

Friends of the North Shore Library at Princeville

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Thank you to those of you who submitted your proxy vote, or better yet, attended the December meeting, to cast your vote in person. Without this expressed consent of you—our membership—the Friends cannot move forward to exercise our mission.

As a result of your vote, our organization's Officers' Term, Fiscal Year, and Membership Year are all now aligned with the calendar year, per the amendments to our bylaws passed at the last General Meeting. Thank you to the Friends for supporting this move, which we believe will offer a number of improvements to our prior, inconsistent system.

Your vote of support for our proposed slate of candidates re-elected many competent Directors as well as added two new faces to the Board. Ours is essentially a “working board,” meaning one whose role goes beyond advice and fundraising and includes getting the nitty-gritty work done. We rely on the experience and perspective of our returning Directors; they know how things have been done in the past and have a proven track record of being willing and capable contributors. We also appreciate the new ideas and enthusiasm gained when Directors join for the first time and when returning Directors take on new roles and projects. Our Board is evolving in a gradual way as we take advantage of new talents, new technology, and new perspectives. We believe that we are making a difference for the library and the community and are clearly enjoying the feeling of making a positive contribution. While Board meetings of some very fine organizations and causes are sometimes tedious and contentious, our Board is congenial and constructive and seems to genuinely enjoy working together!

In mid-January, our Directors met for an informal working luncheon to get acquainted with each other and discuss choices that lie ahead for us. We were then able to assess questions and make decisions at our first official meeting two weeks later with more common background. We took a good look at both income and expenditures for the organization and made some initial decisions about our priorities.

The Friends are making gains in the area of income. Our

prime fundraisers, the quarterly book sales, are working consistently well and we intend to continue them just as we have: “If it ain't broke, don't fix it.” We're “plumb outta” toys, but the annual See's Candy sale will continue. Our efforts to increase membership are paying off: we have increased both the number of members and the average dues paid. As a somewhat unexpected bonus, we found that many more people last year committed to making a difference by making an additional contribution when they renewed. Overall, fundraising is headed in the right direction!

Our Board is looking carefully at how we spend our money. We know we have to increase our spending for administrative costs if we are to continue to develop our membership. Because we are increasing our membership and donations, we feel confident in significantly increasing our spending for library services. We expect this year will bring more speaker programs, a significantly expanded DVD/video collection, new furnishings and equipment, more books and other library materials, and more. There is also a clear awareness that state funding for the library is vulnerable to change, and therefore we need to identify some of our resources to be saved “for a rainy day.” We have chosen to set aside some funds in Certificates of Deposit that will generate worthwhile interest while the Friends evaluate our goals in the area of long-term or “big-ticket” items. The Friends always welcome your input on what services and resources we support.

Thank you to those of you who have already become a Friend of the Library for 2005. Many of you returned the application in our membership brochure in the fall. If you did not, there is an application on this newsletter or you can pick one up at our membership desk at the library. You can mail it in with your check or leave it in the wooden box on our table in the library.

You make a difference when you become a Friend of the Library. It is a good feeling to be a Friend of the Library. Your participation as a Friend, donor, or volunteer in any form helps build a better community. The Friends thank you for your support!

Best Regards,
Mark A. Carey
President, Friends of the North Shore Library

Librarian's Message

Dear Friends,

I hope you are having a wonderful 2005! As for your library, the staff here started the year off with a bang. In December, we completed a successful recruitment for temporary, substitute Library Assistants and interviewed a very impressive crop of applicants. We hired three fresh new faces in January. When you visit the library, please say aloha to Jean Flaherty of Princeville, Jack Schlager of Princeville and Nadine Smith of Kapaa. We hope you will welcome them warmly!

Our new assistants are quickly learning about their various duties and responsibilities and are also getting to meet all of you. There is a lot to learn and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we work with our new assistants.

I would also like to welcome the Friends' Board Members and Officers for the year 2005. We have a good balance of new and returning members and I look forward to working with them. This year is promising to be one of fresh ideas and innovative solutions from all the board members and friends of the North Shore library.

Please stay tuned and visit your library early and often!

Sincerely,
Lani T. Kawahara
Librarian

Spotlight on Jan Smith

Article by **Connie Copenhaver**

A frequently seen face at the Princeville Library belongs to Jan Smith. Jan, who was a full-time assistant in 2003, now works 20 hours a week. Born in San Diego, she grew up in Cardiff by the Sea and went to Mission Bay High School – both in southern California. She later went to the University of California at San Diego where she majored in literature and fashion design. She moved to Kauai in 1978 with her husband who loved to surf. Her first son was born in 1979; her second son was born a year later. Both boys' names reflect Jan's love of literature as the first is named Dane (from Hamlet) and the second is called Geoff for Chaucer!

