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**April 2022**

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Alano Club of San Jose  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
April 7th, at 5:00 pm  
Members Welcome  
(In Person)

Fair Avenue Fellowship  
**Steering Committee Meeting**  
Training for New Secretaries  
April 13th, 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
Michael C	4/02/2007	15	Darlene M	4/03/2010	12
Susan J	4/03/2000	22	Mary G	4/07/1984	38
Jennie C	4/07/2021	01	Wade G	4/08/2001	21
Simi R	4/08/2010	12	David B	4/11/1989	33
Anna C	4/12/2000	22	Warren R	4/12/1998	24
John P	4/12/1993	29	David B	4/13/2021	01
Adrian F	4/16/1977	45	Tom N	4/17/1983	39
Arlene L	4/18/2011	11	Johnny T	4/18/2021	01
Mary M	4/19/2019	03	Doug M	4/22/2021	01
Nancy P	4/24/1981	41	Jessica J	4/26/2020	02
Jeff H	4/27/2014	08	Chris L	4/28/1984	38

## Member of the Month – Peggy M.

*Peggy was a member at The Alano Club for many years and also served on the board of directors. She was very involved with the club in her younger years. She will forever be missed. Thank you for everything during your years with us.*

## Monthly Membership Dues

	Month	Six Months	Thirteen
Regular Member	\$25	\$125	\$250
Senior	\$15	\$75	\$150
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Couples	\$15 (each)	\$75(each)	\$150(each)
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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**

### **Kids Easter Party**

Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> 2022

Fun will begin at 1:00 pm

Easter egg decorating and Egg hunt with prizes.

Hot dogs and chips for the kids.

### **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.

# The Alano Club of San Jose – 12 Step Meetings

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

***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: 618 624 2515 Join Zoom Meeting: [Fair Ave Men’s Meeting](#) Password: 241520***

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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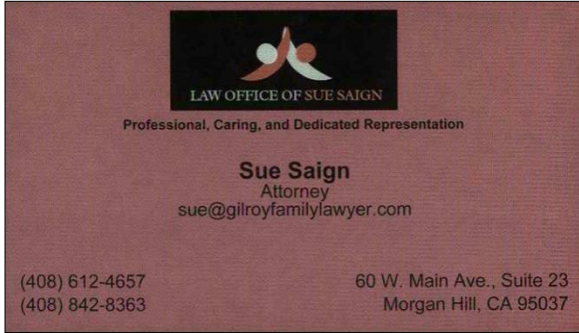
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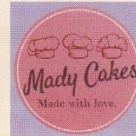
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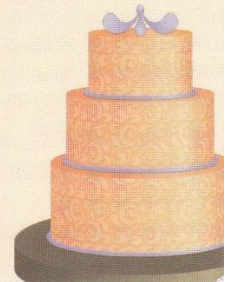
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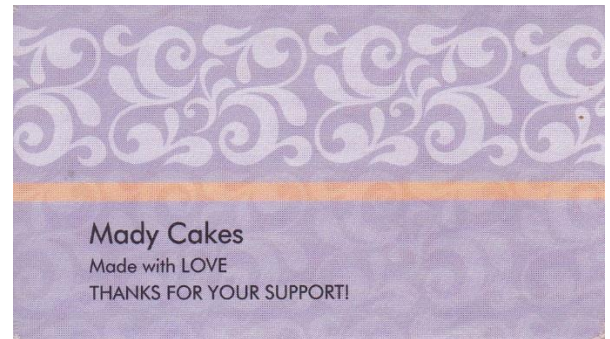
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## Alano Merchandise

**We now offer handmade custom  
coffee mugs and t-shirts for sale**

**If you would like a mug or shirt please contact**

**Terisa M. @ 408-830-6339 or  
terisamartinez79@gmail.com**

## 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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### 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**

***April 2022 Newsletter***

### **HARD TIMES GET BETTER**

*After the fire, little remained of the club’s furnishings; most of what was left was soiled. It was fortunate that one of the members, Harvie W., was an insurance agent and had convinced the members of the need for protection against this sad event. Another member, Bill B., ran an accounting and tax service out of his garage and had the club assets on IBM punch cards. Before turning in a claim, though, the value was inflated somewhat to make the best of a bad situation: thus a thousand-dollar list became a \$3,500 payoff. It seemed the right thing to do under the circumstances.*

*The members were advised that they wouldn't be allowed to return once the building was repaired, so a new place had to be found. Another member, Dean Mc., leased a warehouse on West San Carlos Street across from Sears with a vacant space on the ground floor, with his living quarters above. He had his own Higher Power, and everyone knew it. Al E., Secretary of a meeting on the Eastside, tried once to get him to lead in the Lord's Prayer, and Dean abruptly told him "I don't say that --- ---- thing!". Al never did that again, but Dean showed his faith by letting the club use the downstairs area in his warehouse as their clubroom. With a place to move to, the only thing left was the physical move. Jim C. went to the different meetings around town asking for volunteers with pick-up trucks and a strong back. There were so many eager hands rose that he had to cut it off at 25 volunteers. All the volunteers were to meet early Saturday morning--at the old club. At 8 AM, Jim waited beside his flatbed truck with Bill B. for the others to show up. A little later, Roy showed up and this small band turned to moving. Roy, who wasn't even an alcoholic, and the others, were willing to do for the good of the many.*

