



Friends to Friends

Newsletter of the Friends
of the Woodland Public
Library

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From the President's Desk

Happy Spring! Although you can't tell it from the cold, damp and windy weather outside spring has arrived, and with it some more fun events sponsored by the Friends.

On **March 30th**, the Friends of the library officially turn 30! To celebrate 30 years of supporting the library, we are having a birthday party in our honor. Helping us celebrate will be author **Marcia Fine**. Marcia is a first place essayist and the author of five published books, including *Stressed in Scottsdale*, *Gossip.com*, *Boomerang*, *The Blind Eye*, and *Paper Children*.

The Friends are invited to a **member's only** reception for the author starting at 5:30 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., Fine will speak about writing and publishing her books, specifically her book *Paper Children*. She will also present a slide show containing old photographs relating to this book. Everyone is invited to attend the lecture. The Avid Reader will be there with all of Marcia's books, which will be available for purchase and signing.

Woodland Reads, featuring author **Jamie Ford** and his book "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" will hold their event this year on **April 7th**. There will be a **community luncheon** held at the **Heidrick Ag History Center** at 11:30 a.m. The cost for the lunch is \$25. Ford will also speak to the community at 7 p.m. in the **Leake Center** at the **Woodland Library**. This event is free to all. See page 4 for more information.

April 10 - 16th is **National Library Week**. National Library Week is an annual celebration of the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate in this event. This year's theme is "Create your own story @ your library". Acclaimed author **John Grisham** is this year's honorary chair.

Also, the ALA is sponsoring a video contest for teens ages 13-15 and 16-18. Anyone can enter and the theme is "Why I Need My Library". Three 3rd place winners will win \$1,000 for their library, two 2nd place winners will win \$2,000 for their library and one 1st place winner will win \$3,000 for their library, plus a \$50 on-line gift card for each member of their group (up to 6 participants). The contest runs through April 18. Please check out the link below for the contest rules - you could win \$3,000 for our library!

<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek>

There's a lot more inside this newsletter, so enjoy.

I hope to see you at the upcoming events,
Diana Dearmore, President and Editor

FOL UPCOMING EVENTS

The Friends' schedule
of upcoming events.

March Event:
Happy 30th Birthday
To the Friends!
Author Marcia Fine
Reception and Lecture
Wednesday, March 30th,
Leake Center
5:30 pm Members only
author reception and
birthday party**
6:30 pm Author lecture &
book sales and signing -
open to all.

www.marciafine.com
www.paperchildren.com

April Events:

Woodland Reads is on April
7th. The featured book is
"Hotel on the Corner of
Bitter and Sweet" by
Jamie Ford. More
information on page 4.

www.woodlandreads.org
www.jamieford.com

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Your Library".

**If you're not a member,
you may join at the door.
Half-off for NEW
members only (no renewals)

Fiscal Year Finances

Be the Friends' Next Treasurer!!

Yes, you too can make a difference and show your support of the library by running for Treasurer for the Friends. Your term would be from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013.

I fell into the job when our treasurer, Jane Griffith, died in late 2007. With help from our previous Treasurer, Ron Scholz, I was able to quickly understand the accounting process. Basically it consists of keeping track of the income and the expenses using an Excel spreadsheet. It's exceedingly easy: addition and subtraction. There is also some check writing and maybe making a deposit or two, but it's not as difficult as you may imagine. The Friends have a good amount in our checking account, and we pretty much spend what we take in every year so there's no worry about running out of money.

I've been on the Board of the Friends in one capacity or another since 2003. I need a break! I have a full time day job so you don't have to be retired to do this. I'm happy to explain things and help as much as you need. The financial statements are simple and we have a CPA that takes care of any all of the tax and other regulatory filings.

Please, don't let the Friends down. If you have an interest in helping the Friends' support the library, consider running for treasurer. Please email me at eemurphy5112@sbcglobal.net or call me at (530) 661-1601 if you have any questions - I'd be happy to answer them.

Speaking of money, Mystery Night profit is approximately \$4100. This is down from last year (\$5400). We had lower ticket sales this year (approximately 24) due to the economy and numerous competing events. The silent auction was fabulous, but again there were fewer people bidding on items. Those that won got some terrific bargains! However, a good time was had by all! We especially thank the Bank of the West for giving us the grant of \$1700 which definitely made a difference. Our President, Diana Dearmore, is responsible for us getting that seed money.

