

THE MESSENGER

The Bi-Monthly Newsletter of the Sonoma County Alano Club

NOV-DEC 2024

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CALL TO ACTION:

- Help us keep the Club doors open during the day by signing up for a weekly shift at the counter.
- Volunteer with us during the *Thanksgiving Alcathon & Christmas Alcathon*. (See below for dates.)
- Sonoma County Alano Club currently has 2 open roles: *Events Coordinator & Volunteer Coordinator*. Please speak with Darby or a Board Member if interested!

WELCOME!

- The SCAC Board of Directors welcomes our new *2nd Vice President*, Spring Mattingly.

VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO...

- *Our Volunteer of The Month, Chris!*
- *And to Julia, for her years of service as the SCAC Events Coordinator!*

PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK!

This long-awaited companion tool for reading *Alcoholics Anonymous* will be released in November and has been ordered for our book shop.

We'll be posting on Facebook & Instagram when it arrives.

UPCOMING EVENTS: NOVEMBER 1, 2024–JANUARY 3, 2025

For up to date event information, visit www.sonomacountyalanoclub.org or our Facebook page. And if you have an idea for an event or would like to help host events at the club, please let us know!



FRI
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Dia De Los Muertos

KARAOKE CELEBRATION & OFFRENDIA CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

8:30pm at Alano Club. \$5.00 entry & \$3.00 pizza slices. Bring a photo or personal item from your loved one to add to our offrenda!



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Early Birds

THANKSGIVING ALCATHON

6:00am–8:00pm at Alano Club. Marathon meetings, fellowship, & food. Please bring a side dish to share!



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First Friday

CHRISTMAS KARAOKE

8:30pm at Alano Club. \$5.00 entry & \$3.00 pizza slices.



SUN
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SCAC Annual

WINTER CRAFT FAIR

1:00–4:00pm at Alano Club. Crafts, arts, and baked goods for sale—plus a raffle! Makers & Bakers: Sign-up at the counter to reserve your table. \$10 entry & 10% of sales benefit the Club.



SUN
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MA District

MA CHRISTMAS PARTY

1:30pm–4:30pm in the Main Room at Alano Club.



DEC
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25TH

Early Birds

CHRISTMAS ALCATHON

6:00am–8:00pm each day at Alano Club. Marathon meetings, fellowship, & food. Please bring a side dish to share!



TUE
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Birthday chip meeting

NEW YEAR'S EVE!

7:00pm at Alano Club. Petaluma's monthly sobriety celebration with cake!



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The First Friday of 2025!

NEW YEAR KARAOKE

8:30pm at Alano Club. \$5.00 entry & \$3.00 pizza slices.



*Scan here to find us online and
hear about more events!*

www.sonomacountyalanoclub.org
We're on Facebook & Instagram too!

(707) 782-0588



Happy Birthday to our Members!

Come celebrate your sobriety at the Birthday Meeting on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm!

NOVEMBER

Name	Years
Jason B	3
John M	9
Sherry F	19
Kerstin McC	27

DECEMBER

Name	Years
Meredith V	1
Netty W	1
Valarie H	6
Steve I	12
Barry M	19
Katha S	28
Patrick K	35

THANKS TO THE CLEAN-UP DAY VOLUNTEERS!

The Clean-Up Party was a success! We're very grateful to everyone who contributed their time and hard work for our Fellowship. We hope to do it again to keep our space inviting & comfortable!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership to the SCAC goes to furnish and maintain the facility, utilities, make repairs, and keep the doors open for newcomers seeking help. Please give back to our community and help keep the doors open.

Membership Type	Monthly \$	Annually \$	Lifetime \$
Individual	\$35.00	\$385.00	\$3,000.00
Couples	\$50.00	\$550.00	\$4,500.00
Group	\$65.00	\$715.00	\$6,500.00

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

We are seeking additional Community Partners to help support the Club on an ongoing basis. If your business or organization would like to become a Community Partner, please reach out to us at sonomacountyalanoclub.org.

