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Charming Is the Word for Alcoholics

By Fulton Oursler

Down at the very bottom of the social scale of A.A. society are the pariahs, the untouchables and the outcasts, all under-privileged and all known by one excoriating epithet--relatives.

I am a relative. I know my place. I am not complaining. But I hope no one will mind if I venture the plaintive confession that there are times, oh, many times when I wish I had been an alcoholic. By that I mean that I wish I were an A.A. The reason is that I consider the A.A. people the most charming in the world.

Such is my considered opinion. As a journalist it has been my fortune to meet many of the people who are considered charming. I number among my friends stars and lesser lights of stage and cinema; writers are my daily diet; I know the ladies and gentlemen of both political parties; I have been entertained in the White House; I have broken bread with kings and ministers and ambassadors; and I say, after that catalog, which could be extended, that I would prefer an evening with my A.A. friends to any person or group of persons I have indicated.

I asked myself why I consider so charming these alcoholic caterpillars who have found their butterfly wings in Alcoholics Anonymous. There are more reasons than one, but I can name a few.

The A.A. people are what they are, and they were what they were, because they are sensitive, imaginative, possessed of a sense of humor and an awareness of universal truth.

They are sensitive, which means that they are hurt easily, and that helped them become alcoholics. But when they have found their restoration, they are still as sensitive as ever; responsive to beauty and to truth and eager about the intangible glories of this life. That makes them charming companions.

They are imaginative, and that helped to make them alcoholics. Some of them drank to flog their imagination on to greater efforts. Others guzzled only to black out unendurable visions that rose in their imagination. But when they have found their restoration, their imagination is responsive to new incantations, and their talk abounds with color and light and that makes them charming companions, too.

They are possessed of a sense of humor. Even in their cups they have been known to say damnably funny things. Often it was being forced to take seriously the little and mean things of life that made them seek escape in a bottle. But when they have found their restoration, their sense of humor finds a blessed freedom and they are able to reach a god-like state where they can laugh at themselves, the very height of self conquest. Go to the meetings and listen to the laughter. At what are they laughing? At ghoulish memories over which weaker souls would cringe in useless remorse. And that makes them wonderful people to be with by candlelight.

And they are possessed of a sense of universal truth. That is often a new thing in their hearts. The fact that this at-onement with God's universe had never been awakened in them is sometimes the reason why they drank. The fact that it was at last awakened is almost always the reason why they were restored to the good and simple ways of life. Stand with them when the meeting is over, and listen as they say the "Our Father"!

They have found a Power greater than themselves which they diligently serve. And that gives a charm that never was elsewhere on land and sea; it makes you know that God Himself is really charming, because the A.A. people reflect His mercy and His forgiveness.

Liberty Magazine - 1940

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Dear AA History Lovers,

It is, I think, noteworthy that on this very morning 68 years ago, Dec. 11, 1934, Bill W. had his last drink. He decided to return to Towns Hospital where Dr. Silkworth had treated him several times before. So with small change in his pocket -- the subway then cost only a nickel - he began his (and our) happily fated journey from Brooklyn to upper Manhattan; but he passed a store where his wife, Lois, had a charge account. Well, of course, Wad-a-ya-think, Bill marched right in and ordered four bottles of beer to guzzle along the way.

But, thank God, he followed through with his decision. Bill marched triumphantly through his arch to freedom at 234 Central park West (Towns Hospital) waving his last beer and announcing to Dr. Silkworth that he had "found something!" This was followed by bed, barbiturates and the belladonna treatment; a Vital Spiritual Experience followed a few days later.

Bill never drank again!

Bob S., Richmond, IN

AA Thought For The Day

Reaching Out

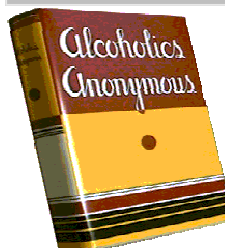
Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics.

It works when other activities fail. . . You can help when no one else can. . . Life will take on new meaning.

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MY FAVORITE STORY FROM THE BIG BOOK AND WHY



I find myself paraphrasing a paragraph on page 68 with increasing regularity:

"Perhaps there is a better way – we think so. For we are now on a different basis; the basis of trusting and relying upon God. We trust infinite God rather than our finite selves. Just to the extent that we do as we think He would have us, and humbly rely on Him, does He enable us to match calamity with serenity."

