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Friends to Friends

Newsletter of the Friends
of the Woodland Public
Library

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Odds and Ends

By: Diana Dearmore, Editor

Stu Spew - a few last rhymes (without much reason!):

**Mystery Night was really a hoot,
And we raised some much-needed loot!
Seems that wily millionaire, Dr. Smoot,
Was NOT just the Coroner, but a murdering old coot!**

Thanks to all that volunteered their time and all of our guests that attended - YOU made this a very successful event*. It seems that the rhyming fun town of Woodville was very popular, even with a murderer on the loose! There were surprises abounding (for cast and audience alike), with lots of delicious food, wine and beer. **If you missed the event, or had so much fun you want to do it again, we will be showing the movie "Who Slew Stu Spew?" on Wednesday, May 14th** (see page 2). We hope you can join us - there are more fun rhymes to be rhymed and **all guests will receive one free raffle ticket, popcorn and punch - Woo-Hoo for Stu Spew Redeux!!**

Our **annual membership meeting** this year will be an **old fashioned ice cream social!** It is scheduled for **Thursday June 12th, at 5:30 pm** and **author Maceo Montoya** is slated to discuss his book **"The Deportation of Wopper Barraza"**, which is set in Woodland (page 7).

Summer is right around the corner and that means several things:

•**Membership:** All memberships (except lifetime) expire on June 30th. We are offering an incentive to renew early - a \$5 book buck! **Join anytime before the end of June, and receive a coupon for \$5 worth of books for free.** You may renew at the door at the ice cream social, join on-line with PayPal at our website www.woodlandfol.org, drop off a membership form at the library any time you are in or mail to us at our PO box.

•**Summer reading programs: FIZZ! BOOM! READ!** The focus is on science and some really great science activities and experimentations are planned throughout the summer (funded by the Friends). More information on page 4; don't forget there are some really **great prizes** for the **ADULT summer reading** also.

•**Vacations and travel reading:** With summer on the way, be sure and stop by our book sales and pick up some pool side reading. With our great prices, it's okay to leave them behind to make room for that new t-shirt you couldn't resist buying from the beach vendor on vacation. Exchanging books with others that are traveling is also a great way to make some new friends.

Let us know if you have any ideas for authors or events you'd like to see.

If you want to get involved, we always welcome your help. You can email us or leave a message on the phone - see page 8 for details.

**We raised over \$6,300 - Many thanks to you and a VERY special thanks to Tom Stallard (right), our fabulous "live" auctioneer!*



FOL UPCOMING EVENTS

May Events:

"Second Saturday"
Book Sale!

Saturday, May 10th
9 am - 12 noon

"Who Slew Stu Spew?"
Redeux - the Movie
Wednesday, May 14th
at 5:30 pm

World premier screening of
the 2014 Mystery Night
play - details on page 2.

"Last Thursday"
Book Sale!

Thursday, May 29th
4 pm - 6:30 pm



June Events:

Annual Membership
Meeting

June 12th at 5:30 pm

Author Maceo Montoya will
be visiting. There will be
an ice cream social
followed by the author
presentation. More
information on page 7.

"Second Saturday"
Book Sale!

Saturday, June 14th
9 am - 12 noon

"Last Thursday" Book
Sale - open to everyone!
Thursday, June 26th
4 pm - 6:30 pm

"Who Slew Stu Spew?" - Redeux...

The Friends of the Library (FOL) are hosting "Who Slew Stu Spew?" Redeux - the Movie on Wednesday, May 14 at the Leake Center in the Woodland Public Library . Doors open at 5:30 pm, with the world premier screening of the 2014 Suessical Mystery Night production* starting at 6 pm.

If you were not able to make it for the live event, come and see what everyone is talking about. This is your chance to have some fun with Stu and the crew. Tickets for this event are available at the door and are \$3 each for members and \$5 each for non-members (includes popcorn, punch and a free raffle ticket). You may join at the door for a 2015 membership, and receive a \$5 "book buck" good at any FOL book sale.

We hope to see you on the 'red carpet' on Wednesday, May 14th.

*More information may be found on our website at:
<http://www.woodlandfol.org>*

**Thanks to the WAVE, Channel 21 for providing video production services and the DVD.*



"Who Slew Stu Spew?"

(Left to Right)

Dan Bellini (Stu Spew & Chief Yookeroo), Duane Chamberlain, (Mayor of Woodville), Sean Denny (Pam lam), Al Eby (Blind Narrator), Kristy Wright (Susie Q. Who), Jim Hilliard (Flam), Steve Harris (Flem) and Al Smith (Dr. Smoot).

"Break a Leg!"

Woodland Public Library Board of Trustee Notes. . .

