United States into a worldwide struggle that lasted until 1945. In 1941, Jim H. first joined Alcoholics Anonymous in Kansas City, seeking to end his own struggle with alcohol. That same year in California, Mickey C. wrote to AA in New York seeking help from this new organization and was advised by return mail of group meetings in Oakland. After attending meetings for 2 or 3 months, he met Jim R., who had sought help in the same way, receiving the same response and following the same road to Oakland. They met at

these meetings and started meetings of their own in Jim R.'s home - just two blocks from the home that Mickey C. shared with his wife.

The meetings continued and expanded as the principles of AA to help yourself by helping others brought more alcoholics into the fold, sharing their experiences and growth in their quest for sobriety. Mickey C. became the first AA member in San Jose to become sober through the program.

The war interrupted Jim H.'s membership in Kansas City, bringing him into the service to aid in the national struggle for peace. After the war, Jim returned home to Kansas, to be transferred to San Jose in 1945 as Depot Agent for the Southern Pacific Railroad. In 1946, he re-joined AA in San Jose, becoming very active. Jim was a joiner, and at the time, Alano Clubs were being recommended for people like that. Jim approached Bob S., Dean Mc., John D. and others, and John D. said "If you can raise the money, we'll start a club of our own." Carl T. and Bob S. were among the first to contribute their \$50.00, and the move was on.

Heritage has many definitions, but one stands out above all others, as we would apply it to our own Fellowship: "something transmitted by or acquired from a predecessor". These brief summaries are part of a larger effort to record for posterity the heritage that our predecessors have begun. Our past should always be remembered, for that is the foundation for our future.

THE FIRST CLUB HOUSE

First there was one. Then there were two. Wherever two or more are gathered in My name, there shall I be. Certainly, a Higher Power was at work to bring Mickey C. and Jim R. together through such a circuitous route: from San Jose to New York by mail; to Oakland by car, and finally, to within walking distance of each other to begin their journey on the path to recovery. By the time Jim H. arrived in San Jose by train from Kansas City in 1945, the rank and file of alcoholics gathering together for their own recovery had grown. Like gypsies banded together by a common bond, they wandered from place to place, meeting in each other's homes, more for the comfort of social gatherings than to practice the steps toward sobriety.

Jim H. joined these wanderers in 1946. Jim was a joiner, getting involved in unions, fraternities and other organizations where people got together with people for whatever reason. Being a joiner, he needed a feeling of more permanence than this group had to offer, but this was the only group that would protect his sobriety.

So he talked with the others about a place to get together - a meeting place, a clubhouse, a place they could feel they really belonged. He talked to Bob S., discussed it with Dean Mc., spoke to Carl T., approached John D., and John said, "If you can raise the money, we'll do it."

That was all Jim needed. With a list of those he thought would agree and those he thought could be talked into it, he made the rounds again. Money was tight then, especially for alcoholics. There were a few who had their own business, so Jim made a special effort with them. He went to Carl T. at his jewelry store on First Street near the Hester Theater. Carl put in \$50. Bob S. owned a window shade company – another \$50. John D.'s mortuary provided another \$50. And so it went - those who could did; willing to share for the sake of those who couldn't.

With money in hand, they looked for a place to settle. The criterion was simple: inexpensive and cheap. As it happened, Bob G. had a dry cleaning shop on Almaden Ave. next to a vacant house. Shack is a better description, but the rent was right: \$30 a month. No bathroom and it lacked in a few other ways, but it met the most important criteria - it was cheap. So they moved in - a place of their own.

You wouldn't have called it a meeting place, because they didn't hold meetings. Card room fits best. A coffee pot, a table, a few chairs and a waiting line if you got there after a game started. Poker was the first order of the day and the last call at night. Bob G. loved to play poker, and that was probably a bigger threat to his business than drinking, but the games went on.

Summers in San Jose get a little warm sometimes, and that created a small problem that got worse as the card games and coffee drinking progressed. The distance between the clubhouse and Bob G.'s Cleaners was only about six or eight feet. Not having indoor plumbing, this was the ideal spot to get rid of recycled coffee. It doesn't take much imagination to consider the effects of the hot sun on the 'former' coffee in a closed-in space. Something had to be done, and soon.

About this time, the wives were beginning to get involved. The clubhouse kept most of the men away from alcohol, but the card games kept most of the husbands away from the wives. The pressure was mounting. The wives wanted to be around their husbands and the neighbors near the clubhouse wanted to be around fresh air. The solution was obvious: move to a place with an indoor outhouse, and leave the decorating to the wives.

It is interesting to note that our predecessors moved into their first clubhouse in 1946. The Twelve Traditions of AA were first published in . . . 1946.

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

Open Chair & Co-Chair Positions

Volunteer, Decorations, Hospitality, Facilities, Free Drawing,
Dance and Literature

Open Co-Chair Positions

Welcoming, Registration, 7th Tradition

This is NCCAA's 75th 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.