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## FRIENDS OF THE AMADOR COUNTY LIBRARY (FACL) BULLETIN JULY/AUGUST 2007

### NEWLY ELECTED 2007-2008

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JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>, WED. - INDEPENDENCE DAY

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Hello Friends.*

*This is my first message as the new President of FACL.*

*This past month has been eventful. We held our Spring Book Sale in early June and made gross sale of over \$1600 to support our libraries. We had received new book bags with logos and sold 17 at the sale at \$8 each. We also received favorable comments on the quality of our books and the sale layout. Thanks to Helen Bierce and Patty Still! We also had some lessons learned so that maybe one day we will be able to produce a flawless, easy book sale. One important lesson is not to hold it on a high school graduation weekend.*

*I would like to thank the many volunteers who contributed so much toward making this a success and single out a couple for special thanks: Susan Staggs, with Bernice Honeychurch's help, for a terrific publicity plan and implementation and the*

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*Kiwanis guys and gals and, particularly Dick Anderson, for their help on Saturday and Sunday.*

*Now, besides membership dues, FACL has two sources of income to support the county's libraries: donations and the twice yearly book sales. Since donations occur sporadically and membership dues support the Bulletins it is important to raise as much revenue as possible from the book sales. For that reason we will be addressing the lessons learned and we welcome comments from the members.*

*We had a Hawaiian motif tea to honor Library volunteers on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Ruth Jackson, the organizer, will report more fully on the tea in her report in this Bulletin*

*We have made progress on finding replacement storage for the hangar at the airport. It looks as though we can move to a building behind the old courthouse as soon as it is cleaned out by the old tenant. Unfortunately that did not happen soon enough to transfer the unsold books from the sale to the new location. Earl Silliman continues to work with the Pine Acres Community Service District on keeping the books we have at the firehouse in place.*

*After a short meeting on June 21 the board goes on summer vacation to return in September. We all wish you a grand summer and we'll see you in the fall.*

*~Kim Still*

## **MEMBERSHIP**

*If you would like to attend FACL Board meetings, or be a member, please call Wilma Yount, Membership at 267-5461.*

***INVITE YOUR FRIENDS/FAMILY TO  
BE MEMBERS OF FACL AND HELP  
YOUR LOCAL LIBRARIES ...***

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

**Student - \$1.00**

**Individual - \$7.00**

**Family - \$10.00**

**Sustaining - \$20.00**

**Life - \$100.00**

**Organization/Club - \$15.00**

***Welcome new members!***

**Patty & Timothy Stadler, Pine Grove  
Hoyle Family, Ione,  
Robert & Virginia Podesta, Jackson  
Joseph O. Mitchner, Pioneer  
Eva Wuoltee, Jackson**

**From the desk of the County Librarian ...**

*"Get a Clue at your library" this summer. Our summer reading program begins June 25th and runs through August 3rd. Registration for the program begins June 25th. The program is open to ages 0-18 and parents or care givers reading to their children. The library has many special events planned during the summer to entice young readers to visit their library.*

**Mark your calendars for these mysterious events happening at your library this summer!**

**June 25th -- 10-11 a.m., Jackson Library**

**Laurie Story and the ABC MYSTERIES!**

*Laurie opens the library Summer Reading Program, with fun mysterious stories.*

**Sign up for the summer reading program, and pick up your very own reading log.**

**July 2nd--10-11 a.m., Jackson Library**

**Calling All Sleuths Craft Hour.** *All ages are welcome. Each child will make his/her own casebook and an official ID card with their own fingerprint. Be sure and bring a photo to insert into your book.*

**July 12---1-2 p.m., Jackson Library**

**Fingerprint Fun.** *Open to all preschoolers. Based on Ed. Emberley's Thumbprint art books, each child will have the opportunity to make a fingerprint art piece.*

**July 16, 10-11 a.m., Jackson Library**

**Laurie Story and the ABC Mysteries** *returns with another installment of her mysterious stories.*

**July 18, 1-2 p.m., Jackson Library**

**Mysterious worm composting with Ms. Anne Short.** *Open to every age this fun workshop is sponsored by Amador Recycling*