The Smith family lived in Princeville for eleven years with both boys attending Kapaa High School and Jan

worked at the Princeville Airport until 1992 when Princeville Airlines ran into difficulties caused by Iniki. Divorced in 1991, Jan became a buyer for Hanalei Surf Company and enjoyed traveling to California, Arizona and Honolulu, thus putting into practice her interest in fashion – but necessitating too much time away from her boys. She later became a wedding coordinator for Diane Reynolds and was a frequent visitor to the library where she met Lani and was hired to work for her. Jan now lives in Haena where she loves to walk the beach, garden and read.

Dane Smith is now a Kauai fireman and Geoff is learning to fly Apache helicopters for the Army while stationed in Alabama. His love of flying comes from his grandfather who was a jet ace pilot, as is one of his father's brothers. Jan is hoping against hope that the conflict in Iraq will be over soon! She feels extremely lucky to have lived in such beautiful places as Cardiff and Kauai before they became too popular and crowded.



Photo of Jan Smith by Diane Chait

Women's Book Group

Anyone interested in forming a North Shore women's book group, please call **Elaine at 826-4195**.



New and Renewing Friends

The following people are new or renewing Friends or Family Friends:

Adair, Barbara; Alexander, Katzy; Angulo, Lauren & Daniel; Appel, Charles; Armstrong, Betty; Bakewell, Sarah; Blaich, Beryl & Gary; Blake, Karen; Blankley, Leona & Thomas; Blanton, Nancy & Jack; Bottomley, Eleanor & Robert; Brenden, Diane & Jerry; Brodie, Evelyn; Brooks, Richard; Brown, Darlene & Don; Capers, Gary; Carswell, Gayle; Chapman, Linda; Claus, Gabrielle; Conley, Jenny & John; Conrey, Bruce & Laura; Cross, Judy & Alan; Day, Bob & Koko; Day, Grace; Dierker, Susan; Donohue, Francine & Roy; Eberhardt, Robert & Lusetta; Erbland, Charlotte; Forer, Karl & Rachel; Forman, Dee & Gerry; Frazier, Mary & Glen; Gabet, Katherine & Jean-Michel; Gill, Margaret; Glaser, Frank and Linde; Goodman, Betty; Granholm, Cathy; Gross, Judy & Alan; Gurewitz, David; Hewas, Rhonda & George; Imura, Grace; Johnson, Kathleen; Jones, Shirley; Kaufman, Freddie; King, Thomas; Kopesky, Janell & Larry; Leaman, Barbara & Ralph; LeHoven, Susan; Long, Lynda & William; Long, Maggie & Jack; Love, Stephen; Lumsden, Bruce; Lundquist, Dawn; MacDonald, Mary; Martin, Helen; Masson, Harold; Mathews, Kathie & Ken; McCrory, Lynn; McDonald, Joann; McDowell, Joyce; McLaughlin, Susan; McNally, Joe; Mehta, Lucy & Rohit; Merrill, Nancy; Meyer, Sue & Sam; Myers, Anna & Tom; Nakea, Dotty and Bob; Newman, Lorraine; Nichols, Donna; Niemiec, Claudia; Odam, Caleb; Ostrom, Shirley & Mitchell; Owen, Austin; Pajares, Cheri; Penfield, Elaine & Bill; Perry, Anne; Perry, Dick & Dottie; Prybutok, Evelyn; Radecki, Michael & Lyndall; Rashkover, Raymond; Robeson, Barbara; Rothschild, Ilse; Rowe, Betty Lu; Sanders, Linda; Schlager, Ann & Jack; Schlager, Gunther; Schlessenger, Bernard; Schramel, Douglas; Schulz, Mary & Dick; Seielstad, Carol; Shirk, Pauline & Robert; Sirianni, Joy; Smith, Barbara; Snyder, Elmer; Sobel, Steve and Diane Chait; Stuart, Regina; Tanner, Carol; Thomas, Sandy; Tombrello, Stephanie; Wallace, Julie; Ward, Shari & Hiatt; Welch, Colett; Whatmore, David; Williams, Ann & Joe; Wooten, John.

Contributors

The following people have made additional tax-deductible donations to the Friends:

Bakewell, Sarah; Blaich, Beryl & Gary; Blankley, Leona & Thomas; Brenden, Diane & Jerry; Brooks, Richard; Brown, Darlene & Don; Carswell, Gayle; Conley, Jenny & John; Conrey, Bruce & Laura; Day, Grace; Eberhardt, Robert & Lusetta; Gabet, Katherine & Jean-Michel; Goodman, Betty; Jones, Shirley; Ka Haku Bridge Club; King, Thomas; Koa Properties; Masson, Harold; McDonald, Joann; McNally, Joe; Meyer, Sue and Sam; Newman, Lorraine; Nichols, Donna; Odam, Caleb; Ostrom, Shirley & Mitchell; Penfield, Elaine & Bill; Perry, Dick & Dottie; Princeville Corporation; Rowe, Betty Lu; Schlessenger, Bernard; Shirk, Pauline & Robert; Smith, Barbara; Tanner, Carol; Thomas, Sandy.

