

HILF News

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Annual Holiday Gala, December 9, 2013

2013 Helen Everett Award

Glenn and Janis Saunders

"We just wanted to give something back to the community," said Janis Saunders, "the community which had given so much to us." And give back they did, by donating the land that houses the new Trinidad Library, Museum and Park. Janis grew up in Eureka and remembers going to the Carnegie Library every week with great fondness. As recipients of the 2013 Helen Everett Award, Glenn and Janis are being recognized for a lifetime of community spirit and for making their belief in the public library a high priority for strengthening their community.



The owners of Saunders Market for over 30 years, Glenn and Janis worked side by side managing the meat market, selling groceries and household items, hardware, ice to tourists and fisherman and even hay to local ranchers. The market was an integral part of the community.

Glenn's family has been in Humboldt County for over three generations. He attended local schools, served in the United States Army during World War II and he took a few years to attend Humboldt State and the UC Davis. The lure of home and practicalities of the era brought him back to Trinidad in the early 1950s, where he resumed work in the

family market. He became Mayor at the tender age of 26, and served two terms. In 1951 he married Janis (DeMartin) Moore of Eureka, who hailed from another Humboldt family long settled in the region.

Newly married, Glenn learned very quickly of his bride's power of persuasion and quiet determination. It seems the new mayor and council had voted to tear down the dilapidated Trinity Church. Built in 1873, Janis believed the building represented an important part of the town's history and should be saved. She prevailed and over the next many years worked with fellow Trinidad citizens to make sure Trinity Church was restored and protected for future generations to enjoy.

Glenn and Janis came of age in Trinidad during an era when people got things done. "You just did it," said Glenn. And he did, by helping to establish Trinidad's Fire Department and with local business leaders forming the Trinidad Chamber of Commerce. He was active in the American Legion, Scottish Rights Association and the Masons, receiving the prestigious Hiram Award for exemplary community service. Janis has been active in the Trinidad Civic Club, helped organize the first Trinidad Fish Festival and has worked on community fundraising efforts to build the new museum and the library.

Married in 1951, Janis and Glenn have three grown children, Gail, Steven and Larry and six beloved grandchildren. Their daughter Gail lives in Trinidad and carries on the tradition of community service and also enjoys the new Library.

From the President's Desk by Elizabeth Murguia



'Into the Highlands of the Mind Let Me Go'

From the poem *'Shakespeare,'* by William Watson

The California State Library and Courts Building in Sacramento beckons the visitor with this inscription. It has the magical effect of raising one's own expectations before entering. Life's reading journey may not always be a trip to the 'highlands' but apparently what you read matters. According to the NYT, (October 4, 2013), from an article published in the journal *Science*, reading good literature vs. a savory potboiler improves social skills and enhances our understanding of one another. Yes, dipping into the pages of a good novel with fully developed characters actually improves empathy --

potboilers, not so much. As novelist Louise Erdrich was quoted in the article, "this is why I love science."

My reading of late has included visiting old friends, specifically Lillian Hellman whose memoirs published in the 1970s were so riveting -- *Unfinished Woman*, *Scoundrel Time* and *Pentimento*. A recent biography, *A Difficult Woman*, by historian Alex Wessler-Harris, examines why Hellman fell from literary/political grace at the end of her life. Measured against shifting political winds and the dynamic nature of strongly held beliefs that change with the tide of history, it is an interesting review of the great debates of the 20th century – fascism, the burgeoning labor movement, Civil Rights, and government censorship, etc. She had been judged harshly by political foes and others for not strictly speaking the 'truth' in her memoirs – but for what it's worth, and from an old Hellman aficionado, I believe she conveyed truths, regardless of the facts. It is an age old quandary; memory versus fact, but this is a good read of the period.

I enjoyed *Mary Coin*, by Marisa Silver, very much. The fictionalized account of Dorothea Lange's iconic Depression era photo, 'Migrant Mother,' delves deep into the life of the woman photographed. Silver also portrays Lange's life, through a fictional character and reveals the difficulties faced by the independent woman photographer of the 1930s. The women are divided by class and experience but ultimately joined by their common determination and survival.

If Emily Dickinson is of interest, I highly recommend Lyndall Gordon's critical study, *Lives Like Loaded Guns*. An intimate look at Dickinson's immediate family and the resulting feud which guided the publication of her works, it provides the rich context of the time and the dynamic forces of history and education which shaped Dickinson, and makes you a better reader of her poetry, too.

Finally, I'll leave you with a passage from a letter penned by Eudora Welty to her editor, Diarmuid Russell, where she reflects on the nature of reading. Young, away from home at college and feeling uncertain, she describes being drawn to reading and its pleasures, and, I venture, reflects on her own journey into the 'highlands of the mind.'

'What you look for in the world is not simply for what you want to know, but for more than you want to know, and more than you can know, better than you had wished for, and sometimes something draws you to a discovery and there is no other happiness quite the same.'

Eudora Welty

"We must not think of learning as only what happens in schools. It is an extended part of life. The most readily available resource for all of life is our public library system."

David McCullough

Humboldt Library Foundation Announces Winner Contestant Picks Books

Armeda Reitzel was the lucky winner of the Humboldt Library Foundation's website contest. The drawing was held on July 15th and Reitzel, a McKinleyville resident, chose the \$200 Eureka Books Gift Certificate over an electronic reader. "Books are windows to the world and nothing beats having a book in your hand," said Reitzel.

The Humboldt Library Foundation launched its new website in May. More than 150 contestants entered and the winner had the choice of a new electronic reader or gift certificate for books. Reitzel, a communications professor at HSU and teacher with the Redwood Writing Project, canvassed her friends and family and the vote was for books. Eureka Books generously donated one half of the cost of the gift certificate.