**July 26 -- 1-2 p.m., Jackson Library**

**Fingerprint Workshop for primary and intermediate ages.**

*Children will be provided with kits to do fingerprinting.*

**July 30 -- 10-11 a.m., Jackson Library**

**Make a Secret Code and Cipher Book**

*Open to primary and intermediate ages, make your very own secret code and cipher books.*

**August 3, Last Day of the Summer Reading Program**

**BE SURE TO TURN IN YOUR READING LOGS.**

*Please make sure you stop by or call your library for more information about these programs.*

*The library has several new electronic databases. These databases are being provided through the library's membership in 49/99 Cooperative. The subscriptions to some of these databases are being provided through Thomson Gale. They include Custom 1000 periodicals, Health & Wellness Resource Center, and Student Resource Center Gold. Another database that isn't through Thomson Gale, Social Study Fact Cards, will soon be available as well. Patrons will have access to this electronic information at the library and also remotely at their home. A link will be added to the library's webpage with information describing each of these resources at [www.co.amador.ca.us/depts./library](http://www.co.amador.ca.us/depts./library).*

*~~Laura Einstadter*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- August 3<sup>rd</sup> – *LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM*.
- EVERY WEDNESDAY, 10:30 A.M. – PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN’S STORY TIME AT THE BRANCHES: PIONEER, PINE GROVE, SUTTER CREEK, IONE AND PLYMOUTH.
- EVERY THURSDAY, 10:30 A.M. – PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN’S STORY TIME AT THE JACKSON LIBRARY.

### FROM THE EDITOR:

FACL BULLETIN issue is every 2 months, next issue is September/October 2007.  
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>.

Please send articles to Jackson Library, or email [eparker@volcano.net](mailto:eparker@volcano.net), or Fax: 295-2285.

## OL Earl's BOOK REVIEW

By *Earl Silliman*

This is an interesting novel, written in a very different format that enables the reader to fully understand the mindset of Eddie, an 83 year old WWII veteran who is the primary focus of this tale. It begins at the end, with Eddie dying from an accident at his long term place of employment, Ruby's Pier. This is an amusement Park where Eddie worked most all of his adult life as the maintenance supervisor who ensured that all the rides were properly serviced and safe for the public to ride on. The type of rides had changed drastically over the years, where there used to be the merry go rounds, ferry wheels, tilt-a-whirl, etc. but more exciting rides had replaced them to satisfy the young folk who wanted more daring and excitement in their lives.

It was one of these extreme, dare devil rides that was the cause of Eddie's death. Freddy's free fall was a vertical cause of Eddie's death. Freddie's free fall was a vertical ride that hoisted four passenger gondola vertically 100 ft., then letting it fall until stopped by a pneumatic piston inches from the landing. This night, due to a quirk of fate, a pulley wheel got jammed and one of the ride's cables snapped, leaving the gondola swaying near the ride's top. Eddie happened to be watching at this time, so hollered to his crew on top to unload the four passengers up there, then lower the car back down. The people were unloaded and instead of the car being lowered slowly, it began dropping free fall. Eddie had moved the crowd at the bottom back, but then saw a 10 year old little girl still on the platform, so he went out to rescue her. He remembered grabbing her hands, then experiencing a sharp flash of light, then nothing –

He then found himself floating amongst clouds of varying colors. After a short while, he found himself inside the old Ruby Pier Amusement Park (not the one he had just come from). It had the

regular rides and other things that had been there long ago, including the freak show area. Then Eddie realized that this had all been torn down 50 years ago.

Then Eddie realized that he was no longer alone. A man with blue skin approached him and said, "Hello, Edward. I've been waiting for you." The blue man advised Eddie that he was about to meet five people and that he was the first one. Eddie did not recognize Mr. Blue, but a discussion among them showed what had happened to Blue and Eddie when he was a young child. After a brief discussion, Mr. Blue disappeared into the clouds.