Sure, it's in the middle of a discussion about fear. It's central to step 4. More to the point, it points out emphatically that it's not enough to *believe* in God; I have to trust Him. Understanding of this principle of trust begins to alleviate me of the "Bush league pinch hitter" attitude many of us take towards our Higher Power. This statement could have been in discussions of steps 6 or 7 or 11. Trust is essential to humility.

When one thinks of serenity as a gift to match calamity rather than taking the esoteric vision of many, trust takes on a deeper meaning. My sponsor always defined serenity as the ability to remember (while standing ass deep in alligators) that one's purpose was to drain the swamp. Can you come up with a better time to trust and rely upon God?

Mike S, San Jose

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MY FAVORITE STORY FROM THE BIG BOOK AND WHY

HE MADE A BEGINNING . . .

The longer I stay sober, the more “favorite parts” I seem to have in our book – I love that! So this is more about my earliest meaningful passage, an easy choice for me. It’s one line – a line that I still read or quote perhaps more than any other to this day when sharing with sponsees.

I am one who did NOT stay sober from my first meeting. I tried AA for a few months to no avail and then checked into a hospital program for some “professional” treatment. AA was free so I figured how good could it be anyway? It didn’t seem to be my answer.

When I finally truly hit bottom, I began reading our book from an entirely different motivation; that my life depended on being able to successfully find the solution others said they’d found inside. While reading chapter 3 alone in my hospital room, I connected with one of the stories. It’s the story about a man named Jim. As I read the following section it hit me that I did exactly as he did and got the same results as him, too; I got drunk.

It says in part, “He made a beginning. His family was reassembled. All went well for a time, but he failed to enlarge his spiritual life. To his consternation, he found himself drunk half a dozen times in rapid succession.”

That’s exactly what happened to me after my first treatment. I knew I was alcoholic and that I needed help. All went well for a while and I even felt good about being sober, I didn’t want to drink. I made a good beginning, attending meetings and even got a sponsor but I didn’t get started in the steps and so I failed to enlarge my spiritual life. I tried to live sober on the information I received in treatment and the fellowship, but never got into “the program” and so I drank.

Today with 16 years of sobriety I have the awareness that there’s no time constraint on that warning. If I fail to continue to enlarge my spiritual life I will eventually drink. I don’t know

why but I seem to be the type of person who is either deliberately taking action to move forward or I naturally decline spiritually and mentally. I don’t seem to be able to stand still too long. That’s only my opinion but I have witnessed plenty of supporting evidence over the years. I have seen men and women with more time than I have, and good, quality sobriety at that, quit doing what we do to stay sober and comfortable. They stopped growing and drank. Some made it back but not all. Some of them paid with their very lives.

PAGE 25

My favorite passage in the Big Book is found on page 25. It really helped me when I first arrived at the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous. My sponsor had me read it daily for my first 90 days.

“There is a solution. Almost none of us liked the self-searching, the leveling of our pride, the confession of shortcomings which the process requires for its successful consummation.” I was told since I did not like doing the steps these words should help me give up and surrender. “Almost none of us liked it---“

My problem was I did not want to get honest. I did not want to look at the pain I had caused. The leveling of my pride meant I had to surrender my EGO. I knew my Sponsor loved AA and was telling me the truth. There is a solution that works. That solution is taking the 12 Steps. This action leads us out of the darkness and into the sunshine of a Spiritual awakening.

I truly hope some of you can relate to my experience and do not hesitate to get into the solution.

Gene M.

My Favorite Passage in the Big Book

PAGE 66

"It is plain that a life which includes deep resentment leads only to futility and unhappiness. To the precise extent that we permit these, do we squander the hours that might have been worth while. But with the alcoholic, whose hope is the maintenance and growth of a spiritual experience, this business of resentment is infinitely grave. We found that it is fatal. For when harboring such feelings we shut ourselves off from the sunlight of the Spirit. The insanity of alcohol returns and we drink again. And with us, to drink is to die.

"If we were to live, we had to be free of anger. The grouch and the brainstorm were not for us. They may be the dubious luxury of normal men, but for alcoholics these things are poison."

This touches my heart! I understand the precise extent to which holding resentments squandered so many hours. Through the blessings of the Steps working in my life, the sunlight of the Spirit shining through has given me Gratitude, Forgiveness, Hope and Love for Sobriety! These encourage appreciation for the maintenance and growth of this spiritual experience ~ enjoying so many more resentment-free worthwhile hours!

