



The Edmonton Alano Club  
*Founded in 1953*  
9929 – 103 Street  
Edmonton, AB  
T5K 0Y1

February 26, 2005

Mayor and Council  
City of Edmonton  
1 Sir Winston Churchill Square  
Edmonton, AB T5J 2R7

Dear Mayor and Council:

**Re: Request for a one-time grant of \$105,000 to  
Renovate the Alano Club's 124 St. Building**

The Alano Club of Edmonton is a registered not-for-profit club that has been based in the downtown core since 1953. We are a supervised facility, set up as a safe place for those members of our society who are staying free from alcohol and/or drugs today. We continue to welcome family members and friends as well as the general public into our club 365 days a year, from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The lease of \$1 per year on our government-owned facility expires on May 31, 2005. The Board of Directors was informed last fall that the renewal would be at market value, approximately \$2,500 per month. As this cost would be well beyond our ability to pay, we began seeking funding and a new location several months ago. We have been fortunate to find suitable premises, but these need extensive renovations to bring the building up to code, and to make it suitable for our uses.

We have received grants from the government sufficient to renovate a large portion of the building, but require an additional \$105,000 to complete the work.

#### Background

The Edmonton Alano Club received its Certificate of Incorporation on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 1970. Our Board of Directors and club volunteers selflessly dedicate themselves in order to provide a safe alcohol-free and drug-free environment for those people who both need and wish to recover from their addiction. In the past year, these dedicated people have volunteered more than 14,000 hours to this end.

The recovering members of the Alano Club are not on the street doing crime to support their habit; nor are they driving drunk or stoned, causing accidents and fatalities. In recognition of this unwavering commitment, the Solicitor General's Office, through the Justice Attendance Centre, sends us four 'fine options' candidates daily to work their community hours at the Alano Club. Our Club Manager schedules and supervises them daily.

By way of supporting our commitment, we provide a full-service cafeteria as well as clean, heated and furnished meeting rooms. At present we accommodate 22 separate recovery groups each week, with no less than 280 attendees. Some examples of groups using our facility are: Sober Sisters, The Why Group, Lower Deck Group, Before & After Group, Ray of Hope Group, Keep It Simple Group, Starting Over Group, Tai Chai exercise group, just to name a few.

As previously stated, the Alano Club has received grants from the Alberta government sufficient to complete renovations to 3,070 sq. ft. of our 5,000 sq. ft. building, which will provide the following facilities:

- 48 seat cafeteria, complete with production kitchen,
- 60 seat meeting area for Fellowship Meetings,
- 40 seat meeting area for Fellowship Meetings,
- large washroom facilities, accessible to those with physical disabilities,
- a separate staff washroom, as required by the Health Department,
- an 8 vehicle parking lot at the rear of the building with lighting and video surveillance,
- two separate and secure fire-rated storage areas,
- roof-mounted HVAC/air exchange units as heaters and air conditioners,
- upgrading of plumbing and electrical to meet code requirements, and
- insulation of all private meeting areas from floor to ceiling.

The building upgrades are budgeted at a cost of \$250,000, which matches the government grants we have received.

The remaining 1,930 sq. ft. will require \$105,000 for building upgrades, which will provide the following for our club:

- 60 seat theatre-style special assembly Area with video and public address capabilities for feature speaker meetings,
- a Games Room with 2 pool tables and a shuffleboard,
- four cribbage tables with 16 stacking chairs,
- a large open area for special events (e.g. children's Christmas party, memorials, government election voting station, club dances, Tai Chai classes),
- a coat check room, and
- additional storage space.

With the additional funding our entire building will be completely renovated, thus allowing us to grow our membership and be self-sufficient.

At present the Alano Club is seeking approval from the Edmonton City Police for a grant in the amount of \$15,900 to offset some of these costs. If this grant is approved, we will be able to reduce our request from the City by that amount, to \$89,100.

