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The “But” Can

Not long ago I had the dubious privilege of spending an entire morning in the company of one of the most negative people I know, an individual who is self-absorbed enough to believe that a narrative of his unfulfilled life is likely to fascinate the person who happens to be on hand at the moment. It was characteristic of this person’s monologue to periodically include somewhat positive statements embodying advice which he had no doubt been given by others, followed by BUT, followed the reasons for which, in his mind at least, the advice is not applicable. After about an hour of this, I felt like blurting out, that unless he banished that treacherous little word “but” from his vocabulary for the duration, I would be obliged to eject him from the premises.

Not long afterward, my eye fell upon the old coffee can sitting on the doorstep, with its residue of filthy cigarette butts, and it occurred to me that it would not be amiss to have a ‘but’ can as well, a repository for all those nasty mental qualifications which people use to sabotage a positive train of thought.

Some years ago, when I worked as one of those low-level government bureaucrats to whom falls the unenviable task of imposing other people’s poor decisions on a confused and understandably irate public, I kept a “Can of Worms” on my desk, labeled with drawing of worms representing the intertwined problems I couldn’t fix. I would have been happier, of course, if worms that went into the can had simply stayed there, out of sight and out of mind, but the nature of the job was such, that I was something of the designated person for opening cans of worms that could no longer be ignored. Problems of this nature can only be treated with humor for so long.

I have heard people in and out of the program speak of having a Prayer Box – an actual box in which they put their written petitions to their Higher Power. Now, a Prayer Box can simply serve as a record of all matters that we have confided to our Higher Power. If we are not merely using prayer as a sort of divine 911 line, to be summoned only in dire emergencies, our prayers will also include thanks for those parts of our lives which are going well, and requests for guidance and support in matters that do not seem to urgently need divine intervention. I see no reason to sequester these periodic conversations with one’s Higher Power in anything so formal as a designated Prayer Box.

Sometimes, however, we encounter a situation which is deeply distressing to us, to which we can see no obvious answer. It may be a true 911 emergency, or it may be some chronic difficulty, which to a different person, or under different circumstances, might not appear particularly major. These are the situations which we would like to truly ‘turn over to our Higher Power’ and then let go – not in the sense of ignoring or forgetting them, but in the sense of having faith that we have done all we can by our own efforts, and now it’s up to our Higher Power, who will, in time, bring matters to resolution. Once it’s in the Prayer Box, it’s in God’s hands.

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May 2004

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AA Meetings:



New:

This Day: Saturday, 6-7pm, at St. Mark's Church, 1167 Sam Reynolds St., off West 11th near Bertelsen.

Dexter Women's Big Book Study
Wednesday, 7-8:30, Dexter Library

Changed:

Springfield Men's Stag is now held at 418 North A Street, Springfield. 7PM - 8:30PM Wednesday evenings.

Tuesday Junction City Group, meeting at the First Christian Church, now starts at 7:00 pm.

Canceled:

After Breakfast Grioup, Monday Wednesday Friday, 9:30 AM, at the Townhouse, Roosevelt Blvd.

Solutions Living in AA, Tuesday 6:30, 1038 Washington.

Emotional Sobriety, Jesco Club, 6:00 pm Sundays.

Topic of interest:

The Oregon Area Website Address is: www.aa-oregon.org. Check it out. The monthly area newsletter is posted on this site, as well as information relevant to quarterly assemblies.

Please remember to let us know if your group stops meeting. It's a lot easier to remember when you are starting a meeting, but if you stop meeting, remembering to remove it from meeting lists may save someone frustration and more when they really need a meeting. To submit changes of any kind please fill out a form in the "Meeting Book Changes" book at the EVI office. Ask a volunteer at the front desk for it. You may also phone in any changes during EVI office hours.

