

## Friends of the Atascadero Library

February – March 2012

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### *NEWSLETTER*

#### President's Message

After many years of faithful service on the Friends of the Library Board, **Henry Ridder** has decided it is time to tender his resignation from the Board, and from the position of newsletter editor. Henry is one of the senior members of the current Board (and has just celebrated a very senior birthday) and has been a Board member longer than any other Friend of the Library. In addition to having served as Board President, Henry is an FOL historian and his recollection of FOL milestones has been invaluable in the expansion campaign. Henry, we thank you for your many hours of work on the newsletter, which has resulted in a readable and informative report to our members. We will miss your many contributions to the FOL and to the library.

On January 10, the **Board of Supervisors** approved the contract between the county and **Ravatt Albrecht**, architects for the expansion. The architects are now working on the plans and the FOL Steering Committee is meeting with the county to make decisions about furniture, colors and fabrics. We are on track to put the plans out to bid later in the year.

We are excited to meet our new Branch Manager, **Kay Rader**, who arrives January 30. Kay has an impressive resume, with a depth of experience on an international level and we look forward to her assistance in opening the doors to our new

Library. We have scheduled a reception for Kay at the library on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1 to 3 PM

Don't forget to renew! Individual memberships are \$12/year and family memberships are \$24/year and our membership year begins July 1. If you renew now, pay for the number of months until July 1 and we encourage you to pay for the 2012 - 2013 year as well, to simplify the bookkeeping process.

Grenda Ernst, President

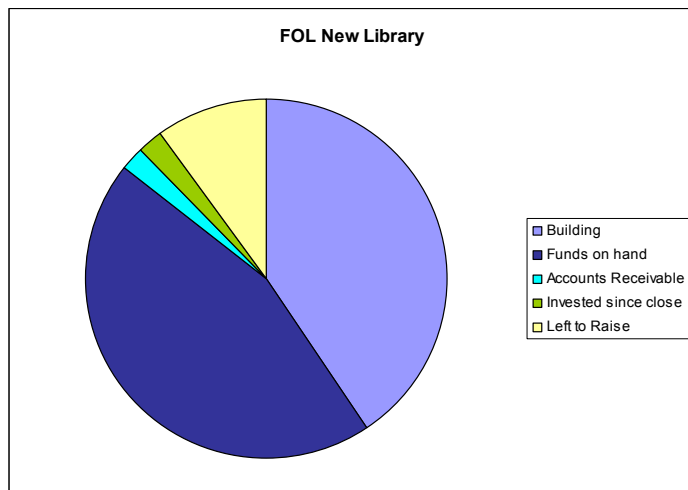
**Mary Bianco of the MOCA Foundation, a dedicated library supporter, has issued a \$ 10,000 challenge to the community of Atascadero library supporters to encourage other \$ 10,000 donations in response.**

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## Open the Doors

### Fundraising Campaign News



In 2011 the community of Atascadero Library supporters donated more than \$700,000 to the campaign to open the doors of the new library—a remarkable achievement! The small yellow section in the pie chart above represents the amount of money that still needs to be raised for construction and furnishings—about \$285,000. All of the other sections represent funds that are pledged or already in place.

Here are some ways everyone can help this year:

1. Participate in the **5K Fun Run** (Yes, you can walk.) that the AHS Interact Club is sponsoring on Saturday, February 4, at 9 a.m. at the Lake Park. For a \$25 entry fee, you receive a T-shirt and some good exercise; the library receives the net proceeds. For more information, contact

**Ellen Davis**

[runtoopenthedoors@gmail.com](mailto:runtoopenthedoors@gmail.com).

Entry forms are available at the library, the Chamber, Main Street, Kennedy Club Fitness, and K-Man.

2. Vote for our celebrity dancers. Although the March 10 **Atascadero: Dancing with**

**Our Stars** is sold out, the dancers need your help to succeed. You can vote for them by putting a dancer's name on an envelope with your tax deductible contribution inside and dropping it off at the library. Our voting coordinator **Ruth Zachary** will take it from there. For each \$5 they receive before the event, dancers receive 1 vote. Online voting will be available soon at our web site [www.AtascaderoFriendsoftheLibrary.org](http://www.AtascaderoFriendsoftheLibrary.org).

