

FOOTSTEPS

January/February 2005 Issue

FROM THE PRESIDENT. . . .

There will be an empty seat at our annual “**Love Our Library**” dinner. It is to honor one of our most beloved members:

Esther Stanton. Esther had been looking forward to the dinner being held on **Sunday, February 6, 2005** at Auburn’s Public Library. She had already sold a number of tickets when death took her on **December 11th**. She was 93. She was a mentor to so many of us. She did so much to not only make the Friends of the Library an outstanding organization, but also to improve the library as well as the cultural fabric of our community.

A celebratory memorial of her life will be held at **2:00 P.M. at Lassila Chapel.**

Please note that the next TWO FOL Board Meetings will be on HOLIDAYS. January’s meeting will be on Monday the 17th: commemorating **Martin Luther King, Jr.; it is the first holiday.** February’s meeting will be on Monday the 21st: **Presidents’ Day** commemorating **Abraham Lincoln and George**

Washington’s birthdays; this is the second holiday. On those days the library is closed, but the Beecher Room will be open for our **FOL Board Meetings.** These days have been designated as county holidays by the Placer County Board of Supervisors.

At the **December 20th FOL Meeting, Elaine P. Reed, Director of Library Services,** announced, “ I am looking forward to being fully staffed” She informed the FOL Board members that **Mary George, Rocklin’s librarian and Children’s Services Coordinator,** will be the new top assistant in charge of the Auburn Public Library. Filling this position will free **Elaine** to devote more of her energy and time to the entire Placer County public library system. **Elaine** also informed the Board that **Eric Brooks** became the new “**high tech computer ‘whiz’**” replacing **Jon Torkelson** who has just retired. **Eric’s** official title is: **TECHNICAL SYSTEMS ANALYST II** or **TSA II** for short. **Sandra Zander, the Tahoe City Branch Manager,** has

also joined the Auburn Public Library staff. They all are welcome additions to the system's busiest library.

The FOL Board members put on their Santa hats, once again, when **Director of Library Services, Elaine Reed** read her Christmas "**Wish List**" at the December 20th Board Meeting. The Board agreed to pay for additional furnishings for the library. One is an additional **Patron Computer Work Station** for \$825.00 Another is a new **Index Table for Reference Indices** such as **Books In Print, Subject, Title and Author Indices** and **Consumer Information Indices** for \$1,600.00 An additional **Library**

Reading Table with six chairs will be part of the new furnishings, too, for \$600.00 New **Glass Display Cases** are also among the new furnishings for \$1,100.00 Lastly, **Sitting and Storage Boxes** for children's **Board Books** in the **Children's Reading and Learning Area** will complete the new additions at \$699.00 a piece. One of these will be **In Memory of David Holland**.

At the **FOL Board Meeting on January 17, 2005**, the new **Library Collection Development Policy** formulated by the **Library Advisory Board** and the **Placer County Board of Supervisors** will be examined before being submitted to the **County Board of Supervisors** for approval. The new **Policy** will replace the existing **Book Selection Policy** which is now nearly twenty years old. Some specific topics which will be discussed are: Should **library patrons, i.e. users**, now be called "**customers**"? Should "**No library materials . . . be excluded because of the race, nationality, political, religious or social views of the author**"? "**Not all materials will be suitable for all members of the community**"? Do "**parents have the primary responsibility to guide and direct the reading and viewing of their own minor children**"? and "The library does not stand '**in loco parentis**', i.e.: **in place of the parents**"? We hope all will feel free to participate in this discussion.

HAPPY 2005!

Michael Otten

BEECHER ROOM ART DISPLAY

During January, the artist: **Barbara Roth** will share her artistic vision with viewers through her exhibit in the **Beecher Room**. She is a **Children's Book Author and Illustrator**. She is also an **Art Teacher**. Her works are **colorful** and **full of imagination**. Some of her recent art is based on her **"travels"** in Europe. It focuses on and **"captures pictorially" some European Architecture**. This exhibit will be a favorite of both children and adults. Her artwork is wonderful and well worth a trip to the library solely for the purpose of viewing it.

ANNUAL "LOVE OUR LIBRARY" DINNER

The Friends of Auburn Public Library will be hosting their **17th** annual fundraising dinner on **Sunday, February 6, 2005**. The library will be decorated to the theme of **"A Secret Garden"**. Its doors will open at **5:00 P.M.** Dinner will be served at **6:30 P.M.** The evening will start with appetizers and beverages during which time dinner guests may participate in a **Silent Auction** of unique and fun items that will be on display. We are delighted that **Latitudes** will again cater the dinner. The entree choices are: **beef, salmon or vegetarian**. Dinner will include: **a salad, the entrée and dessert**. **Beverages: wine, soft drinks or bottled water** will be available for sale with the meal.