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I don't see the "But" Can as exactly analogous to either my ill-fated Can of Worms or the benign Prayer Box which sits at the bedside as a reminder that Someone Up There is working on those intractable problems. The Buts in the But Can are more like tools which need to be put away securely until a person has learned how to use them properly. What makes 'but' a negative, sabotaging conjunction is not the word itself, but its polarity. If you make a positive statement, followed by BUT, the conclusion of the statement makes the whole less positive. "I'd love to go on the hike with you BUT I just can't get up that early in the morning," is actually more negative than simply saying 'I don't feel like going on a hike.' The first implies that the person is somehow prevented from doing what would cause him pleasure; the second is merely a statement of preference. On the other hand, if you make a negative statement, followed by 'but', followed by a qualifying statement, the whole takes on a positive cast, as in "They've cut back on my hours at work, BUT I'm still OK financially and I've been able to get a lot done around the house." Positive people use their butts more sparingly than negative people, but they do still use them.

I therefore have the following suggestion for a psychic 'But Can'. If you make a positive statement – particularly one which pertains to the possibilities of self improvement – and catch yourself inserting that tricky word 'but', toss the last half of the sentence into the But Can. When a sufficient residue has accumulated, rather than emptying the can into a refuse receptacle, I will treat the contents with a powerful electromagnet which re-orientes the positive and negative poles, so a statement like "I know I need treatment for my alcoholism, but I'm such a busy person I never have the time," becomes, "I'm a terribly busy person, but getting help for my alcoholism is so important that I'll find the time somehow." You can then safely retrieve your But and put it to good use.

Martha S.
Eugene, Oregon

From the Annals of Forgotten Crimes and Misdemeanors

Mansion House Police Court, September 14, 1822

Margaret Daley, a masculine female from the sister country [Ireland]. was brought before the Lord Mayor of London, charged with attempting to bite a man's nose off. Miss Daley had disguised herself as a man in order to obtain employment as a bricklayer's laborer, and upon receiving her pay, repaired to a public house and proceeded to get very drunk. Forgetting she was in male disguise, she started flirting with a man in the pub, who took offense and called her an Irish faggot, whereupon she assaulted him, biting off a chunk of his nose. When arraigned, she had no recollection at all of the incident.

Echoes in the Valley

(Echoes in the Valley is a collection of wit and wisdom heard in and around the valley. While not always original, they are shared by local folk at local events. If you hear anything at a meeting that you think others would enjoy or benefit from, please drop it off in the Newsletter Box at EVI. Quotes are credited to the speaker with permission, otherwise they are anonymous.)

"... when I was growing up ... er, I mean getting physically bigger."
Jerry H. - Friday Night Stag

"Luck is a losers excuse for a winners commitment."
Andy Mc - Friday Night Stag

"I've become more of a spiritual being having a human experience instead of a human being having a spiritual experience."
Sandy V. - Sober Awakening

"When I go home after the meeting, my wife always asks me - 'Well, how was your meeting?' It's sort of like a geiger Counter - she's checking to see whether the sobriety is wearing off."
Jim - Sober Awakening.

(About failing to take care of yourself) "It's like Hal in that movie 2001 - you start unplugging major circuits and the system defaults to 'F**k it'.
Sober Awakening

"I've got enough brains to know when I've lied to myself - and fallen for it."
Zoe, Sober Awakening

"I'm grateful I can experience the whole range of emotions - instead of just "lift" and "pour."
Mack, Sober Awakening



Unusual Etymologies

One over the eight. Drunk. There are eight pints in a gallon, which is considered a sufficient amount of beer or cider for a regular drinker for an evening. (R.W. Holder, a Dictionary of Euphemisms, Oxford, 1995)

Nelson's Blood. Rum. The corpse of admiral Nelson was returned from Trafalgar via Gibraltar in 1805 for burial in London. The preservative in which he was immersed was probably brandy rather than rum. Tradition has it that the spirit was depleted on the voyage because sailors siphoned it off and drank it.

Drunk as Lords. Very drunk. From the days when only a wealthy man could afford frequent complete intoxication, as in the following transcript of a trial for Highway Robbery, Old Bailey, September 25, 1822 [Victim] admitted that no money but the two half crowns and the half pence was found on the prisoner's person. When he came up, the prisoner was not very sober, nor yet the prosecutor [that is, the victim of the robbery]. They were not as drunk as Lords; not quite so bad as that, but they were rather drunk for all that."



