



News and Views

Friends of Union County Library

Fall 2007

A Quarterly Publication

It's Holiday Luncheon time again! Thursday, December 6, 11:30 a.m. at Cobb's Mill

Once again, Joan at Cobb's Mill has offered a special price, **if** we make our entrée choices in advance.

Choose from the following:

- *Hawaiian Grilled Chicken Salad w/Wontons, Oranges, Peanuts or*
 - *French Dip Sandwich w/Fries and Pickle or*
 - *Grilled Tilapia w/Baked Potato and Salad or*
 - *Lasagna w/Salad*

—Dessert included with all meals—

\$11.50 includes Lunch, Coffee, Tea or Iced Tea, Dessert, Tax and Gratuity

All this and:

- A chance to win a great Door Prize
 - A book exchange
- Installation of 2008 Officers

Email or call Fran Scanlon-Sills ASAP with your menu choice—deadline is December 1.

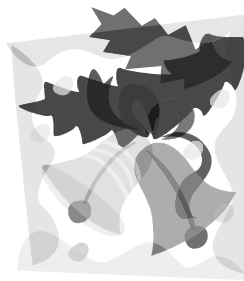
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Mark your calendars and make your reservation today. See you there!



FOUCL members enjoying the festivities at last year's luncheon.



Susie Brendle, our Head Librarian (center), and Donna Howell, Library System Director (to the right of Susie), were honored guests.

Book Exchange Information: The Book Exchange is a big hit every year and we will do it again. Just bring a new or gently used, but dearly loved book. No wrapping this year—books will just be placed on a table for perusing. **EARLY ARRIVALS** will be given a number entitling them to first choice of the books—so be sure to get there early! Also, there is another group having lunch at the same time, so parking could be a little tight. Early birds will get the best parking.

The November Friends of the Library Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 28, since the normal meeting date falls on the day before Thanksgiving.

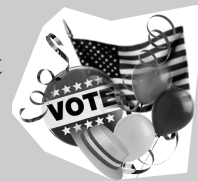
Thanks, Arlene!

Our Social Chairman, Arlene Gray, has done a wonderful job of putting together our Holiday Luncheon next month. She was so looking forward to enjoying the event with all of the Friends, but has had to go to Florida for an extended stay to care for her elderly mother. All of us send a big "Thank You!" to Arlene for her hard work in organizing the luncheon. We hold you in our thoughts and prayers and look forward to your return.



Election of 2008 Officers

It's election time at Friends of Union County Library. Here are the nominations for next year:



President: Jeanie Bullock **Secretary: Judith Vaughn**
Vice President: Shirley Brackett **Treasurer: Miki Rice**

Nominations will be accepted from the floor and votes will be cast at the November 28 meeting.

Committee Chairs for next year will be:

Membership:	Fran Scanlon-Sills	Publicity:	Jean Craig
Social:	Arlene Gray	Staff Appreciation:	Janan Bartell
Newsletter:	?????????	E:	Judy Vaughn

Thank you one and all for your willingness to serve and support our library!

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED: Carole Maddox has been working fulltime in Murphy for the last year and is unable to attend meetings. Carole reports she has thoroughly enjoyed doing the newsletter, but now feels that it is becoming increasingly difficult to stay in touch with what's happening with the Friends and to devote the time needed to continue doing a quality job. **Volunteer Newsletter Chair needed!!**

We Want Your Input!!

Have you ever had a bright idea you'd like to see put into action by the Friends of the Library? Or a good suggestion to raise funds so we can do even more to help our library? Do you have a special talent you'd like to

put to use for the FOUCL, even though you can't come to a monthly meeting?

Here's your chance! Jot your thoughts or comments on the slip below and mail it or drop it off at the library on your next visit.

Of course, you can always call or email any of our officers or committee chairs. You'll find all the names, phone numbers and email address on the last page of the newsletter.

We'd love to hear from you!

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Yes! I have a comment or suggestion:

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Susie Says...from our Librarian, Susie Brendle



Thank you, Friends!

Thank you to all the Friends of Union County Public Library for your continued support. The library has purchased several things with the funds that you presented to me in August. Those funds were used to renew subscriptions for the *Atlanta Journal & Constitution*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *The New York Times Sunday Edition*. The funds were also used to purchase cases and holders for our videos, books on tape and DVD's. Without FOL support, the purchase of these items would be almost impossible.

Library Legislative Day in Georgia

Library Legislative Day in Georgia is going to be Tuesday, February 19, 2008. Mountain Regional Library System will be carpooling down for this day-long event to Atlanta. More information about signing up will be available in the next couple of months. We hope some Friends will be able to attend and help support the library.

Friends of Libraries Week in Union County

I was very excited to attend the October 18th Commissioner's Meeting with Donna Howell, Library System Director, FOLers Jean Bullock, Jean Craig and Judy Vaughn where Commissioner Paris

signed the proclamation declaring it **Friends of Libraries Week** in Union County on October 21-27. It's wonderful that Commissioner Paris recognizes how valuable our FOL group is. Please thank Mr. Paris the next time you get the chance. Congratulations, Friends of Union County Public Library on your great honor!

New Library License Plate

You can now apply for the new library license plate that supports Georgia's public libraries. To apply for a Georgia Center for the Book - Public Library license plate, simply go to your local tag office and pay a one-time application/manufacturing fee of \$25.00.

The annual cost thereafter will be \$25.00 plus the regular tag fee. 1,000 people in the state of Georgia must apply for the license plate before December 31, 2007 for it to be produced. A picture of the tag is posted in the library.

Hope to see you all at the Holiday Luncheon!