Happy Spring,
Erin Murphy, Treasurer

An Update from the Library Board of Trustees

At the Library Board Meeting of March 10, the Board discussed in some detail the request for Sue Bigelow, Literacy Coordinator, to be moved to full time status. The city manager Mark Deven, has stated that he cannot in good conscience, authorize a full time position when the city is such financial crisis, but the Board feels that since Sue pays all of her employee expenses out of the grants obtained for the Literacy Program, that this should not be an issue. Further discussion will be done with both Mr. Deven and if necessary, the City Council on this subject.

The necessity for creating and finalizing a plan for stabilized Library funding was also discussed. The board and city council are supposed to be meeting in a "2x2" session (two Board members with the city manager and a city council member) to work on this but no meeting has been held since December.

The interview process for the Librarian I position has been completed and final checking of candidate references was being completed. Mark Deven has since blocked the hiring of this position, again citing monetary restraints. Heather Muller (Library Services Director) noted that the ongoing vacancy in this position is impacting collection development and other internal functions. Desk hours are currently being covered by temporary personnel.

Bud Goding
Library Board of Trustees
Friends of the Library Liaison

If you'd like to **contact the City Council or City Manager** and **express your concerns about the delay in hiring a position that is approved (by them) in the current budget for which a qualified candidate has been found, interviewed and approved**, contact information is included below.

Mayor: Art Pimentel	art.pimentel@cityofwoodland.org
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Councilmember: Tom Stallard	Tom.Stallard@cityofwoodland.org
City Manager: Mark Deven	cm1@cityofwoodland.org

PHONE: 530-661-5830

Woodland Public Library Board of Trustees

The Library Board of Trustees now meet on the 1st (and 3rd Thursdays if necessary) of the month at 4:00 pm in the Leake Conference Room. The public is encouraged to attend.



Woodland Reads Presents

A Conversation with Jamie Ford,

Best-selling author of

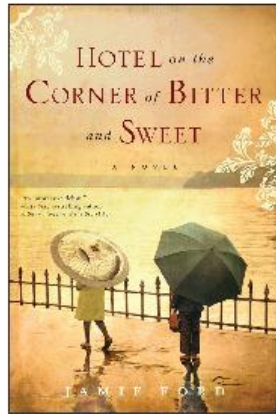
The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet
Thursday, April 7, 2011

Two opportunities to meet the author



11:30 am — Community Luncheon*
Heidrick Ag History Center

7:00 pm — Community Presentation
Woodland Public Library Leake Room



*Luncheon tickets are \$25 at:

- *The Gifted Penguin*,
716 Main St., 668-8215
- *Terry's Hallmark*,
375 W. Main St., 666-4431

Books at the same stores for \$13

Jamie Ford will talk about *The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, its historical context and themes, answer questions and sign books at all events

Questions? Call 666-0154 or visit woodlandreads.org
Check out www.jamieford.com

WOODLAND READS  *Putting our community on the same page*

It's time for the annual
"Woodland Reads"
author event.

Woodland Reads is a Woodland community-wide reading event based on the model developed in Seattle. Each year a selected book is read by local high schools, book clubs and members of the community. Like many similar events in American cities and on college campuses, *Woodland Reads* is designed to foster literacy, acceptance and respect. A unique feature of the Woodland Reads program is that the author(s) spends at least a day in Woodland interacting with student and adult readers.

This year tickets may be purchased on-line at the Friends' website
www.woodlandfol.org

They are \$25 each and you'll be able to hear a fabulous best-selling author. If you'd like more information, you may visit www.woodlandreads.org or call
(530) 666-0154.

If you'd like more information about the author, please visit his website at www.jamieford.com

Book Sales through the Fiscal Year End

March 31, Thursday 4 - 6:30 pm

April 21*, Thursday 4-6:30 pm

***Members only Preview**

April 23, Saturday 9 am - 2 pm

May 24, Thursday 4 - 6:30 pm

June 30, Thursday 4 - 6:30 pm





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"Cache Creek Criminal Caper" - Mystery Night Wrap-up

Many thanks to all who participated in the Friends' 12th annual Mystery Night fundraiser on March 5th. The event was a great success and lot's of fun was had by all.

