



Friends of the Atascadero Library

April – May, 2011

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NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Late winter and early spring have been busy times for us as we focus on our expansion campaign to "Open the Doors". Dancing with Our Stars was a great success financially as well as great fun and folks from every segment in the community found common ground in enjoying the dancers and the well-orchestrated evening. There was much support that evening for what we are calling the Allan Challenge, an idea proposed by Donn Clickard (Julia Clickard, actually) and presented by Lon Allan in a recent column. The idea is for folks to become Founders in the expansion campaign at the \$1000 level, by making monthly payments. Many people are taking up the Allan Challenge and a number are using the payment method to move from Founder to Patron, at the \$3000+ level. We have recently received a number of large anonymous donations including a \$50,000 donation and a \$10,000 donation, and have been notified that we have been selected to receive a local grant. We will share details about the grant when the grantor makes the public announcement.

In addition to the events described in Eileen's column, we are looking forward to two BBQs in the Lake Park. The Kiwanis Club and the Elks Club are producing a BBQ to benefit FOL on Saturday, May 28 and the FOL will take a turn hosting the summer Chamber of Commerce BBQ on Tuesday, August 2. Look for the MOMS Club Rummage Sale on May 13 and 14, Friday and Saturday. The MOMS Club is donating the proceeds to the expansion campaign and will hold the sale either at the site of the new library or at the current library. Last year the Plant Man generously provided us with excellent plants – succulents, shrubs, trees, to name a few – for our plant sale and he is making another donation of plants this year. His plants will be on sale at one of the homes on the Secret Garden Tour May 7.

The FOL Board has decided to hold our annual membership meeting on June 8 at 7 PM. We will elect officers for the 2011-2012 year, update you on the expansion campaign and finances, and review a change in the By Laws that brings the definition of membership categories into agreement with definitions used in the campaign. Margaret Esther, Assistant Library Director, will discuss the future of libraries and their role in our world of rapidly evolving technology. This is our second email newsletter and so far, we have heard no complaints, nor comments. You can comment by note via snail mail or via the Contact section in our web site. And if you haven't visited the web site recently, you will be pleased with the amount of information available and the ease of navigating the site. And be sure to share your email address with us so that we can email the newsletter to you.

You may be aware that the state Legislature is considering drastic cuts to library budgets and our web site atascaderofriendsofthelibrary.com has information on how the cuts will affect us and how to contact the appropriate representatives in Sacramento to share an opinion. A reminder: you will need to renew your membership as a Friend of the Library effective July 1. Information on how to make your renewal will be available soon.



The dance champions; Bill White, first place, and his partner Sharon Davis, John Webster came in third, also danced with Sharon, and Jeannie Malik took second place with her partner Dan Davis.

Open the Doors . . . with Dancing!

The second annual Atascadero: Dancing with Our Stars was a huge success. After expenses, the event will net \$50,000 for the “Open the Doors” campaign. Atascadero Fire Captain **Bill White** finished in first place; **Jeannie Malik** placed second, and **John Webster** came in third.

Jim and Debi Lewis kicked off the program with their 2010 championship dance.

The other “partner” dancers captivated the audience as well: Doctors **Rey and Marlene Cordero**, **Natalie and Jack Dorris**, Supervisor **Jim Patterson**, and **Sharon Rademacher**, along with instructor/partners: **Dan Davis**, **Sharon Davis**, and **Judie Magonacelaya**. **Larry Jensen** choreographed the dance performed by the Dorrises. **Dan and Sharon Davis** were recognized at the event as Honorary Founders for their outstanding contributions.

We also saw exciting specialty numbers by **Ghouls ‘n’ Guise**—**Jody Franta**, **Julie Herring**, **Marc and Sharon Jaeger**, and **Penny Lentz**, and **B-boys**, **Eddie Rodriguez**, **Gilbert Suarez**, **Chris Ramos**, **David Ramos**, and **Josh Ramos**. We send huge bouquets of thanks to all the dancers, instructors, and choreographers.

We also thank engaging M.C., **Steve Martin**, lively dance commentator, **Marguerite Pulley**, and sound and lighting expert, **Bob Jones**. Bob donated both his equipment and his expertise for the program. **Sue Galbreath-Sly**, **Christina Lefevre Latner**, **Leigh Livick**, and **Judie Magonacelaya** helped to organize the event, along with **Dan and Sharon Davis**.

Volunteer **Katherine O’Clair** provided significant help in obtaining wine donations. Among the generous donors were **Carol Kiessig** (Salisbury wines), and all of the following: **Blue Belly Estates**, **Castoro**, **Fratelli Perata**, **Halter Ranch**, **Mondo Cellars**, **Nana and Poppaw Vineyards**, **Orchid Hill**, **Ortman**, **Peachy Canyon**, **St. Hilaire**, **Twilight**, **Venteux**, and **Wild Horse**. **Pacific Harvest Catering** supplied ample, delicious appetizers for the event.

