Downriver Alano - A Community of Unity

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DRAC Insider

Spring Craft & Vendor Show

Saturday, May 7th 10:00am-5:00 pm

We're very excited about our first Vendor & Craft show! We currently have 10 different vendors lined up

- Stay Mobile Venture LLC
- Mary Kay
- **Bowtastic Bows**
- AM Strong Photography
- Anshere Crafts

- Green Eyed Kat Studios
- Stanford House
- Laura's Creations
- Floyd's Collectible Coins
- 31 Gifts

Many Vendors will be setting up Friday night, for a Sneak Peek Preview, then doors open at 10am on Saturday. There will also be an outreach information booth. Anyone who would like to help with this, please let us know!



Bowling Fundraiser

Saturday, May 14th

- Poker Run Registration : 10AM
- ٠ Bike Blessing by HIM Ministry : 11AM
- Kickstands UP: 11:30AM Sharp FOLLOWED BY
- Doors Open at 5PM •
- Dinner at 6PM •
- Speaker "RWR #9, Heels" at 7:30 PM •
- Dance to follow

\$20 per Couple or \$12 Single includes all \$10.00 Each Dinner/Dance only

<u>Armed Forces Day BBQ</u>

Saturday, May 21st

We'll be celebrating our Vets on Armed Forces Day!! Any Member who is a Veteran will be treated to a free BBQ Meal!! All others are welcome to join us for our regular low prices.



Chairman's Corner

We still need volunteers to help sort through the chimney bricks, and help haul off the ones that are no good. We want to get this done before the events this weekend. If you have wheelbarrows we can use, that would be greatly appreciated!!

-Lanny

Saturday, May 28th 7:00PM

\$20 Each or 4 for \$75

Includes 3 games of bowling, pizza, and shoe rental!

Separate Michigan Game Tickets Raffle

Other Exciting raffles as well!

Then follow us back to the club for a night of Euchre

This fundraiser will support replacing our commercial ice maker

and parking lot repair. It's to benefit us all, so please come out

and show your support!!

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Spring Clean Up Story

Pictures will be posted on our Website's Events Page

We had such an amazing turnout for our spring clean up this year, and got so much accomplished!

- In the middle Room we:
 - Reorganized Storage Closet
 - Moved all furniture to stage area or outside
 - Stripped the old wax
 - Mopped the floors (yes, multiple times)
 - Laid down 2 layers of sealant
 - Laid down and buffed 4 layers of wax
 - Replaced all furniture
- Outside we:
 - Picked up all trash in parking lot and field
 - Mowed large field
 - Removed weeds from all parking blocks
 - Temporarily filled largest hole in driveway with debris
 - Cleaned gutters
 - \circ Cleaned flower beds & planted flowers
- On the Porch we:
 - Sanded all benches
 - Re-stained the benches
 - Re-painted above doorway and entrance
 - Cleaned and Painted the Porch floor (half-way so far)

A special Thank you to **Dave V** along with Mike P and James A. for the amazing job tearing down our crumbling chimney!!

Please join us in giving a big thank you to the following volunteers and if we missed anyone please accept our thanks!

- Al S
- Gay HJeremy

• Mike

Mike H

- Becca Lynette
- Brian ?

Angie

• Chris G

Dave

- Dan P
 - Mike MQ

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- Rita
- Russ M
- Sean
- Steve S
- Tim T



Spring Craft and Vendor Fair

Saturday, May 7th 10am-5pm

The perfect place to shop for the Moms, Dads, and Grads in your life. We already have many vendors signed up, with everything from Fly-Solo custom t-shirts, to 31 Purses, to Mary Kay, to coins, and much more! There's still time to reserve your space, but spots are filling up fast! You don't want to miss this one!

From your Board and Committees

Financial Secretary's Membership Report

We have around 125 members currently.

The members in good standing numbers will rise quickly as dues are paid through the 10^{th} .

To be eligible for the Monthly Appreciation drawing, your dues must be paid in full by the 10th each month. -Kim D

> Dues are: \$10 monthly \$50 for 6 months \$100 for a year

Birthday & Milestone Celebrations

Belly Button Birthdays May 18th Amber L Paul K Sober / Clean Birthdays May 15th Joe B. May 20th Bruce B May 25th Amber L.

