

# The Focus

Calaveras County  
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

## GENERAL MEETING

**Reserve your spot now for the  
Annual Luncheon & General Meeting of the  
Friends of the Library for Calaveras County**

- ✓ Election of Officers
- ✓ Vote on a New Investment Policy
- ✓ Guest Speaker—Our County Librarian, Nancy Giddens will share her experiences in Africa

### Saddle Creek Resort

1001 Saddle Creek Dr., Copperopolis

**Wed., October 19, 2016 ♦ 12 noon - 2:30 pm**

#### MENU

\$22.50  
per person

Artesian rolls and butter  
 Caesar Salad with homemade croûtons and Parmesan cheese  
 Chicken Marsala served with Chef's selected accompaniments  
 Seasonal Dessert  
 Coffee, decaf and ice tea  
 (Indicate special dietary requests with your reservation.)

**We must have your reservation by October 9th.**

Questions? Call 408.483.1804 or email dazeofwine@sbcglobal.net

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ people at \$22.50 per person

Dietary Restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to FOTL

Mail check & form to: Kathi Copeland, PO Box 272, Copperopolis, CA 95228



Calaveras County  
 Friends of the Library  
 PO Box 1552  
 San Andreas, CA 95249  
 (209) 754-6510  
 calaverasfotl@gmail.com  
 calaverasreads.org

#### INSIDE THIS ISSUE

President's Report	2
PAC Report	2
Librarian's Report	3
For the Kids	4
Branch Highlights	5
From the Editor	7

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Angel's Camp Volunteers
- Scary Story Party Night

**Friends who read, are Friends indeed!**



Bob Dean

## From Your President

Creating something out of whole cloth has always been tough for me. Additionally, as the Chinese proverb has said; “The longest journey always begins with the first step.” You would think that the first obstacle would be overcome by the first step. Seems like an easy solution, right? Then I ask myself the question: Which direction do I take for the first step? Do I want to change direction after having started in another direction?

Actually, the answer turned out to be pretty simple. This journey isn’t about me, it’s about the Friends of the Calaveras County Library and our role in the future of the Calaveras County Free Library System. Our Friends’ groups, at the Branch and County level, have been doing exciting things. We’ve opened a new location in West Point. We’ve begun an outreach program to let the residents of the county know that the library system has significant relevance in the 21st century. The County Friends have given out, what we hope to be, the first of many future scholarships and some of our branches are or will be doing the same in the future.

*This journey is about the Friends of the Calaveras County Library.*

We’ve started an e-book program and provided financial support to the library system for added services. Most of all, we’re walking in lock-step with our new County Librarian,

*Continued on page 4)*

### EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Bob Dean, President
- Pru Starr, Vice President
- Shirley Huberty, Treasurer
- Jackie Wietrick, Secretary

### BRANCH REPRESENTATIVES

- Diane Jarvi - Angels Camp
- Jack Kuhn - Arnold
- Kathi Copeland - Copperopolis
- Sally Tuttle - Mokelumne Hill
- Mary Hultgren - Murphys
- Kathy Martinez - San Andreas
- Jackie Wietrick - Valley Springs
- Pru Starr - West Point

### STAFF

- Mary Cole - Membership and Promotion, *the Focus* - Editor
- Amber Rack - Webmaster

## From Your Public Awareness Campaign (PAC) Chair

Back in April 2015, several meetings were held with Calaveras County Library Staff and Calaveras County Friends of the Library (FOTL). The object of the meetings was to determine how to improve the library system after almost ten years of reductions in services to the Calaveras County Library patrons.

The attendees determined the following three goals need to be accomplished to improve the library system:

1. The first goal was to raise the public awareness of the Calaveras Public Library and to show the public the value of the library system.
2. The second goal was to raise the Supervisor’s awareness of the Calaveras Public Library system and to show the Supervisors the value of the library.



Richard Raso

*(Continued on page 6)*

## From Your Librarian

Happy Fall!

Thank you to each of you who has chosen to become a Friend of the Library in Calaveras County. Your contributions of time, money and service enable us to continue to improve the services we offer our citizens. I believe our future is bright and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your County Librarian.