Auction items included donations by **Disneyland Resorts**, **Tuesday’s Jewels**, **Eve Bunting**, **Christina Lefevre**, **Judie Magonacelaya**, **Donn Clickard**, **Willow Creek Olive Farm**, **Cliffs Resort**, **Roxo Port Cellars**, **Saxum Winery**, **Galaxy Theatres**, **Edward Sellers Winery**, **Eagle Castle**, **Kiamie Winery**, and **Turley Winery**. Donations were also provided by **Whalebone Winery**, **Judd Family Winery**, **Trader Joe’s**, **Spencer’s**, and **Von’s**.

Mark your calendars for these delightful spring events:

The Central Coast Children’s Classic on April 30, from 10:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m.—a don’t-miss event for children 3-10 and their parents or grandparents. (More details are on the next page.)

The Atascadero Secret Gardens Tour on May 7, from 10 a.m-2 p.m.—diverse gardens on the San Marcos Ridge—all with beautiful views.

Tickets for the April 30 event are at the library now. The garden tour tickets will be on sale soon. More details are available at www.AtascaderoFriendsoftheLibrary.org.

Eileen O’Grady, Vice President



Now that’s a swirling dress!
Dan Davis and Jeannie Malik dancing a jazz mambo

The Central Coast Children's Classic:

Where Celebrated Stories Come to Life

This extra-special event for children ages 3-10 and their parents, grandparents and friends offers a day full of activities based on storybook favorites!

A FUNDRAISER TO HELP "OPEN THE DOORS" OF THE NEW ATASCADERO LIBRARY

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Watch The Ballet Theatre of SLO
perform excerpts from the
Velveteen Rabbit Ballet

Find your treasure on the
Treasure Island Treasure Hunt

Plant seeds in
Mr. McGregor's Garden



Enjoy ice cream at
Mary Poppins' Ice Cream Parlor



Read to the
Poky Little Puppy
and much, much
more!

Tickets
ON SALE NOW
at the
Atascadero Library
or by calling
805-462-9221.

DATE: Saturday, April 30, 2011

WHERE: The Portola Inn
6650 Portola Road, Atascadero

TIME: 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

TICKETS: Admission with Mad Hatter Tea
Luncheon & Paddock Player
Puppet Show (11:30 am & 1 pm)
\$15 children & \$25 adults
Tickets Must Be Purchased in Advance

General Admission Only
\$10 children & \$15 adults

MORE INFO: www.AtascaderoFriendsOfTheLibrary.org

www.PortolaInn.com

All children MUST be accompanied by an adult.
Rain may cancel some outdoor activities.
This is a stroller-friendly event! No dogs allowed.

Direct from Deborah

Spring! Dancing! Money! Children's Classic! Garden Tours! E-books!

What else can I say? It's all here in the newsletter, on the Friends' website, the library website, the bulletin boards, the "ATASCADERO NEWS" and other media outlets. There's something for everybody coming up in the next couple of months and beyond.

We're working with SLO County, architect Greg Ravatt and library interior specialist Kathy Page to stay within budget and still develop the great library that Atascadero needs and deserves. Now that we have a new movie theater complex can a better library be far behind? Take the Allan Challenge and make it happen ASAP!

Even if you can't give money right now, at least give us your used printer cartridges. There's a jar in the library lobby. We recycle them at Staples to save the earth and get supplies that the county can't give us. As you know budgets are getting worse and we do everything we can to make do for now, until times get better and we make the BIG MOVE.

The new return slot in the lobby and Self-Check machine seem to be working out very well. At least 50% of our check-outs are now being done on that computer so that frees up staff to actually help people find great books to read, as well as give instruction on how to use Overdrive to download audio books and all the new e-books purchased by a grant from the Library Foundation. Overdrive has new instructions and help screens on the library catalog screen. It's so easy even this dinosaur librarian can do it.

See you at the Library! (or the garden tour)

Deborah Schlanser, Library Branch Manager

Reference Notes

by

Brian Coburn

Great news! E-book reader options have expanded for the library user. Overdrive, the vendor the Black Gold Library Cooperative has contracted to provide e-book and audio book titles, has made both audio books and

e-books "iPad friendly." You can now download Overdrive e-book and MP3 audio book titles directly to your iPad, iPhone or iTouch devices through a free Apple OverDrive Media Console app. In addition, in order to explain how to do this, Overdrive has now simplified the help process by providing a new "MyHelp!" link: <http://blackgold.lib.overdrive.com> and, on the top left corner, you will see the new help link. This help section shows the new user an easy-to-follow, step-by-step process in downloading e-books or audio books to your portable computing device. Check it out!