The Alano Club has, through its own resources, raised \$14,000 as follows:

- Annual appreciation dinner - \$8,500
- Annual golf tournament - \$5,500

Our general monthly revenue also includes \$3,416 from the casino event, which offsets our mortgage and insurance costs. This means that the Alano Club can generate sufficient monthly income to ensure its solvency and continue to keep its doors open.

We will be able to continue providing those suffering from addictions an alternative to drinking and/or drugging today, and to find the comfort and understanding of those who have lived the experience and turned their lives around, becoming self-assured, successful members of our fair City.

#### Summary

The Edmonton Alano Club clearly demonstrates its citizenship and ongoing support of Edmonton's downtown community by:

- Daily permitting four individuals who are ordered by the Courts to serve community service hours at the Club under the supervision of our Club Manager or designate,
- Providing nutritious meals to homeless and transient individuals sent to us by the First Presbyterian Church of Edmonton, and
- Providing work experience for students from Bellrose Composite High School.

I am attaching copies of letters of commendation from these institutions.

In closing, we have a volunteer membership of seventy. Membership dues are \$100 per year or \$10 per month. A very important part of our revenue is the ongoing booking of fellowship meetings on a daily basis. The cost of each hourly meeting is \$15. We never have less than two meetings each day; therefore our current annual meeting revenue is \$10,950.

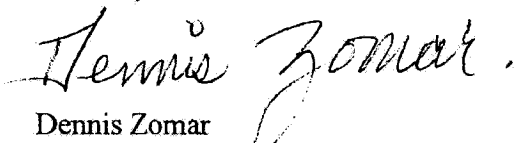
One does not need to be a member to book a meeting at the Alano Club.

Note: the Club's Founder's Creed is:

To plant a seed whose fruit they would not see,  
To make a place for others yet to be.

The Alano Club looks forward to an early favourable reply to this request, because this is what will ensure that the Alano Club will be here tomorrow, through the generosity and far-sightedness of the Edmonton City Council today.

Sincerely,



Dennis Zomar  
Chair, Fund Raising Committee  
2005 Board of Directors  
Alano Club: 423-1807  
Cellular: 231-0608  
Home: 447-4991

WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, HOW ?

\*ALANO CLUB (EDMONTON^1969) (GRANT APPLICATION)

We (The Alano Club Edmonton) are a non-profit supervised facility set up as a 'SAFE' PLACE for those Members of our society who are "Staying free from a alcohol and/or substance abuse TODAY!" We continue to WELCOME FAMILY members and Friends of our patrons IN RECOVERY.

NOTE: This is proven to benefit each and every individual IN RECOVERY as well as Society at Large!

e.g. Reduced Crime ( Fewer convictions).

Reduced Traffic / FATALITIES,

Reduced Hospital Emergency / visits.

Our idea is to continue to Facilitate Members as well as family and friends of those IN RECOVERY! What we know happens (as A DIRECT RESULT) of our continuous DAILY DELIVERY OF SERVICES Is an opportunity for Individual Members IN RECOVERY to re-build their lives, relationships, health, and SELF / RESPECT. Wherein they're (then ready) to become \*CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.

When ( each "Recovering Member") successfully maintains their own.... SOBRIETY, STRAIGHT TIME, AND SANITY! \*They're more ABLE to succeed in their chosen field of employment TODAY! Where this RECOVERY, SELF/RESPECT, and, Sense of Belonging happens; is at each individual's Home Group /Fellowship Meeting. In order to GUARANTEE\* the continuance for each and every individual's... "ON GOING RECOVERY Process" The (routine-attendance) at Home Group Meetings is MANDATORY and it is (essential) that absolutely "NO" consumption of alcohol and/or drugs takes place (between-meetings)... "ABSTINANCE IS' OUR ONLY CURE!"

Why this particular approach WORKS? Is that an alcoholic/addict... HAS NO EFFECTIVE (Mental Defense) against that... First Drink and/or drugs TODAY!

E.g. Once the First drink ( or drug) is taken, the next, and the next, and the next, IS INEVITABLE!