Anonymous, Campbell

NOT REALLY ONE STORY

My favorite story from the Big Book is not really one story at all. It's the use of metaphors in the BB and the 12X12 that I enjoy and that has helped me. Some of the new and confusing principles I was reading about became clearer through the use of those picture stories that Bill used throughout his writings. Bill uses the example of the jay walker who enjoys the thrill of just missing getting hit by "fast moving vehicles" (pg. 37 BB) and keeps going out into

traffic even after being hit. This example of "crazy" thinking and alcoholics trying to drink time and time again in spite of problems made more sense to me after reading that. Again, on page 82(BB) the story of the farmer coming up out of his cellar after the tornado and saying "Don't see anything the matter, here, Ma." stayed in my memory even when I couldn't quote other parts of the Big Book because it was so descriptive of the ignorance I had of the harm I had done to those around me during my active disease.

The 12X12 contains many metaphors as Bill works to explain more fully the concepts of the 12 steps he had outlined simply in the BB. On pg 35 in Step 3, Bill's description of the "key of willingness" that opens the door to turning my life and will over to the care of God helped me picture that door--because I knew how it could easily "slam shut" but never knew that I could become willing to open it again. This was a great help early in my search for a spiritual life when my sponsor would say my willingness was the most important thing to concentrate on. And on the next page (36 in 12X12) he goes to great lengths to describe the concept of a "dependence...that is really a means of gaining true independence of the spirit". I could suddenly see through his picture of dependence on electricity how turning my life and will over to a Higher Power wasn't so far out of my experience; that through dependence on a Higher Power, I could gain true independence over my dilemma. These and many more metaphors helped me "get the picture" of these profound spiritual concepts and remain my favorite way of communicating them today to newcomers. It changes for me "I hear what you are saying" to "I see what you mean".

Sharon L., San Jose

ARCHIVES

1. In June of 1935, Dr. Bob returned from a medical convention much the worse for his drinking after some months of sobriety. On June 10 he was scheduled to perform an important operation and was still very shaky. Bill gave him a bottle of beer to steady him for the surgery. He performed a successful operation and never drank again. June 10, 1935 – Founder's Day – is considered the beginning of our Fellowship.
2. On June 30, 1941, Al C. sent a letter to the American Medical Association saying that he had just been paroled from the State Hospital "treating alcoholics and mental cases". He listed his education and then added, "You may understand that I am not an ordinary drinking bum." The American Medical Association Bureau of Investigation responded to Al's letter and referred him to the Saturday Evening Post "Since that magazine published an article dealing with it". The Saturday Evening Post answered Al's letter saying "We are pleased to advise you that there is a growing A.A. Fellowship at San Francisco...get in touch with Box 4492, San Francisco, Cal." It appears that Al went to a lot of trouble to find out how to get in touch with A.A. We in Santa Clara County are grateful that he was so persistent.
3. In June of 1953 the book "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions" was published. The original Traditions were in the long form only. Earl T., founder of the Chicago Group, suggested to Bill in 1947 that a short form of the Traditions would be helpful. They wrestled with this project for about a week and then came up with a draft which much resembled today's Twelve Traditions. Several months of consultation and refining ensued. The Grapevine began carrying the new Traditions in every issue. When the Cleveland Convention met in 1950, the short form had become known throughout the fellowship.
4. In June of 1966 a number of local members became part of a Buck a Month Club instituted with the idea of supporting Central Office. The Buck a Month Club lasted fourteen months.
5. The first Central Office phone listing for Santa Clara County was Cypress 7-3555 which eventually became the Central Office phone number 297-3555.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 21

10:00am - 4:00pm

What's Going on in General Service

Our Northern California Delegate is Back from the 48th General Service Conference

Communication & Participation, the Key to Unity and Self Support"

Our Northern California Delegate??? **"Who the heck is that?"** Many of you reading this might be asking yourselves that very question! Our Delegate, Sharon B., is the eyes, ears and most importantly, voice, of all members of Alcoholics Anonymous in this Area, including Santa Clara County! When she travels back east to New York over the end of April through beginning of May, not only is she taking all your Group Consciences regarding the important issues of A.A., but she is also *listening* to all that is being decided upon during that busy week, and bringing a very detailed report back to YOU!

Your GSR has had a chance to either hear Sharon "live" giving her report to us at our **Post Conference Assembly** up in Lakeport near beautiful Clear Lake, OR each GSR has access to receiving a copy of her speech on CD. As a DCMC (Chair) of part of Santa Clara County, I always get a few copies to share with my GSR's and loan them out so that they can share the information with their Home Groups.

