



The New Valentine Alano Club

~ Newsletter ~



So much is GOING ON . . .

. . . It's TOO much to put on ONE Page

NewsLetter
Volume 1 #4
Date- 08/01/2023

~ **WE NEED YOUR JUNK** ~

**Donate your gently used STUFF to The
New Valentine for A Yard Sale
On Saturday, August 26th.**

**** See Page 2**

47th Year Anniversary!

Saturday September 16th

The Anniversary Dinner Is Back !

**** See Page 2**

Admitted [alcohol](#)
[amends](#) [asked](#) [care](#) [carry](#) [chapter](#) [complete](#) [continued](#)
[decided](#) [discouraged](#) [disorders](#) [ex](#) [claimed](#) [fearless](#)
[god](#) [guides](#) [hold](#) [honest](#) [human](#) [ideas](#)
[improve](#) [incapable](#) [inventory](#) [lives](#) [meditation](#)
[nature](#) [people](#) [perfect](#) [personal](#) [power](#) [practice](#)
[principles](#) [program](#) [Progress](#)
[ready](#) [recover](#) [remove](#) [result](#) [sought](#)
[spiritual](#) [steps](#) [thought](#) [tried](#) [turn](#) [understood](#)
[willing](#) [wrong](#) ...

*** Word Cloud created from "How It Works"

Thank You PETE G! For dedicating 4 Years of Service to Board Of Trustees !

~ Your Service has made The New Valentine a Better Place! ~

**** For more About Pete and his service, See Page 4.**

Table of Contents:

Yard Sale & Anniversary	Pg. 2
Thanks to The Roast	Pg. 3
Special Thanks Pete G	Pg 4
HELP	Pg.4
A Member's Musing	Pg. 5
Hashtag for NVAC	Pg. 6
For the Good of AA	Pg. 7
Gratitude List	Pg. 7
Meetings at NVAC	Pg. 8
Finance & Mission	Pg. 9

***Over \$1600 Raised for
The New Valentine.***

Thanks to the Knuckleheads Thursday Night Meeting, Bobby and Ashley L., Michael and his Roasting Talent, and SO MANY OTHERS who hosted the Gentleman's Pig and Lamb Roast.

*****See Page 3**

New Valentine has the COLOR of a New Look

The New Valentine has got a new look.
See What we look like NOW!

~ Pictures Throughout this NewsLetter ~

~ WE NEED YOUR JUNK ~

BECAUSE IT MIGHT BE SOMEONE ELSE'S TREASURE !

Donate your gently used STUFF to The New Valentine for~

We Are Looking for

- Gently used clothing
(*Especially Fall & Winter*)
- All kinds of Tools
- Light Furniture
(one person can carry)
- Small Appliances
(one person can carry)
- Dishes, glassware, Etc.
- Handbags, gym bags,
and Etc.
- Costume Jewelry
- Baby items, Childrens
Toys

**The New Valentine
Alano Club**

Yard Sale

Saturday, August 26th.

**Donations Can Be Delivered To Us
Or Picked up From You Between
Now and
Sunday, August 20**

Call

Thom B- 312-320-0658
New Valentine Club 773-843-0296

OR Email

Email - nvacmembers@yahoo.com

**Come Celebrate The New Valentine Alano Club's
*47th Year!***

Saturday September 16th

5:00 PM~ A Catered Dinner

Which Includes Our Famous DESSERT CART

6:30 pm A Special Anniversary Speaker

& A 50/50 Raffle, of course!

\$30.00 A Seat

****only 100 seats available *SO BUY NOW!***




**Food,
 FUN,
 Fellowship, and
 Live Music !**


The Gentlemen's Pig & Lamb Roast

On July 22 there were kids playing, AA fellowship, Live Music, Roasted Pig, Roasted Lamb, Home made Sausage and SOBER Fun for all.

AA's from all over the city pitched in to have the Gentleman's Pig and Lamb Roast at a beautiful venue– The Stockyards Garage on Root St.

It was so great to see kids playing, friends hanging out, and enjoying LIVE music on a sunny day along with some of (TRULY) the best bar-b-q around.

And \$3,300 (!) in Contributions

Went to Sister Ignatia House and The New Valentine Alano Club!

This really was an AMAZING (!) day.

Proving again the generosity of AA members

As well as . . .

"WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT!"