VOTE YES ON MEASURE J

Four years ago, Woodland voters showed their resounding support of the Woodland Public Library and other endangered City of Woodland programs (parks and recreation, senior services and public safety) by voting to approve Measure V. This quarter penny sales tax revenue kept the library's doors open, although we lost 6 of our 12 librarians, reduced library hours and closed the Leake Room facilities to the public. Measure V will sunset this year and voters are being asked to reauthorize it by voting **Yes on Measure J**.

Although the worst of the budget crisis seems to have abated, the passage of Measure J would help us to regain some of the territory we lost during the Great Recession. **Measure J would simply extend the current quarter penny sales tax to provide between \$1.75 to \$2 million annually to address critical needs, with an emphasis on programs for youth.** This equates to approximately \$500,000 annually for the library alone and would mean hiring additional staff, increasing library hours, enhancing our collections, providing more programs for children and teens, and more.

Measure J is accompanied by four advisory measures. By voting Yes on Measure J, you may vote for a companion measure to indicate where the revenue should be allocated:

- **Measure K—60% - Restore Parks/Recreation programs, reduces fees and assists in re-opening Hiddleson Pool.**
- **Measure L—20% - Library literacy programs for youth, technology access and increase library hours.**
- **Measure M—15% - Public safety and crime prevention, Neighborhood Watch and alternatives for at-risk youth and gang intervention strategies.**
- **Measure N—5% - Rate payer assistance for low income seniors and families with water/sewer rate increases.**

Every current Woodland City Council member and all candidates running for the two open seats on the Council are in support of Measure J. Your **Yes on Measure J** vote will mean programs that better the quality of life for all Woodlanders. When we invest in our youth, we invest in our future. And don't forget that a great community deserves a great library! Please contact Diane Adams for further information or to get a sign for your lawn. Phone number is 530-601-1758 and email is diane_woodland@gmail.com

CA PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVOCATES (CPLA) - 2014 SPRING WORKSHOP by: Karen Shepard

Woodland Public Library Board of Trustee appointees Diane Adams, Kathy Harriman and Karen Shepard attended the CPLA workshop at the beautiful Castro Valley Library. The workshop was titled *Supporting California's Public Libraries: Trustees, Commissioners, Friends and Foundations Advocating Together!*.

Gerald Maginnity, then Acting CA State Librarian, brought news from Sacramento. The State Library is the central reference and research library for the Governor's office, Legislature, state employees and the general public. It administers federal and state grants for programs in historical preservation, library construction, civil liberties education, literacy, volunteering, and broadband connectivity in public libraries. This beautiful State library, completed in 1928, underwent an extensive restoration from 2009-2013. Currently, more than 4 million books are awaiting transfer to the library from a warehouse where they were stored during the restoration. This will be completed in the fall of 2014. Historic tours are available to see the architectural style, statues, and the beautiful murals which line the library corridors. To schedule a tour, call (916) 653-1440.

In this era of economic challenge for public institutions such as libraries, the workshop presented excellent presentations and roundtable discussions demonstrating how Friends, foundations, and trustees can develop innovative partnerships to win ballot elections to increase library revenue. The use of social marketing was presented as an effective strategic tool.

It was gratifying to see the enthusiasm generated by those present who have a passion for their libraries and a dedication to provide the best services and environment for their patrons.



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Summer Reading Program is almost here!

Readers will explore all things scientific this summer as Woodland Public Library presents “Fizz, Boom, Read!” for our summer library program. We will have weekly outside science experiments, outside performer events, and of course, lots of prizes for reading!

There is something for every age level:

- Babies and toddlers 0-3 will participate in early literacy activities and receive a wooden rattle/plush toy and a free board book.
- This year the prizes for kids 4-12 are set up “arcade style” which means participants get tickets for reading which they use to “buy” from a large selection of games and toys.
- Teenagers 12-18 will create book reviews and receive fun prizes like headphones, a tote bag, a steel water bottle, and of course a free book.
- Adults also can enter to win prizes (gift cards to local businesses) by reading. The program will be lots of fun for the whole community!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Note: A free lunch will be served outside at 11:45 am Monday–Thursday June 14–July 31 for children up to age 18. 2014 SUMMER READING CALENDAR FIZZ! BOOM! READ! JUNE 14 Kickoff Party 1 pm Leake Courtyard End of first reading period (max 10 tickets) JULY End of second reading period (max 20 tickets) AUGUST End of fourth reading period (max 20 tickets) BOOK WEEK					
16 Science Experiment: Grass Heads 3 pm Outside	17	18	19	20	21
23 Science Experiment: Bubble Day 3 pm Outside	24	25 Jers Bee Show 4 pm Leake Room	26	27	28
30 Science Experiment: Toothbrush Robots 3 pm Outside	1 JULY	2	3	4	5
7 Science Experiment: Camera Obscura 3 pm Outside	8	9 Extreme Science Magic 4 pm Leake Room	10	11	12
14 Science Experiment: Sunpaper Journals 3 pm Leake Courtyard	15	16	17	18	19
21 Science Experiment: DIY Ice Cream 3 pm Outside	22	23 Magician Brian Scott 4 pm Leake Room	24	25	26
28 Science Experiment: Marshmallow Shooters 3 pm Outside	29	30	31	1 AUGUST	2

