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

Fair Avenue Fellowship  
**Steering Committee Meeting**  
Training for New Secretaries  
May 11th, 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
Kerry B	5/01/2006	16	Dave S	5/01/2020	02
Jerry G	5/01/2016	06	John D	5/05/2008	14
David R	5/06/1989	33	Steve H	5/06/1985	37
Patricia C	5/06/2019	03	Art O	5/07/2016	06
Adrienne H	5/07/2010	12	Susie S	5/12/2008	14
Andy H	5/13/2005	17	Doug M	5/15/2014	07
Steve K	5/15/2018	04	Greg M	5/16/1988	34
Orlando Y	5/16/2017	05	Danny G	5/18/2004	17
Jerry R	5/20/2008	14	Roman M	5/21/2012	10
Alex L	5/24/2006	16	Chili C	5/25/2007	15
Adrian Jorge J	5/25/2019	03	John S	5/26/2021	01
Douglas C	5/28/2008	14			

## Member of the Month – Terisa M.

*Terisa has been a member since 2009. In 2019 she became the assistant manager. She is always looking for new ways to better the alano club and to bring in new revenue. She spends all of her spare time making merchandise for the club to sell and she is doing very well at it. Thanks for all you do.*

## 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**

### **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk-A-Thon**

**May 14th 2022**

Walk-A-Thon Registration: 9:00am

Walk Starts 9:30am

Walk-A-Thon 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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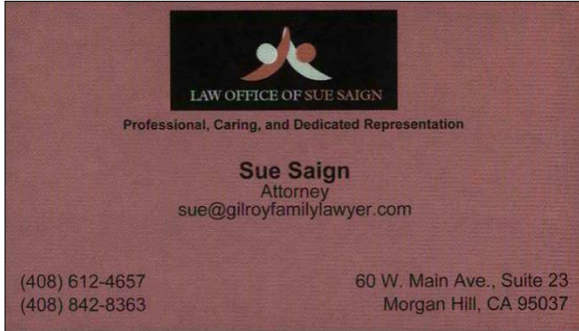
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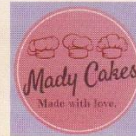
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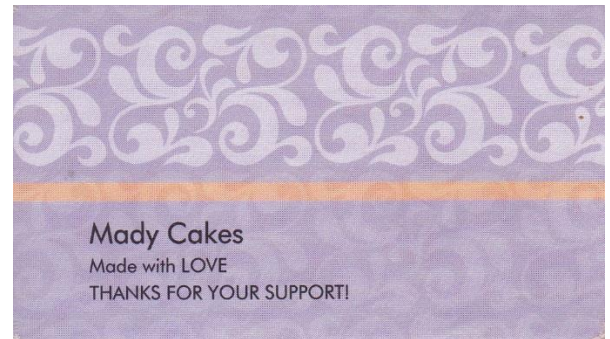
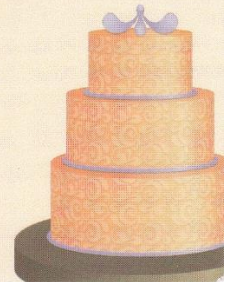
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## Alano Merchandise

**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

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

Via Email or txt

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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 no longer mandated however, if you're not vaccinated or have symptoms to please continue to wear a mask.**

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

## *A BOARD OF DIRECTORS*

May 2022 Newsletter

NO MORE RENT

The club was on a high point nearly fourteen years after the first social gathering at the Padre Theater, almost eleven years as a chartered organization. Membership ranks swelled the rooms to overflowing, a feeling they had experienced in the past and which, with the exception of the Almaden Avenue fire, had been their reason to move to new quarters. Growth had been fairly smooth, with a few exceptions. President, Herman S., slipped after his wife left him, and was replaced by Harold P. Glenn G.'s term on the board had expired, and his duties were assumed by Joe C. Secretary-Treasurer, Margaret P., was replaced by Jack H. and manager Paul S. fell in love and fell off the wagon. Glenn was in a meeting when one of the board members anxiously called him out, explained the situation, and added that the board, at an emergency meeting, would like him to take on the duties temporarily. Glenn had thought of retiring from the meat business anyway, so he accepted and became the new permanent manager.

The members felt more confident of their new status now, and longed for something with a little more stability. Why not own our club rather than rent again? The idea caught on and a new fever spread among the sober alcoholics, so Al E. had plans drawn up for a building with all the right things in exactly the right place. As it turned out, the lot they had in mind on Lincoln Avenue was too low and would have to be filled before a permit could be issued, so that plan was out - too much extra money. A church in the Burbank area was rejected, as well as another on Willow St. with a parsonage in the back. About this time, Jack H. and Burt W., owners of Now Realty on Monterey Rd., saw a listing for an old school house on the Eastside and called Cliff Weaver, non-alcoholic, who had the listing. They took one look at it and went back to the members to tell them they had found the new clubhouse.

