

April 2011

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks to everyone for renewing CFOL memberships recently—over 250 library supporters did so! In case you didn't get around to renewing, it can be done at any time. Your support is always welcome and appreciated.

As mentioned in the February newsletter, a special attraction for Friends' members is the new "First Friday" book sale. On the first Friday of each month, a special preview book sale in the library conference room is open just to Chico Friends; the sale is from 2-4, and the next one will be on May 6. It has the same prices and setup as the Saturday morning sale in a less congested, quieter atmosphere. We hope you take advantage of this privilege.

There are a lot of Friends' activities going on in April and May, and you can read more details about them further in this newsletter. Below is just a list of the dates and topics:

- April 12 - Free Cone Day at Ben & Jerry's, 855 East Ave., Chico
Noon-8 PM (Ben & Jerry's management has designated CFOL as a recipient of this year's event. Free cones are handed out and donations made.) Free Cone Day is a festive annual event with entertainment, giveaways, and more. CFOL will have a booth there.
- April 13 - Awarding of the Bookmark contest awards 4:00 PM Children's Room
- April 14 - Poetry Workshops at the library—"Poemcrazy" with local 3-5 Kids poet/write Susan Wooldridge. Friends are sponsoring these for 6:30-8 Adults National Poetry month.
- April 19 - Regular CFOL Board Meeting with nomination of CFOL officers for 2011-2012, 7 PM in the Library Conference Room
- May 6 First Friday Book Sale, Library Conference Room 2-4 PM
- May 17 CFOL Annual Meeting with election of officers and special 7-9 PM program given by local author Nancy Leek, writer of a Young Adult book about John Bidwell.

In the past month, Chico Friends participated in the Soroptimists' Spring Show, the "Love for Japan from Chico" fundraiser as well as being a supporter of the Paula Poundstone presentation at Chico State. So there's always a lot going on! To learn more about the past year's Friends' contributions and accomplishments, please come to the annual meeting.

Nominations for the CFOL board for fiscal year 2011-2011 are:

Treasurer - Susan Davis

Vice President – Rupert McDowell

Members at Large Ann Elliott, Anne Nordhus, Carolyn Dorn, Debbie Cobb, Don Kidd, Joan Olmstead, Linda Leahy, Margaret Bomberg, Mary Wahl, and Gerald Davis. Both the president and secretary of the organization were elected to a two year term at last year's Annual Meeting. Other nominations will be entertained at the Annual Meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING

The CFOL board is very pleased to announce that librarian/author Nancy Leek will be our honored speaker at our Annual Meeting on May 17 at 7:00 PM in the library conference room. Ms. Leek has recently had a Young Adult biography of John Bidwell published by ANCHR in 2010 and she will share with us both her call to write the book and entertain us with stories of John Bidwell. Nancy is well known to many in Butte Country. For years she served as the Reference Librarian at the Chico Branch and also conducted a Children's Story time on Friday Mornings. She is currently the Children Services Librarian at the Orland Public Library. Copies of her book are available at all branches of the Butte County Library system. It is also available for \$20 a copy through Lyon Books in Chico, at the Bidwell

Mansion in Chico, and at the Teachers Book Connection in Chico.

FREE ICE CREAM!

Show me a person who doesn't like ice cream and I will show you a dead person. What a great event this will be next Tuesday from noon – 8 PM when Ben & Jerry's will be handing out free ice cream cones to one and all. This is one of the great fun fundraisers of the year here in Chico. The administration of Ben & Jerry's has chosen the Chico Friends of the Library this year to be the beneficiary of their generosity. However, they will be asking for a donation for the ice cream cone, all of which will benefit the Chico branch of the Butte County Library. Bring kids of all ages to enjoy this once a year event to help support our wonderful library.

“PLAY” CHICO CARD

Be sure to check out the great CFOL ad in the latest edition of Chico CARD's catalog PLAY. Below are listed the summer programs in the library that are mentioned in the ad and sponsored by the CFOL. However, what you see at the top of the next page in no way compares to the great design of our ad by Ann Elliott, CFOL board member; but we thought you might like to see what your membership helps to sponsor.

2011 Summer Library Program Butte County Library, Chico Branch

1108 Sherman Ave. at E. 1st Ave. 891-2762

Events:

May 14 2 PM - Uni and Her Ukulele

June 4 12 PM- Yo-Yo Palooza,
Chico Yo-Yo Club

June 21 3 PM - Adam Miller
(story & song)

July 7 10 AM - Wild Things, Inc.

**July 28 1 PM - Summer Library Program
Party**

Sponsored by Chico Friends of the
Library www.chicolibrary.org.

FIRST FRIDAY BOOK SALE

The kickoff for the First Friday Book Sale was a success. As you are aware, the Saturday Book Sale, ably led by the team of Rob and Rosa, has been the major fundraiser for the CFOL. These funds are then given to our Chico branch library for a myriad of uses including periodical subscriptions, book and media purchases, helping with the hours of operation, provide funding for programs during various times of the year, the purchase of equipment along with the refurbishing of various rooms in the library.

As a bonus for CFOL members a new Book Sale date has been introduced the Friday Book sale. On the first Friday of each month CFOL members are allow a "sneak" preview from 2-4 in the afternoon. The coupon for May and June 2011 is printed in this

newsletter. Be sure to clip it out and present it to the person at the door at the Book Sale.

TRANSFORMING LIFE

A series of five free seminars will be offered in Chico beginning in April and continuing through the summer.

Where Should Mom and Dad Live? Housing options for the elderly.

Wednesday, April 19, 10 AM –
Noon

The CARD Center
5445 Vallombrosa, Chico

Real Estate and Investments

Author/speaker Gordon Ely
Wednesday, May 25, 2 PM
Chico Branch Library

Global Economic View

Author/speaker Dan Ripke
Wednesday, June 22, 2 PM
Chico Library

Local History

Author/speaker Michelle Shover
Wednesday, July 27, 2 PM
Chico Library

Shifting Into Overdrive: Senior's and the Technology of Downloadable Books

Presented by Don Adams
Wednesday, August 17, 2 PM
Chico Library

For more information, call the Butte
County Library Administration at (530)
538-2569.

This coupon admits you, a Chico Friends of the Library member, to the "First Friday" Members Only Book Sale on May 6th and June 3st. Cut this out and bring it with you for the Members-Only event.

Coupon expires June 4, 2011.

Poetry Workshops

The Chico Friends in partnership with Poets & Writers and The California Book Center are presenting Susan Wooldridge, who will be conducting a

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