

# WAC NEWS



## Washtenaw Alano Club Monthly Newsletter

### Featured Volunteer of the Month



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### Pat Reilly

I first entered our Club in 1985. It was located on S. State St. in a small rented building. A picture of that building hangs in Room 3. It was my first week of sobriety and I didn't have a clue. It was smoke-filled and had a snack counter run by a strange man. You had to go down a steep and narrow set of stairs to get to the meeting rooms (also filled with smoke). No one told me to get out, and some of the people seemed friendly - so I stayed. Through the years, I've attended other meetings (held in churches), but to this day I consider our Club my spiritual home.

In my 2<sup>nd</sup> year of sobriety, we bought our current building on N. Maple and that was a very big deal. I was so clueless I didn't realize how big a deal that was to have our own place! I definitely realize that now. I got sober on 5:35 meetings and could always drop in and find someone there to chat with. After about ten years I started to regain my life and develop interests that did not depend on alcohol. Although I continued to go to meetings at our Club, I wasn't as involved in the day-to-day Club activities and responsibilities. My two kids married; I became a grandma to six grandkids; I retired, traveled, etc. & I wasn't paying attention to Club affairs.

It wasn't until several years ago, when the management of our Club started to go astray that I realized how much our Club meant to me. I, and others who believed as I did, re-involved ourselves, and our Club today continues its original mission. We learned that our Club is a fragile entity. It is a membership non-profit and, as such, depends on our patrons becoming members and participating. Not just in picnics, card nights, etc., but helping with the committees that organize these events, helping financially (when able), and voting for our Board of Directors. It truly is OUR Club.

Alcoholism has been called a disease of isolation. Our Club provides so many opportunities to involve ourselves in breaking that isolation. I encourage all of our patrons and members to help out where you best fit in, be it gardening, planning social events, or fundraising. Purchase a membership. A little goes a long way if we all participate together. My personal experience has been that service to our Club has been returned to me multiple times and in multiple ways.

AA meetings have kept me sober. Our Club, however, has provided benefits far beyond that: A place where I can meet up with folks "like me" and belong to the greater "WE".

**Thank you Pat for your continued dedication to the WAC!**

**Thanks to all who participated in the Spring Clean-Up! Help us keep the grounds beautiful by picking up any litter you see lying around and disposing of it in the trash cans.**

## Upcoming Club Events

### FUN & GAMES NIGHT

**2nd Saturday of the month at 7:00 pm** in the RECOVERY ROOM! May was Board Games and we had a ton of fun playing Catch Phrase & Codename. Please join us on **June 9<sup>th</sup>** for more of the same!

### Movie Night

**3rd Friday of the month at 7:00pm.** Please join us for some snacks, good company and a great movie! For June's movie title keep an eye on the flyers on the tables. **Friday June 15<sup>th</sup>** is the next movie night.

## Board of Directors Meeting

**Thursday June 21 at 6:30pm.**

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Washtenaw Alano Club is creating a historical video for our celebration of our Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (2019).

The video focuses primarily on people who have a long history with our Club have been part of its growth over the years.

But, we are offering an opportunity for EVERYONE to participate!

If you would like to share your feelings for our Club, what it means to you and how it has helped you, this is your chance. You will be a part of history!

We will be videotaping patrons Friday, June 15, 2018, from 2:00 – 4:30 in the Recovery Room on a “first come, first served” basis.

Each person will have up to 3 minutes to share.

Interested people contact Pat at [fridaysmum@yahoo.com](mailto:fridaysmum@yahoo.com) or put a note in the suggestion box with your name and contact information.

This information MUST be received by Friday June 8 to be included. The video will use first names only and will not be distributed in any way. It will be viewed only at our Club under the auspices of our Club.

The Washtenaw Alano Club Board of Directors reserves the right to include or exclude material from the video as they see fit.

## Committee Meetings

All are welcome to join ANY committee.

Committees meet monthly at the Club and all start at 6:30pm.

- Building and Grounds Committee meets 1st Monday of the month
- Communication Team meets 2nd Tuesday of the month
- Social Committee meets 2nd Thursday of the month
- Membership Committee meets 2nd Thursday of the month
- Fundraising Committee meets 2nd Thursday of the month
- 50th Anniversary Committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month
- Governance Committee is an *ad hoc* Committee, that does not meet each month. Watch the website for the next meeting date.

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Check out the new Potato Patch at the back of the parking lot. Joe and friends did a great job of fencing it in and planting all of the potatoes! Looking forward to a Potato Bar Potluck when we harvest them!

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## Jewelry & Accessories Sale

Please join us on Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> for our semi-annual Junk and Disorderly Sale! There are no prices on any items - we "sell" them for donations only. All proceeds from this sale go directly to the WAC.

Questions? Call Margo at 734-645-0456 or Nan at 734-904-8744

## WAC Cookbook

Contributions needed! Do you have a favorite recipe(s) that you would like to share with all your friends at the Club? The Washtenaw Alano Club Cookbook is in the works! To simplify things just email your favorite recipe, or two, to [margoaw@icloud.com](mailto:margoaw@icloud.com).

## *TIME TO CLEAN OUT YOUR GARAGE?*

Gather up all those unused tools laying around and

**DONATE THEM TO THE CLUB!**

We are collecting used power tools, hand tools and trade tools for a  
**GIANT TOOL SALE COMING THIS FALL**

PLEASE drop your tools inside the Club in the special bin marked  
**TOOLS.** Thank you!

All proceeds benefit the Club!