The New Valentine "New Look" ↓



↑
The
Lord's
Prayer

New Slogan
Signs
At the Side Door

Pete G.! A Very Special New Valentine THANK YOU!

It is sad for us to say:

Pete G. is leaving the Board Of Trustees after **4 YEARS** of Dedicated Service.

Pete was a steady influence as Vice President through-out the tough times of the Pandemic and afterward during a lot of upheaval at the Club. He was a well needed and respected guide for the new faces of the 2022 Board of Trustees because we all learned from his example of grace and compassion.

An outstanding Board member and human being. *Both of which he will try to deny.*

Thank You Pete

You have made The New Valentine a better Place!

Volunteering = Service

You can volunteer to be of Service to The New Valentine, TOO !

~ **HOW?** ~

Come to a meeting early OR stick around after ~

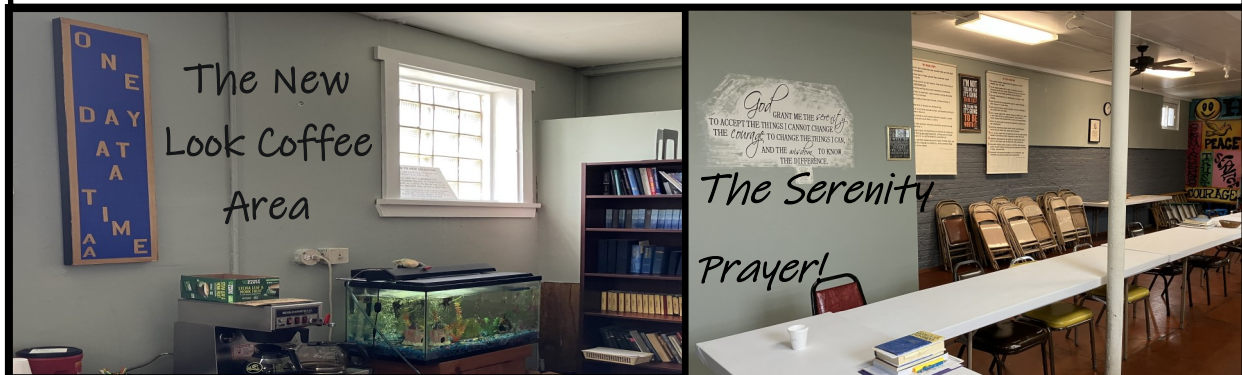
~ Be of service to newcomers ~ Chair a Meeting! ~ The Saturday Breakfast!

And, Of Course ~ Just Come On By

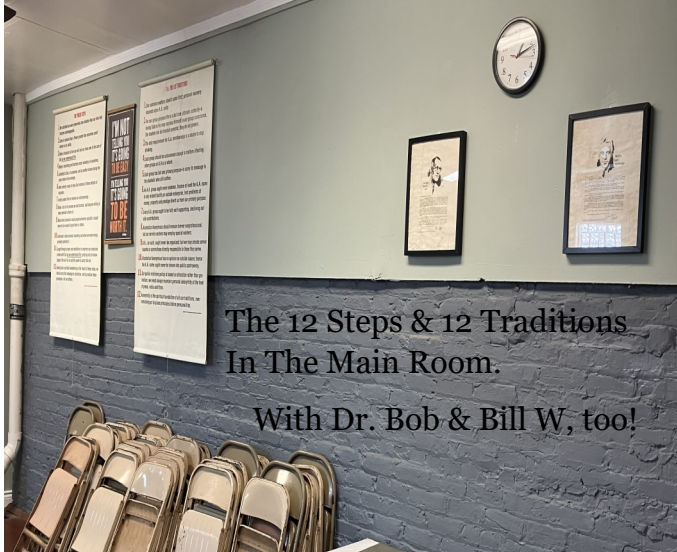
- Just come early for meetings at the club to greet fellow AA members.
- Stay a little bit after meetings.
- OR be at the club between meetings for our residents and for fellowship.

We are open daily 8:00 am to 10:00 PM, 7 days a week for all Club members.

Contact us for more info: <https://www.newvalentinealanoclub.com/>



The New Valentine "New Look"



Member's Musings

Thoughts from fellow AA Members

This month:

**Curtis C. -
LPAC**

Sometimes the only way out is going through.

So, remember . . .

