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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
David A	03/01/1984	38	Steven F	03/01/2013	09
Brett W	03/01/2008	14	Jenee T	03/03/2019	03
Phil L	03/03/2004	18	Steve W	03/04/2016	06
Denise G	03/04/2003	19	Chris S	03/05/1985	37
Don C	03/06/1993	29	Joe B	03/06/1983	39
Virginia M	03/07/1979	43	Livvy A	03/09/1982	40
Juan G	03/10/2006	16	Esequiel Z	03/15/1994	28
Bruce B	03/16/1991	31	Carlos L	03/18/2007	15
Carolyn S	03/19/1977	45	BryBear G	03/20/1997	25
Rose S	03/23/2020	02	Royce F	03/25/1989	32
Jerome A	03/27/2004	18	Jennifer K	03/27/2018	04
Jimmy M	03/27/1991	31	Dennis F	03/27/1985	37
Mike A	03/28/1992	30	Diane N	03/28/2012	10
Kimberly H	03/28/2004	18	Regina P	03/28/2003	19
Alan B	03/29/1988	34	Kevin A	03/30/2004	18

## Member of the Month – Michael

Thank you for all the help with Christmas day. Couldn't have done it without you.

## Monthly Membership Dues

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Six Months</u>	<u>Thirteen</u>
<b>Regular Member</b>	\$25	\$125	\$250
<b>Senior</b>	\$15	\$75	\$150
<b>Fixed</b>	\$15	\$75	\$150
<b>Couples</b>	\$15 (each)	\$75(each)	\$150(each)
<b>Lifetime</b>			\$2,500
<b>Out of Town (75 Miles or More)</b>			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**

### **St Patrick's Day Dinner 2022**

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

### **Boots & Scoots Day**

Walk-A-Thon & Bike Run

**May 14th 2022**

Bike Run Registration: 8:00am

KSU 8:30am

Walk-A-Thon Registration: 9:00am

Walk Starts 9:30am

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

### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual San Jose Alano Club vs Alano Club West Golf Tournament**

Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> 2022

For more information please see Flyer/Registration form  
at the end of this newsletter.



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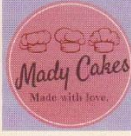
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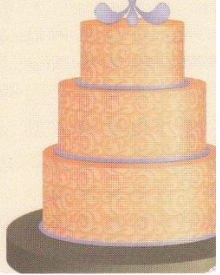
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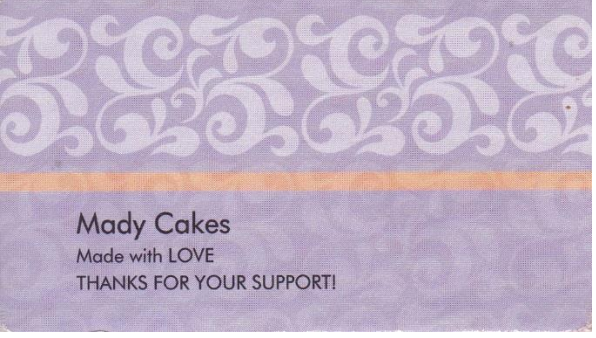


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## We Would Like Your Input

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

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

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### 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***

***March 2022 Newsletter***

### ***MOVING, GROWING, MOVING***

***Behind every good man stands a woman. Alcoholics aren't always good and women seldom 'stand' for things that aren't good. So, moving to a better place where the men could learn a little more about being good (staying sober) seemed the only reasonable thing to do. A few more meetings, a little less cards and a bit more time to spend with their wives. The meetings this group attended were held at the Women's Club, while the wives met in each other's homes. So, when Jim H. and Carl M. located three rooms above the Padre Theater on South First Street, the stage was set for a better way.***

***Not all the members of the group liked the idea, but those who did pitched in to make it worthwhile. A long chesterfield and a few chairs from Los Angeles (connections and a better price) made the lounge warm and friendly. A recreation room and a combination meeting and card room rounded out the new 'place to be'. An artist in Los Angeles painted the Twelve Steps of AA and the spirit of the program began to grow. The first organized place dedicated to sobriety.***