Even though most of the members were in favor of owning their club, a decision to buy wouldn't be an easy one to come by. Ruth H, one of the earliest women members in AA and a charter member of the first club, had to learn early in her sobriety to fight for her place in the Fellowship, a talent she developed well over the years. There was a saying that if you could convince Ruth, she would convince the others, so Harold took her to the vacant schoolhouse, sat her in a chair in the empty, dirty lobby and began his pitch. Ruth looked and listened, and said "This seems to be the right place for you guys". The battle was won.

The school was owned by The Golden Rule Church Association in Bolinas, and with an asking price of \$45,000 and about \$10,000 in hand, something was going to have to be done. The board met and decided to offer \$40,000 for the property. They took the offer to the deacon of

the church. He ranted and raved for a while, then accepted the deal. The next step was to get formal approval: that came with more than a little discussion at the largest general membership meeting held to that date. To raise more money, box lunches were sold, a White Elephant Sale was held and the members really got behind the effort. Barbecues were held, and the one at a Cambrian Park Church, rib-eye steak and a month's membership were sold at \$5 a head. Some of the better healed members paid ten years dues at \$250 to swell the fund. Daily lotteries from \$15 to \$100 to \$300 were run, with 25% going to the fund. In a little more than a month, \$6,000 was added to the kitty.

The membership was now well over 300, and on August 22, 1962, the papers were signed. The deal was \$10,000 down, and the church would carry a \$30,000 note at 6 ½%, payment of \$261.40 per month due on the 14th, beginning in October. With the extra money raised during the big drive, there'd be almost enough time to get the place ready for the big opening. The old school looked like a beehive, with hammers swinging, brooms pushing fallen sawdust from busy saws and old dirt, getting ready for new paint on the walls.

## READY OR NOT, HERE WE COME

The excitement of owning their own clubhouse ran high among the members, spurring many to spend long hours in revamping and refurbishing the place, always cheered on by a steady stream of onlookers coming for their first look-see or returning for periodic progress checks. Anxieties built up waiting for the great moment, until the decision was made, "Let's do it!" It was a Saturday, October 20th, and the initiation of the club was to be the eight o'clock meeting of the Alano Family Group. Last minute details found volunteers still scrambling while managers Glenn and Thelma G. made ready as best they could. Secretary Joe C. opened and Chairman Sam B. led the largest meeting of the year for that Group as 110 AA's listened and shared in the topic "AA Participation". The largest collection of the year, \$26.00, still left the Group \$26.60 in the hole, but the inauguration was complete. Less than a month later, Dr. Earle spoke at the first club dinner on November 17th. The club was open for business.

The new place quickly became the center of Valley AA activity, continuing to support Inter-Group and H&I meetings, adding other specialized meetings, including being host to the NCC Summer Meeting in July of 1963. A small room off the entrance lobby became the local AA library, offering Big Books, Twelve by Twelve's and assorted AA literature. Shortly after opening, several AA's began an attempt to bring about a closer feeling of unity among the increasing number of Groups in the County, and in March of 1963, SCAN (Santa Clara Alcoholic News) made its appearance, issued from the club using the library as an editor's office. That lasted until July 15th when the first real Central Office was opened downtown in Room 208 of the Porter Building at 57 E. Santa Clara St. The club continued to serve as the main meeting place for Inter-Group and most other special committees and groups. Another



small room across the entry stairs from the library became home for a night watchman after a few attempted burglaries made it an obvious necessity.

General improvements continued to be made, including a barbecue in the back and a pool room in 1966, but membership shrank to less than half the over 300 mark reached on opening day. Glenn and Thelma retired in December 1965, being replaced by Ralph A. and assistant Lee L. The five men Board of Directors became engrossed in trying to find ways to promote the club. The 1965 General membership meeting almost exclusively dealt with ways to gain new members, including inviting people to the club, paying one month's dues for new members, courtesy cards with maps on the back, contacting members who had dropped out, and a concentrated membership drive. It was decided to hold quarterly membership meetings, and the final note was "Circulate and Talk Alano Club!" The struggle continued, and at a special Board Meeting on May 15, 1967, the decision was made to lay off Manager, Ralph, as of June 1. They couldn't pay the \$400 a month salary.

Even though membership dropped, those that stayed with the club enjoyed many festivities. Regular dances with live bands, beauty pageants, fashion shows and bingo populated the rooms. White Elephant sales were combined with socials for fund raising. Raffles were popular over the years, prizes including a color TV, Niagara Lounge Chair, and one year, a brand-new car. Parking was a problem, so a wooden water tank and pump house to the side had to go. Gravel was donated, which helped, but the obvious solution was more land. About a quarter acre by the club was owned by the church next door, and was available for \$11,000. That seemed the answer, but when the club applied for money the Wells Fargo Bank wanted all members with jobs and property to co-sign for the loan. Jack, one of the members, sold labels to Joseph George Liquor Distributors, one of the largest in the area, and knew Joseph, personally. Jack had told him he was a member of AA and mentioned the difficulty, so when Joe called the bank and threatened to move his accounts to another bank, the loan was approved immediately.

# 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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Who would you like in your group?

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

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