Second Annual Adult Summer Reading Program

The theme this upcoming summer season is "Novel Destinations." There will be reading lists on a range of travel-inspired themes to help motivate and guide the armchair traveler. Read or listen to a set number of theme-related books and receive prizes and surprises. The fun starts on June 7th and ends on August 13th. For more information about signing up, call Brian at 461-6162.

Youth Services

There were several preschool story times in February and March at the library. Lina Ouyang shared her Chinese culture for "The Year of the Rabbit" program. Her husband Bin, from Golden China Restaurant, brought eggrolls and fortune cookies and the children received lucky money in red envelopes.

Atascadero High School Drama students choreographed and performed a skit on the book *Madeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans. They also had fun with the kids by interacting with them in an animal game.

Dr. Seuss birthday was celebrated on his birthday on March 2nd with some of his favorite stories being told or performed by several members of the Atascadero High School Key Club. Katherine and Danyelee, two of our teen volunteers, organized this fun event.

A Taste of Summer

The 2011 Summer Reading Program begins Tuesday, June 7th and ends Saturday, August 13th. Children and young adults are invited to read and keep track of the titles on a reading log. Upon completion, each youngster will receive a book bag, a popular paperback book and other special rewards. The theme for preschool (starts at age 2)-5th grade is "One World,

Many Stories” and the Young Adult theme for anyone entering 6th grade-high school is “You Are Here”. Sign up at a branch library nearest to your home.

The following programs will be held at the Atascadero Library in the Martin Polin Community Room

☉ **Reader’s Theater Workshop with Diana Lyn Carter**
Saturday, June 18th, 11.00 AM – 1.00 PM
Ages 10 – 18

Get into character, learn basic theater technique and maybe sing a little with songwriter-playwright a performing arts teacher Diana Lyn Carter.

Space is limited. Sign-ups begin June 4th.

☉ **Magic of Shawn McMaster**
Wednesday, June 22nd, 6.30 PM
Ages 7 and older

Join magician Shawn McMaster, member of the Magic Castle in Los Angeles, for a unique blend of comedy and magic while weaving in the importance of reading.

Space is limited – no sign-ups required.

Joan Bloomfield, Youth Services Librarian

Financial Statement
RABO Bank Checking Account
January 1 – February 28, 2011

Income:	\$	\$
Magazines, Machines, Lobby Sales	716	
Book Sale	848	
Membership	330	
T-shirts	9	
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Expenses:		
Children’s Programs	555	
Adult Programs	49	
PG&E	13	
Printing	158	
Fund Raising	4	
Book Fund	800	
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Balance (+)		324
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		1,903

Darlene Brainard, Treasurer

New Members

We welcome the following new members:

- Tom and Iris Thompson
- Jerry Lemoine
- Ruth and Roger Zachary
- Virginia Huthner
- Kathy Deshotels-Moore
- Linda and Allen Albright-Baer
- Fred and Georgianna Haderman
- Gregory J Firman
- Theresa T. Walters
- Loretta Hudson
- Janice Vercoutere
- Rosa Amavizca
- Erlean Harmon
- Berverly Abbey
- Lee Swam
- Daniel De Ham
- Kathleen Sarenana

Donations

We thank the following people for their generous donations to our library:

- Not designated:
- Wilma Sparling
- Book Fund:
- Alice Rew, in memory of Irene Lane

Used Printer Cartridges

You can donate your used printer cartridges to help “Open the Doors” a little faster. The jar is in the lobby, in this picture Gordon shows you how.



Lobby Sales

Our Lobby sales are doing quite well. Magazines, books, CDs, book bags and so on can all be purchased when the library is open. Except the book bags everything is slightly used but in excellent condition and the prices are right.

All proceeds will benefit the Atascadero Library.

Monthly Silent Auctions

These auctions are run by our library staff with the proceeds going to the Expansion Fund.

The auction closes on the last day of the month and the highest bidders are notified.

The auctions are attracting quite a few people. However we need more donations of articles for the auctions. If you have articles to donate check with our staff at the circulation desk.

How to make a bid? Just go over to one of the staff, and tell them the number of the article you want to bid on. They will take care of it.

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Book Sale!



**Friday, April 8, 2011
from 6 to 8 PM**

(for members only)

**Saturday, April 9, 2011
from 9 AM to 2PM
at the Book House
6907 Atascadero Ave
(behind the Library)**

We have a great selection of novels
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