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# ANONYMOUS PEOPLE

Official Newsletter of the Alano Club of Battle Creek

## Reflections on resilience

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD

BY BRANDI CLANTON, PRESIDENT

Welcome to our newsletter! As the board president of the Alano Club, my vision is to foster a safe, supportive, and welcoming environment where everyone can thrive in their recovery journey. Whether you're new to recovery, at a crossroad, or have been on this path for years, please know that we are here to walk alongside you.

Exciting changes are happening within our club, and my hope is that we continue to uplift and encourage one another, creating a strong community that embraces every individual from their very first step through every stage of their growth. Together, we can build a place of recovery that inspires hope, healing and connection for all who walk through our doors. Recovery is a journey, and I hope you find joy, strength, and support along the way. Thank you for being part of our community—we are stronger together.



Now that your mind is open,  
let your passion for a new  
day burn so bright it makes  
the moon jealous. Rise early,  
or let the blessing of a day  
full of miracles slip away.

—Alicia Barry

**REGISTER TODAY!  
TRAININGS &  
WORKSHOPS  
DEC 3 & 11**

## Save the Date: Suicide Prevention

JOIN US FOR AN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP  
Save the Date: On December 4 at 6:00 p.m., Summit Pointe will host an interactive and informative Suicide Prevention Workshop designed to equip participants with the knowledge and tools to make a difference. This engaging session will explore the warning signs of suicide, common misconceptions, and practical ways to support those in need. Attendees will gain valuable wisdom to help prepare themselves and others in recognizing and responding to a crisis. The workshop will also feature giveaways and resources to take home. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your understanding and help foster a more supportive, informed community. See Alicia B. for info 269-420-0353.



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## Up & Coming

Nov 28

Meeting Marathons

Nov 30

Recovery Night

Dec 3

Giving Tuesday

Dec 4

Suicide Prevention Workshop

Dec 7

A.C.E. Breakfast

Dec 11

Narcan Training

Dec 14

Kids Christmas

Sundays

Lions Football-Events Room



**GIVING TUESDAY DEC. 3**

## Dedication beyond measure

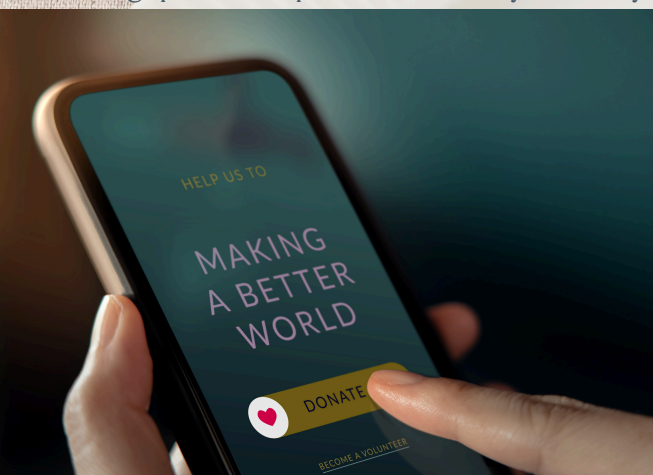
ACTS OF SERVICE THAT COME FROM ABOVE

At our Alano Club, we're fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers who keep our space welcoming and safe, but there is one individual who truly stands out. Every day, Shannon V. can be found making sure everything is organized, and ready for those who rely on our space as a refuge on their journey to recovery. Whether she's planning an epic event or lending a helping hand to someone new, her dedication radiates through every corner of our club. With a seemingly endless supply of energy and compassion, Shannon has become an irreplaceable part of our community. Her commitment goes beyond simply keeping the club feeling upbeat its best—she brings a warm, welcoming spirit that inspires us all! Thank you for all you do!



**"Shannon, a good woman, whether inside this club or outside of it" - Alicia B.**

**Join the Journey to volunteer:  
Contact Dan S.  
at 269-843-3125**



## Give Butter - A call to action

TOGETHER WE STRENGTHEN ONE GIFT AT A TIME

We're thrilled to introduce Give Butter, our new donor management platform that's helping us take our fundraising efforts to the next level! This powerful system makes it easy for our supporters to stay engaged—sign up for our newsletter, stay informed on our latest updates, donate with ease, and share our mission through social media. With Give Butter, we're building a stronger, more connected community of supporters who believe in the transformative power of recovery and connection. Please make Giving Tuesday your start using our website to be part of this impactful journey!