\*Sick, Sad, Sorry, Lonely, Failure; AGAIN?

H O W does continuous Fellowship Meetings (CHANGE) the Life of every member IN RECOVERY ?

H. ONEST

O. PENMINDED

W. WILLINGNESS

\*Once each members HONESTLY/ADMITS that to add alcohol and/or drugs into their blood-stream "Would Be INSANE" this (Means, they've Finally-learned H.O.W.) to STAY CLEAN & SOBER TODAY!

# **EDMONTON ALANO CLUB**

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the Alano Club is to provide a safe place for alcoholics as well as others in recovery to meet with each other, and their family members and friends to discuss their common problem and solutions.

## **Mission**

The mission of the Alano Club is to support the sobriety of alcoholics as well as others in recovery by providing them and their family and friends with a safe environment that is alcohol and drug-free. We encourage recovering alcoholics as well as others in recovery to share their experience, strengths and hope with each other so as to enhance their own recovery program. We enable recovering individuals to grow in their program by assisting others to reach their potential, thus becoming contributing members of society.

## **Programs and Services**

The Alano Club does not provide direct programs to individuals. It does provide a safe environment for individuals seeking to recover from their addiction to meet and heal. To assist with this, the Club provides the following services:

- Supervised meeting space
- Suitable furniture for these meetings
- Coffee service for all meetings
- Recreation equipment
- Full service cafeteria open daily
- Special events such as dances, children's parties, etc.

### Become an Alano Club Benefactor

Dues are \$500 per year, and are 100% tax deductible.

### Become an Alano Club Member

Dues are just \$10 per month or \$100 per year, and are 100% tax deductible.

Remember, many of those who really need this facility cannot yet afford to pay.

By becoming an Alano Club member or benefactor you will be helping to keep the doors open for yourself and others.

As one of our members says, "I am an Alano Club member because this helps me give something back to the fellowship even when I am sleeping."

### Membership Information

This information will be used for club records. Please feel free to leave out any information you do not wish the club to have.

### PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If renewing membership, arrears are not required. Membership dues are fully tax deductible. Receipts will be made available after the first of the following year.

Please return this form to the Club or any Board Member with your dues.

### Other Club Activities

Sober Dances – as scheduled

Children's' Christmas Party  
Santa arrives at 2 pm  
on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in December

Christmas Eve Day and New Year's Eve  
7 a.m. through midnight – 17 hours of continuous meetings

Annual Friends of Alano Dinner  
Visiting Feature Speaker, Silent Auction  
As scheduled, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in October

Annual Golf Tournament  
Shotgun start - Prizes  
Followed by a full service dinner  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in September

Annual Family Picnic  
Children's races  
BBQ dogs & burgers  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in June

### Special Events

Where are you planning to hold your special event?  
Schedule your event with our  
Club Manager at 423-1807

### Simply Done

(our Alano Club Café)

Hours of Operation: 10 am – 9:30 pm Mon. – Fri.  
8:30 am – 9:30 pm Sat. – Sun.

Our menu is a la carte with homemade soups and fresh, baked desserts.

Take in a Fellowship Meeting while you eat your lunch every Monday through Friday.

We will cater your event in one of our private rooms.

# The Edmonton Alano Club

(Founded in 1953)

## FOUNDER'S CREED

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would not see,

To make a place for others yet to  
be.

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Phone (780) 423-1807

## Alano Club

### Volunteer Activity Report

#### Governance

Board of Directors – 9 members

General planning 324 hours/year

Special planning 624 hours/year

#### Program Delivery

'Fine Option Candidates' 4 candidates

(assigned from the Justice Attendance Centre)

General kitchen duty 6,570 hours/year

Group meeting setup 2,190 hours/year

Group Coordinators 31 volunteers

Chair group meetings 3,850 hours/year

#### Fund Raising

Friendship Dinner – 8 volunteers

Event coordinators 24 hours/year

Golf Tournament – 5 volunteers

Event coordinators 45 hours/year

Sober Dances – 4 volunteers

Event coordinators 160 hours/year

Children's Christmas Party – 6 volunteers

Event coordinators 36 hours/year

Christmas Even and New Year's Eve Marathon Meetings – 8 volunteers

Chair group meetings 272 hours/year

Family Picnic – 4 volunteers

Event coordinators 24 hours/year

Total Volunteer Hours per Year = 14,119 Hours.