We have many wonderful things coming in the next few months, some of which are possible through support of **the Friends of the Library**:

- We are finally upgrading our old circulation system! Our present outdated system is in danger of crashing and when I expressed my concern about this, the Friends of the Library stepped in to help by donating the money needed for the move to the new service. Thank you to each local FOTL, MVL, Inc. and the County FOTL for making this necessary step possible.
- We have a budget for new books for this year! Friends of the Library voted to establish a designated fund within the County's Library budget and donate \$7,250.00 for new books and materials. The Board of Supervisors voted to match this generous donation, giving us \$14,500.00 for new materials this year. Thank you Friends of the Library for your donation and for inspiring the Board of Supervisors to do the same.
- Many wonderful members of FOTL serve as volunteers in our branches, giving hundreds of hours each month county-wide. We could not exist without your help. Thank you, volunteers!
- County administration requires that a county employee be present each hour our branches are open. The county pays a branch assistant to work 18 hours in each location. Some communities want more than that. Again, the Friends of the Library stepped in and offered to pay for extra hours for these branches. We are in the process of hiring extra permanent part time staff to serve these branches. [Note: we are keeping statistics

of numbers of users each day and each hour in each branch, so we will have a clear picture of our real needs for next year.] Thank you Friends of the Library for giving us the opportunity to continue with current hours while we assess our needs. (Volunteers are still needed in every branch!)



Nancy Giddens

- eBooks are available to our users through a program called OverDrive. Thank you Friends of the Library for paying for this service for us and our patrons.

Thanks also goes to the **California State Library**. This year they are providing:

- ZIP books: a service which allows our users to request a book (online on our webpage or in person at the library). If the book is available on Amazon Prime and is under \$35.00, we order it for the patron and it is sent directly to their home. When they are done, they return it to the library and we add it to the collection. This year, we have been given \$4000.00 for ZIP books.
- Link+: an interlibrary loan system which will soon be operational in California. We will have access to books in 70 library systems within California and Nevada, including some university and special libraries. This service will be free to the user.
- A scholarship: for me to attend a conference of the Association of Rural and Small Libraries in Fargo, North Dakota in October. I will attend workshops which will help us as we develop new programs and services in our library.

(Continued on page 6)

## Branch Locations & Storytime Schedule

**ANGELS CAMP**  
426 N. Main Street  
736-2198  
Fridays @ 10:30 am

**ARNOLD**  
1065 Blagen Road  
795-1009  
Call Library for times

**COPPEROPOLIS**  
Lake Tulloch Plaza #106  
785-0920  
Thursdays @ 1:00 pm

**MOKELUMNE HILL**  
8328 Main Street  
286-0507  
Fridays @ 10:00 am

**MURPHYS**  
480 Park Lane  
728-3036  
Tuesdays @ 10:30 am

**SAN ANDREAS**  
1299 Gold Hunter Road  
754-6510  
Wednesdays @ 10:30 am

**VALLEY SPRINGS**  
240 Pine Street  
772-1318  
Wednesdays @ 3:00 pm

**WEST POINT**  
54 Bald Mountain Rd.  
293-7020  
Call Library for times

## Scary Story Night Party

Storytellers from the  
**Mother Lode Storytelling Guild**  
will be bringing their craft to the 3rd Annual

# Scary Story Party Night

**Saturday, October 29th, 2016**  
5:00—7:30 pm  
San Andreas Library Branch  
1299 Gold Hunter Rd., San Andreas

Bring the kids  
Come in costume and win a prize!

- ☠ Cookie Walk
- ☠ Raffle
- ☠ Crafts
- ☠ Book Give-away
- ☠ Hot Dogs & Chips provided by Calaveras High Band Boosters



## President, continued

*(Continued from page 2)*

Nancy Giddens, to bring newer, more innovative and enduring programs and services to the people of Calaveras County.

None of this would be possible if it weren't for the efforts, dedication and commitment of all those devoted volunteers who have brought the Friends' groups to the level of service we enjoy today. As we move forward in our commitment to provide support and service to the Library System, we only have to look to the past to get a sense of our future success.

I think this is a good first step. It also helps to define the direction we want go on our journey.

*Bob Dean, President*

## BRANCH HIGHLIGHTS

### Copperopolis Branch

When asked, "Has your branch had any semi-major accomplishments this year?" We received this response:

Thank you for your question, it's a great one to be asking of the **Copper Library**.

I think it is a ginormously remarkable accomplishment for a meagerly staffed rural library to actually boast that its presence in the community has changed lives.

THREE TIMES this year patrons have come into the Copper Library uncertain about how to use a computer

as a job search tool. Thanks to the Copper FOTL providing computers and a savvy branch assistant giving a quick tutorial, each of the three was able to create a resume, web search to find sites and post online, complete online applications, and schedule interviews. These patrons' gratitude came in the form of a visit back to the Copper Library to share the outcome of their efforts.

- ◆ One patron was a mother of three who found a part time job in order to pay for school athletic program needs;

- ◆ One was a truck driver who found work in the Valley and;
- ◆ One is now a letter carrier in the Copper community.

YES, the Copper Library has contributed to the quality of life in the Copper Community.

Shannon Jewel,  
Copper Library  
Branch Assistant



## It Can't Be Done Without the VOLUNTEERS!



Angels Camp  
Library  
Celebrates their  
Volunteers on  
Volunteer  
Appreciation Day!

Thank You!