Don't forget to stop in the club for your free birthday coffee or soda!

If you have a birthday or sober date to celebrate and aren't listed, please let us know so we can contact you. These dates come from your membership card information

<u>NEW WEBSITE</u>

If you didn't know, the club has a new website. You can find meeting times, Current Events, Upcoming Events, and more. You can even pay dues (*through PayPal's secure site using your paypal or credit card*) or sign up for events online. <u>www.downriveralano.com</u>

Trustees Sound Off

Mike H wants to remind everyone to get their bowling fundraiser tickets early! I'm talking to you too, fellow board members!

Mike O wants to remind everyone that taking out an ad in the newsletter is a great way to help your business and the club at the same time!

KiKi G want to remind everyone to come out for the Recoving Womens' Riders (RWR) Revvin into Spring on May 14th. Event begins with a Blessing and Ride in the morning, and concludes with a speaker and dinner in the evening. For more information, see the flier on the board or our website.

Activities Committee

Next Activities Committee Meeting: Wednesday, May 25th, 7pm

At this meeting we will be finalizing plans for the Bowling Fundraiser, as well as beginning prep for the Pig Roast in August. Every Member is welcome to participate!

We desperately need more help on activities!! I will be out of town in June, and need everyone's help to keep things rolling -Becca





Anyone interested in ordering Mary Kay can find a booklet behind the counter. Orders are delivered within a week, and you pay when the order comes in.

12 Step News

Downriver Unity Group of AA

Mid-day and evening meetings can still use support. Don't forget, there is now a Monday

meeting at 7:30!

Welcome Home Downriver NA Group

Business Meeting Friday 12th at 8-8:40pm The business meeting is held on Friday before the 2nd Sunday each month.

Many days still need support, such as people willing to open. If you have the willingness, please contact Doug T.

Open Speaker Meeting held on the Last Thursday of each month.

Al/Nar-Anon

We have had many calls recently from people interested in attending an Alanon or Naranon meeting. If you know of anyone who would be interested in starting this type of meeting, PLEASE contact us!



12 Step Coordinator Needed

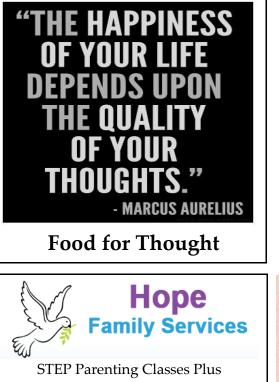
The newsletter needs a coordinator for both AA and NA to ensure that events planned will not conflict with upcoming AA or NA events. If you would be interested in helping, please let us know!

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	6:00 pm	AA		6:00 pm	AA
	7:30 pm	NA		8:00 pm	NA
	10:00 pm	AA		10:30 pm	AA
	12:00 am	AA		12:00 am	AA
Monday	10:30 am	AA	Friday	10:30 am	AA
	1:00 pm	AA		1:00 pm	AA
	4:00 pm	NA		7:00 pm	AA
	7:30 pm	AA		9:00 pm	NA
	10:00 pm	AA		12:00 pm	AA
	12:00 am	AA			
Tuesday	10:30 am	AA	Saturday	10:30 am	AA
	1:00 pm	AA		1:00 pm	AA
	4:00 pm	NA		6:30 pm	AA
	7:30 pm	AA		9:00 pm	NA
	10:00 pm	AA		12:00 pm	AA
	12:00 am	AA			
Wednesday	10:30 am	AA	Would you like to start a new		
	1:00 pm	AA			
	7:00 pm	NA	meeting? Talk to a member of the board to find out how!		poord
	10:00 pm	AA			Juaru
	12:00 am	AA	to find out now:		

Know of an area event happening with a 12 step program? Please let us know so we can help spread the message!



Humor & Tidbits



& Anger Management

To register call 734-775-2476 or check <u>www.hopefamilyservicemi.com</u> for dates, times, locations and fees

Register online and save 10%

Must attend all classes and complete required homework. Certificate awarded upon completion.