Many of you were part of this Agenda Topic process, and hearing about what happened to the things you were concerned with, or made comments on, should be important to the completion of this process for this year. Many of those items may not be finalized, and might be something your Group discusses next year; the only way to know any of this is to listen to *YOUR* Delegates Report! J

Over the Summer months I plan to entice you with little tidbits of General Service information, and maybe you'll put into your schedule our **Summer Assembly in Daly City on August 9th, 2008!** When I first began thinking about Serving as the Alternate GSR for my Home Group, our GSR took me to this Assembly first, and said it was the **"fun"** Assembly: He was right! So think about it now...and if you want to come and ask either Raymundo or myself, April, any questions about General Service, come to one of the monthly meetings! We're in the Meeting Guide!

Sometimes there is so much to say about General Service and why we need our Members of Alcoholics Anonymous to understand how important they are to the structure of our Fellowship as a whole, that I tend to lose the meaning in translation of the wording...

Without the Service entities of Alcoholics Anonymous "Communicating" that the Home Groups "Participation" IS "Key", we will fail in our mission of "Unity", and struggle with "Self Support".

Love & Service, April A

DCMC District 04 (North)

HUMILITY AND THE TWELVE TRADITIONS

The Oxford English Dictionary defines humility as "the opposite of pride and haughtiness". In my view, nowhere in AA is the concept of humility more evident than in the Twelve Traditions.

While the Twelve Steps are a guide to personal recovery, the Traditions are the glue that has held AA together for more than 70 years. The Traditions were written with an incredible amount of humility. Bill W. outlined the concepts in his writings for the Grapevine and then opened them up to discussion in AA as a whole. The traditions were then amended through divine intervention by way of the group conscience. At no time did Bill stubbornly insist that his way was the only right way, or refuse to listen to the suggestions and concerns of other AA members.

In the same vein, the Traditions themselves ask each AA member to practice personal humility. Tradition One suggests we place AA unity above personal desires, Tradition Eleven that we always maintain personal anonymity to discourage personal ambition, and Tradition Twelve that we always place spiritual principles above personalities.

May the humility of the Twelve Traditions remain a part of AA forever!

Deborah B, Cupertino

Birthdays Contributions

Name	Years	Gift From	Birthday
Terry L	20	Addnl Cont Roxanne L, Bonnie O	unknown
Elaine H	11	Pat C	05/03/1997
Walter P		In Memoriam from "his poker pals"	05/08/1986
Marion F	23	Aileen B, Evelyn M	05/18/1985
Cacy Y	20	Pat C	05/20/1984
Gina A	18	Evelyn M	05/20/1990
Kris A	11	Evelyn M	05/24/1997
Bud T		In Memoriam from Pat C	05/27/1957
Peggy Z	34	Aileen B, Pat C, Evelyn M	05/29/1974
Danny L		In Memoriam from Pat C	05/29/1985
Rita M	28	Aileen B,	06/12/1980



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For a total of

165 YEARS OF SOBRIETY

If you would like to participate or honor a friend, please use

the birthday forms at your Meeting or Central Office.

Alcoholics
Anonymous ...
How may we help you?



Telephone Calls Received During May

Daytime at Central Office 493
Daytime 12 Step Calls 8
Evening and Weekend calls 383

Evening 12 Step Call information is not available.

WHEN ANY ALCOHOLIC, ANYWHERE, REACHES OUT FOR HELP, I WANT THE HAND OF A.A. TO ALWAYS BE THERE. AND FOR THAT: I AM RESPONSIBLE.

Groups contributing to your Central Office make it possible to provide telephone service and coverage so that someone is always available to the caller in need. We also have a listing in the white and yellow pages of the phone books for all the cities in Santa Clara County. **WE THANK YOU!**

SPEAKER MEETINGS

Weekender Speaker Meeting

Sundays at 6 p.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1735 Hecker Pass Road, Gilroy

Grapevine Speakers Meeting

Fridays at 8 p.m.

Presbyterian Church
San Tomas & Homestead, Santa Clara

Second Tradition Group of AA

Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Ave, San Jose

Saturday Night Speakers—8 p.m.

Alano Club of San Jose

1122 Fair Avenue, San Jose

Remember We Deal With Alcohol

Saturdays at 8 p.m.

St. Mark's Church

1957 Pruneridge Ave., Santa Clara

Saturday Nite Live Group

Fridays at 8 p.m.

1388 S. Bascom at Stokes, San Jose

Speaker Meeting—VA Hospital

Sunday at 11:15 a.m.

3801 Miranda Ave., Palo Alto

Saturday Morning Fellowship

Saturday at 10 a.m.

