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Alano Club of San Jose
Board of Directors Meeting
Aug 4th, at 5:00 pm
Members Welcome
(In Person)

Fair Avenue Fellowship
Steering Committee Meeting
Training for New Secretaries
Aug 10th, 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
Linda H	08/02/2015	07	Cindy C	08/03/2010	12
Frank C	08/05/1990	32	John R	08/06/1991	31
Ricardo H	08/08/1982	40	Anita K. K	08/09/2017	05
Ben V	08/12/2016	06	Kanal K	08/13/2012	10
Bob N	08/15/1994	28	Mark B	08/16/1994	28
Rodney D	08/17/2020	12	Freddie P	08/17/2003	19
Kristin G	08/18/2003	19	Kelly C	08/22/2002	10
Norm D	08/23/1987	35	Victoria K	08/23/2002	10
Wanda V	08/26/1998	24	Rob B	08/27/2021	01
Bobby P	08/29/2016	06	Laura M	08/30/1997	25
Tony L	08/30/2010	12	Terri W	08/30/2014	08
Brett F	08/31/2018	04	Rick L	08/31/2010	12

Member of the Month – Angela Young
Honorary Member of the Month - Martin Young

We would like to honor Angela and Martin for the amazing work they did for the 4th of July BBQ. They raised \$839. Thank you for all you do for our club.

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

Labor Day BBQ

Sunday September 4th 2022

2pm to 5pm

\$10 per plate

Menu:

Option 1: Angus Burger & Hotlink or Hot Dog

Option 2: Two tri-tip Sandwich & Hotlink or Hot Dog

Sides: Mac Salad, Pasta Salad,
Chili Beans, & Corn on the cob

Cake and Soda included

Tickets available day of event.
Raffle tickets 5 for \$10 available for
pre-purchase at café counter

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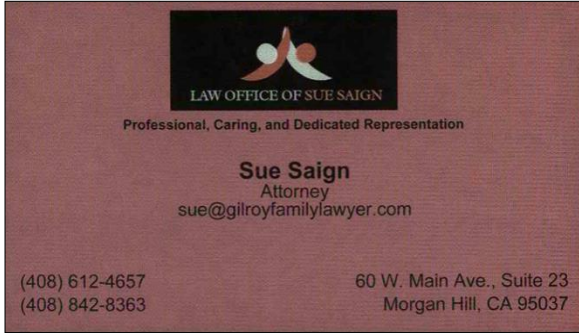
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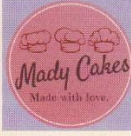
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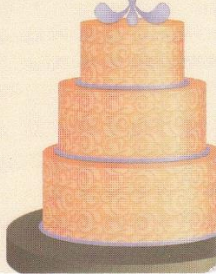
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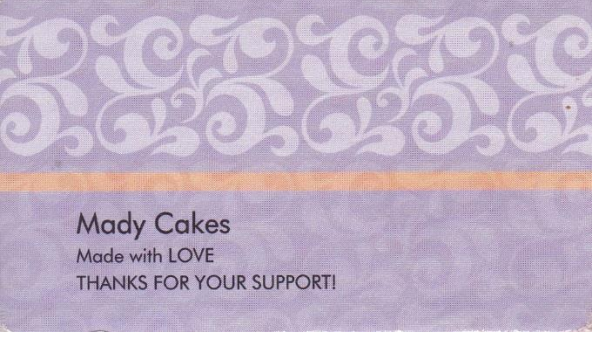


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Alano Merchandise

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 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

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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 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.”

August 2022 Newsletter

A NEW BEGINNING

Dorothy's' Story and our History

I know Tony asked people to write their memories of the Club from '85, but mine go back to '79

The day I finally had enough I called Central office, they told me the nearest meeting to my home was the Alano Club of San Jose, but they wouldn't recommend going there because they allowed addicts in the club. Since I was on marijuana maintenance at the time, after all I wasn't going to quit drinking forever, just dry up enough so I could drink like a lady and my connection had suddenly been struck clean and sober and was attending AA meetings, the idea of a Club that catered to some addicts sounded good to me.

I don't know what kind of a building I expected, but it sure wasn't an old school house. At the time a member named Tuffy had attended grammar school in this building.

The sun was shining but the spring rains had left the sparsely graveled parking lot a big mud hole, as I parked my car, I thought I'd never get out of there. Little did I know nineteen years later I'd still be parking in the now paved parking lot?

When I walked in, it looked like a Club all right, a few men setting around listening to the juke box, a man on crutches, his leg in a cast, tending bar. He introduced himself as Dave and poured me a half-cup of coffee and told me a meeting would be starting shortly in the next room and there would be no charge for the coffee. I figured that is why he only gave me half a cup. I learned later that was a “new-comer” cup of coffee, and we all laughed sixteen years later when a stroke left me unable to hold a full cup of coffee and the counter help would tell me they were giving me a “new-comers cup”.

The coffee room wasn't much to look at, at the time. Two round hatch-cover tables in the center, a couch, a few wobbly bar stools and the booths. The drapes were dusty and a little tattered, the walls needed painting and held no pictures. Later Toni S., a member of the board of directors, who owned a decorating business, donated striped draperies and a plaid wall paper that had been ordered by a customer who had changed his mind

about plaids and stripes. I don't remember a TV until about two years later when someone gave us a very old, very used set. We weren't into watching TV, we were into recovery.

There was a sign on one the round tables stating it was a Hospitality Table, Glenn Gopal always held court at that table. Glenn told me that unless a person was a member of the club they could not come into or be served in that room, they had to order their food and coffee at the window where the glass bookcase is now, unless a Club member invited them in.

Like all new-comers and some old timers, I could not separate AA from the Club, and since they said at meetings "We have no dues or fees" I could not understand why I should pay to join the Club. About four months later it finally got through to me that if people didn't pay dues, there would be no Club, so I parted with my three dollars and was assigned badge#28. I have since become a Lifetime member and still wear my badge most of the time.

My "normie" non-AL Anon husband had become addicted to the steak and eggs Sunday breakfast and since the rule was "No badge, No service" he paid his three dollars and was assigned badge #29. Irv L., with his racing forms under his arm, Sue and Ralph S., Vince Mc., Don P., Les P., Hank C., Richard G., Joe M., and Glenn G. often joined us on Sunday morning for good food and fellowship before the meeting. About that time swinging doors were installed to keep the non-members out of the coffee room, once those doors came down the member/non-member prices were introduced. Some people still fuss about the pricing, but the paid-up member should have a few privileges.

Help Wanted!

I need to report some of the goings on of this Alano Club of San Jose and what it may have meant to you in your journey. Would you give me a paragraph or two and maybe your part in it? We will start with 1976 right up and through the Pandemic. This will be used for the updated history of our club, or it may not be used at all. So, believe this, I could sure use some help. It can be anonymous or signed and to be used or not used as we see fit. So, if you can, please do.

Love Tony

Send you entries and thoughts to tonybaron@comcast.net Much appreciated regardless of the outcome.