



# The ARA BRIDGE

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## A Memo from Membership

By Sandy Masters

Welcome to our newest member: Robert S. Joining the American River Alano is what keeps our doors open. Although group donations for using the space do contribute to the bottom line, we rely primarily on annual membership dues to operate the Alano. Spread the word and invite your friends to join! **Anyone** can be a member!! As of the end of September, we had **68** paid up members, and quite a few that have been invoiced but have not yet paid their annual dues. **Remember**, dues must be paid by October 31<sup>st</sup> in order to vote!

### New Building Work Group

To participate in Our New Building Purchase Work Group or if you have questions, contact Kent Oakley at 916-614-3204 or [kgoakley@comcast.net](mailto:kgoakley@comcast.net)

### New Building Fund now has:

**\$2,817.89**

The 2008 Goal is:

**\$20,000.00**

The ultimate goal for a down payment is:

**\$100,000.00**

## 2008 General Membership Meeting, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>

All members are encouraged to attend the annual meeting at 5:30 on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, to hear the annual report by the Board, and to elect six members to fill the Board vacancies. The Board consists of 7 to 11 Directors, each serving a two year term, staggered so that one half are elected each year. The Board **Officers** are elected each year during the December Board meeting for the following year. There will be snacks and an opportunity to express your ideas about how we should be functioning. **One question**, should we be looking to expand our meeting opportunities? The VFW closed recently, and the Hair Salon next door may not find a buyer, so space could be available. Are we interested? Should we be? Let us know. . . .

### June Survey Stats:

Monthly total: 2567 Attendees

Weekly average: 592

Daily average: 86

Annual average: 30804

The American River Alano's website has been revised, **thanks Kevin Miller**. Please visit:;  
[www.AmericanRiverAlano.org](http://www.AmericanRiverAlano.org)



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## Alcathons . . .

With the holiday season approaching, Groups are reminded of the ARA policy: Alcathons at ARA must be sponsored by a tenant group, with prior approval of the Board and coordination with **all** other groups affected during the alcathon time period. Appropriate supervision and clean-up plus a donation to the ARA for the increased facility usage is expected.

Sodas and Bottled Water are available, in the refrigerator. Please make a \$1.00 donation to ARA for these items, so they may be replenished. We do appreciate your donations. Please note that the autonomous meetings at the American River Alano provide coffee and tea for your **enjoyment**.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES ! !

We **need** nominees for Director to be elected at the General Membership meeting. The only current nominee is Kevin Miller, more **must** be nominated from the floor, they must be **present**, a **paid up** member, and **accept** nomination. We need at least six, but it is nice to have a choice. We also need workers for our Work-groups, listed below, especially Meetings and Membership, which should have more than one person doing the work. Remember, we have **NO** paid workers, but some tasks **have** to be done, so if you see something you think is lacking, or needs more work, **step up! Volunteer!** You don't have to be a Director, or on the Board, to be a Trustee, or workgroup member.

More hands lighten the load. . . .

**Literature:** Ray Liston is the new Literature Coordinator, please

Be sure to reimburse him or put your literature payment in the box at the side of the Literature Rack. Do **not** pay for literature with the rent!

### ***Submissions to the ARA Bridge are welcomed!***

A good way of creating the attraction that will bring people, to your new meeting is by mentioning it in the Bridge. If you have a topic you would like covered let us know. Please send your articles to "The ARA Bridge" by email to [americanriveralano@yahoo.com](mailto:americanriveralano@yahoo.com). The ARA provides meeting space for all 12 Step Recovery Programs. Please submit your work group news as it is also welcome.

### ***Work Group Leaders in Service of your Alano.***

<b><i>Work Groups</i></b>	<b><i>Leaders</i></b>	<b><i>Phone</i></b>
<b><i>Meetings</i></b>	<b><i>Cheryl P.</i></b>	<b><i>370-3511</i></b>
<b><i>Coffee &amp; Supplies</i></b>	<b><i>Gary R.</i></b>	<b><i>723-4760</i></b>
<b><i>Finance</i></b>	<b><i>Kent O.</i></b>	<b><i>614-3204</i></b>
<b><i>Internet Website</i></b>	<b><i>Kevin M.</i></b>	<b><i>247-7326</i></b>
<b><i>Maintenance</i></b>	<b><i>Mario S.</i></b>	<b><i>965-7066</i></b>
<b><i>Membership</i></b>	<b><i>Sandy M.</i></b>	<b><i>660-9535</i></b>
<b><i>New Building</i></b>	<b><i>Kent O.</i></b>	<b><i>614-3204</i></b>
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**Contact a Work Group Leader to participate in a Service Position.**