

ALANO SOCIETY OF SAWYER COUNTY NEWSLETTER



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President's Message

By: Barry Hill

Thanks to the 20+ members who attended our annual membership meeting on April 12th. During the meeting we met our board members, including Steve H. who attended from Punta Gorda, FL via Skype. Barry H., board president, who gave a "State of the Club" speech, our treasurer, Rick S., who provided an update on the fiscal health of the Club, Leatha S., our secretary, gave us a report on the Club membership, Ean M., board member and our logistics expert, explained the process he uses to keep our Club supplied with the food and materials we need to provide services to our members and the 12 Step groups that meet in our building, and Steve H.'s attendance via Skype demonstrated that we can tap into the wealth of experience of our "snowbird" members to help run our Club. The strong attendance at this meeting proves that we have an active and vital membership and the future of the Club looks bright.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We are a community resource like no other. If you live in this area, you know that our biggest single health problem is addiction to alcohol and drugs. You may know that there were at least 4 alcohol/drug related deaths in the community in the past 12 months. We have more liquor licenses per resident than any county in the state. At any given time, our jail is full of men and women charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated, and Sawyer County has a higher rate of OWI's than almost any county in the state. Despite this

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Board Member Highlight

We will be electing four new board members in June of this year. Barry H., and Rick S. have completed their terms plus we have two board vacancies to fill. Steve H., Leatha S. and Ean M. will serve another year before their terms are complete. Our by-laws allow a board member to serve only two consecutive two-year terms. We currently have a nominating committee putting together a list of potential candidates for these openings. Nominations can also come from the floor at our June meeting. To be qualified for board membership, a candidate must be a Club member of two or more months and be clean and sober for 12 months and be active in his/her 12 Step program.

apparent problem, our County has little to offer the still suffering addict. We do not have a facility for detox nor do we have a county supported recovery facility. Our justice system has little choice but to incarcerate OWI offenders. Repeat offenders eventually end up in prison. The only effective community resource for alcoholics, addicts and their families is our own Alano Club. Let's reach out into the community and offer those who still suffer the same chance at recovery that we have.

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Al-Anon Alley

Hayward Al-Anon hosts the Al-Anon District 20 meeting.

On March 29th, 2014, members of four Al-Anon groups in District 20 met at the Hayward Serenity Club. District 20 covers the counties of Burnett, Sawyer and Washburn. Guest speakers were Heidi and Sue, both from District 15. They shared information about activities in the District including outreach and fundraising. Other activities include taking Al-Anon meetings to the county jail, sharing literature with local libraries,



phone information and activities with meetings in District 15. District 20 discussion focused on starting an Alateen meeting and improving outreach activities. Upcoming activities include the Area 61 Spring Assembly in May plus a district finance committee meeting on May 12.

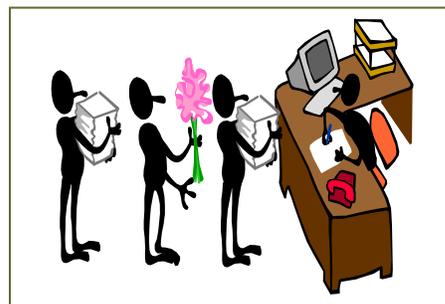
Job Opportunities: Immediate openings: 3rd Notice!

Our 12 Step Programs remind us that we need to continually reach out to others. We have been given a wonderful opportunity to give to others what has been so freely given to us. There are, of course, many ways to do this. Oftentimes, all we need to do is show up at meetings and greet others with a smile, but just as often, we need to give more of ourselves to keep the message viable in our community. For example, we have 26 group meetings per week, each of which needs help to function properly. Each Group needs a leader to assure the Club is open and coffee is made before

the meeting begins. Each group should also have a treasurer to keep the collections secure and pay the bills.

The Alano Club is landlord and host to all our 12 Steps Groups. Without the Club, our meetings would likely be held in Churches or public meeting halls. You can support the Club in a number of ways including donations, board service and support of Club activities. **Board elections will be held prior to our regular recovery dinner on June 28th.**

We have but one primary purpose, to carry the message to those who still suffer.



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