



From the Acting President's Desk

By Retha Robertson

Hello fellow Friends of the Woodland Public Library. Are you ready for the big FOL events coming this spring? First on the calendar is a new presentation of Murder Mystery Night and Dinner. Please join others on Saturday, March 24 at 6 p.m. for "Let's Make A Deal" taking place in the Library. Details are elsewhere in this newsletter and on our website www.woodlandfol.org This event is a major fundraising project.

The month of April is D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) month. An author event is scheduled for Saturday, April 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the Leake Center. National Library Week is April 8 -14. Both good reasons to spend some time in the library and see what's new.

Book sales are ongoing the second Saturday morning and last Thursday evening of the month. Remember the ongoing FOL book sale corner upstairs near the circulation desk. Thanks for supporting the book sales and a big thank you to those volunteers who work sorting and shelving new donations and those who work the sales. You contribute so much to this organization.

May brings us to the Big Day of Giving on Thursday, May 3rd. Donations can be scheduled ahead of time as well as on this date. This is our other major fundraising effort and your donations go directly to supporting the various educational and informative programs the library offers for all ages.

Volunteers are welcome and needed to keep FOL moving forward. We would love to hear from you.

"A good laugh is sunshine in a house." —William Makepeace Thackeray



FOL UPCOMING EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

March Events:

- 📖-March 10, Second Saturday Book Sale (Saturday, 9 am - 12 pm)
- 📖-March 12, Regular Board Meeting (Monday, 5:30 pm) Leake Conference Room
- 📖-March 24, Mystery Night in the Library (Saturday, 6:00 - 9:30 pm) Woodland Library
- 📖-March 29, Last Thursday of the Month Book Sale (Thursday, 4 - 6:30 pm)

April Events

- 📖-April 7, Author Steve Venables, (Saturday 9:30am reception, 10am author talk) Leake Conference Room
- 📖-April 9, Regular Board Meeting (Monday, 5:30 pm) Leake Conference Room
- 📖-April 8-14, National Library Week
- 📖-April 14, Second Saturday Book Sale, (Saturday, 9 am - 12 pm)
- 📖-April 20, Newsletter articles due (Friday)
- 📖-April 26, Last Thursday of the Month Book Sale (Thursday, 4 - 6:30 pm)



Carnegie Library

MURDER AT THE LIBRARY?

Mark your calendars for the Friends of the Library's 18th annual Mystery Night on Saturday, March 24 at the Woodland Public Library, 250 First Street. This year's audience participation, locally sourced murder mystery is a game show-themed dinner theater event held in the library rotunda.

Tickets include admission to the "Fun and Games Midway" in the library from 6 to 7 pm. During this fun hour guests can stroll through the library, search for clues and play a variety of carnival-style games to win prizes. In between games don't forget to enjoy wine, beer and snacks while bidding on lots of fantastic items in a silent auction.

Beginning at 7pm, the evening's play, "Let's Make a Deal," continues the tradition of Murder in the Library. This year's cast once again includes well-known local "celebrities" enacting a mystery only the audience can solve. The top sleuth will win a prize. As always, throughout the play guests will be sure to recognize events and references to life in our town.

The Friends are once again presenting their largest annual fundraiser dinner theater style. The entire event will take place upstairs, inside the library. "Let's Make a Deal" will be presented in the gorgeous rotunda -- among the guests, who

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Murder.....? Cont'd

will be seated and enjoying a delicious dinner while keeping their eyes open for clues and trying to solve this year's mystery -- and maybe even participating in the wheeling and dealing!

Seating is limited, so purchase your tickets soon and be prepared for a delightful evening in the library filled with fun, friends, food, and of course... murder.

Both live and silent auctions offer a variety of prizes for all budgets. Popular items with bidders in the past have included jewelry, wine packages, golf packages, numerous items from local restaurants and businesses, beach getaways, and casino packages. Our last mystery night raised thousands of dollars to continue the support of our library including programming for children, teens, adults, summer reading, educational activities, author appearances, and more. Come have some fun again this year while you bid on great prizes and help keep our wonderful library such a vital part of Woodland.

All proceeds benefit the Woodland Public Library. The Friends of the Library (FOL) is a volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to supporting our library, the oldest operating Carnegie Library in the state.

Mystery night tickets include a catered, sit-down dinner as well as all the entertainment. The menu will include a meat or vegetarian option, side dishes, wines, coffee and of course, delicious homemade desserts. Simas Family Vineyard is graciously providing the wine. FOL member price is \$45 or \$80 per couple; non-members pay \$50 or \$90 per couple. Ticket information and an Eventbrite payment link can be found on the Friends' website, www.woodlandfol.org. Alternatively, payments by check (payable to Friends of the Library) should be mailed as soon as possible to FOL Mystery Night, P.O. Box 545, Woodland, CA 95776.

FOL members, as always, receive discounted ticket prices. Memberships are currently half-price and are available via PayPal on the Friends' website: www.woodlandfol.org.

Friends of the Woodland Public Library Present:



Saturday, March 24, 2018

Woodland Public Library
250 First Street

**“Game Show” Themed Murder Mystery
Dinner & Wine & Auction & More...**

6 pm Door open for:

“Fun and Games” Midway

WIN PRIZES!