***Roy M. was active in the club, and his wife, Eva, was making sandwiches and good coffee (at last). Bob B., his wife Vivian, Lloyd S., his wife Jean (Jean started the first Al-Anon group in San Jose), Chet M., Dorothy B., and several others, frequented the club, taking an active part in the going's-on, making it much more than merely a refuge from drinking - it was becoming a new way of life.***

***This new life began attracting more and more to the point that three rooms no longer provided the comfort it did when they first moved in. Sam H., a prominent attorney, filed a club charter and the club had a formal name –“The Alano Club of San Jose.” We had a new name for our Club and a need for more space. It was time to move again. The need to move was different than before, and the obstacles were different as well.***

***Johnny B. loved to dance, so the new place should have room for that. The meetings were getting larger, so more room was needed for them. Card games were a must, and of course, a bigger lounge was needed for a break from all the other activities. Some members, however, weren't convinced. The Board of Directors of this new club didn't know what they wanted, or how to go about it. They'd get started, get opinions and if they couldn't have their way,***

*there'd be problems. At one point, all the Board Members resigned leaving Johnny, President. He was proud of that responsibility.*

*The old-timers (8, 9 and 10 years at the time) said that a clubhouse would create resentments. Johnny thought that alcoholics are full of resentments anyway, so a club couldn't make many more. Martin K. had a set mind, and said if there was no gambling, a club would be O.K. Johnny said O.K., Al C. didn't think that was a good idea because the card players were the only regulars they could depend on, and the gambling was one of the few ways to raise money. Martin was always saying at the meetings "We have to learn to stand on our own two feet!", yet the members would say "If Martin goes along with it; we'll go along with it". Johnny would say, "If we have to stand on our own two feet, why does it depend on what Martin says?" Another thing Martin liked to say was "Whenever I have a problem like that, I always take it to my Higher Power". Johnny took it to his Higher Power, and the answer came back "Go For It!"*

*The Twelve Steps painted by an artist in Los Angeles are the same Twelve Steps that survived the fire which destroyed the next clubhouse, and the same ones that hang in Duncan Hall at the Fair Avenue Fellowship today.*

### **SOBRIETY IN A WINERY**

*Once the decision to move to a larger club was made, the task of finding the right place began in earnest. We needed room to dance, a lounge to talk sobriety and relax, a room for meetings, and, of course, cards. A tall order to fill on a small budget, but where there's a will, there's a way. Most alcoholics have a considerable amount of practice finding a way to get drunk on little or no money, so this acquired skill could finally be put to good use.*

*After searching and seeking, a suitable building was located on Almaden Avenue in Willow Glen, across from Mariani Gardens. The Old Filipino Hall. Prior to that, it was a winery, and now it was to be a "Sanctuary for Sobriety." No doubt their Higher Power had been planning this use for this building for some time, and the time was now at hand.*

*A two-story building with the lower floor sunk about four feet below street level. It had all the desired features, including reasonable monthly rent. We had a small kitchen in the basement with a few tables and chairs. A raised area on the upper floor served as a base for a nice, long oak bar. Steps at the end of the bar led to the card room, it was often crowded with anxious on-lookers waiting for the next open seat in the game.*

*A door behind the bar led to a small one-room apartment, frequently occupied by a down-and-out member helping out at the club. Refrigerator, coffeepot, tables and chairs (some of the old fashioned wooden folding variety), and a few miscellaneous knick-knacks set the*



*mood. The Twelve Steps naturally moved with the other things from the Padre Theater club. Folding card tables saw many a game of canasta, bridge and pinochle after the meetings.*

*Judd would sometimes play the piano in the corner while members gathered around and sang in and out of key. Shuffleboard occupied the time for many, testing their skills after signing up for their turn on the chalkboard hanging on the wall.*

*Cliff E. was the first secretary of the Saturday Night Family Meetings held at the club. The dance afterward attracted many from the only other Saturday Night Meeting held at the First Trinity Church on North Second Street. Johnny B. was sure to be one of the first on the floor and one of the last to call it quits. Potluck dinners in the basement rounded out the social activities. Clara B. started Beginners Meetings on Tuesday night, and the men got together for a Closed Men's Meeting each Wednesday.*