*After the comfort and spaciousness of the Almaden Club, West San Carlos was pretty bleak. The few chairs and tables scattered here and there helped. Some of the insurance money went to recover a couch and chair in red. One member had a counter from a store downtown in his backyard for ten dollars; the counter that once served downtown customers became the coffee bar for the few that remained loyal to the club. The Twelve Steps from the Padre Theater Club survived, adding a touch of sobriety to the atmosphere.*

*Two pinball machines graced the sidewalls, ringing their bells to the pleasure and displeasure of the pinball wizards. The nickels were emptied every night and hid in a different place each time for security. That didn't deter those with a rigorous desire for easy money. Many a time*

*on opening the club, a trail of broken matches marked the efforts of thieves searching in the dark for this small treasure, ending when the hunt was over, and the money taken. Jim C. finally put an end to this by pouring the nickels into two cigar boxes, carrying them home at night, returning them for the next day's games.*

*The membership dwindled to just 13 dues paying members, the others unwilling to hang in for better or for worse. This small group knew what had to be done, and set out once again on a search for the "right place." Harold P. and Jim C. drove all over town searching. Jules and Zella D. scouted the streets for a likely spot. Days and weeks of diligent effort finally paid off - a suitable building on Minnesota Ave. in Willow Glen was located. Now the task of getting a rental agreement began. The Mormon Church owned the property, and any rental had to be approved out of Salt Lake. The request was submitted and the waiting game began. Would they, or wouldn't they? Finally, after a couple of months the answer came back - It's O.K.!*

## **HERE WE GO AGAIN**

*A little over a year had passed since the Almaden St club had burned down, and 1139 Minnesota Ave. was a far cry from the warehouse on West San Carlos that was the temporary Alano Club of San Jose. The membership grew once again, and the club began acquiring new assets. The red couch and easy chair, recovered in vinyl after the fire, were some of the few things reminiscent of the first club above the Padre Theater. The Twelve Steps, of course, had made the same moves also, surviving the fire intact. A coffee bar was built, the clubroom was carpeted, and captain's chairs and folding chairs were bought to provide seating for the attendees.*

*A small house, or shack, to the side proved a delight for the card players. The club opened at noon, and if you weren't there on time, you'd find a line waiting for the next opening. There was no regular closing time, at least for card players, so many a night the lights burned bright while the deal passed hands. Johnny B.'s wife, Amelia, would call, wanting to know when he would be home. Finally, one morning about 4 AM, she came in and all ---- broke loose. Jim C., President of the Board, installed a timer on the lights, set it for 11 PM and that took care of that - no light, no cards.*

*Evelyn W. managed the club on a voluntary basis, receiving only expenses, but the task was more demanding now, with a larger membership, and it soon became apparent that volunteer efforts were not enough. The Board thought about it for a while, then decided that a full time, paid manager was the answer. Paul S. was there and seemed to fit the description of what they wanted, so Paul became the first hired manager of the club. He was quiet, nice, and easy going and everyone liked him. Not too neat behind the bar, but the rest of the club was kept up in fine shape.*



*Inter-Group Service Council held their monthly meetings here, and Al-Anon Groups met weekly. In October, 1957, Al-A-Teen began holding their meetings every week, as well. That created a few problems, however, since they weren't supervised all the time and things got a little out of hand now and then. More than once, President, Jim C. got a call for help and came down to get things back under control. As time passed, a new Board was elected, with Herman S., President, Al E., Vice President, Margarite P., Secretary-Treasurer, and Milt S. and Glenn G. completing the ranks. Milt and Glenn put their heads together and came up with some good ideas. Regular Bingo games and re-start the dances again. Milt was busy, so Glenn went out and found the Bingo equipment: cards for the players, a hand turned cage for the numbers, and corn and buttons to mark the ones called. Money was collected for each game at ten cents a card, three for a quarter, and the game took off. It started out in the front room, but over capacity crowds soon pushed some into the back room. Someone had to stand in the hallway to shout the numbers to those in back.*

*Glenn had met a man, Buzz D., at Soledad, where he carried the message, and Buzz agreed to help out with the dances. Buzz had a band and offered to play for nothing. The price was too low, so they settled on fifty dollars to play. The group wasn't too good, but they were loud, so it worked out all right. Except for the trumpet player, there was a different set of guys that showed up each time. Dances were free, and the board soon wanted to charge money. Glenn didn't agree, so he had a talk with Dick P., Secretary of the Saturday Night Alano Family Group. There was a schoolhouse across the street, and they told the board if money was charged, they'd hold the Saturday night meetings there. The board didn't listen, so for a while the schoolhouse became the meeting room. That didn't last long, and free dances came back to the club along with the Saturday night meetings.*

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



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

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The Alano Club of San Jose and Alano Club West for recovery.*

### OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

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

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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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