



Friends of the Turlock Public Library Newsletter

Annual Meeting June 5, 2013

By Pat Hickman

The Turlock Friends of the Public Library will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, June 5, 2013, at 7 PM at the library. It would be great to see a large turnout of our members at the meeting. We will be discussing our accomplishments for the past year, offering suggestions and goals for next year, introducing prospective new board members and electing our new officers and board members. The following is a list of the nominees for the 2013-2014 Board of Directors. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the annual meeting.

Jeanne Endsley – President
 Mike Seifert – Vice President
 Carmen Ingols – Treasurer
 Jackie Oyer – Secretary
 Gity Miller – Membership
 Pat Portwood – Public Advocacy
 Fran Fears – Director-at-Large
 Phyllis Frasier – Director-at-Large
 Nancy Frykman – Director-at-Large
 Michael Fuller – Director-at-Large
 Brooks Judd – Director-at-Large
 Rachel Stone – Director-at-Large

I know you are interested in the Turlock Friends of the Public Library: that is why you joined and support our organization. Attending the annual meeting on June 5th will give you the opportunity to meet those who serve on the Board of Directors and join our discussion of what we hope to accomplish next year.

Thanks to Past Editor Susan Helm-Lauber

By Hanna Renning

Susan Helm-Lauber has edited this newsletter since February 1996, a total of more than seventeen years or almost seventy issues. She collected and edited articles, printed labels and did the actual mailing of the newsletter. With this issue, Phyllis Frasier assumes the helm.

Susan is a true friend of the Friends of the Turlock Public Library. We owe Susan a huge debt of gratitude for all the contributions she has made, and continues to make, to the group and to the Turlock Public Library. Joining FOTPL in 1994, she served as President in 1997-99, Treasurer in 2004-06 and in 2008-10, and Director-at-Large on the board for several years. She was active on the board with ten different FOTPL presidents and four different Turlock Library Branch Managers.

Susan has been co-chair of FOTPL book sales from 1997 to the present. She has sorted books, designed and produced posters and postcards to advertise the sale, secured equipment and presided over volunteers working during the

sale. She also maintained the membership database for many years.

In 2010 the Stanislaus Library Foundation gave Susan the Shining Star Award for her contributions to the Stanislaus



Susan Helm-Lauber, past editor of the Friends' Newsletter.

Public Library System. She was recognized for her unstinting energy and hard work on behalf of the library, beginning with the first campaign to pass a library tax in 1995. Susan's achievements have been matched only by her modesty.

ABC PROJECT GRADUATION PROGRAM

By Kelly Ferrini, Children's Librarian, Turlock Library

"I've read that book!" was what one child had to say while looking at a book display of some of the children's book titles that the ABC Project sends to local children on a monthly basis as part of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program for children's literacy. He was attending a program held at the Turlock Library on March 23, 2013, as a graduation celebration and story time for the children who have reached the age of five and are no longer eligible for the monthly book giveaway. The intent of the program was to show the children that there are other wonderful and interesting books to read and that one of the best places to find them is at the local library!

We had a short story time with books about puppies (*Please, Puppy, Please*, by Spike and Tonya Lee, and *The Pigeon Wants a Puppy*, by Mo Willems), and a fun song with a scarf activity. There was also an exhibition of a variety of library materials and time for some questions about the library and getting a library card. Several children had not been to the library before, and their parents signed them up for their first library card. The response from both parents and from Dr. Susan Neufeld, ABC Project Director, was very positive.

The Turlock Friends of the Library funded snacks for the program and a ribbon award for each of the eight "graduates." The library hopes to continue to work in partnership with the ABC Project to host many more future graduation programs on a quarterly basis!



Kelly Ferrini reading to ABC participants during story time.



Dr. Susan Neufeld, ABC Project Director with an ABC participant.

The FOTPL Newsletter Is Going Electronic!

Our next issue will be electronic, so please make sure we have your email address. The newsletter will also be available online at www.stanislauslibrary.org beginning with this issue.

We'll be able to provide more pictures, graphics and important information about the Friends and our Library!

If you'd like to view this issue in color, please visit the Turlock Friends link on the Stanislaus County website shown above.

Shining Star Award

By Hanna Renning and Joan Ahlstrand

Friends of the Turlock Public Library were honored to nominate HyPower Hydraulics in Turlock for the Shining Star Award this year. The award is given each year by the Stanislaus Library Foundation to outstanding supporters of our county library system.



From left to right, HyPower employees Toni Hensley, Deena Cuevas, Sonya Blair, Jose Mercado, Mario Mercado and Konrad Hack.

HyPower Hydraulics of Turlock has been a brightly shining star in the Turlock Library support system for many years. Without the help of its owners, manager and staff, the Friends of the Turlock Public Library would have found it difficult, if not impossible, to have developed their large-scale annual book sale.

When this effort began more than a decade ago, the FOTPL Board was seeking free space for storing donated books until the annual book sale. Vivian Manha, a member of the Turlock Friends group and also a member of the family that owned HyPower came to our rescue. HyPower had just moved into its new buildings at 1240 S. First Street and luckily had extra space to offer. Vivian arranged a partnership which has grown and benefited our Turlock Library immeasurably.

Over the years, manager Konrad Hack has spearheaded HyPower's efforts on our behalf. He has released members of his staff from their duties so that they could help us as needed. After boxes are sorted and loaded onto wooden pallets, staff members shrink wrap the pallets, then forklift them to the storage area. The books are stored for a year and loaded onto pickup trucks for their trip to the sale area.

These are some examples of HyPower Hydraulics' and Konrad Hack's willingness to go above and beyond in helping the Friends, and hence the Turlock Library. We, the Friends, wholeheartedly support recognizing HyPower for their steadfast support of our annual book sale.

Proposed Changes to the Friends of the Turlock Public Library's Bylaws (Note: old text has been ~~marked out~~; new text is underlined and in bold.)

ARTICLE VI: ELECTION AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 5: The term of office shall be one year ~~and shall begin at the close of the annual meeting~~ **beginning the month following the annual meeting**. No member of the Board of Directors may be elected for more than two consecutive terms to the same position, **except for the treasurer, who may be elected for a maximum of three consecutive terms.**

ARTICLE VIII: FISCAL POLICIES

Section 1: (No change.)
 Section 2: (No change.)
 Section 3: The Treasurer shall ~~collect all dues, and~~ keep a full and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of the

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Our Purpose:

To support the Turlock Public Library by raising supplementary funds, advocating for adequate public library funding and other concerns at the city, county and state level, and by sponsoring special library programs which benefit the Turlock community.

Meeting Information:

The first Wednesday of each month,
7 pm at the Turlock Library.

Friends of the Turlock Public Library is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

Proposed Changes to the Friends Bylaws

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corporation in permanent books ~~for that purpose belonging to the corporation.~~ The Treasurer shall deposit all monies and other valuable objects of the corporation in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. ~~A written report of the finances of the corporation shall be made monthly by the Treasurer, and a report of like character shall be submitted by him/her at each annual meeting of the members.~~ **The Treasurer shall make a monthly written report of the finances of the corporation and shall prepare an annual report for the general membership meeting.** He/She may be required to give such bond as the Board of Directors may designate at any time. **The Board of Directors may require the Treasurer to give bond at any designated time.** Bonding expenses shall be borne by the Friends of the Turlock Public Library. The books and records of the Treasurer shall be reviewed by a ~~non board member~~ under the direction of the Board of Directors **CPA chosen by the Board of Directors.**

Section 4: (No change.)

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