

Spring 2010

## ANNUAL MEETING 2010

The CFOL annual meeting for 2010 will be held in the Community Room of the Chico Branch of the Butte County library on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The regular monthly agenda is suspended giving the general membership an opportunity to vote on next year's board members including the offices of president and secretary (vice president and treasurer positions are up for vote in odd numbered years. The highlight of every annual meeting is the guest speaker, and this year we are fortunate to have Michele Shover, retired professor of history at California State University, Chico. Following Dr. Shover's talk refreshments will be served. The following individuals have agreed to stand for Members-at-Large on the CFOL board: Margaret Bomberg, Debbie Cobb-Ceriani, Gerald Davis, Fe Howard, Linda Leahy, Al Luedecke, Rupert McDowell, Marian Milling, Anne Nordhus, Joan Olmstead, Mary Wahl, Julie Lynch, Carolyn Dorn and Don Kidd. Diane Friedman has been nominated for the office of Secretary. The nominating team has not brought forth a name to run as president. If you or someone you know feel qualified to run for this position on the board please call Susan and Gerald Davis at 342-1255 or you can email John Few at [Johnfew@hotmail.com](mailto:Johnfew@hotmail.com)

### Chico Historian to be Annual Guest Speaker



Photo by Robert Spere Courtesy of CN&R

Noted local historian and "fact sheet" Michele Shover will deliver the annual guest lecture at the CFOL Annual Meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> in the library community room of the public library at Sherman and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

Dr. Shrover taught Political Science at Chico State University for 38 years, serving as Chairperson for part of her tenure. Her 2005 book *Exploring Chico's Past And Other Essays* is a collection of local history . Michele is an excellent speaker and if you have a question about Chico history, she has the answer.

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## **Volunteer Betty Forbes Dies**



It was with a heavy heart that the members of the board of the Chico Friends of the Library learned that Betty Jane Forbes died Friday, March 5, 2010. Betty had been a volunteer with the library for many years and served on the CFOL board for at least the last five years as the Volunteer Recognition Coordinator.

As a volunteer at the library Betty wore many different hats, her latest helping patrons at the circulation desk. As the Volunteer Recognition Coordinator her responsibility was to tally the number of hours worked by the library volunteers, thus in turn allowing the board to purchase library books or other media for every 500 hours worked which in turn gives funds to the library for the purchase of various media, be that books, Cd's, DVD's, etc.

Betty was also responsible for updating the plaque in the library community room saluting donors who have given substantial monetary contributions to the Friends.

Wife of Professor Allan Forbes and mother to two daughters, Mary Ann Michelin of Napa and Jennifer Macarthy of Chico; four grandchildren, Katie and Matthew Michelin and Alaina and Logan Macarthy, Betty was an example for all to follow.

She was kind and considerate and her dry wit was a joy. She personified the term "service" when working at the circulation desk, always making library patrons feel welcome and at ease.

As one staff member at the library suggested to the editor of this newsletter, that "if Betty isn't in heaven then the rest of us don't stand a chance."

## **Ann Elliott Retires**

Ann Elliott, the indefatigable president of the CFOL for the past two years will be stepping down at the Annual meeting as the leader of our organization. A member of the board for more than a decade she has worn the hat of editor of this newsletter, secretary, president and member-at-large. Anne is dependable, trustworthy, intelligent, willing to admit a mistake, able to change her mind, all with a wonderful sense of humor. Her heart has been with the library and the CFOL and she will be sorely missed as she and her husband Woody explore options open to them now that they have both retired from their day jobs. The entire board appreciates Ann for her extraordinary leadership, especially in the battles regarding library funding. We salute you Ann for the gifts you have given us.

## RECAP OF FUNDING ACTIVITIES

As reported in the last issue of the Carrel the CFOL board and other Friends boards in the county along with the *Love Your Library* campaign committee have been actively pursuing all opportunities to increase the financial resources of both organizations.

Two events where they have been active were

- The Barnes & Noble Book Fair which proved to be quite a success. The event was held to help raise funds for the *Love Your Library* campaign. Several member of the CFOL helped out at this event including Marian Milling and President Ann Elliott. They managed to increase the coffers of the campaign by \$750.00
- Before, during and after the Paula Poundstone performance at Laxon Auditorium board members sold Poundstone books and promotional materials. As mentioned in the last Carrel, Paula is a great supporter of libraries and is the American Library Association spokesperson for library Friends groups. Because of her involvement with the ALA she donates a certain percentage of her book sales to the Friends group in the town where she is performing. Thank you, Paula.

## ROAD RUNNER MARKET

The parking lot of the Chico campus of Butte College has turned into a new gathering place for county residents on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00am to 2:00 pm. The Road Runner Market features 50-80 vendors of fresh produce, live music, eateries, crafts and the Butte County Library. Through the efforts of CFOL board member and *Love Your Library* campaigner, Rupert McDowell (and his wife, Joan) the county library and branch Friends groups have a presence at the market. Their goal is that all eligible market attendees get a Butte County library card. There are also books and other media for sale along with various other Friends items, e.g. license plate holders, shopping bags, etc. However, this is a major undertaking and the McDowell's could use all the help they can get. If anyone is willing to give a few hours on a monthly basis to help in this effort please phone Rupert and Joan at (530) 343-5701. This is a great way for members of the CFOL to lend a helping hand and be part of the future of the Butte County Library.

## BOOKMARK COMPETITION

The Annual CFOL Bookmark competition was a big success. With over 150 entries the judges had a difficult task before them in choosing only three from each grade category as winners. Prizes were presented on April 15 in the Children's Room of the library. There were two surprises in this years contest. The entire kindergarten class at Notre Dame School entered as well as the Art Classes at Chico Junior High. We are in the process of displaying both sets of entries in the library. The winning bookmarks were on display for a week in the Children's Room and are now at the printers for duplication. Be sure to stop by the library to pick one up.

### And The Winners are:

Grades 7&8	Annie Joliff, Eden Fuchs and Dahlia Chavez	
Grades 4-6	Alexis Delima, Karah Han and Emma Demorest	
Grades K-3	Legacy, Logan Anderson and	Amethyst Beacon

## **Doings in the Library**

Several new items can be found in the Chico branch of the Butte County Library.

- A self check station is now available to patrons. The staff will always be there to assist.
- Latest smash hit movies on DVD. The library now rents the latest blockbusters for \$1.00. Check out period 3 days.

Sheryl Hubbard has accepted the position of part-time children's librarian upon the resignation of Heather Tovey. Sheryl has great plans for the summer so check out what will be available at the Children's Reference desk.

For the latest information regarding the Friends check out our website at <http://chicolibrary.org>