The evening's entertainment included a silent auction, appetizers and a murder mystery enacted by community members moonlighting as thespians. The story unfolds to the audience as Woodland Policeman "Sarge" (Dave Flory) and his partner "Secret Squirrel" (Elena Rodriguez) investigate the suspicious death of "Mr. Develovich" after a Cache Creek poker game with the Mayor, "Mr. Artimus Pimento" (Angel Barajas), two City Council members, "Mrs. Build-Nomore" (Carla Bohon) and "Mrs. Preservation" (Edna Bohon) and Mr. Develovich's lawyer, "Mrs. Barracuda" (Martie Dote). As the investigation proceeds, troubling evidence casting suspicion on each of the players is uncovered. However, in a dramatic finale, the murder is revealed as Mrs. Barracuda, who ran Mr. Develovich off the road in order to obtain a controlling interest in his development company. Each of the actors did a wonderful job enacting his or her portion of the storyline.

The murderer and motive was correctly identified by guest Ms. Martinez, and she received a plaque and basket of goodies from the Friends for her sleuthing work.

The evening's entertainment would not have been possible without the help of the Holy Rosary 8th grade class, who helped set up and serve the appetizers. The food was prepared by Sylvia's Basket, and included shrimp, meatballs with cilantro sauce, vegetable and turkey wraps, fresh citrus salsa, pita chips with hummus and other savory snacks, including dessert.

A great big thanks goes to the Bank of the West who underwrote the entire evening with a grant to the Friends.

Many thanks to all those who participated, the evening was a success. To those of you who weren't able to attend, we hope to see you next year.

Emily MacDonald
VP and Mystery Night Co-Chair

(Editor's Note: Emily also wrote the play for us this year and we appreciate her creative talents. Also, a special thanks to Angel Barajas who stepped in 5 days before the event, when the original "Artimus Pimento" cancelled).

A Mystery Night Silent Auction "Thank You"

For yet another year, the generosity of Woodland, Davis, Winters and beyond was evident in the wonderful array of articles, tickets, gift certificates and gift cards and services offered for the silent auction. There literally was something for everyone, and in every price range for every pocketbook. Examples ranged from a beautiful gem necklace to hand tied fishing flies to park passes to Disneyland. Although the economy remains depressed, the giving was not. We are so grateful to the individuals and businesses who contributed to making this a successful silent auction (see list on page 6).

Our appreciation,
Maryellen Mackenzie and Karen Shepard
Co-chairs, Silent Auction



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SILENT AUCTION DONORS

Thank you to our generous donors! When you patronize their businesses, make sure you mention that you are a Friend of the Woodland Public Library and you appreciate their support for Mystery Night and the library. We couldn't do it without them.
Thank you!!

Applebee's, Bangkok Cuisine, Bee Happy Candles, Big 5 Sporting Goods, Big O Tires, Blue Wing Gallery, Yocha Dehe Golf Club, Carvahlo Family Winery, Ciocolat Extraordinary Desserts, College Drive-In Cleaners, Costco, Davis Food Co-op, Disneyland, Fat Cat Café, First Northern Bank, Food 4 Less, Bud & Kathy Goding, Grocery Outlet, Heidrick Ag History Museum, In 'N Out Burger, The House Dresser, Jackson Rancheria, Ingrid Korth (MaryKay Cosmetics), Jennifer Reed, Ludy's Main Street BBQ, Mariani Nut Co., Mengali's Florist, The Mondavi Center for Performing Arts, Mountain Valley Golf Center, Natural Soap Kitchen, Ono Teriyaki, Paco's Authentic Mexican Restaurant, Paragary's Restaurant Group, Debbie Peterson, Picasso's Pizza, Raley's/Bel Air, Rominger West Winery, Road Trip Bar & Grill, Rocknasium, Root Stock, Sacramento RiverCats, San Francisco 49ers, Service Cleaners, Silvina's Basket Restaurant, Simas Family Wines, SkyDance SkyDiving, Meg & Tom Stallard, Sundance Car Wash, The Book Garden, The Gifted Penguin, Timothy's Bakery, Turkovich Family Wines, Winters Theater Company, Wirth Furniture and Interior, Woodland Library Rose Club and the Woodland Opera House.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR WINERIES THAT DONATED THEIR AWARD WINNING WINES FOR OUR ENJOYMENT.