When you are going through, you are on your way OUT.

If God brought you to it, God will take you through it.

Stop treating Prayer like a spare tire: Only pulling it out when you need it. Then, as soon as you don't need it, putting it back in the trunk until you need it again.

Pray without ceasing.

Is God surprised to hear from you because you seldom talk to God? Make a call today! Not on your phone, on your knees.

The best thing you can say to God right now is: God, I Trust You.

Allow God to interrupt your regularly scheduled program.

Hey, Curtis- Thank you !

.....
Email Address for
"Members Musings"



nvacmembers@yahoo.com
.....

This Month's **A Member's** **Musings:**

"Member's Musings" is your NewsLetterpage. SEND US YOUR CONTRIBUTION NOW!

Send us your thoughts about Your Experience, OR your Strength, OR your Hope in your sobriety

Just a short piece on any AA related thought of 400 words or less. You can send it to our email address Please include your first name and first letter of your last name to:

nvacmembers@yahoo.com

Anyone who receives The New Valentine NewsLetter is able to contribute.

HASHTAG #thenewvalentine !
Helping simply and effectively.

WHY?

Meeting attendance has been down since the pandemic, and as a way to bring people back to the rooms of AA for recovery we are introducing Hashtags, a proven cheap, **easy**, and effective, and a fun way to widen the reach of an organization. It will bolster meeting attendance and alert more AA's to support meetings and the newcomers. It is "the hand of AA" to those in need. In other words- AA (newcomers). It will also carry the news that The New Valentine, as a Sober Living Facility, is unique among other Alano Clubs .

We encourage everyone within the reach of this email to use the list of #'s relevant to sobriety-

HOW?

See the links below that will take you to our official FaceBook page. Start writing a post on our FaceBook page. Anything, such as, "At the Sunday meeting this morning. Lots of good insight on the Daily Reflection"

To effectively add a hashtag, you can add in the sentence and afterward.

"At the Sunday meeting #newvalentine this morning. Lots of good insight #grateful #recovery #powergreaterthanourselves #twelvesteps #twelvetraditions #alcoholism #drbob #billw #friendofbillw on the Daily Reflection"

#recoveryjourney #alcoholism #rehab #sobercommunity #love #nomatterwhatclub #cleanlife #addict #livingclean #recoveryisworthit

Adding any hashtag(s) in the middle of your post will enlarge the reach of your post. Any other sites that use the words of a hashtag may see you posting.

#thenewvalentine is certainly our main hashtag, as it will bring other posters back to our website and Facebook page. So, what The New Valentine does will be visible to a much larger audience. There is more visibility, a chance for more service work at the club, and we maintain our anonymity.

Won't you please help us spread the word. It is as easy as PIE

See below for links to our Facebook and the most popular hashtags to other recovery links associated with AA. Use one, use all, and make sure we use #thenewvalentine

Copy and paste The New Valentine FB link below

<https://rb.gy/6gymk>

#thenewvalentine

#recoveryjourney #alcoholism #rehab #recoverywarrior #drugfree
#sobercommunity #love #sobermom #recoverycommunity
#motivation #selflove #drugaddiction #hope #addictiontreatment
#recoveroutloud #basictext #nomatterwhatclub #cleanlife #selfcare
#addict #livingclean #recoveryisworthit #keepcomingback #healing
#serenity #twelvesteps #sober #grateful #recovery
#powergreaterthanourselves #twelvesteps #twelvetraditions
#alcoholism #drbob #billw #friendofbillw



*Scan above
for FB on
your phone*

For the Good of AA

Summer — Food — Fun — Fellowship

The New Valentine **Needs** ChairPersons

Wednesday at 8:00 PM & Saturday at 8:00 PM

BE OF SERVICE

~ WE NEED YOUR JUNK ~
BECAUSE IT MIGHT BE SOMEONE ELSE'S TREASURE!
 Donate your gently used **STUFF** to The New Valentine for **A Yard Sale On Saturday, August 26th.**

Donations Can Be Picked up From You or Delivered To Us Between Now and **Sunday, August 20**

We Are Looking for

- o Gently used clothing (Especially Fall & Winter)
- o All kinds of Tools
- o Light Furniture (one person can carry)
- o Small Appliances (one person can carry)
- o Dishes, glassware, Etc.
- o Handbags, gym bags, and Etc.
- o Costume jewelry
- o Baby items, Childrens Toys
- o Camping gear (very gently used)
- o Exercise Equipment (one person can carry)

Call
 From B- 312-320-0658
 New Valentine Club 773-843-0296

OR Email
 Email - nvacmembers@yahoo.com

The Yard Sale Day and Date:
Saturday August 26



Come Celebrate The New Valentine Alano Club's **47th Year!**

The Anniversary Is Back!