With the handsome, new, library furniture in place, the seating arrangements will be at tables of six or eight. If you have not signed up yet, make your reservations **NOW**. You can make a reservation as an individual or reserve a table for you and your friends. Cost of the dinner is \$30.00 per person. Your choice of **entrée** must be included with your reservation. For more information, contact **Jane Misphey @530 – 889 – 8227**. Your check should be made out to **Friends of the Auburn Library** and mailed to: **Friends of Auburn Library, Dinner Reservations, 350 Nevada Street, Auburn, CA 95603**. You should include a self-addressed and stamped envelope; this will guarantee that your tickets will reach you via the USPS and in a timely fashion. **Your check is your reservation.**

LET'S BOOK! A HUGE SUCCESS

Our celebration of **Children's Book Week** was a **HUGE** success!?* . . . Fifty-five readers went to 55 classrooms and read from one to four books at their assigned school, grade level and class. The readers, whom we talked with, after they did their "**reading**" loved doing it and said the students were **WONDERFUL!?*** We are wondering who had the better time – **the readers or the student audiences?!***

We received positive feedback from all the participating schools. Both teachers and students said that they were delighted to have had this program offered to them. How better can children see how reading can provide a whole lifetime of enjoyment, challenge and adventure?!* It is no wonder, teachers enjoy sharing the classroom experience with volunteers like ours!

This year we were fortunate. There were more volunteers than assignments! And we did place three substitutes for three readers who were unable to read due to illnesses. Our coordination was made easier with the support of all those who were on "**standby**".

On behalf of the **Friends of the Library Board**, we are **grateful** for all of the **Friends'** support of this program and look forward to another successful **Children's Book Week** next year: 2005.

Margot Fulmer and Anne P. Holmes
Coordinators 2004 Children's Book Week

USED BOOK SALE

November and December 2004 sales were productive and respectable. November's total was **\$1792.05**; December's was **\$1654.67** We were becoming spoiled with those few totals over **\$2000.00** Our December sales were **warm and wonderful with Christmas spirit throughout the annex.**

Thanks to **Ralph Wilson**, we now have a **matching set of new tables** on the deck. Ralph has constructed six tables in all. Each is six feet long, which allows for re-arrangement if and when we need it.

The old tables had a long life and endured all kinds of weather. It was time for a change.

The county **cut down the old “digger” pine** on the south side of the annex. **It was a hazard!** Each year, it listed more and dropped **“heavy-duty” pinecones plus “needles” all the time!** We needed to make way for the **“Tuff Shed” addition** anyway.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jan Bailey, Used Book Sales Chairperson

NOON PROGRAMS: WINTER 2005

Jean and Julia Couzens will talk about their latest trip to the **British Isles at NOON on January 21st, 2005, in the Beecher Room of the Auburn Public Library.** Their presentation is entitled **“Haggis and Hedgerows – Three weeks in the U.K.”** Jean and Julia will show pictures and describe their recent excursion England and Scotland. (Last year, they did a presentation on their three week sojourn in France.) Dorothy Sandborn will host this **Friends of the Library Noon Program.**

The **“History and Restoration of Auburn’s Joss House”** will be the topic of the next **NOON PROGRAM ON February 4th, 2005.** It will be presented by **Richard Yue, McCann Award recipient, in the Beecher Room of the Auburn Public Library.** **Doris Vierra,** who is also a member of the Restoration Board, will host this **FOL Noon Program.**

Arborist, Jean Pliska will discuss **“The Proper and ONLY Way to Prune”** on **Friday, February 6, 2005 in the Beecher Room of the Auburn Public Library at NOON.** Ms. Pliska has been involved in numerous activities to save and protect trees of all kinds in our area.

Rosemary Headley will host this **FOL Noon Program.**

All NOON Programs are open to the public. They are sponsored by the **Friends of the Library in the Beecher Room of the Auburn Public Library** from **12 Noon to 1 o’clock P.M.** **Light refreshments** are available. Attendees may bring a **bag lunch,** if they wish.

For additional information, call (530) 885 – 4201.
Glyneth Cassidy, Chairperson

A READING ODYSSEY FOR ADULTS!

Ongoing since November, Placer County Library presents: “**Read Outside of the Box**”. It is a self-paced reading game that encourages adults to explore the library, discovering new authors and titles and revisiting old favorites. If you read 5 books in 4 months, or if you just need something to jumpstart your Winter reading, this game is for you! To sign up, drop in to your nearest Placer County Library and pick up your free game card. Game cards will be available until January 31, 2005. The **GAME** concludes **April 2005** with a **drawing and prizes**.

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GLASS DISPLAY CASE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>DISPLAY</u>
January	Carol Graves	(916) 663-3742	Sacramento Spinners & Weavers
February	Peter Brink	(530) 878-1489	Insect Collection

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, January 5
USED BOOK SALE
The Library Annex

Saturday, January 8
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The Library Annex

Monday, January 17
FOL BOARD MEETING
The Beecher Room

Friday, January 21
NOON PROGRAM
The Beecher Room

Wednesday, February 2
USED BOOK SALE
The Library Annex

Friday, February 4
NOON PROGRAM
The Beecher Room

Saturday, February 5
USED BOOK SALE
The Library Annex

Sunday, February 6
FOL ANNUAL DINNER
The Library