Business Friends

The following businesses have shown their community spirit with their support of the Friends:

All Kauai Realty Kahaku Bridge Club Kaulele Education Services Koa Properties Princeville Corporation

December Book and Candy Sales

Our December book and toy sale was again a big success, thanks to the generous help of a number of our volunteers, the contributions of books and toys by our members, and the wonderful support of those of you who made purchases. We made **\$895.85** from books and **\$434.75** from toys. This was the last of our toy sales, so all remaining toys were contributed to the Toys for Tots program. They were very grateful for our donation.

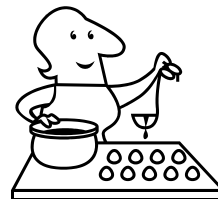
We appreciate all of you who contributed to this sale's success, in particular those who worked at the sale. They were: Barbara Adair, Bob Eberhardt, Set Eberhardt, Marty Fernandes, Clarice Fiegler, Kathy Gabat, Cathy Granholm, Barbara Leaman, Rae-Marie May, Lyndall Radecki, Bernie Schlessenger, June Schlessenger, Mary Schulz, Steve Sobel, Gail Spicuzza, Regina Stuart, Ann Williams, and Joe Williams. Jack and Anne Schlager chaired the sale for us, and Diane Chait was the volunteer coordinator.

Many thanks to Mary Schulz for coordinating the refreshments for the volunteers, and thanks to all of those who brought the goodies.

Our next Book Sale will be on Saturday March 5th, so mark your calendars!

The **See's Candy** sale in December also brought money into the Friend's coffers, netting **\$789.99**.

We are going to be having the candy sale again in the fall, so plan to give friends some sweet treats for the holidays!



Sight is Beautiful Poster Contest



Photo of some of the winners by Steve Sobel

In the Fall of 2004, the Kauai North Shore Lions Club sponsored their annual "Sight is Beautiful" poster contest at Hanalei and Kilauea Elementary Schools. Each student was asked to create a poster with a theme of "Sight is Beautiful" to emphasize the miracle of sight.

The children competed for prizes awarded for 1st through 4th place in each of four divisions – Kindergarten (Division I), first and second grades (Division II), third and fourth grades (Division III), and fifth and sixth grades (Division IV). There were 16 winners at each school, and these winning posters were proudly displayed by our Library.

For the posters selected as 1st through 4th place in each division at each school, winner certificates and gift certificate prizes were presented at special school assemblies. Pictures taken at these school award assemblies, along with the names of all winners, can be seen at the Kauai North Shore Lions web site – www.kauainorthshorelions.org. In 2004 / 2005, the following local merchants participated with the North Shore Lions to provide the gift certificates: Kai Kane, Hanalei Surf Company, and HSC Backdoor in Hanalei.

The Princeville Public Library will be displaying rotating exhibits of children's art work from North Shore schools throughout the year. In this way we hope to encourage and reward our community's young artists, as well as provide an opportunity for their community to enjoy the beauty of their work.

Many thanks to our Art Display Coordinator, Nina Weiss for arranging this display, and to her wonderful helpers, Diane Chait, Lynne and Frank Glaser, Rae-Marie May, Mary Shultz, and Diane Tilley!

2005 Friends' Calendar

Winter

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, January 27th, 5:00 at the library

Spring and Summer

BOOK SALE
Saturday, March 5th, 9-10:00 Members / 10-4 Public

SPEAKER PROGRAM
Saturday, April 2nd, 10:30-12:00 at the Library
A showing of *Ennis' Gift*, an enlightening and uplifting film about learning differences, followed by discussion with **Lou Salza**, School Head at Assets School on O`ahu

GEN'L MTG. OF THE MEMBERSHIP and
SPEAKER PROGRAM
To Be Scheduled for a Saturday in April at 10:30
Mauli Cook will offer a Hawaii-themed presentation followed by a brief **General Meeting**.
Announcements at the Library and via email to Friends.

BOOK SALE
Saturday, June 4, 9-10:00 Members / 10-4:00 Public

SUMMER READING PROGRAM
Information at the Library and via email to Friends

Fall

BOOK SALE
Saturday, September 10th,
9-10:00 for Members / 10-4:00 for the Public

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, September 15th, 5:00 at the library.

SEE'S CANDY SALE ORDERS DUE
Wednesday, November 16th at the library.

SEE'S CANDY SALE PICKUP
Wednesday, November 30th at the library and at the book sale on Saturday, Dec. 3rd.

GEN'L MTG. OF THE MEMBERSHIP
Saturday, December 3rd, 9:00 at the library
Election of Directors and Officers

BOOK SALE and SEE'S CANDY PICKUP
Saturday, December 3rd
9:30 – 10 for Members/ 10-4:00 for the Public



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