



New Town Alano Club

A Safe Place For Recovery

Serving the LGBT Community



“Before I entered recovery, my life was somewhat closeted, somewhat confused, somewhat insecure, somewhat lost. It was hard for me to find my place. I felt like I didn’t belong anywhere.

At New Town, I feel totally welcome. I’ve gained a new sense of self that I couldn’t find anywhere else. I still have my struggles, but I’m at peace.”

- An anonymous member of New Town Alano Club

What is NTAC?

New Town Alano Club (NTAC) is a not-for-profit corporation that provides meeting space to over forty 12-Step recovery meetings.

With four rooms used for meetings, social events and educational sessions, NTAC provides a welcoming environment for the following recovery groups:

- Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
- Cocaine Anonymous (CA)
- Crystal Meth Anonymous (CMA)
- Narcotics Anonymous (NA)
- Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA)
- Co-Dependents Anonymous (CODA)
- Overeaters Anonymous (OA)
- Dual-Diagnosis Anonymous (DDA)



Reception Room

Building Community Values

NTAC also serves Lakeview and Chicago in these ways:

- **Educational opportunities** regarding the disease of addiction, sober living and sexual health
- **Meeting referrals, recovery literature, and information** about local drug-and-alcohol recovery services
- **Volunteer opportunities** such as front desk duty, clean-up crew, special events staff, community outreach team and newsletter submissions
- **Sober social events** such as monthly dinners, movie screenings and dances



Middle Meeting Room



Front Meeting Room

LGBT Outreach

NTAC celebrates the value of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered persons. While our club has a specific LGBT outreach, our doors are open to all in recovery, their friends and families.

The club emphasizes its outreach to the LGBT community since comfort and trust are vital to drug-and-alcohol recovery. One member puts it this way:

*“People of all sexual preferences struggle. But sometimes because of ignorance, people are not given an equal opportunity to succeed. Here at New Town, **we’re all equal.** We all get the opportunity to live a clean sober life. New Town opens its doors to us without any bias.”*



Miss New Town, Chicago Pride 2008

Enriching the Community

New Town is located in the heart of Boystown, Chicago’s thriving LGBT community. Our **free, local and anonymous resources** enrich the neighborhood by providing not just meeting rooms, but an experienced recovery community.

With the prevalence of crystal meth, club drugs and alcohol in some aspects of the Boystown nightlife, New Town strives to keep its doors open to all those in the neighborhood who feel they may need help.

Service Since 1980

NTAC was founded by a handful of recovering alcoholics and addicts who saw a need for an alcohol-free and drug-free center.

As **the nation's first Alano club with a specific LGBT outreach**, New Town has long been a welcoming and supportive presence in the LGBT and recovery communities.

Our doors are open to all recovering persons and their loved ones, helping anyone with interest learn to live a clean and sober life.

A Recovery Family

Ask a member to describe New Town, and you'll hear about **friendship, gratitude and a sense of belonging**.

"Understanding has been key to my recovery from drugs and alcohol. The friendship and support at NTAC gave me a second life. I found people that had lived through addiction and were willing to simply sit over coffee and talk about it."

New Town's sense of family and connection is essential to those who suffer from the disease of addiction. We aim to provide a place where alcoholics and addicts can give each other the advice and support they need to stay sober and mend their lives.

Sustaining this type of recovery community inevitably leads to a stronger neighborhood, city and society.



NTAC, Chicago Pride 1980



NTAC, Chicago Pride 2009



How You Can Help

New Town's ability to stay alive depends entirely on donations. Even this brochure was made possible by anonymous financial support.

While we strive to keep our expenses to a minimum, NTAC relies solely on the support of dues-paying members and contributions from 12-Step meetings.

There are several ways to help us keep our doors open:

- Monthly Membership: \$10 per month
- Annual Membership: \$100 per year
- Attending special events: \$5 for members / \$10 for non-members
- Friend of New Town: One time pledge of any amount
- Supporter of New Town: Annual pledge of \$500
- Sponsor of New Town: Annual pledge of \$1000

NTAC is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. All donations are tax-deductible.

Donations are essential in helping us bring hope to those who still suffer from alcoholism and addictions of all kinds.



FAQ

What is an Alano Club?

An Alano Club is an organization that is separate and distinct from any 12-Step recovery group. As an Alano Club, NTAC is governed by an elected board of directors. We serve as landlord to over forty meetings. We also maintain the club, plan special events and coordinate community outreach efforts.

Is NTAC affiliated with any religious institution?

NTAC is not affiliated with any religious institution. Similar to 12-Step recovery groups, we are autonomous in order to keep our doors open to all, regardless of gender, race, sexual preference or religious beliefs.

Do you need to be a member to attend 12-Step meetings at New Town?

No. Becoming a member of NTAC is simply an effective service opportunity. Part of 12-Step recovery is to make sure the message of hope is passed along to those who still suffer from addiction. Keeping New Town's doors open through membership dues is a great way to help those who still live in active addiction.

Does NTAC receive any city, state or federal funding?


No. NTAC relies solely on the support of meetings, dues-paying members and members of the community. Our autonomy keeps New Town a welcoming place for everyone in recovery, regardless of gender, race, sexual preference or religious beliefs.

Do I need to be an alcoholic or addict to visit NTAC?

No. We always welcome visitors interested in learning about NTAC. We also host several "open" meetings, open to all those with an interest in 12-Step recovery.

Do I need to be lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgendered to attend NTAC?

While NTAC has a specific LGBT outreach, we welcome all persons in recovery, their family, friends and loved ones. We celebrate the diversity found at our club as an invaluable asset in recovery and community.



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**“Each day, somewhere in the world,
recovery begins when one alcoholic
talks with another alcoholic sharing
experience, strength and hope.”**

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Thank you for your support of New Town Alano Club, a **501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.**

This tax-deductible donation will help rebuild lives and give hope to those who still suffer from addiction.

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