**Bogle Vineyards and Winery
Capay Valley Vineyards**

Please be sure and thank them the next time you're visiting their fabulous wineries.

Community Liaison: Diane Adams

In addition to serving as the Community Liaison for the Friends of the Woodland Public Library, I am involved as a tutor at the Yolo County Juvenile Detention Center's Literacy/GED preparation program, sponsored by Yolo Reads and given a small level of support by the Woodland Public Library. I recently joined the Yolo Reads Advisory Committee, made of up administrators, tutors and other stakeholders. As the Friends' liaison, I see my role evolving to understand and share the efforts being made in our community to foster literacy. This goal is enhanced by the resources available and offered at the library. Tutoring a youth or adult is rewarding for the tutor and the student and when skills are gained, the larger community is positively affected. I encourage library supporters to consider becoming a volunteer with the Woodland Library Literacy Program or Yolo Reads. Donating a small amount of your time to help someone gain important skills is a gift that will keep on giving through the years. For more information, you can contact me at diane.woodland@gmail.com

The Friends of the Woodland Library turn 30 and Celebrate with Award Winning Author Marcia Fine

The Friends of the Library (FOL) are celebrating thirty years of supporting the city library through fundraising, volunteering and providing unbudgeted, but necessary, items to ensure that the library is able to meet their stated goals. The FOL will be hosting a birthday party on March 30th - exactly 30 years from when their charter was approved by the State of California. **Starting at 5:30 pm, there will be a FOL member's only reception, complete with cake, ice cream, party hats and a free raffle, with award winning author Marcia Fine.** At 6:30 pm, Marcia will speak about her novels, along with a special slide show related to *Paper Children*.

Having written two satires about the upscale Scottsdale crowd featuring Jean Rubin (*Gossip.com* and *Boomerang*), Marcia then took a different direction and completed two more books. The third, *Paper Children*, is a family saga based on her grandmother's letters from her family in Poland before and after World War Two. Through translations and personal recollections Marcia has crafted a powerful immigrant's story of determination and passion. Driven by cataclysmic world events, the story encompasses the lives of three generations of women, presented from the three perspectives.

Paper Children was the finalist in the Historical Category for Forward magazine Book of the Year and won Honorable Mention at the Writers-Editors Florida State Writing Competition for 2007. It is currently a finalist for the Eric Hoffer Award for Fiction. The award is given in honor of Eric Hoffer, an American social writer and philosopher who authored ten books. He won the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1983. It has recently been selected as an "Official Pulpwood Queen Book Selection" for August for over 400 book clubs.

The fourth novel, *The Blind Eye*, is a sweeping historical novel set in the 15th and 20th centuries. It is, at times, a heart-wrenching story dealing with the survival of the Sephardic Jews during the Spanish Inquisition. Both *Paper Children* and *The Blind Eye* required extensive research and travel to Poland, Spain and Portugal.

In Fine's fifth novel, *Stressed in Scottsdale*, she returns to her satirical series about Jean Rubin and expands into the arena of politics and the environment. With her unique eye she pokes fun at the denizens of an upscale community while tackling serious issues of corruption and air quality issues. It recently won the 2nd Place (Silver) for Women's Fiction at the 2010 Living Now Book Award.

The Avid Reader will be on site March 30th, selling all of Fine's books, who will also be available for book-signing after the lecture at 6:30 p.m. More information is available on our website at www.woodlandfol.org

Friends' Board Members



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TO HELP THE FRIENDS'.
OPPORTUNITIES BELOW

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Email us: woodlandfol@yahoo.com or
Call us: 530-666-0545 if you're interested

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*If you know of anyone who wants to get
involved with a fun bunch of people AND
support a worthwhile cause, direct them to
the Friends! There are one time and
on-going opportunities available.*

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- Computer books/manuals*
- Reader's Digest condensed books*
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- Cassette/VHS tapes (music or books)*

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