

WAC NEWS



Washtenaw Alano Club Bi-Monthly Newsletter

HOLIDAY EDITION 2019



MANAGER'S RAMBLE PART II:



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As much as we can't believe it, the 2019 Holiday Season has arrived. Before you know it, every store from here to Texas will be playing the same Christmas music playlist on repeat ad nauseam. And don't even get me started on the Hallmark Christmas movies!

Some don't care for the holiday season because it can be difficult on many levels. Family relationships are tough; some have no family; some are working on their first sober holiday season; and so on.

Others love the festivities and look forward to the time with friends and family.

Most of us fall somewhere in between.

The good news is, no matter what category you fall in there's always a safe place to fall back on. The Club offers a warm and inviting place for recovering friends to gather and enjoy the holidays no matter what your circumstances are.

If this is your first sober holiday season, or if you struggle through the holidays in general, I'd like to lend a few reasons why staying sober through the holidays might be a good idea.

12 Reasons to Stay Sober through the holidays:

- 1.) You won't go to jail.
- 2.) You won't have to go to rehab. Again.

- 3.) You won't have to make that awkward confession to your sponsor.
- 4.) Your non-alcoholic family and friends won't be able to make fun of your drunken shenanigans.
- 5.) You won't wake up with permanent marker on your face.
- 6.) You won't have a "where am I, who is that?" moment when you wake up the next morning.
- 7.) You won't feel like hungover garbage the next day.
- 8.) The first 30 days... do you really want to do that again?
- 9.) Because your Club friends love you but will still roast you a little if you get stupid this holiday season.
- 10.) Because the Club will have 'round the clock meetings AND free holiday dinners. I'm not certain, but I think that sort of kills any relapse excuses.
- 11.) Because your sponsor said so.
- 12.) Because being sober is the bomb.

So please, stay sober. Don't be "That Guy!"

Kristin S. ☺

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

- Building and Grounds meets 1st Monday of the month
- Communications Team meets 2nd Tuesday of the month
- Social, Membership, & Fundraising Committees meets 2nd Thursday of the month
- Governance Committee is an *ad hoc* Committee, that meets as needed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 21st
6:30pm

Join us at our monthly Board meeting. Pizza provided! **There is no Board Meeting in December.**

HOLIDAY ALKATHONS

Thanksgiving: Nov. 27th 10:00 pm – Nov. 28th 11:59pm.

Christmas: Dec. 24th 10:00 pm – Dec. 25th 11:59pm.

New Years: Dec. 31st 10:00 pm – Jan. 1st 11:59pm.

HVAI will be hosting their annual Alkathons at the Club with 'round the clock meetings. Call HVAI to have your group sponsor a time slot.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thursday, November 28th
1:00pm

Bring a dish to pass or volunteer to cook a turkey!

GIVING TUESDAY FUNDRAISER

Tuesday, December 3rd
Keep the Club in mind for Giving Tuesday! Flyers to come!

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Wednesday, December 25th
6:30pm

Bring a dish to pass!



UPCOMING VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Need community service hours? Looking for service work? Want to show some support for the Club? Trying to get out of trouble with your sponsor? We've got you covered!

1.) **Thanksgiving & Christmas Dinner:** Bring a main dish, a side dish, cook a turkey we will provide, help with clean up. We will find you a job!

2.) **Christmas Tree Sale:** We will be in high need of volunteers to help customers buying trees at busy times when staff is unavailable. See the sign-up sheet coming soon.



"You will find that it is necessary to let things go; simply for the reason that they are heavy."

ANGEL'S NIGHT FUN