3. Assist with the planning and execution of the second annual **Central Coast Children's Classic**. The event will be held on June 23 at the Portola Inn, and many volunteers are needed. Contact **Liz Helgerson** at 462-9221 if you'd like to be part of this fun event.

We are thrilled that groups like the AHS Interact Club and the Montessori School have created their own events to support the new library. We hope other schools, community organizations, neighborhood groups, businesses, and individuals will follow their example in 2012, so that our new library will open in 2013, Atascadero's centennial year. We're making it happen!

Eileen O'Grady, Vice President



#### Dancing with Our Stars

**Back row to right: Rev, Rich Kurrash, Bill Vail, Mike Latner, Christina Lefevre, Jim Patterson.**

**Middle: Dan Davis, Sharon Davis, Kelly Long, Ellen Davis, JudieMagonacelaya, Jeannie Malik.**

**Front: Bohdan Nikiporets, Nancy Cohn, Josh Burke, Chris Balogh.**

**Not shown: Molly & Giovanni Comin, Brian Sturtevant, Zoe Bond, Debore De Stefano, Karl Wastun, and Frank Sanchez.**

## Donations

We thank the following generous donors for their contributions to the library:

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## New members

We welcome the following new members:

Jonathan, Christopher and Heather Wilson  
Eveline Blanchette & Douglas Heumann  
Linda Soenen  
Barbara Haga  
Micah and Lisa Mumford  
Sandy Ricketts  
Bob and Kathy Romera  
James V Smith  
Kelly Kim & Cary Fitchmun

## Branch Musings

by  
Brian Coburn

Hope you're enjoying the New Year. These are exciting times for the Atascadero staff. Great news! Kay Rader will be joining the county library system on January 30, 2012 as the new Supervising Librarian for the Atascadero Library.

Below is Kay's official biography reproduced below:

A native of Missouri, Kay began her professional career as Reference and Research Librarian at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C. She then joined Costabile Associates, a library consulting firm in Bethesda, Maryland, as project manager and librarian for reference, technical services and management contracts. In this capacity, she worked with the Library of Congress Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, the U.S. Agency for International Development, libraries in the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Peace Corps Library, the U.S. Veterans Administration Library and Recording for the Blind, Inc.

From 1982-1986, Kay established and managed The Ministry of Industry and Commerce Library in Mogadishu, Somalia, for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the U.S. Agency for International Development, a general reference,

business and appropriate technology library for students and professionals.

Kay's public library experience includes working in children's services for the District of Columbia Public Library in Washington, D.C., Assistant Director of the Takoma Park City Library in suburban Washington, D.C. and reference manager and staff trainer in Missouri public libraries. From 1994-2001, Kay was CEO and Library Director of the American Library in Paris and its four branches in France, a public library founded by the American Library Association. As Director, Kay played a major role in raising the visibility of the library, helped launch a successful fundraising campaign to renovate the library, developed cultural programs with celebrities such as Gregory Peck, Gore Vidal and William Styron, and revitalized the Evenings with an Author programs and other cultural events to promote artists.

Kay has a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature with Honors and a Masters of Library Science with Honors from the University of Maryland. In 1998, Kay was awarded the International Alumna of the Year Award from the University of Maryland and was named Alumna of the Year of the University of Maryland College of Library and Information Services.

We are very pleased to have Kay lead us in the future. Welcome Kay!

The **Adult Winter Reading Program** is off to good start: sixteen people have signed up so far. The program runs till April 14<sup>th</sup>. There are nine categories each participant reads, listens or watches in. Those who finish will get a free "Hot Reads for Cold Nights" mug and be entered into a drawing and celebration on April 14<sup>th</sup> with three chances to win scarves from Turkey. So read, listen or watch out of your niche and sign up today!

### **Space Program in February**

If you are interested in space exploration, astronomy or just want to know more about our cosmos, then come to the Atascadero Library's Martin Polin Community Room on Saturday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Walter Reil will share with the audience two of NASA's new missions in progress in our solar system: the Mars

Science Laboratory "Curiosity" lander on its way to our favorite "Red Planet" Mars, and the Juno orbiter on its way to the "Mother of all Planets," Jupiter. Learn about these fascinating planets and how challenging it is to visit them. Learn about spacecraft design and science missions and view their thundering launches from Florida's Cape Canaveral. There will be loud rocket launch sounds and some bold classical music! The program is designed for ages 11 to adult. Space is limited. Sign-ups are recommended. Call the Atascadero Library's Information Desk at 461-6162 to sign-up or for questions ask for Brian.

