

# Oakland County Alano Club

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Hello!

My name is Judy Schornak and I am the current Vice President of the Oakland County Alano Club, in Clarkston, MI. I have held many Officer positions during my 16 years of knowing this non-profit organization.

We are a non-profit organization whose primary purpose is to house 12-Step Recovery meetings. Currently we have over 40 meetings per week. We hold the highest percentage of recovery meetings in Oakland County, ranging from early morning to late at night. We also provide a safe, sober and drug free environment where lasting sobriety can be maintained and nurtured. We also have various fundraisers throughout the year to generate extra funds. We participate in Charity Gaming through the state of Michigan. All of our funding comes from our own efforts. We receive no funding from grants or political funds. We offer memberships to our patrons, but it is not a requirement. We have 3 pool tables, karaoke set up, and a coffee bar.

All of our Board Members and Officers volunteer their time for these positions. The only paychecks given are for 3 individuals who open, close and run the coffee bar.

When the "no smoking" law went into effect, our facility took a hard hit. We went from \$90-\$100 per day at the coffee bar to \$15-\$20 per day. The smokers would stop by, but would not stay. The non-smokers, who had previously promised to get involved with the club once it became non-smoking, never did come around.

So....we are struggling to keep our doors open. My hope is that if I continue to share our story, and what our organization is all about, our funding will be re-newed, increased and prosper.

We currently have many repairs and maintenance projects that we need to do, volunteers are scarce and the basic material fees are too high to implement. A shortened list, just to give an idea is plumbing, electrical, flooring, doors/locks, parking lot, and township sewer hook-up.

If there are any fresh ideas for fundraising, we would be grateful for the input. I thank you in advance for taking the time to read this and for sharing it with others. At the very least, please say a prayer for the success of the Oakland County Alano Club.

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