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## Certificate of Incorporation

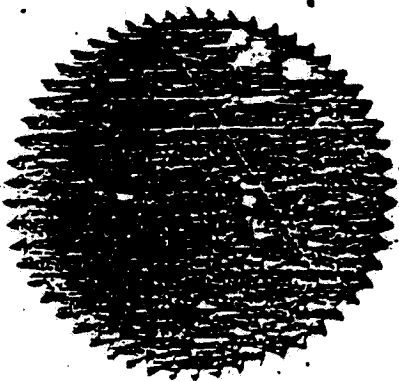
I hereby Certify that .....

ALMA CLUB (EDMONTON 1969) -

is this day incorporated under The Societies Act, being Chapter 315 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Edmonton, Alberta, this

00th day of January A.D. 1970.



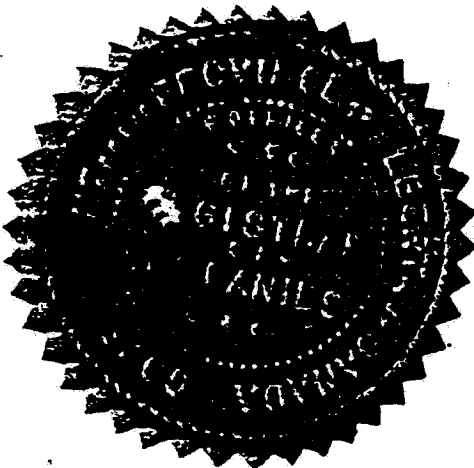
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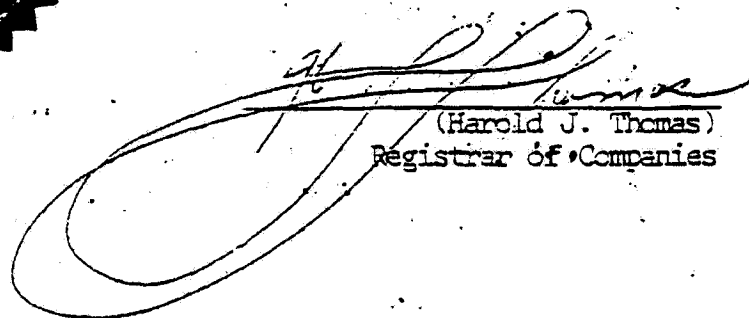
TAKE NOTICE that by extraordinary resolution, dated the 17th day of December, 1977, passed by the members of ALANO CLUB (EDMONTON 1969), the objects of the society were amended by adding to Clause 2 thereof, new subclause (e) as follows:-

"(e) To carry out all matters of business without purpose of gain for its members and all profits shall be used in promoting the above."

GIVEN under my hand and seal  
at Edmonton, this thirtieth  
day of January, one thousand  
nine hundred and seventy-eight.



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(Harold J. Thomas)  
Registrar of Companies

ALANO CLUB

9929 - 103 Street  
Edmonton, AB  
T5K 0Y1

October 16, 2004

Michael S. Magathan  
Director, Leasing  
Properties Division  
Realty Services/Leasing  
Alberta Infrastructure  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 6950 - 113 St.  
Edmonton, AB T6H 5V7

Re: Extension of Lease

Dear Michael:


Please accept this correspondence as our official request for a ninety-day extension of our lease, which expires February 23, 2005. We have acquired a new location, but are not able to move into it until Monday, May 30, 2005.

In accordance with your latest correspondence dated October 4, 2004, we acknowledge that the alterations and improvements which include partition walls and fixed kitchen facilities will remain as is; however the mobile equipment will remain the property of the Edmonton Alano Club.