7 pm Catered Dinner and Show
Library Rotunda

www.woodlandfol.org

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"Let's Make A Deal"

FOL Members: \$45 Single/\$80 Pair

Non-Members \$50 Single/\$90 Pair

Please reserve _____ tickets @ \$_____ each/pair

Meal options include: BBQ Beef Brisket, Chicken, or Vegetarian. Includes wine, salad course, sides and Homemade desserts!

Guests Name(s) / Meal preference:

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please PRINT the above information. This will be used for ticket purchase confirmation. Your name will be included on our guest list at the door.

NO TICKETS WILL BE MAILED.

Mail check payable to: FOL Mystery Night

Mail to: PO Box 545 Woodland, CA 95776

Tickets available online:

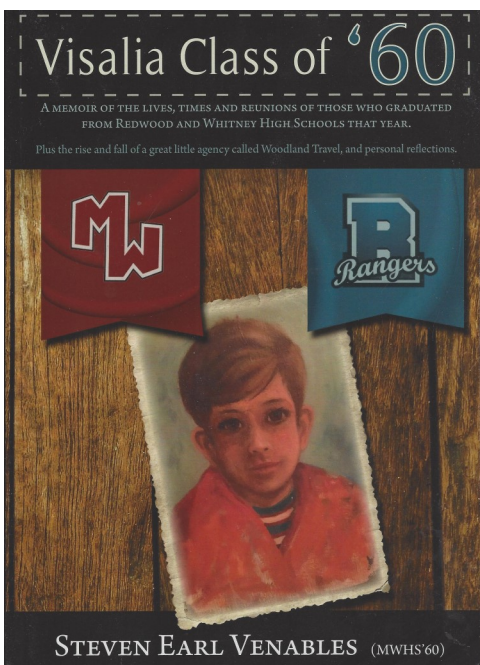
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Please call with questions (530) 666-0545

Author Steve Venables to Speak April 7th

Local author, Steve Venables, will speak at the Friends of the Library's Author Event on Saturday, April 7 at 10:00am in the Leake Room of the Woodland Public Library, 250 First Street. This event is free and open to the public.

There will be a "meet and greet" reception at 9:30am followed by a public presentation at 10am in which the author will speak about his book, Visalia Class of '60.



Author Steve Venables was born and raised in Visalia and graduated from Sacramento State before moving in 1969 to Woodland, where he started a travel agency. He owned and ran Woodland Travel for forty-five years, along with a chain of six branch offices in Davis, Sacramento, and Reno. Together with his wife Lydia he was able to travel the world frequently, and often his articles about their adventures were published in the Democrat. Later he was hired to create travelogues for an international travel magazine, and his column was voted the most popular in a tie with noted writer Rick Steeves.

This event is presented as part of a national month-long celebration of reading called D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read), designed to remind folks of all ages to make reading a priority activity in their lives.

Please join us on April 7, to meet Steve Venables and discover more about this local author and his work. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Upcoming Book Sales

March 10th

Saturday, 9 am - 12 noon

March 29th

Thursday, 4 pm - 6:30 pm

April 14th

Saturday, 9 am - 2 pm

April 26th

Thursday, 4 pm - 6:30 pm

New Membership Sale

New Membership has been reduced to half price through June 2018. New members don't miss out on Member Only specials at the book sales, author events, mystery night and other FOL activities.

Mark Your Calendars for May 3, 2018 Big Day of Giving

Big Day of Giving is a 24-hour giving challenge that brings together the region's nonprofit community to help raise much needed unrestricted funds and shine a spotlight on the work nonprofits do to make the Sacramento region the place we call home.

For the past few years, the giving day has united our community, raising more than \$23 million for local nonprofits from over 36,000 donors from all over the region, the state, the country, and the world.

The Friends of the Woodland Public Library will once again participate in this one day event, using funds raised to help sustain funding for:

- Children Programs including Story Time and Children Summer Learning Programs
- Teen Programs including Teen Advisory Group, Summer Reading and Weekly Homework Help
- Adult Programs including Brown Bag Book Club, Adult Summer Learning Programs and monthly "Crafternoon"
- Community Programming including Book Page subscription, participation in local downtown events and providing books for Little Free Libraries

**PLEASE GIVE
GENEROUSLY TO
FRIENDS OF THE
WOODLAND
PUBLIC LIBRARY
ON MAY 3, 2018
at bigdayofgiving.org**



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STOP and VOLUNTEER TO HELP THE FRIENDS'

OPPORTUNITIES BELOW

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BOOK SORTING VOLUNTEERS

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If you're interested

Email us: woodlandfol@yahoo.com or

Call us: 530-666-0545

Website: www.woodlandfol.org

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If you know of anyone who wants to get involved with a fun bunch of people AND support a worthwhile cause, direct them to the Friends! There are one time and on-going opportunities available.

THERE ARE LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES WITH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

We're looking for new board members! Here's your chance to make a difference in our community. Email woodlandfol@yahoo.com if you're interested in learning more.

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