

**THE ALANO SOCIETY
OF SAWYER COUNTY.**

10339 Florida Ave.

Hayward Wisconsin



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**Alano Society membership elects
new board members.**

At its June 28th membership meeting, members who were present nominated and voted in three new board members. The new board members are Steve H., from Winter, WI and Punta Gordo, FL, and Rosie P. of Hayward. Existing board members are Barry H. of Hayward, Rick S. of Hayward and Jay H. from Sarona, WI. Also appointed to the board as member at large is Leatha S of Hayward. The new board met immediately after the elections and elected officers. These are President, Barry H., Vice President, Jay H., Treasurer, Rick S., Secretary and Rosie P. Outgoing President, Ryan P. and Treasurer Fran P. offer to serve the board during the transition. Additionally, Ryan P. will continue to serve the Club for various supply and maintenance needs.

**Alano Society reaches out to
Sawyer County Drug Court.**

The Alano Club has reached out to the Sawyer County Drug Court in a joint program designed to reduce recidivism among Drug Court participants. Many times, the Drug Court represents the last stop before prison for people who have broken County and City laws while abusing drugs and/or alcohol. It's a rigorous program that requires complete sobriety and supervised living by the Court system. Alano Club board members attend weekly Drug Court sessions and provide a strong contact and

support to the system participants. When a participant graduates from the Court, he/she is given a one year Alano Club membership, paid for by the Court. The Club then provides the graduate with a volunteer temporary contact who will bring them to club activities and into the right 12 Step program. Sawyer County Health and Human Services name drug and alcohol abuse as the biggest health problem facing the county. The Alano Club offers a solution.

Coffee Break

You have no doubt noticed that the coffee situation at the club is getting a little messy. The coffee maker was moved to the A.A. meeting room and groups were made responsible for their own supplies because the Club was not recouping its costs for this service. Groups often did not pay for the coffee they consumed. This is not working well because several groups are still not taking responsibility for the coffee at their own meetings and are taking coffee and supplies from other groups and often leaving the room and coffee maker dirty. Chapter Two of the A.A. Big Book tells us "THERE IS A SOLUTION" Board member Steve H. has offered the club a dispensing machine. This machine will dispense packets of coffee in a filter packet design. The coffee maker will be moved back to the Camel Café near the dispensing machine. A group can buy coffee from the machine for

\$1.00 per packet. A packet will make a pot of coffee. A slight mark-up on the coffee will allow the club to buy cups and condiments and provide them to meetings attendees. Problem solved? Let's hope so.

12 Step Groups

The coffee situation has brought to light the need for strong, well organized groups. We currently host 19 A.A., N.A. AL Anon and Double Trouble Groups per week and each is responsible for its own coffee making, finances, rent and clean-up of their room. Some groups have good leadership and some do not. Please make sure your group is responsible for its activities. If you have any question about the responsibilities of a group, please contact any board member.

Board member highlight

Each issue will feature a short bio of one of the Alano Club board members. This issue will feature our board president, Barry Hill.

Barry is a long time A.A. member but a relative newcomer to Hayward. He comes to us via Florida where he was active in the local Intergroup and A.A. District organization. He has served on three different Intergroup boards and brings a lot of experience to organizations such as ours. Barry is retired and anxious to give back some of what he has received. He can be reached at 715-462-4552.