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## SOROPTIMISTS STEP UP!

The Soroptimists have always been friends of the Chico branch library, having given money for many projects that have enhanced the over all services received by the citizens of Chico. Many of you will recall that this great organization has come to bat for the library by granting funds to be open on Saturdays; they provided funds to completely revamp and remodel the Children's Room; various times they have given funds for the purchase of materials to be used in the library; and now once again with the reduction of hourly operations during these fiscally tight times the Soroptimists have **Stepped Up** and given \$21,774 to increase staffing and hours at the library. The Board and general membership of the CFOL thank the Soroptimists for their kind and generous gift.

Following the lead taken by the Soroptimists your CFOL board has voted to give the library \$1,000 a month November through June to help with the staffing crunch. This is in addition to providing money for Friday morning story times in the Children's Room of the library, as well as the public school 3<sup>rd</sup> grade tours of the library.

### LINDA MIELKE TAPPED TO RUN COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Linda Mielke, the new Butte County Librarian, is no stranger to these parts as she once served as director of Shasta County libraries. With an extensive background as a library consultant and director, Linda came to the county librarian position with both feet planted firmly on the ground. Energetic and quick on the uptake Linda has attended at least one meeting of every county library Friends group as well as the Love Your Library campaign

committee meetings. Her goal in the position of chief librarian is to obtain stable funding for the county library system and expand the services at all branch libraries. She is ready and willing to work with everyone who shares that vision.

## **LOVE YOU LIBRARY CAMPAIGN**

The Love Your Library group composed of members from the Butte County Library Advisory committee, the individual county library Friends groups, and interested citizens continues to work on ways of obtaining sustainable funding for the country library system. The current tactic is the possibility of placing a parcel tax on the ballot in an upcoming election. The group has decided not to place a measure on the ballot for the mid-year election of 2010 as they believe it not to prudent at this time. A fundraising letter will be sent to county individuals this coming January.

## **DONATING TO YOUR LIBRARY**

Members often ask how they might give something extra to the CFOL and to our library besides their membership. Listed below are some suggestions you might consider:

**Quilt Raffle** – the Annie’s Star Quilt Guild has donated a beautiful piece of work created by master quilters Marian Mohle and Lynne Pillus to the Friends as a fundraising event. Raffle tickets are

available at the Chico branch of the library at \$1 per ticket, \$5 for 6 tickets and \$10 for 13 tickets. The lucky ticket will be drawn on December 19<sup>th</sup> in the library at 12:00 pm. The quilt is currently on display in the library in a display case.

**Memberships** – you might perhaps consider giving a membership to the Friends as a gift for that person who has everything. Memberships start at \$15.00 per annum and go up.

**Christmas Buy-the-Book** – once again the library is providing a simple way to give holiday gifts. On display in front of the circulation desk are books that the library hopes to add to its collection. The concept is quite simple: you purchase one of the books to be placed into the library in the name of a friend or loved one. The library will send a holiday card to that person saying that a book has been placed in the Chico branch library in their name as a gift from you. What could be more easy?

**Website** – the CFOL website [www.chicolibrary.org](http://www.chicolibrary.org) has recently added a button that allows you to make a donation directly to the Friends using Pay Pal or a credit card. The button is located at the top of the directory to the left of the screen on the Home page.

**Book Sale** – the CFOL sponsored Saturday Book Sale brings in the bulk of the funds used for the purchase of

books, periodical subscriptions and various media. You might think about

- 1) using the Book Sale to purchase holiday gifts for family and friends, and or
- 2) volunteering at the Book Sale. Chiefs Rob and Rosa can always use your help.

**Volunteering** – both the Friends and the library can use your time. Listed on the website are various opportunities for volunteering. Be sure to check them out. [www.chicolibrary.org](http://www.chicolibrary.org).

### **CRAFT FAIRE**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual CFOL Craft Faire was quite a success thanks to the great efforts of Joan Olmstead, Diane Friedman, Susan Davis, Nancy Leek, Jane Rysberg, Jim Olmstead, Linda Leahy and Anne Nordhus. Reports, suggest that the Saturday attendance was about the same as last year. However, with the addition of the following Tuesday as a Faire date, almost all items ended up being sold. As time goes by it is believed that this will become an annual event as successful as the Fall Festival. The over \$2,000 realized at the Faire will be used by the CFOL to fund programs in the Children's Room.

Thanks are also extended to the National Charity League and the Girl Scout troops that helped make this event such a success.

### **Volunteer Hours**

The Third Quarter Summary of volunteer hours from Volunteer Recognition coordinator Betty Forbes shows that there are currently 175 individuals giving time to our library. The number of volunteer hours posted during the third quarter is a staggering 8,802 which equals 2.8 FTE. The Third Quarter saw 29 100-hour increments giving contribution of \$725 to the library by the Friends. It should be noted that for every 100 hour increment of individual volunteer hours the library receives \$25 from the CFOL.