Susie



The President's Message...

Fall is here again and isn't it beautiful? There nothing quite as lovely as Autumn in the mountains...gorgeous colors, cool mornings, and fun fall festivals all around us. More and more tourists are discovering Union County and the joys of living or visiting here.

As our area grows, so does our library. Susie and her staff do such an incredible job of taking care of our many patrons with helpfulness, patience, friendliness and good humor. They make it a pleasure to visit our library.

The new paint job on the front of the library building looks great and we are hopeful that several other renovations will become a reality within the next two years. It will take a lot of money to renovate the library and contributions are always very much appreciated.

Be sure to read the articles elsewhere in the newsletter about the upcoming election of officers and our Holiday Luncheon next month. I look forward to seeing you there!

Most sincerely,

Jeanie Bullock

FOL President

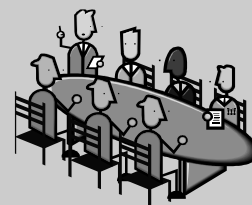
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**Union County
Library Board**

Librarian: Susie Brendle
Superintendent: Tommy Stephens
Mayor: Jim Conley
Commissioner: Lamar Paris
Appointees:
Shirley Brackett
Peggy Callaway
Jane Collins
Teresa Colwell
Patricia Cook
Debbie Kendrick
Jane Thompson



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Union County Library
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Blairsville, GA 30514-1029**

Next General Meeting: Wednesday, November 28, 2:00 p.m.
Christmas Luncheon: Thursday, December 6, 11:30 a.m. (see article inside)
Library website: www.mountainregionallibrary.org
FOUCL website: <http://andythebookworm.tripod.com/FriendsofUnionCountyLibrary.html/>



FRIENDS OF UNION COUNTY LIBRARY

Please join us in supporting our Public Library

___ Junior (age 12 and under): \$1 ___ Individual: \$8 ___ Family: \$12
 ___ Patron: \$25 ___ Donor: \$50 ___ Sponsor: \$100

___ **NEW MEMBER for 2008** ___ **RENEWAL for 2008**

Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone (_____) _____ E-Mail Address _____

Friends of Union County Library is a nonprofit organization. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.
 I require a receipt for tax purposes.

Return this form to: *Friends of Union County Library*
 P. O. Box 1029
 Blairsville, GA 30514

FRIENDS OF UNION COUNTY LIBRARY

Special Help

___ I would like to help with special projects (e.g. chaperone Teen Night, coordinate a fund raiser, help set up for social functions etc.) or share a special talent. _____

I would like to make a designated donation:

\$ ___ *Books for Babies* (each \$6 purchases a complete kit for a newborn at Union General Hospital)

\$ ___ *Engraved Shelf Plate*—Two lines, up to 45 characters each (Individuals \$25, Businesses \$40)

\$ ___ *Vacation Reading Program (Summers)*—Personalities/Entertainers (\$200 plus each)

\$ ___ *Vacation Reading Program*—Supplies

\$ ___ *Teen Nights (Movies for young teens)*—\$100 sponsors an evening of movie, pizza, soft drinks for 15-20 teens

\$ ___ *Adopt an Author Program* _____

(for details see www.MountainRegionalLibrary.org)

\$ ___ *Adopt a Magazine Program* _____

(for details see www.MountainRegionalLibrary.org)

\$ ___ *Furniture and Fixture Fund for Library Expansion*

\$ ___ *Librarian's Choice*

Sub-Total of Donations \$ _____

Membership Fee \$ _____

TOTAL CHECK \$ _____



End of Year Report on Membership

from Fran Scanlon-Sills, Membership Chairman

As we enter the final quarter of the year, the 2007 Membership season closes. This has been a good year for the Friends. We finish up the year with a total of 221 members. Although this figure represents a loss of 62 from last year, it also shows a very loyal base of Friends: 62% of our members have renewed over the course of the year.

The breakdown of our member categories follows:-

Complimentary (Board members, government officials)	16
Lifetime Members	4
Junior (Age 12 and under)	1
Individual (11 new folks)	54
Family (10 new)	71
Patrons (4 new)	49
Donor	13
Sponsor (1 new)	13

As we approach 2008, we are faced with many new challenges. The State funds for all educational endeavors continue to be subjected to severe austerity programs. In addition, a recent ruling allowing school boards to eliminate funding for public libraries has resulted in a major loss of funds at our local level. We are very fortunate in that our County Commissioner has stepped up to the plate and filled in the gap for this year.

On a brighter note, we are anticipating passage of a new SPLOST measure which will (hopefully) include a provision for expansion of our beloved library. With this in mind, we have included an opportunity for you to direct additional funds specifically for the outfitting of this eagerly awaited expansion. (The SPLOST funding will help with the physical building but not the furniture and fixtures.) Please take a moment to explore this and other opportunities where you might be able to assist with an additional gift beyond your membership fee.

Our 2008 Membership Drive will officially kick off in December this year. But, if you would like to get a head start on the crowd, please take advantage of the opportunity to ‘re-up’ by filling out the enclosed form. If your mailing address is different from your home’s physical address, please do give us the mailing address so you may continue to enjoy our quarterly newsletters. By including your e-mail address, we can alert you to up-coming meetings which are open to all as well as special or emergency needs as they might arise. We do promise not to share your contact information outside our group.

As always, please know that every Friend is a treasured Friend. Thank you for your continued support.

Treasurer’s Report....

by Miki Rice

CD	\$ 6,010.66
Savings	462.14
Checking	<u>1,385.99</u>
Total Assets	\$ 7,858.79