Thanks to our funding from the Friends, we are able to offer these prizes as well as wonderful programming and a fun kick-off event.

Annelisa Gebhard,
Youth Services Librarian



Grandson Ben takes advantage of the LFL in the courtyard behind Steve's Place Pizza.

Little Free Library*?

By: Meg Stallard

We are delighted to have a Little Free Library located in the courtyard behind Steve's Place Pizza, 714 Main Street in Woodland. It fits right in under the orange tree, and has seen many books come and go in the month or so it has been in place. Little Free Libraries are just what the name says - small places where you can pick up a book to read and/or leave off a book you have read but think someone else might read. There is no charge - all books are free! The joy of sharing our love of reading is how we 'pay it forward.' The motto of LFLs is 'Take a book, Leave a book.'

As the LFL stewards, we take delight in checking regularly to see that there are enough books that we hope are of interest to borrowers. And we are pleased that many friends and neighbors have dropped off books that they, too, want to share with others. We are especially interested in having books for children and young people available at all times, so please feel free to drop some off.

Little Free Libraries are great for wannabe librarians! We encourage you to volunteer to steward one of the LFLs that the City of Woodland and Friends of the Woodland Public Library will be installing in parks in the next few months. To offer your help, please contact Greta Galindo, Library Services Director. Her email is Greta.Galindo@cityofwoodland.org

*The library is super excited about the Little Free Libraries (LFL) Project and the Friends are also. There will be eight LFL installed in parks and other sites around Woodland. The Community Center has one inside that the Woodworking group that meets at the center built- it is very cute, looks like an outhouse, they are also building one for a park location-not an outhouse. Six more LFL's will be installed in parks. There are four currently on display at the Library before they will go out for installation. This project has many partners and sponsors, including Friends of the Library, Woodland United Way Education Counsel, Meg and Tom Stallard, Friends of Dingle Neighborhood Watch and more.

The Friends' new fiscal year is almost here...

...and that means that unless you are a lifetime member or recently renewed, your membership will lapse on June 30, so please renew today to continue as a member in good standing.

We have made renewing your membership as easy and convenient for you as possible. In this newsletter (on page 6) is a renewal form that you can fill out and mail with your check to the Friends at: PO Box 545, Woodland, 95776. You can also drop off at the library. You can also go to the Friends website www.woodlandfol.org and either download a copy of the form to complete and mail in or renew your membership on-line using PayPal.

All new and renewing memberships received before June 30 will receive a \$5.00 book buck good at any Friends book sale through June, 2015! That's worth \$5.00 of FREE books! The on-going support of the Friends means so much to the library and its' programming. One of the main sources of our income is membership dues that we collect annually.

Thank you for your continued support through your membership renewal.



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Get a Jump on next year!! It is almost **TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

Thank you for being a member of the Friends and supporting the oldest operating Carnegie Library in California. Your Friends' membership and involvement help to sustain and enhance the work of the library and contributes to the cultural and civic life of the community. **Membership dues are due on or before June 30 each year.** Please take a few minutes to complete the form below to continue your membership benefits. You may make your check out to:

Friends of the Woodland Library (FOL) and mail to: FOL PO Box 545 Woodland, 95776

You may also pay your dues by going to www.woodlandfol.org and using **PayPal**, where you can use your debit or credit card, even if you don't have a PayPal account!

Senior(65 or older)/Student— \$10

Individual—\$15

Family/Couple—\$25

Business/Patron—\$50

Lifetime (per person) —\$250

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please **list the names of those included in your Family/Couple membership:** (only family members residing at one address, please): _____

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We hope you will want to participate on one or more of our committees, projects and special events. Please take a few minutes to indicate the ways in which you would like to help.

