

To Members and Guests of the Oakland County Alano Club:

It seems that a certain question is often spoken around our club.

"Why should I become a Member of the club? What do I get for being a Member?"

Sometimes I hear an answer such as "We have occasional Members Only Deals or Events".

Although this is true, I believe that this is not the best reason to be a Member of the Oakland County Alano Club.

In 1960, a handful of AA's decided to try to create a place to hold meetings and social events for the people in recovery. These people worked hard at fundraising to be able to open up doors to an Oakland County Alano Club. These people put forth this effort to **do something**, not to **get something**. Since then, Members of this club have moved it's location 5 times to it's current spot here on Clintonville Rd. That took dedication to keep a place where people in recovery could get together.

It began with a fairly strict Membership rule. You **had** to become a Member to enjoy the club. You could only be a guest of a Member a few times before you were asked to become a Member. Over the years, that strict Membership rule has diminished and anyone is allowed to enjoy the club as long as they are respectful of our bylaws and policies. Because of that, the Membership has slowly diminished and there are fewer and fewer of us who accept responsibility for providing a place for people in recovery to have meetings and social interaction.

If you join a bowling league, you get to bowl. If you join a golf club, you get to golf. If you join the OCAC, you get to be involved in the purpose of providing a place for people in recovery. So...do you want to join to **do something** or to **get something**?

If you join the OCAC, you get to see newcomers come to our club for their 1st meeting. You will see some of them stick around and try to figure out our AA program. You will get to see peoples lives change. You will see your own life change. You will find yourself doing unselfish acts. You will make new friends. You will share holidays with a new family who are together by choice to support each other. You will experience a new joy in helping others.

Please don't join the OCAC to **get something**. Join the OCAC to **do something**. Be a part of those who wish to provide a safe place for people in Recovery to hold meetings, social events and get to know one another and support each other.

Show your Gratitude for those people who came together many years ago with a purpose: To provide this place that many of us enjoy. Let's not take that for granted.

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