Saturday September 16th

5:00 PM~ A CATERED Dinner.
 Includes Our **FAMOUS DESSERT CART!**

6:30 PM~ Special Anniversary Speaker & 50/50 Raffle (Of Course)

\$30.00 a seat
 only 100 seats available **SO BUY NOW!**

Please Help Us Celebrate **47 Years of Service!**

Yard Sale ~ Anniversary ~ Run ~ Raffle



GUILDHAUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS

ANNUAL PIG ROAST

Kennedy Park-113th & Western, Chicago

SATURDAY AUGUST 26TH, 2023 1PM-5PM

FOOD, FUN, FAMILY & FELLOWSHIP

Tickets include: food, entertainment & raffle

1st Place: \$300
 2nd Place: \$200
 3rd Place: \$100
 4th Place: \$50
 5th Place: \$50

Food served at 2pm
 Kid's Games
 Face Painting & PRIZES!
 - 50/50 Raffles
 - Bingo

LIVE BAND
 Bag tournament starts 3 pm
 \$5 per 2 person team - 1st & 2nd place prizes!

SAVE THE DATE

BLUE BRIDGES 5K
 RUN/WALK
 SPONSORED BY GUILDHAUS

SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2023

FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES!

GUILDHAUS - 2423 CANAL STREET, BLUE ISLAND, IL 60646

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 89TH ANNUAL FOUNDERS DAY WEEKEND June 7, 8, & 9 2024

NO COP OUTS FOUNDERS DAY TRIP

JOIN US FOR OUR PILGRIMAGE HOME TO ANON OND

Our transportation by motor coach bus to Anon Club, includes water and snacks on the bus. Lodging at the University of Akron, safety, soda and pizza Friday night. There meals on Saturday and one meal on Sunday.

Activities include bus tour of historic sites, Theater Stop Panel, Big Speaker Meeting and Credentials, Spanish Meeting, History of the Big Beach, 40 Anniversary Alathon, Spiritual Panel Meeting, Dance! Dance! Dance! And the Motor Coach to St. Bob's grave.

DEPOSIT OF \$250.00 DUE MARCH 1, 2024
 FINAL PAYMENT DUE APRIL 1, 2024

Total amounts for the trip will be posted in a future flyer around January 2024.

NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 01, 2024. We understand life happens and have always worked and filed a cancellation... though that is not guaranteed.



No single rooms there very firm on this.
 Call for updated flyer after the new year.
 John (Bobby) 708-925-2754, Pat 312-446-8983, Sandy 773-842-1911

NEW VALENTINE ALANO CLUB IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE...

An Al Anon Meeting **AT The New Valentine**
Every Thursday @ 7:15 PM

Starting Thursday April 27

AL-ANON HAS BUT ONE PURPOSE:
 TO HELP FAMILIES OF ALCOHOLICS.

Help us **Spread the news!**
 Please share with anyone you know.

AA RECOVERY

C.P.R. GROUP

Chicago Printers Row LGBTQ+ Group

every saturday morning
 10:00 AM

grace place
 637 s dearborn st
 second floor

MIDWAY FELLOWSHIP CLUB

3632 W. 63rd St
 Chicago



WOMEN'S MEETING
FRIDAY 7:30 PM

In-Person Meetings & Topics

Monday

10:00 AM — Big Book
8:00 PM — 12 & 12

Tuesday

10:00 AM ?
5:30 PM — Daily Reflection
Hamburger meeting

Wednesday

10:00 AM — Steps 1-2-3 in 12&12
8:00 PM — Big Book

Thursday

10:00 AM — Reading Topic
5:30 PM ??
Hot Dog! Meeting
7:15 PM — Al Anon

Friday

10:00 AM ?
8:00 PM — As Bill Sees It

Saturday

9:00 to 9:45 AM — Breakfast!
Then
10:00 AM — Speaker Meeting
8:00 PM — Open Topic

Sunday

10:00 AM — Daily Reflection
5:30 PM As Bill Sees It
8:00 pm Big Book

With Gratitude!