I am interested in participating in the following activities:

- ☐ **Special Events:** Help plan/organize a special event/author visit or work on specific tasks related to the event.
- ☐ **Board of Directors:** Serve on the Friends of the Library board of directors.
- ☐ **Publicity:** Prepare press releases for submission to local media, Chamber and City calendars, and various websites.
- ☐ **Newsletter:** Be an editor, reporter, and/or photographer for the newsletter (published at least quarterly).
- ☐ **Book sales.** There are two ways to help: 1) sorting and shelving donated books and 2) working on sales day

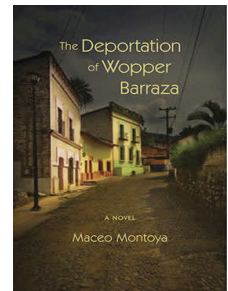
Please circle the one/s you are most interested in.

- ☐ **Mystery Night:** Help with set-up/clean-up, food/wine, silent auction, organize volunteers, programs, "crew" for the production, other. It takes many people with different skills and interests to make this event a success.
- ☐ **Volunteer Coordinator:** Help us coordinate our volunteers for special events, activities and book sales.
- ☐ **Organizational Support:** Computer work, pick up donations, mailings, other general support tasks, such as telephoning members to provide updates, encourage participation, etc.



Author Maceo Montoya to speak at the Friends' Annual Membership Meeting

Thursday, June 12th Leake Center
5:30 pm Member's Ice Cream Social
6:00 pm Author Presentation



Maceo Montoya, local author and artist will discuss his latest novel, **The Deportation of Wopper Barraza**, at the Friends of the Library (FOL) annual membership meeting, in the Leake Center. **A members-only Ice Cream Social will begin at 5:30 PM.** Memberships will be available at the door. All new and renewing members will receive a **\$5 book buck**, good at all FOL book sales. Mr Montoya will speak at 6 PM. The Avid Reader will be on site selling all of Montoya's books, who will also be available to sign them

The Deportation of Wopper Barraza, set in Woodland, California, has been described as a tragicomic tale of Wopper Barraza's deportation after his fourth drunk driving violation. "But I haven't been there since I was a little kid," says Wopper, whose parents brought him to California when he was three. Now he must move back to Michoacan, his girlfriend is pregnant and the future uncertain. Wopper's story unfolds as life in a rural village takes him in unexpected directions.

"A brilliant and innovative take on an issue close to the hearts and minds of families who have one foot planted firmly on both sides of the border. It is a deportation story in reverse: a bold re-envisioning with unexpected consequences, mystery, and insight."

- Tim Z. Hernandez, author of **Mañana Means Heaven**

"Maceo Montoya grew up in Elmira, California, in a family of artists, including his father Malaquias Montoya, a renowned artist, activist, and educator, and his late brother, Andrés Montoya, whose "The Iceworker Sings and Other Poems" won the American Book Award in 2000.

Maceo graduated from Yale University in 2002 and received his Master of Fine Arts in painting from Columbia University in 2006. He is an assistant professor of Chicana/o Studies at UC Davis where he teaches the Chicana/o Mural Workshop and courses in Chicano literature. He is affiliated with Taller Arte del Nuevo Amanecer (TANA), a community-based arts organization in Woodland, CA. His web site is: www.maceomontoya.com.

Montoya sees the link between art and community as essential: "I think that art drives people's understanding of communities and cultures, and we can't deny the importance of the Mexican-American/Chicano community in the southwest, in California, and particularly in this agricultural valley. Chicanas/os and Mexicans play a major role throughout this state. As an artist, I hope that the stories I tell together contribute not only to revealing these important communities and individual stories that need to be told, but also to an understanding of the universality of art and literature."

Please join us on June 12, at 5:30 PM for the FOL Annual Membership Meeting, ice cream social and author event featuring Maceo Montoya, at the Leake Center. For more information please visit our web site, www.woodlandfol.org.

"I love this novel ...Wopper Barraza is everywhere, yet he is a story never told since we are used to just remembering Mexico, not double-remembering—Mexico, U.S.A., then back again. Montoya's dialogue is fierce, his multi-voices tender and rough-cut crystal; his characters are carved with the dark-real scalpel of Juan Rulfo and Victor Martinez. Montoya makes it look so easy to enter lives never entered. A first in Chicana/Latino letters. Wopper is our new reality-a heavy prizewinner on all accounts and in both directions."

- Juan Felipe Herrera, California Poet Laureate



**STOP...and VOLUNTEER
TO HELP THE FRIENDS'.
OPPORTUNITIES BELOW**

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**BOOK SORTING VOLUNTEERS
PUBLICITY CHAIR
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
MYSTERY NIGHT CHAIR FOR 2015
SPECIAL EVENTS VOLUNTEERS
FUNDRAISING & PROGRAMS CHAIR**

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Email us: woodlandfol@yahoo.com or
Call us: **530-666-0545** if you're interested

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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.*

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Friends' Board Members

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Ice Cream Social & Author Maceo Montoya

Annual Membership Meeting

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