Next, Eddie found himself in a terrain that was disturbed and seemingly lifeless, but oddly familiar. He then heard a voice talking to him, and he recognized it as of his captain during his army experience in the Philippines during WWII. They discussed the events and circumstances in this combat situation. Eddie remembered burning some bamboo shacks and attempting to rescue a small child inside one of them, but was unable to, because he got shot in the left knee, disabling him. The captain explained he got shot in the left knee, disabling him. The captain explained what happened and why. He also advised that he was Eddie's #2 person.

Eddie then found himself in a beautiful setting near some mountains. A nearby café attracted him and he went in, finding his dad sitting there. He tried to talk with him, but his dad wouldn't answer. Then an old lady approached Eddie and said that his dad couldn't talk at all but that she was person #3. They discussed his dad's life and why his dad hadn't been very close to him. She revealed that she was the "Ruby" that the Pier has been named after. Her husband had built the pier and they enjoyed seeing people have fun. She explained to Eddie his dad's dedication toward the park and his family, even though he never exhibited much interest in the latter. Eddie got a lot of satisfaction from their conversation. Ruby then just faded away ---

The next thing Eddie knew was the presence of a beautiful young girl who reached out and held his hand. It was Marguerite, the true love of his life, both before and after her untimely death at 47.

They had married but had no children, and her demise was the worst blow of Eddie's life. Marguerite explained that although he had lost her physically, their love did not die, but had been with Eddie all the time. It was everlasting, even in heaven. Marguerite was person #4.

Eddie then found himself in a strange environment with a small Filipino girl with scars all over her face and body. Tara was person #5 and related that she was the young child in the burning bamboo shack that Eddie attempted to rescue during WWII. Even though it was Eddie who had set fire to the shack, she said she understood and said that she forgave him. She also told Eddie that the little girl's hands he had a hold of when he was killed were hers, not the young girl he had rescued. Tara was person #5.

After these five conversations, Eddie felt much at peace with everything and could now relax in heaven.

This book is interesting, as it is thought provoking about the meaning of the reader's own lifetime.

Bon Aperitif!

### *LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS' TEA*

*On Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> the FACL held a gala Hawaiian reception to honor those persons who volunteer very special services to the Library. The affair was hosted at the Social Hall of the Methodist Church on Main Street in Sutter Creek. To the background of Hawaiian music the guests were welcomed by Laura Einstadter, Library Director and Kim Still, President of FACL.*

*Guests arrived with a token of or totally in Hawaiian dress and were seated at tables covered with Hawaiian prints and huge center pieces of pineapples, mangoes, bunches of bananas, coconuts, lemons and limes.*

*After the tea, prizes of shell neck pieces and beautiful beads were presented to those in colorful Hawaiian costumes.*

*The highlight of the afternoon was the presenting of certificates of recognitions for services of "Outstanding Performance and Exceptional Commitment" to the volunteers of the Library. Each volunteer delighted the group with his humorous description of the joyous of volunteerism.*

*A second highlight of the event was the story-telling by Laura from the book "Double Trouble in Walla Walla" by Andrew Clements. Story telling is such an art form and adds enjoyment to any occasion as this one did.*

*Following the reading, the President of the FACL, Mr. Kim Still, spoke of the importance of the book sales in the way the money is used to assist in numerous needs of the Library. Also, words of praise for the significance of these volunteer events. In addition to Mr. Still the majority of the Board was present.*

*At the conclusion of the reception every guest was presented with a colorful paper flowered Hawaiian hair piece and a paper-flowered bracelet-and fruit from the centerpiece!*

*This event honoring the Library's volunteers has for many years been an event for which the FACL have prepared and sponsored. Along with the Book Sales this is always an annual event on the calendar of the FACL.*

*The beautiful tea table, following in the decorations the Hawaiian theme, was chaired by Mrs. Patty Still with her committee: Mrs. Sharon Burwell, Mrs. Bernice Honeychurch, Mrs. Dot Haislet, and Mrs. Helen Bierce. Mrs. Ruth M. Jackson was the general chairperson.*

**~~Ruth M. Jackson**