United Presbyterian Church

Fremont & Hollenbeck, Sunnyvale

MEETING CHANGES

Deleted

Blackeagle Talking Circle, 1st Sat. of mo., 6:00PM, Sat. Nite Live Group,

Spiritual Awakening, Sat., 9:30AM, Los Gatos

449 Acceptance, Tues. noon, Sunnyvale

Road to Recovery, Fri. 8:00AM, Alano Club of San Jose

Saturday Nite Live, Fri, 6:00AM, Bascom at Stokes

Rigorous Honesty, Wed. 7:00PM, 850 Agnew Rd, Santa Clara

Changed

MID-PENINSULA ALANO CLUB has moved to 1130 Independence Ave., Mountain View. Call for meetings.

Early Monday Night, Mon. 7:00PM, address change to 1611 Stanford Ave., Palo Alto

California Ave. Supper Club, Thurs, 6:00PM, address change to 1611 Stanford Ave., Palo Alto

Design for Living, Tues., 6:00PM, San Jose, time changed to 8:00PM

University Beginners, Wed., 5:00PM, 500 El Camino Real, now meets in the Arts & Sciences Bldg., Rm 129

Keep It Simple, Wed. 8:00PM, Alano West, changed name to

Thy Will Be Done.

New

Noon Nooners, Mon., noon, Mission Oaks Hospital, Los Gatos

Noon Meeting, Tues., Thurs., Fri., Denny's at First & Alma

Natural High, Mon. 2:00PM, Downtown Alano Club, 99 W. Almaden

Saturday's Reflections, Sat., 9:00AM, Morgan Hill United Methodist Church, 17175 Monterey St., Morgan Hill

University Beginners, Wed. 5:00PM, University of Santa Clara, 500 El Camino Real, Benson Student Center, Rm 209

Big Book Study, Fri. 7:00PM, Alano Club of San Jose

Cup of Coffee Group, Tues—Fri. 9:00AM, Alano Club of San Jose, 1122 Fair Ave.

July 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 PI Comm. 6:00PM Outreach Comm. Mtg. 6:15PM Intergroup Meeting 6:00PM	3	4	5 Secretary's Workshop 10:00AM Central Office
6	7	8	9 North County General Service 7:30PM	10	11	12 PI/CPC Workshop, 10:00AM Central Office
13	14	15 South County General Service 7:00PM	16	17	18	19 Archives Work Day 10:00AM Central Office
20	21	22 H & I Meeting 7:00PM	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

LOCAL EVENTS

June 21—Central Office Open House, 10am—4pm

July 4—Alcathon, Serenity First Fellowship, 6am—11pm

EVENTS AROUND CALIFORNIA

July 3-5 50th ICYPAA Conference, Oklahoma City

Aug 29-31—Pacific Regional Forum, Spokane WA

MINUTES

The Intergroup Council conducted an inventory of itself at its regular meeting on Wednesday, June 4. The entire meeting was devoted to this inventory, so there are no Minutes this month. However, the minutes of that inventory will be available at a later date.

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CLARA COUNTY, Inc.
274 E. Hamilton Ave., Suite D
Campbell, CA 95008