**Walt Reil** is a volunteer NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory Solar System Ambassador since 2004. He is a member and was president of the Central Coast Astronomical Society. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Endeavour Institute in Santa Maria, devoted to STEM public education outreach through Vandenberg AFB Educator Launch Conferences and school and community STEM education programs.

### **"SLO Reads" Program in March**

As part of the SLO Reads Program, which ties in to the theme of Cuesta College's Book of the Year Program *In the Neighborhood: The Search for Community on an American Street, One Sleepover at a Time*, by Peter Lovenheim, Atascadero Library is having an adult program titled: **"Good Neighbors Make Great Communities"** on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:00 pm in the Martin Polin Room. **Kimberly Hudson**, Senior Service Coordinator of the Wilshire Health and Community Services, will discuss stories, services and opportunities through their Good Neighbor Program. The Good Neighbor Program is designed to meet the essential needs of seniors and adults with disabilities in areas such as transportation, shopping and minor home repair that are currently unfilled by other agencies. Call Brian at **461-6162** for questions.

## Youth Services

by

Joan Bloomfield, Youth Services Librarian

As we begin the New Year, I reflect upon the end of 2011. Many children and adults started getting on board with ideas to raise money for the new library. After visiting with Bill Ziegler's class in September at the Atascadero Montessori School, they decided to do a Read-A-Thon for our library. They did this for the month of October and raised \$2449. In December, they were so excited to get a private tour of the new library and present the check to the FOL. They are a special bunch and we all appreciate their hard work and enthusiasm.

### OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS:

#### Wind Power and Wired for Wind

Thursday, February 16th

3:30-5:00 pm. Ages 7-12

Location: Atascadero Library

Space is limited.

Signups begin January 28, 2012.

SLO County 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology (SET) Key Leader Brian Auger will present a creative approach to the fundamentals of experimentation with a hands-on exploration of wind power and electricity generation. With his team of volunteers, Mr. Auger will lead young scientists in conducting tests, evaluating data, and designing modifications for paper turbine blades (pinwheels) to optimize their results.

#### Thinking Day

Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

10:00-11:30 am

Ages 5 and older

Location: Atascadero Library

Space is limited. Signups are not required.

Members of Girl Scout Cadette Troop 40146 will be hosting a "Thinking Day" to celebrate international friendship. Participants are invited to travel various stations and learn about different countries through games, crafts and food. Come and celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> year of Girl Scouts (1912-2012) with lots of fun activities.

## Seabird Protection Network

### Outreach Program:

#### "The Seabird Olympics"

Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> - 3:30 pm

Ages 5 and older

Location: Atascadero Library

Space is limited. Signups are not required.

**Cara O'Brien**, California State Park Interpreter II, and Assistant Park Aide **Robyn Chase**, will present a fun, hands-on activity called the "Seabird Olympics." This activity includes a virtual pelican plunge, deep cormorant fish hunt and hammering and stabbing "shellfish" like a black oystercatcher.

This activity allows the children to actively "compete" with seabirds in a way that builds appreciation and understanding of some of the unique adaptations of these special birds of our coast. By the end of the program they will be able to name at least 3 different seabird species and to demonstrate one unique adaptation for each species. Program participants will receive a Seabird Field Guide to help them identify six seabird species and record their observations on their next trip to the coast. Each participant will have a chance to recite the Seabird Safe Pledge to earn their Junior Ranger badge.

### Financial Statement

#### RABO Bank Checking Account

November 1 – December 3, 2011

<b>Income:</b>		\$
Lobby Sales and Machines	1,201	
Book Sales (Book House)	1,257	
Membership	432	
Donations		
	Undesignated	500
	Expansion	120
Total		<u>3,510</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Children's Programs	550	
Adult Programs	499	
PG&E	10	
Fund raising	10	
Printing	47	
Administration	390	
Total		<u>1,506</u>
Balance +		<u>2,004</u>
		<u><u>3,510</u></u>

Darlene Brainard, Treasurer



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