Rule 62:

Homer-isms

Son, when you participate in sporting events, it's not whether you win or lose—it's how drunk you get.

Volunteering is for suckers. Did you know that volunteers don't even get paid for the stuff they do?

I just wish once someone would call me "Sir" without adding, "You're making a scene."

Marge, every time I learn something new it pushes something old out of my brain. Remember that time I learned how to make wine and forgot how to drive?

Asleep at the switch? I wasn't asleep, I was drunk!

All right, brain. You don't like me and I don't like you, but let's just do this and I can get back to killing you with beer.

Beer. Now there's a temporary solution.

I would kill everyone in this room for a drop of sweet beer.

Shut up brain or I'll stab you with a cue tip!

Homer no function beer well without.

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Old Friends

There were some friends of mine that reached out to me when I was close to discharge from Sacred Heart Hospital after my bout with alcoholic pancreatitis. Interestingly, I had no idea that these guys knew each other, or that they didn't drink, or that they were part of the AA fellowship. I knew that John and Harold did some sort of volunteer work now and again on the occasional weekends - it had something to do with the state prison, but I never could pry any details out of either one of them, or that they knew each other more than with their volunteer work.

Harold is my next door neighbor. John was a guy I worked with before I went into the hospital, and he was even my boss for a time. Brad was a guy I worked and drank with when I first moved back to Oregon. Brad and I kept in professional contact over the years, John and I were close through our professional contacts, and, well, Harold was right next door.

A few days before I got out of the hospital, drooling for another jug of vino, these guys show up in my room. I don't remember too much about those visits other than a lot of talk about how they didn't drink anymore and how I didn't have to anymore, either, if I didn't want to. I remember them saying that they belonged to AA. I remember John giving me a Big Book, and thinking that a book that size must be expensive and that I probably couldn't afford to pay him back for it. I remember laughing with Brad about some of the nutty, drunken crap he used to pull when we first met. But what really sticks in my memory is Harold pointing at me, laughing that Harold sort of laugh, saying "If you drink again, you're gonna die". I knew he was right and I had to do whatever these guys were doing, regardless.

I showed up at the Wednesday Night Stag a few nights later, still dazed from being sober, still quite confused about what AA was and still being fed through an I.V. hooked to a feed bag. I remember there were guys from all corners of society, and all ages there. The place was loud with conversation, more conversation than at most keggers or bars that I had been to. There was laughter, lots of it. These yahoos were sober? Then the meeting started and the sharing began. Yeow, it was just like these guys knew me!

I had no idea how much they knew me. After I got to know some of the guys I started hearing how my three amigos had been plotting when would be the right time to do the 12th step call, how if they didn't do something that I was going to die the slow painful death of my disease and the bets on whether I would make it or not. It seems that some of these guys were becoming my friends even before they met me.

My friendships these days include most all of the guys in my home group and many, many folk around our fellowship. My email address book is huge, even bigger than any of the professional e-address books I've ever had. I have more true friends at this very instant than all of the drinking buddies I've had my entire life.

I still see some of my old drinking buddies from time to time, but not in the same way I did when I was drinking. I try to stay available to a few of them because I know they drink the way I did, and I want the hand of AA to always be there - just like it was for me.

John G - Eugene, OR

EVI Business Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2004

I. 6:30 Kurt (Chair) opened Meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Old Business

Motion to return \$2000.00 bequeathed to EVI to the estate. Passed 20:2.

Steering Committee Report: The EVI Office was burglarized on March 20; the burglars destroyed the safe and stole \$25.00 from it. The safe has been replaced, and a deadbolt installed on the office door.

Audit: A proposed outside audit of EVI finances has been shelved because of cost.

New Motion: Bob T. As EVI is now well over our prudent reserve, the Steering Committee recommended sending a donation of \$907.20 to Oregon Area 58 and \$604.80 to General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous. After some discussion this motion was tabled and sent back to groups. Several people expressed concern that the equipment fund did not have sufficient reserve to purchase a new copier. One group representative felt the money should be used locally for public information. It was recommended that Committee chairs review their budgets and communicate unfunded needs before the donation is sent. The full minutes contain a detailed account of this heated discussion.