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.
Profit & Loss
May 2008

	<u>May 08</u>	<u>May 07</u>	<u>Jan - May 08</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
3030 • Contributions-General	7,310.32	8,410.43	51,397.38
8010 • Literature Sales	4,188.05	5,810.07	24,197.78
8020 • Meeting Guide Sales	997.00	1,312.00	5,188.25
8060 • Newsletter Subscriptions	0.00	40.00	75.00
Total Income	<u>12,495.37</u>	<u>15,572.50</u>	<u>80,858.41</u>
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 • Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 • Cost of Inventory Sold	3,326.65	3,741.94	17,409.11
5150 • Cost of Meeting Directories	498.12	673.25	1,723.61
Total 5000 • Cost of Goods Sold	<u>3,824.77</u>	<u>4,415.19</u>	<u>19,132.72</u>
Total COGS	<u>3,824.77</u>	<u>4,415.19</u>	<u>19,132.72</u>
Gross Profit	<u>8,670.60</u>	<u>11,157.31</u>	<u>61,725.69</u>
Expense			
6010 • Alarm Service	0.00	0.00	354.00
6030 • Accounting and Legal Fee	91.52	145.26	1,995.77
6060 • Amortization of Improvements	0.00	0.00	3.25
6070 • Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	24.41	83.40	333.84
6120 • Computer Expenses	0.00	411.34	0.00
6140 • Conferences - Office Manager	447.50	0.00	472.50
6150 • Unity Day Expense	-80.00	0.00	-80.00
6160 • Copier Expense	84.91	101.94	622.78
6190 • Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	1,370.50
6220 • Insurance - Worker Compensation	0.00	0.00	-5.98
6230 • Insurance - General Liability	0.00	500.00	267.75
6240 • Employee HRA Plan	669.79	708.37	4,048.95
6245 • Internet Access Charges	19.95	19.95	99.75
6330 • Office Expense	750.44	474.19	3,679.53
6360 • Archives (Archives)	0.00	0.00	41.22
6380 • Payroll Taxes	548.50	558.44	2,994.67
6410 • Postage	300.00	583.58	1,096.97
6480 • Rent	2,280.60	2,280.60	11,403.00
6540 • Salaries - Office	6,614.57	6,514.66	31,871.27
6600 • Signing Services	200.00	200.00	800.00
7010 • Taxes and Licenses	0.00	0.00	60.00
7050 • Telephone	301.54	313.57	1,485.55
9080 • Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	0.00	0.00	-0.80
Total Expense	<u>12,253.73</u>	<u>12,895.30</u>	<u>62,914.52</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-3,583.13</u>	<u>-1,737.99</u>	<u>-1,188.83</u>
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
8030 • Interest Income	273.24	267.01	780.77
8050 • Activities Committee	0.00	0.00	243.17
Total Other Income	<u>273.24</u>	<u>267.01</u>	<u>1,023.94</u>
Net Other Income	<u>273.24</u>	<u>267.01</u>	<u>1,023.94</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-3,309.89</u></u>	<u><u>-1,470.98</u></u>	<u><u>-164.89</u></u>

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Balance Sheet

As of May 31, 2008

	<u>May 31, 08</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Petty Cash	225.00
1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	8,052.00
1021 · First Republic Bank CD 3202 (4 Mo. Liquid CD @ 4.11%, 06/04/2008)	15,051.37 *
1022 · First Republic Bank CD 3210 (6 Mos. CD @ 3.39%, 08/04/2008)	20,166.00 *
1023 · First Republic Bank CD 3228 (12 Mos. CD @ 3.44%, 02/04/2009)	15,126.34 *
1042 · Capital Preservation Fund (Treas. fund currently @ 2.68%)	26,670.37 *
Total Checking/Savings	<u>85,291.08</u>
Accounts Receivable	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-641.78
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>-641.78</u>
Other Current Assets	
1250 · Literature Inventory	14,813.55
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	2,096.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>16,909.55</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>101,558.85</u>
Fixed Assets	
1630 · Office Equipment	29,796.02
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	5,056.88
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-14,743.50
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	-150.25
Total Fixed Assets	<u>20,259.15</u>
Other Assets	
1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
Total Other Assets	<u>1,993.85</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>123,811.85</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (Sales Tax Payable)	909.67
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>909.67</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>909.67</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>909.67</u>
Equity	
2740 · Temporarily Restricted Funds	17,400.11
3900 · Unrestricted Funds	105,666.96
Net Income	-164.89
Total Equity	<u>122,902.18</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>123,811.85</u></u>

* Our Prudent Reserve Accounts total: \$77,013.08 This represents over 6 months of operating expenses. The Board established goal is 6 months. Thank you.