## From PAC, continued

*Continued from page 2*

3. The third goal was to find out what the Calaveras people need from Calaveras Public Library and to satisfy those needs in normal times and in emergency times.

After the initial meetings, the PAC committee was formed to work on these three goals. The committee was formed from County Library staff and County Friends of the Library volunteers.

The following are the 2015-2016 PAC accomplishments

- ✓ Organized in Summer 2015

- ✓ Created new County-wide Library Logo and printed brochures for library handouts
- ✓ Created County-wide library events Calendar to be used for distribution to newspapers and magazines
- ✓ Hired two people to support the PAC, funding provided by County FOTL
- ✓ Reorganized County FOTL member list and mailed renewal membership letter
- ✓ Reviewing County FOTL webpage and improving it
- ✓ Created County FOTL speaker bureau and trained speakers to provide information about the

Calaveras County library system to the public

- ✓ Participated in County Fair as County-wide Library system to increase awareness of the library system
- ✓ Created Back-to-School bags for elementary and middle school students

The PAC committee is beginning its second year and it will continue to work on the three goals. It will continue its work until it is determined the goals have been completed.

*Richard Raso, PAC Chair*



## From Your Librarian, continued

*(Continued from page 3)*

**Calaveras County Board of Supervisors** approved a budget for the Library which enables us to:

- hire a new 18 hour person for the Main Library;
- re-join 49-99, the library cooperative for our area with benefits including access to Link+ and to more books for book clubs through the 49-99 Book-Club-In-A-Box (ask at your branch to see the list of books available.)
- buy new materials for the library.

**Thank you to the Board of Supervisors** for their support of the Calaveras County Library system which serves the Main library and 7 branches throughout the county.

Do you see bright days ahead? I certainly do! I look forward to working with you to make the Calaveras County Library system the best in the foothills!

*Nancy Giddens, County Librarian*

## From the Editor — Mary Cole

Your new Newsletter—The Focus

Hi! With my twelve years experience creating newsletters, I'm looking forward to sharing this skill with the Friends of the Library with this Newsletter which will serve as the focus for our community library branches. Here you will read about upcoming events, as well as some heartwarming stories, like the one on page 5.



Mary Cole

You will hear from our Board President, and our new County Librarian, Nancy Giddens to find out what is happening within the library system. Other Board Members and our Library Commission also will be contributing. I plan to bring in guest writers with their book reviews, and any other pertinent story they'd like to share. Do you have a favorite book or something you'd like to tell our readers? I welcome your input; just send articles to **calaverasfotl@gmail.com**.

After this issue, The Focus will be published only electronically rather than printed and mailed. We will send out an email with a pdf and a link to our website **calaverasreads.com** where you can read it in color. So please, right now, take the time to fill in the Friendship Application you received in the mail. And **be sure to include your email address!** Or else I won't be able to notify you of the next issue!

*Happy reading! I want you to be informed, so please tell me if you have any thoughts or suggestions about this publication.*

## Your Membership is now a “Friendship”

A membership in the Friends provides financial support to the library. To increase Calaveras FOTL's membership, Mary Cole and **Cindy Lavagetto**, in collaboration with the Membership Committee, have drafted a letter that kicks-off the new look. If you have not yet received your copy, please contact Mary Cole, Membership Coordinator, at **calaverasfotl@gmail.com**. Note that we have renamed our status categories for a more fun way to inspire your participation.

The main gist of the new program is to encourage you to give us your email address. We need it in order to communicate with you in the 21st century.

We expect that many of you have no idea when you last renewed. Well, this is about to change. We now have a system in place that will generate a renewal notice on each member's anniversary month, which will be mailed to you along with a return envelope to make renewing even easier.

***What's going on in your library?***

***Read a great book lately?***

***Share your stories here.***

To contribute to The Focus, send your events, reviews, stories and photos with the subject line of FOCUS to **calaverasfotl@gmail.com**. Or mail to PO Box 1552, San Andreas, CA 95249'

Editor reserves the right to decline or modify all stories to fit. And no guarantees are made.



Calaveras County

# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

PO Box 1552 ♦ San Andreas, CA 95249

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## CALENDAR

Children's Storytime	See schedule on page 4	All Branches
Moke Hill Book Club	First Tuesday each month 7:00 pm	Mokelumne Hill Branch
Book Club	Third Tuesday each month 3:30 pm	Valley Springs Branch
Between the Covers Book Club	Fourth Thursday each month 2:00–4:00 pm	Murphys Branch
Computer Literacy Classes	Tuesdays 2:00–4:00 pm	Murphys Branch
<b>County Friends Annual Meeting</b>	Wednesday, October 19th 12 noon–2:30 pm	Saddle Creek Resort
<b>Scary Story Party Night</b>	Saturday, October 29th 5:00–7:30 pm	San Andreas Branch