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Valley Women's Club
Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2011 through June 2012

07/07/12

Ordinary Income/Expense	Actuals		\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
	Jul '11 - Jun '12	Budget		
Income				
4000 — Contributions Income				Donations
4010 — General Fund Contributions	128.06	85.00	41.06	148.3%
4020 — Education Contributions	0.00	75.00	-75.00	0.0%
4030 — Environmental Contributions	280.00	490.00	-210.00	57.1%
4040 — Scholarship Contributions	305.00	255.00	40.00	115.1%
4050 — Women's Issues Contributions	0.00	75.00	-75.00	0.0%
Total 4000 — Contributions Income	711.06	990.00	-278.94	71.8%
4100 — Events				
4110 — General Fund Events				
4111 — Bulb Sale	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
4112 — Hammer-Marcum Awards	1,412.25	960.00	452.25	147.1%
4113 — New Leaf Community Day	0.00	850.00	-850.00	0.0%
Total 4110 — General Fund Events	1,412.25	1,810.00	-397.75	78.0%
4130 — Environmental Events	74.00	70.00	4.00	105.7%
4140 — Scholarship Events				
4141 — Yard Sale	1,820.53	700.00	1,120.53	260.1%
Total 4140 — Scholarship Events	1,820.53	700.00	1,120.53	260.1%
Total 4100 — Events	3,306.78	2,580.00	726.78	128.2%
4200 — Grants				
4230 — Environmental Grants	2,430.00	2,400.00	30.00	101.3% Bulb Skape Here campaign
Total 4200 — Grants	2,430.00	2,400.00	30.00	101.3%
4300 — Membership Dues	1,640.00	1,500.00	140.00	109.3%
4310 — Reimbursed Expenses	0.00	35.00	-35.00	0.0%
4400 — Recycling Transfer	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4500 — Interest Income	86.68	100.00	-13.32	86.7%
4600 — Miscellaneous Income	25.00	0.00	25.00	100.0%

Valley Women's Club Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2011 through June 2012

Ordinary Income/Expense

• Income

14000 — Contributions Income : 4010 — General Fund Contributions

4020 — Education Contributions : 4030 — Environmental Contributions 4040 — Scholarship Contributions 4050 — Women's Issues Contributions : Total 4000 — Contributions Income

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4730 — Environmental Op Trans In	9,567.16	9,567.16	0.00	100.0%	Bank Account Consolidation
4740 — Scholarship Op Trans In	5,360.28	5,360.28	0.00	100.0%	one-time income
Total Income	33,126.96	32,532.44	594.52	101.8%	
Expense					
6100 — Advertising and Publicity	857.84	550.00	317.84	157.8%	includes vests, bags and logos
6110 — General Fund PR	857.84	550.00	317.84	157.8%	
Total 6100 — Advertising and Publicity	857.84	550.00	317.84	157.8%	
6200 — Awards and Gifts	80.00	40.00	40.00	200.0%	Retiring Board members
6300 — Bank Charges	0.00	20.00	-20.00	0.0%	
6400 — Board Development Activities	480.00	300.00	180.00	160.0%	Retreat space rent, food, facilities
6500 — Committee Disbursements					
6520 — Education	400.89	700.00	-299.11	57.3%	
6530 — Environmental Committee					
6535 — Enviro Grant expenditures	2,006.84	2,400.00	-393.16	83.7%	Buys Signs Here
6530 — Environmental Committee - O	139.24	3,000.00	-2,860.76	4.6%	
Total 6530 — Environmental Committee	2,146.08	5,400.00	-3,253.92	39.8%	
6540 — Scholarship Fund	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%	
6550 — Women's Issues	242.92	750.00	-507.08	32.4%	
6560 — Fund Development	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%	
Total 6500 — Committee Disbursements	2,792.89	16,900.00	-14,107.11	16.5%	
6600 — Donation/Community Outreach	2,750.48	2,500.00	250.48	110.0%	includes bench
6700 — Equipment	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%	
6800 — Event Expense					
6810 — General Fund Events					
6811 — Bulb Sale	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	
6812 — Hammer Marcum Award	1,287.28	1,145.00	142.28	112.4%	
6814 — Candidates/Other Forums	450.00	150.00	300.00	300.0%	Cover TV, sound, light
6815 — Meet and Greet	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	
6816 — General Meeting	555.00	575.00	-20.00	96.5%	
6810 — General Fund Events - Other	185.00				Retirement Party
Total 6810 — General Fund Events	2,477.28	1,870.00	607.28	132.5%	
6830 — Environmental Events	515.37	300.00	215.37	171.8%	
6840 — Scholarship Events					