New Business:

Announcements from the floor. Todd: Co-Chair for Literature needed. Carolyn: (Al-Anon Liaison:) Al-Ateen car wash last weekend a success; thank you for your support; Garage sale April 18th . Tim A: Announced a workshop: "Now about Sex", April 24.

Activities. Leslie: Please announce to your groups. Golf Tournament June 5th ; planning underway for July 4th picnic

Committee Reports:

H&I: Larry W. Lane Co Psychiatric Hospital closed the end of March... Johnson Unit hopes to take up some of the slack. The Alma Work Camp has had no meeting for 6 months . This correction facility really needs outside volunteers who can make the 34 mile commute.

Speaker Meeting: Sheri. Seems to be working at new location – considering leaving tables in place to reduce work involved in setup, and moving podium to improve acoustics. Would like suggestions from groups for possible speakers.

Treasurer: Lori B distributed balance sheets and explained them. We have about \$3000.00 above our Prudent Reserve. Apparent Al-Anon deficit results from the timing of sales and payments; we make a net 10% on Al-Anon sales.

Office Coordinator: Doug. There are some openings for office volunteers

Literature: Todd P. Needs a new Co-chair.

Meeting Directories: Lee: New Spring/Summer issue sent April 1st to the printer...

Newsletter: Martha. All stories in this newsletter are LOCAL; please encourage members of your group to submit items.

Diverter: Joe Always looking for more volunteers; there is a 6 mo sobriety requirement

Public Information: Shevach. Always looking for more volunteers. Health Fair is coming up on May 16th. Eugene Celebration... difficult to staff because so public so if interested see me

CPC: Patty E-mailed Oregon Area CPC chair inquiring about a possible workshop.

Activities: Sara. Golf Tournament: 5 May at the McKenzie Golf Course. July 4th is coming up... it is on a Sunday this year

Outreach: Annie Tom S real phone # is 521-9500

Archivist: Jim G Bruce and he went through boxes from the Buckley House.

Bob, Darlene, Neil, Bruce and he will meet on what to do and how to organize...

Adjourned 7:53: Closed with the Serenity Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Jenne B



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Meeting schedules, business meeting minutes, and much more.

The little squiggle in the address is found right next to the exclamation point on the keyboard. Save a book mark or favorite and check back often!

E.V.I. News

Emerald Valley Intergroup's Newsletter for the A.A. Community in Lane County

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Submissions due by last Monday of each month. To submit articles or event information, mail them or drop them off at the EVI office c/o EVI Newsletter. Please include a contact phone #. Submissions can also be e-mailed to: eviaa@efn.org or msherw@oregon.uoregon.edu. Communication Committee (Newsletter & Web Site, Meeting Book) meetings are held at 6pm the first Friday of each month at the EVI office. Call John G (686-5602) with any questions.

Contributions:

