

# WAC NEWS




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## Washtenaw Alano Club Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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### Nan Stratos

I was driving around in my car. I had been drinking for 3 solid days and was sure I was going to be fired from my job for no call/no show. I wanted to go to the bar, but I knew that the chances of blacking out again were very high and in that divinely-inspired moment of clarity I knew that I had no control over what would happen to me if I picked up another drink. It was 1981.

I had heard about the Club on State St., in an earlier attempt to quit drinking, so I drove there. A man behind the counter said, "I'm sorry but were closed." (This was before we had noon meetings, or 5:35 meetings.) I guess the look on my face was enough to alert him to my troubles because he called someone who helped me get into treatment that afternoon.

Thank God the Club was there, the door was open, and there was help inside.

I hope that will always be true! The Club is a unique place and I've learned not to take its existence for granted! The Club is not a treatment center, it is not a church, it is not even AA. Its mission is to provide a safe space where help and support for recovery exists every day of the year!

When we lost the lease on the State St. Club and had to find new digs, the Higher Power guided us all the way. That is how, in 1987, we acquired our current property at 995 N. Maple, and we've never had to worry about losing a lease since! I still marvel at the fact that we own 4 beautiful acres in the midst of this vibrant city!

My story of sobriety involves a couple of relapses along the way but when I've been willing and able to reach out for help, the Club and the very special people in it, have been there. May my heart always be full of gratitude for that.

Today, by the grace of God, I have been sober for 12 years and my home group is at the Club. I currently serve on the Board of Directors at the Club and several committees. I also work behind the counter and absolutely love the opportunity to see so many of you coming in for meetings. You are the highlight of my life and are the reason I am enjoying my retirement years so much! The Club rocks!

*Thank you for always being there!*

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month
- Communication Team meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month
- Social Committee meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month
- Membership Committee meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month
- Fundraising Committee meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month
- 50th Anniversary Committee meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month
- Governance Committee is an *ad hoc* Committee, that meets as needed.

## Upcoming Club Events

### MOVIE NIGHT

**Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**  
**Watching "Robin Hood!"** (On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month we host either a game night or movie night at 7:00 pm in the Recovery Room).

### ST PATRICKS DAY PARTY

**Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.**  
 Please join us for our St. Patrick's Day Party! Irish Potluck and Movie, showing "The Committments." Watch for a sign up sheet for dish to pass!

### BOARD MEETING

**Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm.** Join us for pizza and hear what's going on at the Club!

### GAME NIGHT

**Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**  
**Join us for fun and games!** (On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month we host either a game night or movie night at 7:00 pm in the Recovery Room).

### ANNUAL MEETING

**Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.**  
 We will be voting to fill the 3 Board seats that open each year. Look for the nominee list in March. Join us for pizza. Share your voice. And vote at our Annual Meeting!

## MARCH MATCH 2019

It's March Match fundraising time and we need your help!

As a non-profit, self-funded organization, the Club generates the funds to pay the staff, taxes, building utilities, supplies, repairs, improvements, events, and everything else needed to operate. We generate those funds through meeting rent, profits from the concession stand, contributions, and fund-raisers. We have more than 1000 patrons come to the Club each week to attend the meetings we host. We want to keep providing a space for the recovery community and to do that we need help. Financial help.

We've set a goal of raising \$30,000 through the March Match program - our biggest fundraiser of the year. Generous donors have committed \$15,000 to match every donation from March 1st through March 25th, dollar for dollar. If you donate \$25, the Club will receive \$50.



Last year, we were able to repair the parking lot and rebuild the patio with the help of funds raised during the March Match. If you like what we've done, help us do more. This year, we want to update the men's room and update the boiler.

Please support the Club that has supported you. Please help make sure we can continue to be here for the next newcomer who needs a place to hang out and attend meetings. Please challenge yourself to donate in an amount that reflects your gratitude and your budget. All donations help. You can donate by making a contribution at the concession stand, through PayPal at [washtenawalano.club](https://www.washtenawalano.club), or through our Facebook fundraiser. If you use Facebook, please share our fundraiser so others can give!

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*Thank you for caring about the Washtenaw Alano Club  
 and expressing your gratitude by making a contribution  
 that will help keep the doors open.*

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