

WAC NEWS



Washtenaw Alano Club Bi-Monthly Newsletter

UPDATE ON CLUB OPERATIONS



As you all know, things at the Club have been very different since the pandemic hit.

First, we had to make the difficult but necessary decision to close

the Club in accordance with CDC recommendations and State mandates from March 14th to June 15th, 2020. During that time, many meetings went online, and the people of the Club had to stay connected primarily virtually. It was truly amazing to see what our community would do to keep each other afloat.

After a long three-month closure, we were able to reopen our doors to in-person meetings on a limited basis. Capacity restrictions, mask requirements, and social distancing measures were implemented as recommended by state and public health officials. Hours were temporarily reduced until the Club was back to full staff and had a better idea of how operations would look during a pandemic.

Fast forward to June 2021, as vaccines become widely available and community spread continues to decrease, statewide COVID-related restrictions are being lifted. As such, restrictions at the WAC are being lifted as well.

Starting June 22nd, capacity restrictions (both indoors and outdoors) and mask requirements are being lifted. Meeting rooms now look like they did pre-pandemic, with multiple meeting tables and additional seating. We encourage

unvaccinated individuals to continue wearing a mask indoors.

As a result of restrictions lifting, we are also resuming social events and in-person Board and Committees Meetings.

The past 16 months have been incredibly trying for many. We are lucky to have such a supportive community at the WAC to get through these times together.

Thank you all for your patience and cooperation with COVID related restrictions, for looking out for one another, and for keeping the recovery community united.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All are welcome to join ANY committee. Committees meet monthly.

- Building and Grounds: July 5th 6:30PM (1st Monday of each month)
- Communications Team: July 20th 7:00PM (3rd Tuesday of each month)
- Social, Membership, & Fundraising Committees: July 8th 6:30PM (2nd Thursday of each month)
- Governance Committee is an *ad hoc* Committee, that meets as needed.
- The newly formed Historical Committee will announce their meeting day/time in the near future.

Upcoming Club Events

FLYING BLIND PERIOD

Thursday, July 1st at 7:00 pm.

Join us to hear Jim B., Akron Intergroup Archivist, discuss AA's "Flying Blind Period," from December 1934 (when Bill W gets sober) to April 1939 (when the Big Book is published).

JULY 4TH PICNIC

Sunday, July 4th 12:00pm

Join us for the return of our annual July 4th Picnic! Burgers and hot dogs provided, potluck. Bring your friends, a dish to pass if you can, and enjoy the fun & fellowship!

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, July 15th and

Join us at our monthly Board meeting to hear what's happening at the Club. July will be our first month resuming in-person Board meetings since the pandemic began. The Board Meeting will be accessible via Zoom (Zoom ID: 9464769052 Password: wac995). Pizza provided!
There is no Board meeting in August.

DEXTER ANN ARBOR (DXA2) CHARITY RUN

AUGUST 15H

The WAC is a charity partner for the DXA2 run. Contributions can be made at runsignup.com/Race/67241/Charity/9901 or when registering. We will need volunteers to help out at the event. Watch for information on WAC walkers at the DXA2 5K! More info at: dxa2.com

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

At the May 2021 Annual Membership Meeting, new Board Members Paul Wickstrom and Kristin Sample were elected to the Board. Neils Schmidt was reelected for another term. The new officer and committee chair appointments on the Board are:

Khalid Hanifi: President and Governance Committee Chair
Tom Feight: Vice President and Communications Committee Co-Chair
Neils Schmidt: Treasurer and Membership Committee Chair
Kristin Sample: Secretary
Kathy Nohr: Fundraising Committee Chair
Julie Schrader: Social Committee Chair
Jeff Cox: Building and Grounds Committee Chair
Paul Wickstrom: Historical Committee Chair and Communications Co-Chair

Andy Neering resigned from the Board and a new Director will be appointed to fill out the rest of his term. The new appointment will be announced at the July Board Meeting. Thank you, Andy, for your dedication and service to the WAC! Your time and talents are so appreciated!

Please consider joining a committee! We have a lot of projects going on that could use your help!

NEWLY FORMED HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

At the request of members, the WAC Board has begun creating the new Historical Committee. The Historical Committee is responsible for collecting, maintaining, cataloging, and displaying historical materials related to the WAC. These materials include open talk audio tapes, 50th anniversary video content, 50th anniversary story boards, and miscellaneous memorabilia. The committee will capture and preserve the history of WAC as it occurs, including old-timer interviews, recorded open talks, social event flyers & photos, and group events.

Anyone interested in helping preserve the history of the Club is encouraged to join the Historical Committee. Be on the look out for information about meeting day/time.