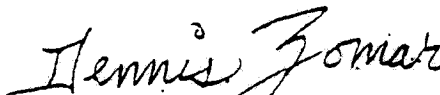
We thank the Government of Alberta in advance for their support of the Edmonton Alano Club. We understand the government's desire to move to Market Value on the Barnet House property; however the Alano Club will not be able to afford such an increase and therefore must relocate.

In closing, we have found suitable space for our Club after a lengthy search, but must allow 150 days for the present lessees to vacate the premises. With your agreement, we will remain at the Barnet House at the current annual rental of \$1, and will vacate the premises during the last weekend in May 2005.

Sincerely,



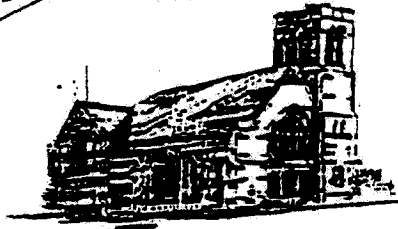
George Bowman, Chair



Dennis Zomar, Move Coordinator/Director

# First Presbyterian Church

"Founded 1881"



10025 - 105th Street  
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1C3  
Telephone 422-2937

August 12, 2004

I am writing to indicate the cooperative program that First Presbyterian Church has undertaken with the Alano Club.

First Presbyterian Church has a fair number of requests from transients, homeless and poor people for help. We have a fund set up in our church to help people. As one can well imagine most of these requests are for money and First Church does not like to hand out money to strangers for a couple of reasons. The first reason is that we do not want to give money to people who may use it to feed their addictions instead of their bodies. The second reason is that the church does not want to be handling money on a daily basis, so that the secretary or minister or custodian could be a target for crime if it is believed there is money on the premises. So, we don't want to handle money but we do want to help people.

We approached Jill Thibeau from the Alano club and asked if we could set up a voucher system and Jill totally cooperated with us. Now, when someone approaches us and asks for help we can offer them a meal at the Alano Club. The church has vouchers printed up. They have to be signed by the minister, secretary or custodian and the name of the person is put on the voucher as well. The person presents the voucher at the Alano club with ID (if requested) and the person is entitled to a meal up to the value of the voucher. Jill keeps the vouchers and presents us with a bill after several have been used which we pay out of our fund.

We believe this has been a useful and successful program and we are pleased and privileged to have the Alano club as a partner. We certainly recommend the Alano club highly in the work that they do.

Sincerely,

The Reverend Harry Currie

Minister



Edmonton Attendance Centre 10931-120 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5H 3P9 (Phone: 422-0358 Fax 422-0384)

August 12, 2004

Fine Options and Community Service Program  
Edmonton Attendance Centre  
10931-120 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta  
T5H 3P9

Alano Club  
9929-103 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta  
T5K 0Y1

Attention: Jill Thibeau

To Whom It May Concern:

The Alano Club is one of the many non-profit organizations used by the Attendance Centre for people who are given community service hours or fines by the courts. Jill and her staff help us out by supervising the offenders for their hours at the club. The majority of these hours consist of general cleaning duties and helping in the cafeteria.

This particular agency has been working with us for many years and it has been a vital agency for many reasons. It is located in the downtown area, which is very convenient for people to get to, and their hours of operation are flexible (10am - 10pm).

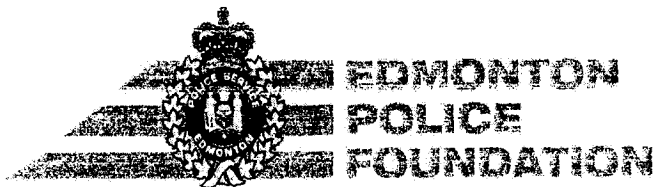
The Alano Club staff have always been great to deal, they are professional and on the ball, and is definitely well used by our program. I could not say enough about them except that they are definitely one of our most popular used organizations.