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	May 08	Jan - May 08		May 08	Jan - May 08
1 INV Freedom Fellowship 70940	0.00	725.16	Gathered Together for Sobriety 43 (Sun.)	0.00	110.00
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	0.00	828.79	Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (Mon.)	0.00	280.00
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	238.70	1,154.30	Gay & Lesbian Topic Discussion 516 (Sat.)	0.00	200.90
1 INV R and B Group 70972	183.31	1,062.08	Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	0.00	238.00
1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905	70.00	809.57	Gay Reflections on the Solution 841(Sun.)	0.00	260.00
1 Inv Seeking Guidance Group 70976	0.00	828.06	Get Up and Go SC (Women) 187 (Sat.)	0.00	366.13
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 70904	0.00	350.00	Get Well Group 17 (Sun.)	0.00	140.00
12 & 12 Step Study SJ 6.00P 800 (Wed.)	0.00	43.67	Grace Group of AA PA 352 (Sat.)	0.00	350.00
12 Steps & HOW (Women) 25 (Tues.)	0.00	14.00	Grateful Live Group 535 (Mon.)	0.00	413.00
12 Steps at Noon 303 (Fri.)	0.00	105.00	Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	0.00	719.60
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Thur.)	0.00	63.84	Happy, Joyous & Free 650 (Tues.)	0.00	88.00
A Vision for You Women's 802 (Tues.)	0.00	70.00	High Hope SJ 239 (Sat.)	0.00	265.00
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun.)	0.00	173.00	HOW Group 71 (Mon.)	0.00	384.00
As Bill Sees It 6.00P 518 (Mon.)	0.00	250.00	Humbly Asked 8.00A 87 (Sun.)	0.00	240.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 258 (Fri.)	0.00	520.45	In the Basement 545 (Sun.)	0.00	136.36
Attitude Adjustment SJ 861 (Thur.)	0.00	350.00	In the Solution 647 (Sat.)	314.00	314.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 886 (Tues.)	0.00	220.78	Inspiration Big Book 195 (Wed.)	210.00	210.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 321 (Mon.)	0.00	224.00	Intergroup Council 80909	38.50	100.50
Attitude Adjustment SJ 446 (Sun.)	84.00	84.00	Joy of Living 464 PA (Wed.)	520.00	520.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 443 (Sat.)	200.00	200.00	Joy of Living Meeting 92 (Mon.)	0.00	301.70
Basic 12 & 12 00662 (Mon.)	0.00	383.09	Just For Today 238 PA (Thur.)	70.00	170.00
Bedmakers Group (Men) 812 (Thur.)	0.00	90.00	Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (Wed.)	0.00	204.07
Better Way of Living 197 (Wed.)	0.00	175.00	Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (Fri.)	0.00	315.00
Big Book & Doughnuts (Men) 106 (Tues.)	0.00	280.00	Liquor Was But A Symptom 203 (Thur.)	0.00	105.00
Big Book Discussion Group LA 107 (Tues.)	0.00	65.00	Live and Let Live 24 (Sun.)	225.00	225.00
Birthday Contribution 00951	377.00	2,237.00	Living in the Solution (W) MH 33 (Sat.)	0.00	84.00
California Ave. Supper Group 715 (Thur.)	0.00	161.53	Living with Others 319 (Fri.)	0.00	272.50
Cambrian Saturday Night 376 (Sat.)	350.00	1,050.00	Lodestar Group/Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.)	0.00	90.00
Chip Winners Group 168 (Wed.)	167.01	322.41	Los Altos Group 225 (Thur.)	0.00	105.00
Courage to Change 145 (Wed.)	0.00	140.00	Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	0.00	224.00
Daily Reflections 432 (Thur.)	113.40	113.40	Los Gatos Tuesday Night 110 (Tues.)	0.00	70.00
Design for Living 200 (Tues.)	0.00	102.00	Men's Basic Step Study Group 891 (Tues.)	0.00	165.05
Down to Earth Group 563 (Tues.)	0.00	229.17	Men's Freedom from Alcohol 606 (Wed.)	0.00	420.00
Downtown Steppers (Men) 392 (Mon.)	0.00	147.00	Men's Group 97 (Mon.)	0.00	140.00
Dr. Bob's Nightmare 360 (Sun.)	0.00	212.49	Men's Honesty Group SJ 26 (Sat.)	0.00	1,145.90
Early Bird 244 (Thur.)	0.00	141.40	Men's Single Problem Study 89 (Mon.)	0.00	598.50
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	0.00	222.60	Men's Single Problem Study 220 (Thur.)	0.00	1,482.00
Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	0.00	486.00	Men's Single Topic Discussion 582 (Mon.)	0.00	854.00
East Valley Group 322 (Fri.)	50.00	50.00	Men's Topic Discussion 635 (Tues.)	0.00	94.84
El Camino Group 108 (Tues)	0.00	81.88	Midday Meeting PA 714 (Mon.)	0.00	70.00
Eleventh Step Meditation Mtg 276 (Thur.)	0.00	100.00	Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.)	0.00	100.00
End of the Line Men's Group 147 (Tues.)	0.00	517.78	Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.)	0.00	245.00
G Early Bird 70968	79.94	79.94	New Direction 12 x 12 90 (Mon.)	0.00	60.00
G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	0.00	300.00	New People's Group 3 (Sun.)	0.00	490.00
G Gilroy Groups 70906	175.00	175.00	New Steps for Living 20 (Sun.)	0.00	569.47
G Remember We Deal With Alcohol 70938	0.00	133.33	Newcomers, Oldtimers (Women) 769 (Sat.)	0.00	150.00
G Serenity First Fellowship 70902	0.00	100.00	No Bull Big Book 655 (Fri.)	0.00	128.00
G South County Fellowship 70954	0.00	875.00	Palo Alto Men's Meeting 525 (Tues.)	0.00	279.30
G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	0.00	400.00	Personal 00911	26.50	180.06
G Sunrisers Group/Carrows 70932	515.34	2,174.66	Positive Outlook Group SJ 368 (Sat.)	0.00	106.40
G Third Tradition Women's Grp(The 70979	0.00	2,346.26	Progress Not Perfection 229 (Sun.)	0.00	140.00
G West Valley Fellowship 70942	0.00	560.00	Rincon Men's Fellowship 567 (Thur.)	0.00	420.00
G Winchester Fellowship 70960	595.00	670.00			

