

Live & Let Live



Alano Club

Dear Member,

March 2007

This Sunday, March 25th, is the **Walk for Recovery**. . . This 3-mile walk in Balboa Park is a fundraiser in which the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Recovery Alliance, made up of LLLAC, Stepping Stone, GMSR, Lambda Retreat and the Lesbian Retreat combine forces to raise money for the walk itself and then split the proceeds. . . **It is not too late to sign up** at the website for this: <http://www.walkforrecovery.org>. When you sign up, be sure to sign up on the **LLLAC team** within the Recovery Alliance page. . . **this fun event is followed by a festival afterwards**. . .

Easter is only two weeks away! Join your LLLAC and the Gay Men's Spiritual Retreat, co-hosts for **dinner and dessert**...and. . . **the annual outrageous Easter Bonnet parade** (have you designed yours yet??). ..Tickets are available, \$10 each, at the coffee bar, from Board members, or at the door...Easter Sunday, April 8, at **2 p.m.**

Live and Let Live Alano Club's 24th anniversary celebration is the first Saturday in May. . . mark your calendar for this **free** event. . .and to volunteer to help put it together, see Kris. . . the **planning committee** will meet this Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the coffee bar. . . A male and a female speaker are always designated for the meeting that follows the feast, and Joan S., approaching **50 years of sobriety**, will be one speaker, the other yet to be named. . .

"...with smelling salts and a rose" is how Kris, Club manager, says he is approaching meeting groups about the change from the deep-drawer filing cabinets to more compact airport-style lockers for meeting gear. . .there are 24 locker compartments, about one cubic foot each. . .very small meetings may have to forego storage at the club. . . The filing cabinets are being replaced to provide more meeting room and. . .the Board of Directors hopes. . .more pleasing décor, part of ongoing renovations. . .Most alano clubs do not provide storage for meeting gear; meeting leaders are responsible for this.

Serenity Case inventory is about to be augmented. . .more big books and big print big books will be available. . .current price is \$7.50 and \$8, respectively. . . the textbook for the Wednesday night **Big Book Awakening meeting** may be made available also. . . Selling these in the coffee bar may ease the squeeze on storage for group meetings, and will be no less—and perhaps more—convenient for individuals to buy. . .

This month, the Board of Directors sent an **email message to members** for whom it has an online address.. .approximately 130. . .some were not delivered because the email address apparently was not **up to date**. . .Delivering notices of events and the monthly newsletter by email will be the method of choice, but we **count 239 members this month**. .please verify your email and/or snail-mail addresses so we can keep in touch with you. . .past practice of delivering notices and newsletters via the cups is inefficient. . .announcements in meetings miss some of you. . . **Help!** . . .

Membership. . .some have asked how to join the Club. . . **Membership applications** are available in the coffee bar, atop the display case. . .these serve several purposes:

1. **Use them to join**. .fill them out and give them to the person at the coffee bar along with your dues; **or mail the completed form with check** as indicated on the form;
2. **Use them to pay your dues**, same as above, at the coffee bar or by mail;
3. **Use them to update** your addresses, phone numbers, email...

Monthly Service Award goes to Bailey, for volunteering her professional time and expertise toward a new design for the coffee bar. . . she presented her ideas prior to the March Board of Directors meeting. . .the design can be incrementally realized as funds and other matters are resolved, if the Board of Directors approves. . .

Kudos also to Paul Z, who cleaned the floors, etc. in the coffee bar this month. . .and appreciation as always to **Linda B.** and to **Bruce S.** for their commitments to working the coffee bar regularly and on call. . .

Would this Club be able to exist without rumors?? Some rumors are going around about various aspects of redecorating the place, and about the lease itself. . .Your comments and your questions are very welcome, especially if you bring them to members of the Board for consideration. . . A member did just that last week and he was put on the Board meeting agenda for his presentation, but a mixup about the presence or absence of one board member caused him to delay his presentation until next month. . .(You heard it here!). . .