- Always being of service to the New Valentine



- John P and his Heritage Contractors
(773) 887-0268—
www.heritagecontractors.net



For tuckpointing and brick-work. 2855 S Normal Ave
Phone: 1-773-592-4535

- For Food Warmers

A Generous Donation by Trese P.

We Could Use Your Help

Things NVAC needs.

- We are looking for new (to us) Meeting Room **Chairs**. Do you know any group or establishment who is getting rid of 30 to fifty chairs that are in decent to good shape?
- We are in need of clothes, small house décor, or small appliances for our **Yard Sale**. Date to be announced
- We are looking for a new **Soda Machine**. Any ideas about where we can get an *inexpensive* one?

	10 AM	5:30 PM	8PM
MON	JEREMY B BIG BOOK	[Redacted]	ALEX S Red Book
TUE	Fidel OPEN DIS	MICHAEL AS BILL SEES IT	[Redacted]
WED	MIKE R STEP 1-2-3	[Redacted]	OPEN
TH	COREY GRAB BAG	Bill GRAB BAG	[Redacted]
FRI	ROY DISCUSSION	[Redacted]	Many Chris AS BILL SEES IT
SAT	Breakfast	[Redacted]	DAVE B.
SUN	SKID DAILY REFLECTION	[Redacted]	MATT V Big Book
NEXT BOARD MTG 5/6			

Financial Statement

The New Valentine
Alano Club:

Mission Statement

The New Valentine Alano Club's mission is to support AA and a Sober House that provides beds, food, lodging and a healthy atmosphere of recovery for men **who** are reaching out for help, expressing a desire to seek sobriety, and **who** are willing to try this AA way of life.

In The Spirit Of...

While New Valentine Alano Club is a separate organization from Alcoholics Anonymous, NVAC is dedicated to creating an atmosphere of recovery in the spirit of AA's 12 Steps and 12 Traditions.

The New Valentine Alano Club

2997 S Archer Ave, Chicago, IL

NVAC Treasurer's Report for 7.9.23						
1. Bank Account Balances	5/7/2023	6/4/23	7/7/23			
Lakeside Bank	\$5,080	\$4,409	\$441			
People's Bank (approximate)	\$2,300		\$2,065			
2. Upcoming Expenditures	Insurance - Sept.		\$964			
3. Average Inc. and Exp.	Week of	Ave /	Ave /	Total	Total	Total
Income	7/7/2023	7/7/2023	6/2/23	April	May	June
Meeting Income						
Hamburger Meeting	\$21	\$44	\$46	\$216	\$183	\$205
Hotdog Meeting	\$15	\$29	\$34	\$139	\$141	\$80
Saturday Breakfast	\$424	\$469	\$516	\$1,883	\$1,807	\$1,847
Other Meetings	\$165	\$178	\$181	\$805	\$678	\$850
Total Meeting Income	\$625	\$721	\$778	\$3,043	\$2,809	\$2,982
Spaghetti Dinner	\$0	\$86	\$120	\$900	\$0	\$0
Membership	\$10	\$51	\$60	\$240	\$220	\$120
Donations	\$60	\$117	\$130	\$720	\$117	\$356
Rent	\$350	\$94	\$48	\$0	\$630	\$720
Other (literature, soda, water)	\$6	\$20	\$23	\$95	\$56	\$88
Total Income	\$1,051	\$1,089	\$1,159	\$4,999	\$3,832	\$4,266
Expenses - weekly						
House Management	\$231	\$341	\$377	\$1,520	\$1,540	\$1,362
Food - debit card purchases	\$656	\$389	\$396	\$1,476	\$1,732	\$1,571
Supplies - Costco	\$343	\$93	\$102	\$267	\$586	\$0
Other Debit Card Purchases*	\$0	\$20	\$24	\$0	\$253	\$299
Utilities	\$940	\$224	\$184	\$970	\$691	\$700
Insurance	\$0	\$97	\$60	\$0	\$0	\$971
Total Expense	\$2,170	\$1,192	\$1,143	\$4,233	\$4,841	\$4,902
Net Income	-\$1,119	-\$103	\$16	\$766	\$1,009	-\$636