



# News and Views

Friends of Union County Library

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## Many Hands Make Light Work...and Together We Create Fun!

By Arlene Gray, President

It is an honor and privilege to be the new president of this amazing and dedicated Friends group, taking over the responsibilities from a dedicated and tireless leader, Jeanie Bullock, who selflessly served for three years. Thank you, Jeanie!!

I come, not carrying a new banner of "Change," but with a desire to preserve and carry forth the ongoing dedication of this fine cadre of caring members who make our Library function even better than ever.

The Trash & Treasures Sale has become a recognized and well-attended event in the community, and once again many hands made light work, while garnering funds and having fun. There were many comments from the public that they appreciated the Friendliness they encountered—but then, what else would one expect from "Friends"!

Our Second Auction provided a fun-filled evening that included an optional but delicious catered dinner, musical

entertainment, silent auction, raffle, and live auction. People came from NC and visitors in town for the leaf-season found their way to North Georgia Technical College for an entertaining way to end the day.

The Mile of Pennies venture has passed its First Mile (844,000 pennies equals one mile, netting \$844), and we are 38% of the way to our Second Mile. So keep them pennies comin' and drop 'em off in the "Pennies Jar" at the Library when you go!

### 2010 Has Begun— Annual Dues are Due!

If you are reading this Newsletter and are not yet a member of Friends, I cordially invite you to join. If you are "Friendly" and looking for some new Friends who love to work and laugh together, then you'll fit right in. Fill in the membership form and drop it off at the Library.

Like the Marines, we're always looking for a few good men—and women—to join our ranks! A mere \$8/individual; \$12/family goes a long way in supporting our goals to enrich our Library, and the number of members is crucial when applying for grants.

If you are already a member, pass the membership form on to a "Friendly" neighbor or co-worker.

### Dine at Brother's Restaurant in Young Harris on March 25 and Benefit Your Library!

In the past year, and under the expert leadership of Fund-raising Chairman, Joanne Olson, Friends participated in a plethora of activities—and had fun at the same time! I don't think most people would have envisioned working behind the scenes at a restaurant in exchange for a percentage of the evenings proceeds—but that's just what Friends did at Brother's Restaurant in Murphy, NC.



The evening was so successful for both the Restaurant and Friends, that we were invited back for a second time in 2009. A lot of laughter and camaraderie was involved, as well as a generous donation for special furnishings when the renovated/enlarged Library opens.

Last year so many Friends volunteered to take a shift that there was a waiting list! And this year we have been invited to go to the new Brother's Restaurant at Willow Ranch across from Brasstown Valley Resort on Thursday, March 25th for our third "shift." Come join us for a great dinner, knowing that your attendance between 4:30-8:30 p.m. will benefit the library!

## Trash & Treasure Sale set for May 7-8

Clutter, junk and unwanted items filling up your attic and garage? “Friends” are now collecting for their annual Trash and Treasure Sale. No items are too old, small or different for this special sale. (Please, no clothing, computers or upholstered furniture.)

Donations may be brought to the Blairsville Chamber of Commerce every Tuesday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm during the months

of March and April.

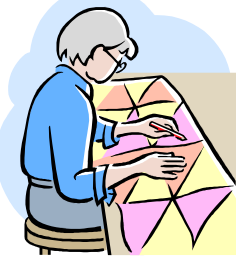
If you have questions or need assistance in transporting your donated items, please call 706 - 781- 5237. Contributions are tax deductible.

Due to our library renovation and expansion the actual Trash and Treasure Sale will be held at the Civic Center this year. The dates are Friday and Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> (8 a.m. till 2 p.m., each day).



Volunteers ready to collect items at the Chamber prior to the 2010 Sale are from left, Miki Rice, Joanne Olson and Anna Stone. Sign donated by Roadway Sign

### Quilt Raffle



“Friends” have been fortunate to receive a beautiful quilt which has been hand pieced and hand quilted by one of our generous local quilters.

The raffle quilt will be on display at the Union County Library during the months of March and April. Raffle tickets are also available for purchase at the library, \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00.

Proceeds will be utilized in purchasing new books and needed items for the new library.



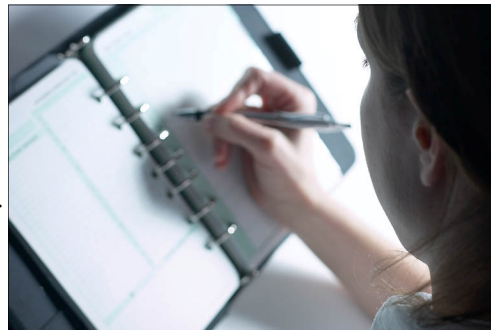
Can you help in one of the following areas:

- **Trash & Treasures Chairman**—Most of the groundwork is already done, but we need a coordinator to oversee the details. You will find many willing hands to help.
- **Quilt Raffle Chairman**—Again, there will be volunteers to help if can supervise the overall Raffle.
- **Newsletter Editor**—One of our former newsletter editors, Carole Maddox, stepped in to get this issue out, but she is unable to take it on again permanently. The Newsletter is done in the Publisher format. The articles come via email and the work is mainly formatting and a bit of editing. It’s really a fun job if you enjoy desktop publishing!