April 2004/Year to Date)
As Bill Sees It 30.00/30.00
Attitude Adjustment 135.00/461.11
Autumn Group 0/0
Blue River Sunday 10.00/10.00
Brown Bag Group 75.00/150.00
Cottage Grove Gratitude 0/0
Cottage Grove Noon 0/0
Courage to Change 0/0
Creswell AI-Anon 25.00/25.00
Downtown AM Group 221.00/798.00
Early Firehouse Group 20.00/20.00
Freedom of Choice 72.00/72.00
Friday Night BB Study 220/220
From The Heart 156.00/156.00
Get Well Group 0/0
Gratitude Group 0/0
The Great Fact Group 0/0
How It Works 55.00/130.00
Last Chance Study Group 30.00/30.00
McKenzie River Group 0/0
Monday Mens Stag 50.00/50.00
Monday Night Beginners 0/0
New Freedom 0/0
New Freedom II 0/0
Primary Purpose 0/0
Recovery By The Steps 15.00/15.00
Rush Hour Group 25.00/25.00
Saturday Morning Steps 258.50/258.50
Search For Serenity 86.00/344.00
Sober Awakenings 0/0
Sobriety for Life 130.00/130.00
Springfield Monday Night 0/0
Stairway to Sobriety 100.00/125.00
Sunday Morning 0/0
Sunday Sunshine 0/0
Sunlight of the Spirit 25.00/25.00
Sunday Big Book 116.72/116.72
Sunday Night B.B. Study 0/0
Thurs. Men's Book Study 0/0
Thurs. Men's Spons. Group 0/0
Try God Group 214.12/431.62
Tuesday Night Mens Stag 0/0
Veneta Gratitude Group 55.00/55.00
Vet's and Friends 100.00/100.00
We Need Each Other 0/0
Wed. Night Men's Stag 15.00/255.00
Women's Bedrock 0/0
Women's Courage to Change 0/0
Women's How It Works 15.00/60.00
Womans Rd. to Recovery 0/0
Women's Wednesday 0/0
Total Contributions Group
month/ytd 780.12/3918.19
Contributions: Individual
Anonymous/Unknown 17.48/216.60
Faithful Fivers 201.40/451.40
Total Contributions/Ind.
218.88/668.00(omits a \$2000 bequest
which EVI voted to return).

Upton Sinclair's Gin-Soaked Jungle

Recently, while browsing at a church rummage sale, I came across a book of considerable interest to recovering alcoholics – Upton Sinclair's "The Cup of Fury." (Channel Press, 1956). I was familiar with the author, whose novel "The Jungle", a classic narrative of the woes of immigrant experience in the Chicago stockyards at the turn of the century, is required reading for many American high school students. Additionally, our home library included a number of other books by Sinclair and his associates; somebody in the family had evidently dabbled in socialism in the thirties.

Although I did not notice it on the first reading, the ravages of alcohol among working men form an important thread in The Jungle. In 1905, Sinclair, the enthusiastic young socialist, saw the liquor industry as one more weapon in the hands of capitalists exploiting the working man. Fifty years later, the same Sinclair, elderly and holding rather different political views, saw the liquor industry as an unwitting tool of international Communism.

"The Cup of Fury" is a moving account of literally dozens of luminaries of literature and social thought in the early part of the twentieth century, who fell prey to alcoholism. He writes: "I compile a list of victims I have known, and there are seventy-five names; I should say that thirty of them are known to most literate Americans; a dozen are known throughout the literary world.

"I say it is a frightful thing that so much of the talent and genius of America should have been distorted by alcoholic poisoning. These are indeed men and women who have to a great extent set the intellectual and moral tone of our time. They are among the few who have achieved fame and fortune; they have won both the critics and the readers. Most of them started with vision and courage, but in the end the example they give us is of sickness of mind and soul." Among the writers whose personal stories he recounts are Jack London, Stephen Crane, O. Henry, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Sinclair Lewis, and Dylan Thomas.

Sinclair was a great admirer of Bill Wilson (whom he knew personally) and an enthusiastic supporter of Alcoholics Anonymous. His accounts never made it into the AA canon, however, because Sinclair was a teetotaler. The early example of growing up in soul-killing 'middle-class' poverty brought on by his father's alcoholism, seeing a man in whom there was much to admire drinking himself into an early grave, convinced him to avoid alcohol altogether. He was, indeed, a more rigid temperance advocate than most AA members. For example, he writes: "I cast my vote against social drinking. I will not keep a dog in my house that bites one in every five or nine people who stoop to pet it. Nor will I sanction alcohol because it dooms or harms "just" one of every five, nine, or sixteen who drink it."