> White Glove Cleaning Service

Kristen Grauman Residential / Commercial

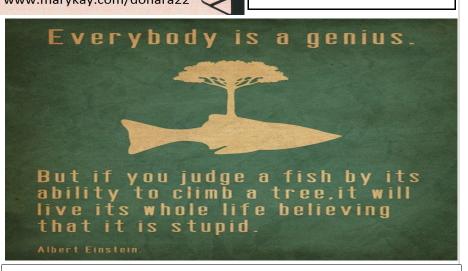
Cell: 313-627-9761



<u>Craft & Vendor's</u> <u>Fair Coming in</u> <u>May!!</u>

If you make jewelry, or other crafts, if you have unique items to sell, if you sell home based business items such as Mary Kay, Thirty One, Avon, Scentsie (just to name a few), you won't want to miss this one. We will limit space to one of each sales type (there won't be competing Mary Kay vendors). You'll want to get your spot reserved early to not be left out!

Time is running out!



If you receive *government assistance* and would like a **free phone** (get a phone every 60 days) with 500 minutes and unlimited texting:

Contact Nicole 313-989-5768

Volunteer Opportunities

Activities Committee

One of the easiest ways to help the Club is to become involved in the Activities Committee. Joining this committee does not obligate you to do every part of every event, but it helps expand our pool of volunteers and bring new ideas about.

Throughout the year, we work on many things. From small things like football squares, to larger events, such as our yearly pig roast.

We brainstorm ideas, maintain a calendar of events, and plan a budget. Sometimes we cook, clean, decorate, host events and coordinate with other Alano clubs.

If you feel you can do any of these things, we would love to have you join us. You can do this simply by leaving your name with the counter-help, or attend one of our meetings. There is no minimum clean time required to get involved, and no money needed to help.

-Becca, Activities Chair



Chairman's Committee

There are currently several issues in the Club that need attention. We have replaced several ceiling lights, fixed a couple faucets, and removed the crumbling chimney from the roof. We still need to build corner shelves for member cups, fix a few faucets, and look at some wiring. If you have skills in any of these areas, please let us know.

-Lanny

Volunteer Newsletter Staff

As you can see, we are working on updating and making changes to our newsletter. We would also like to be able to make more copies each month, to increase circulation.

Currently, we need volunteers to:

- Check with people who run home based or standard businesses to place ads
- Coordinate with meetings about 12 step news or meeting announcements
- Seek out original poetry, essays or artistry on any aspect of recovery
- Distribute newsletter to other area clubs
- Interview board members for current news or comments

Anyone interested in helping put together future newsletters, find people interested in advertising, or conducting interviews on a variety of topics, please contact me so we can add some variety and spice to our news.

Volunteers need to be willing to commit to at least a three month term, but there's really not a ton of work that has to be done. This generally amounts to a couple hours a month.

- Becca

Area Alano Club Events

Macomb County Alano Club

(586-465-3151) May 14th Euchre Tournament 7pm \$5 buyin 21st Pool tournament 7pm registration \$5.00 28th Karaoke at 8pm

Memorial Day BBQ

30th BBQ from 2-4 pm Softball before call for times

Southwest Alano Club Mother's Day

bake sale

Next month is our annual Fund-raiser! Tickets available at the counter, both at Southwest Alano, and Downriver Alano Clubs

Contact: Gary 313-529-1298 Jerry 313-522-3510

Alano Club Alliance Information

All Alano Club Alliance addresses and phone numbers are located on our official bulletin board.

If you're out and about, stop in and visit these other clubs as well!

Metro-West Alano Club

(313-286-3622) nothing to report this month

> Eastside Alano Club (586-757-9123)

No events to report

Serenity Club (248-738-1374)

1st Saturday Dance

7th :Dinner @ 5pm, bring a dish to pass Dance @ 6 22nd BBQ Sunday 2pm Bring a dish to pass "Voices of Recovery" Group

Also look for bingo, call for times

Northwest Alano Club

(734-727-4725)

No answer

Oakland County Alano Club

(248-391-8995) Memorial Day Alcathon meeting every hour, and food upstairs

PC Alano Club

Cinco de Mayo Celebration Saturday afternoon May 7th 2pm – 5pm with open talk @ 7 Karaoke to follow

Washtenaw County Alano Club

(734-668-8138) No Answer

Western Wayne

Alano Club (734-941-3941) We hold a breakfast meeting every Sunday at 9:00am AA meeting follows at 9:30am

23810 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, MI 48124 (313) 561.1419

ANNO

Clothing & Tailoring, Inc.

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mannoclothing.com

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