If you are interesting in volunteering in the library check out the Friends website a [www.chicolibrary.org](http://www.chicolibrary.org), or stop the library and speak with Oliver Allen, the library volunteer coordinator. If you are interested in volunteering for the Book Sale stop by and ask for Rob or Rosa at the Saturday Book Sale.

*At this time of year the Board of the Chico Friends of the Library wishes to thank all members for their continued support of both the organization and our library. We would also like to thank the wonderful staff of the Chico Branch of the Butte County Library, as you are a joy and pleasure to work with. It has been a difficult year; we salute your courage as well as work ethic and we wish you a truly happy holiday season.*

## Fall Festival 2009

*Ann Elliott*

The 2009 Library Fall Festival (our 9<sup>th</sup>) was a grand success. There were oodles of people from 11:15 to 1:30 playing and grooving to wonderful music. The parking lot was jammed. Smiles and fun were what we were all about.

**Thanks go to:** Butte County Library Literacy's David and Thu; Papa Murphy Pizza family (We sold 240 slices of pizza.) Music: The Alice Peake Experience: Alice, Kevin Berry, Ernie Witt, Mike Smith, Campbell Church, Huntley Hornback, and Jim Miller (They have asked to come back and play in the redwoods again next year. People heard them from the road and joined the fun.) Juggler: Daryl Kuster (He had a great time and got lots of people juggling with him.) Authors: Debbie Cobb, Christy Dell, Marcia Wilhite, Bonnie Worthington, Mike Graf, Neal Wiegman. Illustrator: Steve Ferchaud (who drew countless caricatures again this year.) National Charity League (beautiful cakes, cupcakes, etc. – all gone by 1:00) Girl Scout Troops: 70263, 70065, 70562, (Troop 70095 stayed home sick with the flu) Pleasant Valley H.S. Key Club and Library Teen Volunteers competently ran fishing, scavenger hunt, and bean bag toss.

A special thanks to Susan D., Vivian, Gerald, Debbie, Marian, Fe, Mary, Joan, her friends Julie & Louie, Al, Marry Riggins, Jim Olmstead, Woody Elliott, and photographers Diane and John for making it happen.



Girl Scout help at the Fall Festival 2009



Boat Race at Fall Festival 2009



Fall Festival Fall 2009

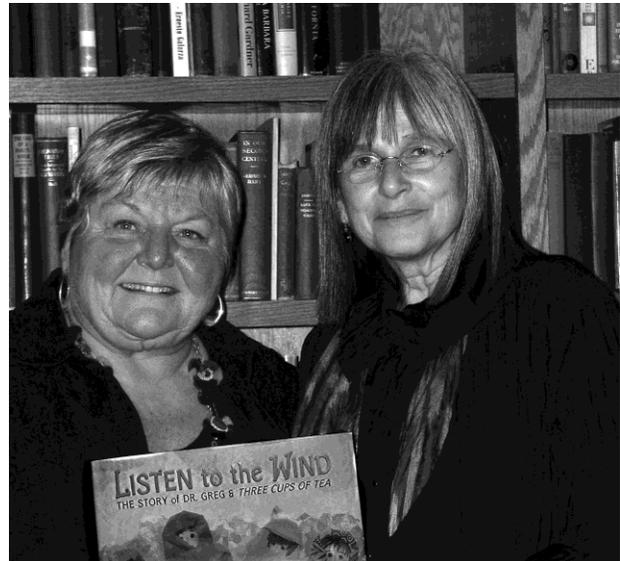
### *Listen to the Wind*

Susan Roth, author-illustrator of forty-three published works, came into town on Friday, November 20, to spoil us with a presentation of how she put together the collages used to illustrate the children's book of the Greg Mortensen story as described in the adult book *Three Cups of Tea*.

Using Power Point, Ms. Roth engaged those in attendance with the nuts and bolts of the process she uses to create such distinctive illustrations for the many books that live on home and library bookshelves. A truly gifted artist,

her final products are stunning. With a house and studio full of paper, fabric and whatever else might catch her fancy, Susan's eye and imagination can see how a cocktail napkin from a cocktail lounge in Tokyo can become the skirt of a young girl in Afghanistan; or a swatch of fabric from a thrift store will be used to create an apricot grove.

Accompanying Susan on her visit to the Chico Branch of the Butte County library was Julia Bergman, past president and current board member of the Central Asia Institute. Julia spoke of her involvement with the CAI and how she came to know Greg Mortensen. This CFOL sponsored event was enjoyed by all.



**Julia Bergman & Susan Roth**