*Duncan M. was the first Manager of this club. A little hard of hearing, but dedicated to the task with the energy of four men, Duncan would rush to open the club after work and stay long after a reasonable quitting time. The only monies he received for his effort was car fare to and from the club, and members argued about paying that, saying "Why can't he pay his own way out of his own pocket?". Gratitude then, as always, strikes different people in different ways. Duncan continued to receive gas money, but most importantly, he continued to grow in his journey to sobriety, going to any lengths to get it.*

*The only reward we seek in the Fellowship is a daily life without drinking. The dedication of some for others, however, is occasionally recognized and honored for future posterity. We honor the memory and dedication of Duncan M. each time we attend meetings in Duncan Hall at the Fair Avenue Fellowship in the Alano Club.*

## **SETTLING IN & DISASTER**

*As time went by, the club and the membership matured. Of the thirteen regular meetings in the valley, three were held at the club. Inter-group Service Council met there on the third Thursday of the month, featuring "Guest Speakers - Entertainment – Refreshments". Family Night every Thursday traded "Games" for "Guest Speakers", but the welcome mat was always out. Open daily from 7 PM to Midnight, sooner if Duncan could get there, later if there was money to be made. Duncan made a special effort to open early during the cold winter months, and with poker charged at 15 cents an hour, every bit counted. But sometimes, there weren't enough 'bits' coming in to meet the demand going out. Bob S., owner of the San Jose Window Shade Company on South Second Street, a charter member of the club and tracing his sobriety to 1942, said "Turn it over to me, and I'll get the bills paid". Things were turned over, and between he and Duncan, things got better: the bills were being*

*paid - on time, and there was actually a surplus. Only problem with that, however, was that every time the kitty got up around a hundred dollars, they'd throw a big steak dinner. Stomachs got filled and the kitty got emptied. One Day At A Time was becoming an Easier, Softer Way.*

*The message was being carried and carried well. Sometimes, however, the experience, strength and hope in the message isn't well received by all, especially the experience part. At one open meeting, a speaker carried a message of recovery, and when finished, the group responded with a hearty applause. One lady remarked to another, "Wasn't that a beautiful talk!", to which the other replied "Oh, I heard her talk a couple of months ago, and she's nothing but a tramp". A third lady sitting just ahead of these two overheard the conversation and fumed. The next morning, Thelma G. was on the phone and within a week, the Midday Women's Group was meeting at 12 O'clock. The first closed women's meeting was off and running in privacy.*

*Days grew into weeks, weeks into months and, of course, months into years. Poker games went well past closing, often lasting 'til early in the morning. Sobriety was the order of the day, but we all need a breather sometimes. Jules became the new Manager, and progress continued. On many summer Saturday nights, the Alano Club Family Group meeting drew over capacity crowds, forcing late arrivals to stand outside, hanging into open windows to hear about sobriety.*

*It was on a Saturday night that fate dealt the blow that would test the character of this group. The meeting was well attended, many more gathering from other meetings around the valley to join in the festivities of the regular Saturday night dance. The night seemed endless, but the last dance finally came, bringing the evening to a close. As the crowd dwindled, a few remained to clean up, emptying ashtrays, returning tables and chairs to their regular spots. The lights went out, the door was locked and the clubhouse settled down for the night. But over in the corner, a small cardboard box began to smolder, then glow, finally bursting into flames that would turn the upper floor into a mass of charred memories. A cigarette, not quite extinguished, carelessly thrown in the wrong place had the final say at 1274 Almaden Avenue.*

*The program teaches us to live life on a daily basis, facing each event with a clear mind and a resolution to go ahead even under the most adverse conditions. The strength of the Alano Club today is a tribute to how well our predecessors acquired this ability.*

# 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***

Volunteer, Decorations, Hospitality, Facilities, Free Drawing,  
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.

# 4<sup>TH</sup> Annual San Jose Alano Club vs Alano Club West



**WHEN**  
SUNDAY  
June 5<sup>th</sup>  
2022

## TOURNAMENT

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*It's a small investment in your club's future & it's all about the fellowship.  
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The Alano Club of San Jose and Alano Club West for recovery.*

### OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

NCGA# \_\_\_\_\_ (If you don't have one then enter your average score for pairings: \_\_\_\_\_ )

You will be in the Calloway Flight if you do not have a NCGA #

Who would you like in your group?

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

BBQ dinner  
will be hosted at  
after the tournament at  
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