

Bookends

Classical Guitarist Steve Lin and Friends of the Library Annual Meeting on Thursday, December 10, 2009

Steve Lin, an accomplished classical guitarist, performs December 10 at 6:45 pm in the library program room, as part of the Friends Speakers Forum series. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a guided listening experience designed to enhance appreciation of music. Lin holds a master degree from Yale School of Music and is currently adjunct professor at San Jose State University. He has two albums on VGo Recordings.

Lin's presentation will be followed by the Friends general meeting at 7:45 pm. Business to be conducted includes election of 2010 officers and approval of next year's budget. There will also be recognition of volunteers and the current board. All members are encouraged to attend.

Lin will have his CDs available for purchase, and refreshments will be served.

President's Farewell from Carol O'Hare

It was been another great year for the Friends of the Library. Membership has grown, as well as the number of active volunteers. Book sales income has increased, so that we will most likely have a gross income of \$50,000 by the end of 2009. We provided funds for many library programs and services, including an expanded summer reading club and part-time bi-lingual staff. New art was installed in the International Area. Finally, we celebrated the 35th anniversary of the Friends with a grand party.

My deepest thanks to the members of the board who have served the Friends so well: Vicky Reader was responsible for speakers forums. Gina Kightly kept our financial records. Teresa Stephenson handled membership and the database. Yvonne Duckett recorded minutes at meetings. Leigh Donaldson coordinated all book sale-related activities. Karen MacDonald handled volunteer responsibilities. Others who deserve special thanks include Roberta Henderson, online book sales; Emily Shem-Tov and Megan MacDonald, newsletter; and Andrew Poth, web manager. My thanks to all the volunteers who help make the Friends such a successful organization..



Slate of Officers for 2010

The nominating committee, composed of Vicky Reader, Karen MacDonald and Leigh Donaldson, presents the following slate of officers for election at the general meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

President: Vicky Reader



Vicky has served on the board as vice president, program chair and newsletter editor. She also works in the Friends bookstore and is a volunteer with Puzzle Day.

Vice President: Teresa Stephenson



Teresa has been secretary and data base manager for several years. She works in the bookstore and at book sales

Secretary: Valerie Chambliss



Valerie is a Library, Culture and Arts Commissioner and helps sort books for the Friends.

Treasurer: Gina Kightly.

Gina is current treasurer for the Friends and volunteers in the bookstore. (No photo available.)

Time to Renew Your Friends of the Library Membership

All memberships expire December 31, except 5-year and Lifetime. However, if you joined in October or later, your membership is also good through 2010. If there is a membership renewal form included with this newsletter, then you need to renew now. Thanks for supporting the Friends of the Library.



Save the Date for Silicon Valley Reads Saturday, February 27, 2010

The book chosen for 2010 Silicon Valley Reads is Michael Pollan's *In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto*. However, Pollan's only appearance will be at the SVR kick-off in Campbell, so another author has been scheduled to come to Morgan Hill. Novella Carpenter, author of *Farm City: The Education of an Urban Farmer*, will be our featured speaker at the library.



Future Big Book Sales are on hold until a volunteer is found who is willing to take charge of these twice-a-year sales. If you are interested in learning more about this important job, please contact Book Sales Coordinator Leigh Donaldson at LeighDonaldson@charter.net.

Donate Books for Children

The annual San Jose Mercury News/RAFT holiday Gift of Reading book drive for needy Bay Area children is now underway. BookSmart, a designated drop-off site, offers a 10% discount on all books purchased for the program.

The book drive ends Friday, December 11.