If you require any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Community Service and Fine Option Program Coordinator

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anna Francis".

Anna Francis



## PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Project Title

Alano Club Re-Location/ Renovation

Estimated Cost of Project

\$159, 000.00

Amount Requested

\$15, 900.00

Project Start Date

March 2005

Expected Completion Date

Summer 2005

Briefly describe the project and/or program

Please see the attached letter addressed to Sgt. BALANIK.

What is the specific need for this project and/or program?

Monetary support to make renovations to a newly acquired building.

Has this project and/or program been previously requested or funded through the City budget?



No



Yes

If yes, please indicate the most recent submission date for City budget consideration

What objectives will be accomplished if the funding is granted?

Please see the attached letter addressed to Sgt. BALANIK.

How can the Foundation evaluate success if the funding is granted? (Number of people served, anticipated outcome, etc.)

Evaluation of success can be best described as the continuing of all programs previous offered by the Alano Club at its former location. Fourteen different support groups rely on the Alano Club to be open 365 days a year. Numerous special events also take place at the Alano Club. A further measure of success would be the continued booking and availability of space to operate these events.

Please provide an itemized list of project/program expenses (attach if necessary).

5000 square foot building located at 10726/28 - 124 street.

3070 sq ft renovation (\$175, 000) funded by the Community Fund Enhancement Program (Formerly Alberta Gaming).

1930 sq ft renovation (\$159, 000 estimated) still outstanding.

Mortgage of \$340, 000 (\$3, 011 monthly) is covered monthly through a Casino Licence granted to the Alano Club.

Additional information

The move of the Alano Club was precipitated by the Alberta Government choosing to charge the Alano Club market value for their rent at 9929 - 103 street. This was an increase from \$1/ month to \$2,500/ month. Coupled with the bills for power, heat and water (\$2,500/ month) their current location became financially unfeasible. In looking for a new place to move, the Alano Club wished to remain part of the downtown core.

By moving to 10726/ 28 - 124 st <sup>the</sup> Alano Club was able to stay within the downtown core. This meant that the move would be least disruptive to all the groups and events that rely on the Club. This location is along a major bus route that will assist persons attending the Club. Unlike the previous location, there is ample free parking.

By staying in the downtown core the Alano Club is able to offer its services to those most in need. The Alano Club is able to maintain its relationship within the community. Being open to everyone and anyone suffering from addictions, the Alano Club is a place where being part of a community can start. This is a valuable resource that all front line community personnel (ie. police, ems, social workers) can use as a reference for people suffering from addictions. Best of all there are no dues or fees to take part in the meetings offered.

I can not emphasize enough the importance of keeping the Alano Club functioning. The diverse and numerous meetings, as well as the number of special events provides those suffering from addictions an alternative to drinking or drugging. Simply by having a choice, those suffering need not choose the criminal approach to "feeding" their addictions. Instead they can find the comfort and understanding of those who have lived the experience and turned their lives around; becoming useful members of the community.

Finally, the Alano Club will also be seeking other sources of funding to cover the estimated cost of this renovation project. In co-operation with Sgt. BALANIK, other provincial and federal financial aid programs will be examined.

Sincerely,

Cst. David Goodkey

Name of Contact Person	Division	Phone No.	Fax No.
Reg. 1856, Cst. GOODKEY, David	Support - Tactical Section	(780) 984-3237	

Forward through chain of command to Strategic Community Initiatives Unit



THE ALANO CLUB IS PLEASED  
TO ANNOUNCE THAT IT WILL  
BE RELOCATING TO  
10726 / 10728 - 124 STREET.

THIS MOVE WILL TAKE PLACE  
EARLY IN MAY 2005.

LOOKING FORWARD TO  
ACCOMMODATING ALL OUR  
MEETINGS IN THE NEW  
LOCATION.

PLEASE SEE JILL OR CALL  
423-1807 FOR CONFIRMATION.

YOUR 2005 BOARD OF DIRECTORS.