## Table of Hope: Recovery Kitchen Project

BUILDING HOPE: TRANSFORMING LIVES

The Alano Club is excited to launch Table of Hope, a community kitchen project designed to unite people from all backgrounds with a shared mission of recovery, support, and connection. Our vision is to create a welcoming space where individuals in recovery can join hands with the community to cook, serve, and celebrate milestones together. With a fully functional kitchen and an inviting event area, Table of Hope will host gatherings, workshops, and events for anyone who needs a place to feel connected. We are currently raising funds to make this dream a reality, and we invite you to visit our website to support our cause. Whether through financial contributions, social engagement, or by simply sharing our message on your social media, your support can help us build a stronger, more compassionate community. Stay informed and join us in bringing hope to the table!







## A.C.E. Alano Club Entertainment

FINDING JOY IN RECOVERY, ONE EVENT AT A TIME

The Alano Club Entertainment committee is dedicated to bringing joy and connection into recovery through a variety of fun and engaging events. From themed recovery nights and community breakfasts to interactive activities, this volunteer-led group ensures there's always something exciting to look forward to. Their mission is simple: to help people in recovery discover that a fulfilling and enjoyable life is not only possible but can be filled with shared laughter, new friendships, and memorable moments. Join us and see how much fun recovery can be! Reach out to the chair Shannon V. at 269-788-7900 to be a part of this amazing committee.



## A joyful holiday for our kids

HELP CELEBRATE OUR ANNUAL KIDS' CHRISTMAS

The holiday season is here, and we're excited to invite you to our annual Kids' Christmas event on Saturday, December 14, at 1:00 p.m. This magical event is free of charge and includes festive crafts, delicious food, and a visit from Santa himself!

To make this day unforgettable for every child, we are seeking donations to ensure each child who signs up receives a special gift. We're also looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help bring the holiday spirit to life! Let's come together as a community to spread joy and cheer. Look for flyers on the event posted soon around the club. For more information or to contribute, please reach out to Shannon V. at 269-579-7448.

## Membership upgrades coming soon

BECOME A MEMBER AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Join the Alano Club of Battle Creek and be part of a community dedicated to recovery and connection. Memberships are available monthly, quarterly, or annually, with perks like discounts on events, merchandise, and event room rentals. Stayed tuned for more perks to come. Your membership supports our mission and helps provide vital resources to those in need. Ready to make an impact? Sign up today at [www.alanoclubbc.org](http://www.alanoclubbc.org) or ask for a membership committee member to find out more about what it means to become a member of the Alano Club of Battle Creek!





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## Pathways to Wisdom

JOIN US FOR LIFE-SAVING NARCAN TRAINING!

Learn how to save a life with our upcoming Overdose Awareness and Narcan training session. During this interactive event, Nancy King, Executive Director of the COPE Network, will share her story, teach attendees what Narcan (naloxone) is and how to effectively administer it to someone experiencing an overdose. Participants will gain hands-on knowledge and confidence in using this vital tool. Light refreshments will be provided, and attendees will receive free giveaways! Don't miss this important opportunity to make a difference. For more information, contact Alicia B. at 269-420-0353. We hope to see you there on Dec 11!

## Being of service to God & to others

BRINGING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS TO MAKE A CHANGE

At the Alano Club of Battle Creek, we believe that positive change happens when people come together with a shared purpose. Right now, we're seeking passionate individuals to join us in making a difference by becoming part of one of our committees or volunteering their time and talents.

Whether you're interested in event planning, community outreach, fundraising, or helping grow our membership base, there's a place for you here. Joining the ACE Committee, Membership Committee, or Fundraising Committee—or participating in service work—means you'll play a crucial role in supporting our mission to create opportunities for recovery and connection.

Your involvement helps us host meaningful events, fund vital programs, and keep our club a welcoming space for all. By sharing your time and skills, you'll not only contribute to the recovery community but also make an impact that ripples out into the lives of countless individuals and families.

Be part of the change happening at the Alano Club. Together, we can continue to provide hope and healing to those who need it most. Interested in getting involved? Contact Dan S. today at (248) 843-3125 or visit [www.alanoclubbc.org](http://www.alanoclubbc.org) today to learn more about joining a committee or volunteering.

