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COFL Takes Second in Trivia Bee

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Under the capable leadership of Marian Milling along with team members Rob Atkinson and James Dwyer, the CFOL sponsored team outpaced and outwitted fifteen other teams to capture 2nd prize in the 2008 Butte County Trivia Bee. This annual event is a fundraiser for the Butte County Library Literacy Services and the 2008 event was a bigger success than last year. Held at the CARD Center many supporters had a fun filled evening cheering on their team.

Once again Emmett Pogue was the emcee and question master. Emmett is worth the price of admission. His quick wit and repartee are not to be missed and he often had both contestants and audience in stitches.

Another aspect of the Literacy Trivia Bee is the testimonial of an adult member of the community, who through the Library Literacy Services program has learned how to read. It is always rewarding to see such positive results from a county wide program.

And while we are speaking of winners, the Chico Friends of the Library salute Ms. Carey Gross, winner of the **California Library Association Member of the Year Award** for 2008. Beloved by everyone, Ms. Gross is the Butte County Library Literacy Services chief. The full wording of the award can be read by accessing the following: <http://www.cla-net.org/weblog/>

For you trivia whizzes out there here are some of the answers, can you think what the questions might have been?

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1st Annual Craft Faire

Through the indefatigable efforts of CFOL board members Joan Olmstead and Diane Friedman, the CFOL had its first ever Craft Faire. The afternoon of November 22nd saw the Library Community Room turned into a veritable warehouse of homemade stuffs; from delicious baked goods to sophisticated sewn and needled items the room was a festival of the season.

Joan Olmstead states that they wished they had had a copy of “Idiot Guide to Craft Sales” in the library as they could have used it. However, since they raised close to \$1500 for the Children’s Room at the library perhaps they need to write the guide. Many individuals were involved in making the five hour event a success and all would like to thank the National Charity League, CFOL Board Members, the library staff and a special thanks to the Bidwell Junior High volunteers who helped set up the Faire. The organizers would also like to thank Heart String Yarn Studio for their “very generous contributions.”

As there were some items left over the Carrel has been advised that the Craft crew may try to sell them again right before Christmas as they suggest “everyone needs a last minute gift...right?” The date and time will be posted at the library.

Volunteer Extraordinaire

We’ve seen her on the front page as well as the sports section of the ER. In the very early part of her seventh decade and feeling no pain Margaret Bomberg is a winning Triathlon competitor who has qualified for the 2009 World Triathlon to be held September 2009 in Australia. Her day job as a practicing attorney keeps her hopping about the county but visiting her children and grandchildren finds her flying around the world.

However, we at the library and the CFOL know Margaret as an incredible volunteer. She gives untold hours to help with library shelving. She has served on the board of the CFOL for many years, including a two year term as president. Her wisdom is sought not only by us on the CFOL board but in the other organization to which she gives time, Rotary, Soroptomists, League of Women Voters to name just a few.

Margaret rests about five hours per day and takes care of her body with exercise and the right mixture of food and skin care. Some wag has suggested that we bottle Margaret’s energy and sell it on the open market, thus ensuring a sustainable library budget. We could all use a little of it at times.

Christmastime –Buy the Book!

The Chico Branch Library is once again offering a unique holiday gift-giving idea. Purchase a book for the library, and at the same time, honor a friend or family member. “Christmastime-Buy the Book!” is now in progress up to December 23rd.

The process is simple. Browse the books on the Library’s Christmas sale table, choose the one you like, purchase it and fill out the donation form. There are books of all kinds to choose from: cooking, gardening, children’s, crafts, sports, art, travel, history and much, much more.

The library will place a bookplate inside the book indicating who donated the book. If it was purchased in honor of, or in memory of a family member or friend, the bookplate will note that name as well, and we will notify the beneficiary. Then you’ll get the wonderful holiday feeling that comes with knowing that you’ve done something wonderful for two dear friends –the Library and the person in whose name you purchased the book.

Membership Drive

The CFOL will once again be having a major membership drive during the month of February. Brochures will be mailed to individuals who have either not been a member in the past, or who were at one time but not in the past five years. February is also Membership Renewal month. A letter will be sent to current members along with an envelope to facilitate sending in your check. The work of the CFOL is important to our local library. We help

purchase many of the books and periodicals for the library, along with media materials and larger items. For example, the CFOL purchased an overdue new refrigerator for the staff room, sponsored the Bookmark competition in the Children’s Room, purchased and installed an entire sound system for the Community Room, sponsored a team for the Trivia Bee, etc. If you are interested in other activities sponsored by the CFOL please drop a note to the editor and he will supply it to you.

Donations and Gifts

Once again CFOL member Susan Volpe has given a generous gift to our organization which will go into the General Fund. It is through the kindness of members like Susan that we are able fill the mission of our organization. Thanks once again Susan for your generosity.

Fall Festival

Once again the Fall Festival was a great success. The largest crowd ever enjoyed a sunny day at the library. For full photo coverage check out the CFOL website at www.chicolibrary.org.