SCAC WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

6:30am	AA Early Birds
10am	AA Good, Bad & Ugly
10am	NA I'm Clean, Now What
12pm	AA Breakfast Club
5pm	AA Outsiders
5pm	NA Out of Dark, Into Light
6pm	BBA Wrkshp (closed group)
7pm	Pills Anonymous

MONDAY

6:30am	AA Early Birds
12pm	AA Keep It Simple
5pm	AA Outsiders
5:30pm	AA Back to Basics (Beginners)
7pm	NA Shelter from the Storm

TUESDAY

6am	AA Early Birds
12pm	AA Tuesday Noon
5pm	AA Outsiders
6pm	Overeaters Anonymous
7:15pm	Marijuana Anonymous
7pm	Birthday Meeting (last Tuesday)

WEDS

6:30am	AA Early Birds
12pm	AA Midday Midweek
5pm	AA Outsiders
5pm	AA Men's 12X12 Study
6:30pm	Al-Anon

THURSDAY

6:30am	AA Early Birds
12pm	AA Chair It or Air It
5pm	AA Big Book Study
7pm	AA Men's Stag
7:45pm	AA Young Bucks, 1st, 3rd & 4th

FRIDAY

6:30am	AA Early Birds
12pm	AA TGIF Meeting
5pm	AA Outsiders
7pm	Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY

6:30am	AA Early Birds
12pm	AA Saturday Serenity
12pm	NA Clean Freaks
5pm	AA Outsiders
6:30pm	AA Steps to Freedom

WE THANK OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT!



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SCAC ORGANIZATION

The SCAC Board Of Directors meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm. All SCAC Members are welcome!

2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT: Ryan Lee
1st VICE PRESIDENT: Scott Keeler
2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Spring Mattingly

TREASURER: Katha Snow
VICE TREASURER: Nancy Giovannini
OFFICER AT LARGE: Jason Frank

SECRETARY: Jason Berlanga
VICE SECRETARY: Claudia Harris
EVENTS COORD.: **Open position**

MANAGEMENT & SUPPORT

CLUB OPERATIONS: Darby Davenport

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Jori Rosenfield

VOLUNTEER COORD.: **Open position**



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Dearest Alano Club,

I'm grateful to be voted in as manager. The warm welcome and ongoing support has truly filled my heart. I've been part of this community since my second meeting. I got sober by working the steps here with my sponsor Jerilynn, my sobriety date is June 15, 2007. This club has been a sanctuary where I've come to get ease and comfort for 17 years.

I came to the program with the gift of desperation, but my shyness paralyzed me. For months, I sat in the back and cried on the pews, too scared to engage in small talk before or after meetings. When the basket was passed, my heart would pound, and my hands would shake with social anxiety. I strategically sat in a way that avoided having to figure out where to pass the basket next! For years, I struggled to share in main room meetings because I feared someone would bark "speak up!" and I'd lose my courage and train of thought. But my sponsor instilled in me the importance of service, so I started taking on quiet commitments like setting up coffee and cleaning up after events, and eventually joined committees. I served in H&I, Intergroup, and as a GSR. I never would've imagined myself a Manager of the club. This club given me the tools to take baby steps to become the woman I was meant to be.

This fellowship has been my rock, supporting me through life's challenges, including the loss of my partner while pregnant and helped me welcome my baby with a loving shower providing everything the baby needed for her first year. Many of you Early Birds remember me during that time. I've gone on to have another shower here and two more babies. All three of my girls are in school this year so the timing and schedule to be manager fits into my life beautifully.

Recently having worked closely with Natalie, serving on the board as 2nd Vice President and being the Volunteer Coordinator, this new role feels like an organic changeover.

As manager, I am committed to serving with love and giving back to the community that has given me so much. I look forward to continuing our mission and supporting one another on this journey in recovery.

Sincerely,

Darby Davenport

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