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Total 6840 — Scholarship Events	134.40	185.00	-50.60	72.6%
Total 6800 — Event Expense	3,127.05	2,355.00	772.05	132.8%
6900 — Insurance				
6960 — Liability Insurance Share	1,028.00	1,200.00	-172.00	85.7%
6970 — D&O Insurance	1,786.00	2,000.00	-214.00	89.3%
Total 6900 — Insurance	2,814.00	3,200.00	-386.00	87.9%
7100 — Licenses and Permits	340.96	600.00	-259.04	56.8%
7200 — Membership Expenses	0.00	120.00	-120.00	0.0%
7300 — Miscellaneous	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
7400 — Office Supplies	61.59	200.00	-138.41	30.8%
7500 — Outside Services				
7560 — Accounting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
7570 — Forest Laurel Design	1,614.70	2,000.00	-185.30	90.7%
7580 — Membership Database	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
7590 — Tax Preparation	150.00	180.00	-30.00	83.3%
7500 — Outside Services - Other	6.92			
Total 7500 — Outside Services	1,971.62	2,380.00	-408.38	82.8%
7600 — Printing and Reproduction	1,582.74	2,400.00	-817.26	55.1%
7700 — Postage	474.92	500.00	-25.08	95.0%
7800 — Space Rent	1,400.00	1,500.00	-100.00	93.3%
7940 — Scholarships Awarded	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Expense	19,724.10	34,915.00	-15,190.90	56.8%
Net Ordinary Income	13,402.86	-2,382.56	15,785.42	-562.5%
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UPS & DOWNS: Overall the volume of materials has been down due to the Recession but there has been a strong upsurge in the past 4 to 6 weeks, so that should help the outlook for this year if it continues. On the flip side, the SCRAP value (not the CRV value) went down a bit this month (not unusual when volumes increase) so that will counterbalance the increased volume to some extent.

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HISTORY: Over the years the Centers have developed a strong relationship with Waste Management, and now Green Waste. GreenWaste was smart – they hired the local Waste Management team as WM left, including Jim and many of the office folks, especially Tom Haggerty in Dispatch. Thanks to a *Memorandum of Understanding* with the County, GW is under contract to provide drop boxes for some of our materials and to provide hauling at no or low cost, as well as the garbage service for the Boulder Creek and Felton sites, as WM was (and North Central Garbage before them). (Grey Bears has a similar MOU.) Jeffrey Smedberg (and Dan DeGrassi before him) has been excellent in forging relationships between the county, nonprofit and businesses, and this is an example of that.

STAFFING: After losing two employees in May, we hired two new employees part-time, and moved one current employee to full time with health benefits and added hours to the schedule of others. Both the new employees worked hard and gained the skills needed to attain Probationary Operator 1 status within about 2 ½ weeks. After three months (equivalent) full-time, barring a major problem, they should become Operator 1 (or 2 if certified in forklift use in Ben Lomond as one already is) and receive a raise. As the summer continues, they will be valuable in replacing employees taking vacation time and in filling in for one employee who is facing knee surgery.

HARASSMENT TRAINING: The County invited our employees to participate in their Harassment training program, and all but two employees were able to attend the two-hour interactive presentation. We will make sure those two attend when the training is offered again. In the meantime they have been given a rundown on the issues covered. Of course we had already provided the information in various discussions and short trainings over the past few years, but having the formal, in-depth training was very helpful. We can thank the County's Solid Waste Manager, Kasey Kolassa for providing this to our employees.

BONUS!! The Recycling Advisory Committee proposed a \$1000 bonus for Danya Leopold!

June, 2012 SLV Redemption/Recycling Centers Report to the Board

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HISTORY: Over the years the Centers have developed a strong relationship with Waste Management, and now Green Waste. GreenWaste was smart - they hired the local Waste Management team as WM left, including Jim and many of the office folks, especially Tom Haggerty in Dispatch. Thanks to a Memorandum of Understanding with the County, GW is under contract to provide drop boxes for some of our materials and to provide hauling at no or low cost, as well as the garbage service for the Boulder Creek and Felton sites, as WM was (and North Central Garbage before them). (Grey Bears

has a similar MOU.) Jeffrey Smedberg (and Dan DeGrassi before him) has been excellent in forging relationships between the county, nonprofit and businesses, and this is an example of that.

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