

WAC NEWS



Washtenaw Alano Club Monthly Newsletter

Featured Volunteer of the Month

Teresa Killeen



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My first AA meeting was at the Washtenaw Alano Club. For the first year of my sobriety, I didn't go anywhere except the Alano Club for my meetings. I don't even recall when I got adventurous enough to check out meetings away from the Club – it may have been another year before I felt that confident. The Alano Club was within my comfort zone. Nothing else was.

The Washtenaw Alano Club was and is a sanctuary for me. My life had become completely unmanageable and every area of my life was in crisis. Meetings were the only place where people understood how I'd managed to screw up everything in my life. Outside of meetings, I was in shock and traumatized and knew that no one would understand that I wasn't a bad person – I had been suffering from active alcoholism.

As I continued to attend meetings at the Washtenaw Alano Club, I started to meet people who were similarly afflicted. I began to attend the “meeting before the meeting” and socialize with people. I began to attend the “meeting after the meeting” and hang out at the Club after the meetings to talk with fellow alcoholics and addicts. I started to make friends. Real friends. Friends who wanted me to get better and nothing more.

In the nice weather, my friends and I would sit outside at the Club's picnic tables and talk about the Steps, our sponsors, and our issues. It saved my life.

Without a safe place to come for both meetings and fellowship, I could not have gotten sober. My most treasured friends are the people I met at the Alano Club in those meetings before and after the meeting.

I want to help make sure that what was freely given to me, this safe space to recover, is available to the next suffering alcoholic and addict who comes along and also needs a safe place to recover. “When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.” See you at the next meeting!

Thank you, Teresa for your continued dedication to the WAC!

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
- Governance Committee is an *ad hoc* Committee, that does not meet each month. Watch the website for the next meeting date!

The next **Board of Directors Meeting** is Thursday October 18th at 6:30 pm. Light refreshments available. The Club is a non-profit organization run by its Members! Please attend!

ANGELS' NIGHT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER
27TH AT 6:30PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 27TH AT THE WASHTENAW ALANO CLUB!

WE WILL HAVE A PUMPKIN-CARVING CONTEST FOR KIDS (WITH PUMPKINS PROVIDED)!

THERE WILL BE A PRIZE FOR THE BEST COSTUME AND A 50/50 RAFFLE!

THE FUN BEGINS AT 6:30PM WITH A POTLUCK (PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS), FOLLOWED BY A SPEAKER AT 7:30PM AND THEN THE DANCE AT 9:00!

DRESS UP! BRING YOUR FAMILY! HAVE SOME SOBER FUN & FELLOWSHIP!

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

GAMES NIGHT

2nd Saturday of the month at 7:00 pm in the RECOVERY ROOM! September was BIG Board Games and we had a ton of fun playing Chess and Cats. Please join us on **Saturday, October 13th** for more BIG fun!



MOVIE NIGHT

3rd Friday of the month at 7:00pm. Please join us for some snacks, good company and a great movie! October's movie will be *Double Indemnity*, a 1944 mystery with Fred MacMurray and Barbara Stanwyck. **Friday, October 19th** is the next movie night!

NOW COLLECTING YOUR GENTLY USED JEWELRY & ACCESSORIES

For our upcoming Jewelry & Accessory Sale in early December: Please drop off jewelry, scarves, handbags, wallets and watches (no hats, shoes or clothes please) to the front counter staff at the Club; or call MARGO AT 734-645-0456 or NAN AT 734-904-8744 FOR A PICK-UP! The Sale will be held at the Club on Saturday, December 8th and Sunday, December 9th. If you would like to volunteer to help us, please call! We do not price any items. Since all the goods are donated to us, we sell them for a donation! All proceeds from this sale go directly to support the Washtenaw Alano Club.

QUESTIONS? CALL MARGO AT 734-645-0456 OR NAN AT 734-904-8744



SEPTEMBER WAS MEMBERSHIP MONTH!

You may have noticed us in the hallway on a few occasions answering questions, encouraging patrons to join the Club, and assisting with the process! We held a proper British “Afternoon Tea” to celebrate on September 23rd! It was very well-attended with lots of lovely finger food, homemade pastries with Earl Grey and Yorkshire tea! We even had a handsome British guard to keep us all on our toes, and were serenaded by Pete and his wonderful guitar! Thank you to all the volunteers who made this lovely event possible! You really make the Club a fun and lively place to be!