After relating the depressing stories of intellectuals he had known who had succumbed to alcoholism, Sinclair wanted to conclude with a success story. He had recently reconnected with a writer whose early stages of descent into alcoholism he had witnessed, whom he discovered to be not only alive thirty years later, but sober and leading a fulfilling life. This man was one of the early members of Alcoholics Anonymous. Possibly his story is in the Big Book, without identifying details. Because of the AA commitment to anonymity, this friend was unwilling to have Sinclair include his name or details of his story in "The Cup of Fury." The book thus concludes with a general summary of AA history from its inception to 1955, and an enthusiastic endorsement. Taken as a whole, "The Cup of Fury" is an eloquent, beautifully-written testimony to the vacuum into which the organization stepped in 1934, to the power of alcohol to corrupt the most ambitious, scrupulous, and talented of men and women, and to the power of the AA program to restore the most corrupted, desperate, gin-soaked alcoholic to full citizenship in the human race.

Martha S.

May Calendar

- 1st Mon Steering Committee 6:30PM
Tue District 20, 6:30PM 418 A St. Ken L. 747-8270
Tue District 33, 6:30PM Alan U. 741-2617
Wed District 19, 5:30PM Sandy V. 485-4827
Thur Speaker Mtg Committee, 7:00PM Vicki 688-5042
Fri Communication Meeting, 6:00PM
Sat Cooperation with Professional Community, Noon
Sun Activities, 5:00PM Holly 338-0316
2nd Mon EVI Business Meeting 6:30PM
Wed District 6, 6:30PM Tim A. 726-8558
Sat Answering/Diverter, 9:00AM Julien 520-7408
Sat EVI Speaker's Meeting, 7:30PM, 2801 W. 18th
3rd Tues Public Information, 6:00PM Bob P. 434-1045
Last Wed H& I Committee, 6:00PM
Last Day Literature Committee, 6:30PM



Fellowship Events

Summerfest 04 will take place July 9-11, at the Eugene Hilton. Information on speakers and registration forms can be found at www.aa-summerfest.org, or at the EVI office.

The Pacific Regional Forum, at the Doubletree Columbia River Inn in Portland, happens July 16-18, and features presentations and workshops by Trustees and staff of the AA General Service Office. This is open to any AA member. There is no registration fee.

The May Area Quarterly Assembly takes place in Beaverton, May 14-16, 2004. The program includes workshops as well as a business meeting; any AA member is welcome to attend.

The Pacific Northwest Conference, Joy of Living, Happens July 2, 3, 4 in Yakima. Registration Info is available in the EVI office.

Pathfinders (formerly Recovery Riders) organizes outdoor events for AA members and their families. Check out their website (<http://www.geocities.com/recoveryriders/>) for information on trips.

Monroe Stark Raving Sobre is sponsoring the Annual campfire meeting at Hubert McBee Memorial Park/ Alsea Falls, June 11-13, with campfire meetings Friday and Saturday night, and a spiritual breakfast Sunday A.M. Flier in EVI office has more information.

The Fifth Annual OLYmpic Roundup in Port Angeles Washington happens May 14-16; for information see www.olympicroundup.com

The South Coast Roundup in Brookings will happen July 30-August 1; for information see www.aa-district 30-area 58.org.

The EVI office has flyers and information about all of the above events.

Gratitude:



Currently Available Service Positions:

H&I has a constant, and varied need for people willing to do a little to a lot of service work. There is also a special need for women volunteers for Lane County Jail, CCC, Willamette Valley Treatment, etc.

Public Information needs people with transportation to deliver literature. There is no minimum sobriety requirement for most PI service positions.

The Diverter seeks volunteers to take calls to the local AA number after hours. Contact Julien (520-7408) for details, or obtain information and application forms from the EVI office.

The EVI Office can always use people who are able to answer phones and perform office functions for one four hour shift per week. Contact Doug (461-3872), or stop by the office for information.

Anyone Interested in a

REALLY early morning meeting?

If you could use a meeting from 5:45-6:45 A.M., Tuesdays and Thursdays, in downtown Eugene, contact Chaz (485-7130)

Addresses for Group Contributions

Emerald Valley Intergroup
1259 Willamette Street
Eugene, OR 97401-3509
Contributions for Districts 6, 19, 20, and 33 may also be sent to the above address. Indicate the district on the envelope.

Oregon Area 58 Treasury
PMB 172
1972 NE 3rd St.
Bend, OR 97701

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