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Saratoga Group 328 (Fri.)	350.00	350.00		
Saturday Morning Los Gatos 777 (Sat.)	0.00	700.00		
Saturday Night Promises PA 847 (Sat.)	0.00	198.80		
Saturday Night Young People's 142 (Sat.)	0.00	70.00		
SCCYPAA	122.02	122.02		
SCCYPAA Young at Heart LG 888 (Tues)	0.00	200.10		
Second Tradition Group Spkr 721 (Sat.)	0.00	880.45		
Seeking Guidance (Men) 854 (Wed.)	245.00	245.00		
Serenity at Noon 215 (Wed.)	0.00	195.30		
Serenity Discussion 210 (Wed.)	0.00	241.08		
Signs of Sobriety) 402 (Mon.)	0.00	25.00		
Sober and Free Convention 70928	260.00	260.00		
Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.)	0.00	100.00		
South Valley Group (267)	0.00	154.00		
South Valley Men's 845 (Thur.)	254.10	254.10		
South Valley Women's Surrender 88 (Mon.)	182.00	182.00		
Speaker Meeting PA 18 (Sun.)	0.00	300.00		
Spiritual Awakenings Group 670 (Sat.)	0.00	78.00		
Spiritual Progress 269 (Thur.)	0.00	338.10		
Spiritual Step Study Group 233 (Sun.)	0.00	330.00		
St. Luke's Group 113 (Tues.)	0.00	560.00		
St. Mark's Group 270 (Thur.)	0.00	500.00		
Starting the Steps 753 (Fri.)	80.00	220.00		
Step Along (Women) Cupt 638 (Wed.)	0.00	101.00		
Steps & Traditions 893 (Wed.)	0.00	110.00		
Steps to Serenity 331 Snvle (Fri.)	0.00	61.00		
Sunday Early Evening 682 (Sun.)	0.00	252.00		
Sunday Night Recovery 23 (Sun.)	0.00	96.00		
Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.)	40.00	290.00		
The Other Wednesday Nite (Men) 209 (Wed)	0.00	1,351.00		
There Is a Solution (Men) MH 732 (Thur.)	0.00	100.00		
Think Tank (Men) SJ 361 (Sat.)	700.00	1,400.00		
Trinity Group 370 (Sat.)	0.00	120.00		
Tuesday Night Men's Meeting 525 (Tues)	0.00	302.40		
Up the Creek-Daily Reflections 745(Tues.)	25.00	175.00		
Veterans of Alcohol (Open) 874 (Tues.)	0.00	362.58		
Veterans of Alcohol North (Open)338(Wed)	138.00	138.00		
We Care Step Study 128 (Tues.)	0.00	140.00		
Women's Brunch PA 640 (Sat.)	311.50	993.73		
Women's Topic Disc. Group 103 (Tues.)	0.00	107.00		
Women Sharing the Solution 519 (Thur.)	0.00	254.80		
	7,310.32	51,397.38		

*Please Join the Serenity First Fellowship for an
Independence Day*

Alkathon & Potluck

**FRIDAY, JULY FOURTH
FROM 6:00 A.M. – MIDNIGHT**

SERENITY FIRST FELLOWSHIP

304 N. 6TH ST. AT JULIAN ST., 2ND FLOOR, SAN JOSE

6:00 P.M. – 7:00 A.M. MEETING

7:00 P.M. – 7:30 A.M. BREAK

7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M. MEETING

8:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. BREAK

9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. MEETING

10:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. BREAK

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 P.M. MEETING

11:30 P.M. – 12:00 P.M. BREAK

12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M. MEETING

1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. POTLUCK

3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. MEETING

4:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. BREAK

4:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. MEETING

5:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. BREAK

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11:00 P.M. – MIDNIGHT MEETING