If you are interested in one of these positions, just contact any of the Friends officers shown on the back page of this newsletter. Get involved! It’s very “friendly.”

## Mark Your Calendar!

Looks like a busy spring shaping up for the Friends of the Union County Library! Mark your calendar now so you won’t miss any of these events!



- **Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**—Dinner at Brothers Restaurant in Young Harris – 4:30-8:30 p.m. Come, Eat & Enjoy!
- **Every Tuesday in March and April**—Drop off donated items for the Trash & Treasure Sale at the Blairsville Chamber of Commerce located at 78 Blue Ridge Street, 9:00-1:00
- **Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00-2:30 pm**—Books for Babies Party at United Community Bank’s Brackett Room
- **Friday & Saturday, May 7 & 8**—Trash & Treasures Sale at the Civic Center – 8:00 a.m.-2:00pm

## Unlike Marion, Indiana, our Librarian's Name Isn't "Marion the Librarian"...Susie Brendle Is Our Gal!



**Susie Brendle, Librarian**

**News from Susie:** October and November were busy months at Union County Public Library, with the move to our

temporary location at 178 Bracketts Way.

It is not easy to move an entire library, and Flood Brothers Movers did an exceptional job. I am also so grateful for our wonderful library staff and volunteers who worked very hard. Some materials and furniture had to be moved to Mountain Regional Library in Young Harris, and part of the materials to an off-site storage.

In order to accommodate more patrons to use the temporary location, the new

hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9-5; Tuesday 9-7 and Saturday 9-3.

I so appreciate the Friends hard work this past year and all of your efforts have been noticed. This is going to be a very busy year for the Library and its Friends. I am looking forward to Spring and the groundbreaking for our long-anticipated renovation and expansion, now that the Construction Manager At Risk has been announced.

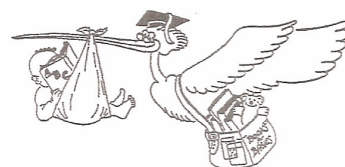
## We're Having a Party!

It is never too early to begin a lifelong love of reading. To support that belief, there will be a party to celebrate the birth of babies born to Union County residents between January 1, 2009 and April, 2010. Families of those babies are invited to join in the festivities.

On Saturday, April 17th at the Junior Brackett Room of United Community Bank, the festivities will include refreshments provided by the Bank, door prizes, gifts and entertainment. The party will be from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Arrangements need to be made for ordering

**BOOKS  
FOR  
BABIES**



supplies, refreshments and gifts, so if you know any Union County residents who had a baby after January 1, 2009, please pass this information along to them. They can sign up at the Library, go to FOUCL's website: [www.foucl.org](http://www.foucl.org), or call Joanne Olson at 706-781-5237.

We are looking forward with great anticipation to this celebration of welcoming the newest "readers" into the library family!

## What Impact Do We Have On Our Library?

According to Donna Howell, Mountain Regional Library Director, State funding for library materials has been reduced from 56¢ per full time resident to 21¢ and is expected to be lowered even more, which makes FRIENDS more important than ever!

In 2009, FOUCL provided funds for:

- 201 Adult and Juvenile Books
- 12 Magazine Subscriptions
- 4 Newspaper Subscriptions
- Half the funding for the new B&W/Color Printer
- And many other miscellaneous expenses

In addition, we also raised \$20,000 over two years towards furnishings and equipment for the renovated Library! Well done, Friends!

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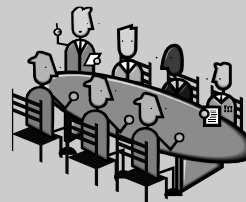
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**Mayor:** Jim Conley

**Commissioner:** Lamar Paris

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Jane Thompson  
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### **Membership Meetings:**

Third Wednesday of each month  
2 p.m. in the Conference Room at  
North Georgia Technical College  
(during Library Renovation). Use the  
parking lot in the rear of the college.  
Everyone welcome!

**Union County Library**  
**Library Temporary Location**

**During Renovation:**

**178 Brackett Way**  
**(2 blocks west of KFC)**

**706-745-7491**

**Library website:**

[www.mountainregionallibrary.org](http://www.mountainregionallibrary.org)