



News and Views

Friends of Union County Library

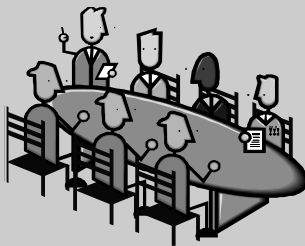
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With thanks and a look ahead to 2006....

by Susie Brendle, Librarian

A big "Thanks!" to all of the Friends for your quick concern about the library sign that was a casualty of high winds on Thursday, December 15, 2005. Donna Howell [Mountain Regional Library System Director] and I are looking into our options. Everything will depend a lot on what plans we have for library expansion. She and I will be discussing this at great length with Commissioner Paris this year. We have decided on a more mobile sign for now that can be moved if and when we need to do so. We are researching sign design and costs.

Georgia Library Legislative Day is January 24, 2006 at our State Capitol in downtown Atlanta. There are many important issues concerning libraries and library funding that we hope to present to our legislators on that day. We know every voice counts! Friends of the Library paid the registration fees for the three people who attended representing Union County Library.

During the November meeting I asked Friends of Union County Library to help me purchase new books on tape, books on CD and DVD's—leaning toward juvenile honor books and movies for the whole family. I've been working hard on these orders and have already ordered over 35 books on tape and on CD. I've also purchased 63 various-sized video cassette hubs, audio cassette albums, and DVD albums. As you know, all materials that are provided by the Friends have a sticker on the front or inside cover that states: "Provided by Friends of Union County Library."

Thank you for your continued support. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. May we all stay healthy, wealthy and wise throughout 2006,

Susie Brendle, Librarian

Important Information: Please see special library legislation information on FOL website or pick up a copy at the library.

And a great time was had by all— Christmas Party 2005 by Jane Thompson

Friends of the Library Holiday Luncheon on December 15 at Cobb's Mill Restaurant provided great fun, good food and fellowship, plus a Book Exchange. A beautiful door prize gift basket was donated by FOL member **Teresa Dorton** and **United Community Bank**. Our hard-working member, **Robert Hale**, was the lucky winner.

The Book Exchange was a real hit, with members happily examining the books they had chosen after their numbers were called. Many members brought more than one book for the Exchange, so extra books were sent to the library for the Book Sale Room.

The luncheon was a wonderful opportunity to meet or become better acquainted with FOL members, particularly the newcomers. Social Chairperson **Jane Thompson** gave the introductions a new twist as she had each person introduce the one seated to their right. Everyone did a great job—what good listeners everyone proved to be.

Special guests were our own Union County Librarian, **Susie Brendle**, and **Donna Howell**, Director of the Mountain Regional Library System, who spoke to us about the library system and how supportive the Friends of Union County Library have been.

Our thanks to **Robert and Barbara Hale**, **Shirley Brackett**, **Carole Maddox**, **Miki Rice**, **Ken Johnson**, **Judy Vaughn**, **Patricia McCamy**, **Teresa Dorton**, and **United Community Bank** for their help with the luncheon.



Friends of Union County Library socialize prior to the delicious meal at Cobb's Mill Restaurant in our private dining porch.

Despite a cold and rainy day, everyone who signed up made it to the luncheon—all except our President Jean Craig, who was down with an untimely case of the flu. She was missed!!

Many folks lingered and talked and seemed reluctant to leave the great party. Everyone agreed that the luncheon was a big success and that they had a very good time. I know I sure did!



Two of the ladies attending the luncheon peruse the Book Exchange table.



Robert Hale with goodie-filled gift basket he won in the door prize drawing.

News from the Treasurer....by Miki Rice

During 2005 Friends of Union County Library Expenditures in behalf of our library were:

\$1,000.00 Summer Reading Program.
249.91 Teen Nights
72.63 Kindergarten Program
76.65 new projection screen
139.60 new bulletin board
364.90 new hepa-filter vacuum cleaner
449.33 for Staff Appreciation facilitated by Judy Shaner
\$2,353.02 Total Expenditures



Assets as of 12/31/05 were \$16,588.03

Membership Report by Fran Scanlon-Sills

Thank you! Merci! Gracias! Danke!

As 2006 begins, we welcome our newest members and gratefully acknowledge our very generous local businesses who responded to our recent membership appeal.

In this our tenth year of service to the Union County Library, we look forward to helping with several special projects over the course of the year. The Teen Movie Nights are a recent offering and have become much-anticipated events. We hope to underwrite this innovative project again throughout 2006. In the spring, we will assist with the annual "Read Across America" program. We also expect to underwrite the summer reading program once again.

During the year we help with little extras that make life easier for our library staff. If need be, we will also be involved with the expansion of computer availability by the purchase of additional units and the introduction of wireless service as it becomes available to our area.

These are only a few of the areas where membership funds are put to use. Remember, it is your continued support that makes all this help possible. We have made a good start, but every member is an important member. If you have not sent in your renewal, please mail it today—or drop it off on your next visit to the library.

To all our faithful renewing members and our new members—thank you for the wonderful support that each of you offers to our library.

Membership Numbers as of December 28:

Total members: 213 New: 72 (includes 14 businesses)
Renewals: 104 (8 businesses)
45% renewal rate so far.

Don't delay—do it today! Clip and mail or drop off this form at the library with your check.

Friends of the Library Membership Form Mail to: Union County Library, P. O. Box 1029, Blairsville, GA, 30514-1029

Jr. (12 & under: \$1.00 Individual \$8.00 Family: \$12.00 Patron: \$25.00 Donor \$50.00 Sponsor: \$100.00

Name(s) _____ Phone _____ Cell Phone: _____

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E-Mail Address: _____ I require a receipt for tax purposes, please.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we begin a new calendar year, we are again full of hope and expectation for what may be accomplished this year—personally and as the Friends of the Library group. Thank you, each one, for your interest in being a member of Friends of the Library. Your support is much appreciated!

If you are not an active member, but would like to be part of the planning, please come to one of our monthly meetings. Also, suggestions are welcome through e-mail, a telephone call, or left as a message at the library desk. Those interested in our community library are certainly a significant part of its heart and vision. Thank you for your interest!

Our Friends of the Library officers for 2006 are: **Jean Craig**, President; **Shirley Brackett**, Vice President; **Jeanie Bullock**, Secretary, and **Miki Rice**, Treasurer. We all stand ready to serve our community with excellence through our positions and will endeavor to make 2006 the best year yet for Friends of Union County Library! We thank you for the opportunity!

Blessings to all,

Jean Craig



Help Wanted! Do you love organizing parties and social events? Friends of the Library invites you to be our new Social Chairperson. Are writing press releases and articles right up your alley? Publicity Chairperson is the spot for you! Come to our next meeting or contact one of our officers to apply.

Did you know...that Union County Library has a Book Sale Room? Books (hard and soft cover) of all types, magazines, videos, and audio tapes are all for sale in the “vault” right by the children’s video section of the library. All sorts of treasures are to be found at tiny prices. Check out the Book Sale Room on your next visit to the library. Also, donations for this room are happily accepted.

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Upcoming General Meetings: Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m. February 15. March 15., and April 19.

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