

WAC NEWS



Washtenaw Alano Club Bi-Monthly Newsletter

WAC: 50 YEARS OF SERVICE



Our Club was founded 50 years ago, when a small group of people in recovery decided this area needed an Alano Club and began the process of creating what we have today.

After several years of work establishing ourselves as a nonprofit business, we finally found our first home on Fourth Avenue in 1975. This is where the first Al-Anon and AA meetings of our Club were established, and social events began. However, in the 70's this area of town was not exactly family-friendly. So, we started looking for a new location.

In 1978, the members settled in an office building on Packard Road for a short period of time, followed by the move to the State Street Club, which many of our Club patrons still remember. We had dances, played cards, started softball and volleyball teams, and continued building on what our founders started. We stayed on State Street from 1980 until 1987 when we were notified that our lease would not be renewed, the property was going to be used for other purposes, and we had 60 days to vacate.

Scrambling to find a new home, we discovered the Ann Arbor School Board was selling 995 N. Maple Road (our current location). We were not the highest bidder but were granted the bid because of our mission: to serve the community. We now own our property and have called it home ever since.

Fast forward to 2019 - we get to celebrate this achievement, the people who have participated, and the opportunity to serve the recovery community, 50 years strong.

Please join us for the big celebration on **Saturday, September 14th starting at 2:00pm**. Enjoy a catered meal, family-friendly activities, the "WAC: 50 Years of Service" movie, open speakers, and much more.

Tickets are for sale at the counter for \$5 in advance, and \$7 at the door. Free tickets are available to those who can't pay and are willing to volunteer at the event.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All are welcome to join ANY committee. Committees meet monthly and the meetings start at 6:30 pm.

- Building and Grounds Committee meets 1st Monday of the month
- Communications 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 2nd Thursday of the month
- Governance Committee is an *ad hoc* Committee, that meets as needed.

Upcoming Club Events

4TH of JULY PICNIC

Thursday, July 4th at 1:00 pm.

Join us for our annual 4th of July Picnic! Burgers and hot dog dogs provided, potluck, 50/50 raffle.

Bring your friends, a dish to pass if you can, and enjoy the fun & fellowship!

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, July 18th at 6:30 pm.

Join us for pizza and hear what's going on at the Club!

LABOR DAY PICNIC

Monday, September 2nd at 1:00 pm.

Join us for our annual Labor Day Picnic! Burgers and hot dogs provided, potluck. Bring your friends, a dish to pass if you can, and enjoy the fun & fellowship!

50th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Saturday, September 14th

2:00pm "WAC: 50 Years of Service"

Movie Showing

3:00pm Magic Show

3:30pm Catered Dinner

4:15pm Speaker Panel

5:15pm Sobriety Countdown and 50/50 Raffle

5:30pm "WAC: 50 Years of Service"

Bounce house, dunk tank, music, dinner, movie, outdoor games, and historical story boards. **Please join us for the big party! Buy your tickets at the counter!**

"Junk & Disorderly" Jewelry and Accessory Sale

The Club's "Junk & Disorderly" Jewelry and Accessory sale is back again!

Have jewelry, handbags, or accessories you no longer need and would like to donate to the sale? Please bring them to the Club!

The sale will take place **Saturday, August 31st from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, and Sunday, September 1st from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.**

All proceeds of the sale benefit the Washtenaw Alano Club.

We have plenty of volunteer opportunities available. Join a committee or see staff to get involved! Thank you for your service!

T-Shirt Design Contest

Want to participate in the Club's T-Shirt Design Contest?

We are looking to our artistic friends to submit designs for our Commemorative 50th Anniversary T-Shirts that will be sold at the Club leading up to our celebration.

If you would like to participate in making designs representing the Club's 50 years of service, please follow these guidelines:

- Email a PDF of your design to wacmembership995@gmail.com.
- Designs must be one color, and only on the front of the T-shirt.
- Deadline:** Designs must be submitted by Wednesday, July 10th to be considered.
- All designs will be submitted to the 50th Anniversary Committee. **All designs will remain anonymous for voting.**
- The committee will narrow the submissions down to 2 designs.
- At the July 18th 6:30 pm Board Meeting, the membership will vote on which design will be used for our 50th Anniversary T-Shirts. The T-shirts will be available for sale prior to (and during) our 50th Anniversary Party.
- Designs that don't follow the above process will not be considered.

If you have any questions, contact Kristin at wacmembership995@gmail.com.