"HLF was pleased with Armeda's enthusiastic response to the contest. There is nothing like a good summer read with a book from your favorite book store or the library," said HLF President, Elizabeth Murguia.

HLF supports the county library system through annual grants that help purchase books and materials and modernize online services. There are over 85,000 active library card holders in the county and last year patrons checked out nearly 700,000 items.

Lights Off, Screen Down, Music On – Sit Back and Enjoy! Movies & Programs at the Main Branch Benefit from Coast Central Credit Union Grant *By Michael Logan, Acquisitions & Technical Services*

The Humboldt County Library is very excited to inaugurate all-new presentation technology in the Main Library meeting room, with a scheduled autumn slate of children's programs, historical lectures, an October spooky film series, and a November Native American film series.

A \$10,000 grant for funding for the new equipment was provided to the Humboldt Library Foundation from Coast Central Credit Union's Community Investment Program, with additional funds from the Friends of the Redwood Libraries.

Previously, AV presentations involved time-consuming setup and takedown, with carts being wheeled into position and cables strewn across the floor. Now, a high-definition projector is permanently wired and mounted on the ceiling, equipment is safely and permanently stored in a lockable cabinet, and surround-sound speakers dot the ceiling. Everything is turned on with the flip of a switch and the push of a button. Local business Sound Advice installed all the equipment, and Marcella's Draperies put on the finishing touch with beautiful blue light-blocking curtains.

The new and improved setup will make presentations, lectures, workshops and entertainment programs even better than before, and will hopefully lead to greater community involvement and partnerships. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this project a reality!



Donor Spotlight – The Legacy of Dennis and Satoko McCarn

Dennis and Satoko McCarn have made a Planned Gift to the Humboldt Library Foundation that will benefit library uses for generations to come.

Dennis was born and raised in Humboldt County. He met Satoko in Iwakuni, Japan and they were married in 1974. Sadly, Dennis lost Satoko last year but before she died they talked extensively about making a planned gift of their estate that would reflect their values. The Humboldt Library Foundation was very pleased to be the recipient of their gift, which includes their home, extensive collection of books and other treasures. Their decision to give back to the community in which Dennis was raised, reflects their strong belief in the pleasures of life-long learning that are realized in a public library.

Dennis has many fond memories of the time he spent in Humboldt County branch libraries. As an avid reader and lover of books, he first recalls going to the Fieldbrook library, which was actually a private home with three shelves of books. When his family moved to Blue Lake, he found more books, an actual branch library, and happily read all of the Nancy Drew mysteries, all of the science-fiction and started on the Hardy Boys. He 'advanced' to the Main Library in the courthouse basement every Saturday, when his mom came to town for shopping, he was dropped off for the afternoon. He recalls reading every science-fiction book, at least twice. He graduated from Arcata High in 1968, worked in local sawmills in Hoopa and Fieldbrook and joined the Marine Corps in 1969. Following a 25-year career with the

Marines, he and Satoko settled in Kent, Washington. Dennis enjoys travel and has visited every state of the Union and 8 provinces in Canada.



Because the public library played such an important role in their life experience, Dennis and Satoko McCarn will help make sure that future generations of Humboldt County residents experience the magic of libraries they both enjoyed.

We are deeply appreciative of their thoughtfulness and generosity.

Qualified Charitable IRA Distribution

The end of the year is fast approaching. This is an important date for those required to take minimum distributions from their IRA's.

Good News! Congress has extended the tax-free charitable contributions from IRAs, known as QCD's. This is a great time to make a contribution and a meaningful difference in the community, and one that reflects your values.

Here's how a "Qualified Charitable Distribution" or "QCD" works:

- You must be 70 1/2 or older.
- You direct your IRA trustee to make a distribution directly from your IRA (other than SEP and

SIMPLE IRAs) to a qualified charity.

- The distribution must be one that would otherwise be taxable to you.
- Limited to \$100,000 per taxpayer for the tax year.
- Must be received by 12/31/2013.

QCDs count toward satisfying the required minimum distributions (RMDs) that you would otherwise have to receive from your IRA in 2013, just as if you had received an actual distribution from the plan.

Please consult your tax advisor and other professionals about your situation if you would like to make a charitable donation to the Humboldt Library Foundation using this strategy.

HLF Legacy Circle — Make a Planned Gift to HLF

The HLF Legacy Circle comprises a special group of individuals who have remembered the Humboldt Library Foundation in their will or estate planning. Their gift will grow the HLF Endowment Fund, a long-term strategy to provide funding for the library in perpetuity.

We give special thanks to the newest members of the HLF Legacy Circle. For every new Legacy Circle member added during this calendar year, Ed Olsgard and Michele McKeegan will make a \$250 contribution. So please consider today – your planning will have an immediate, and long-term, effect on our ability to provide support to the public library.

HLF Legacy Circle

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YES! I want to be a member of the HLF “Legacy Circle” and meet the 2013 Planned Giving challenge made by Michele McKeegan and Ed Olsgard.

- I have included the HLF in my Estate Plan in 2013
- I have already included the HLF in my Estate Plan prior to 2013.
- I need help including the HLF in my Estate Plan. Please contact me.

Name: _____

Preferred Contact Information:

Please let us know how you would like to participate by returning this form in the enclosed self-addressed return envelope.

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 Person Who Has Everything?

Need a gift for that person who has everything?

- Do you want to honor someone special in your life, or thank someone for helping out?
- Why not make a donation to the Buy a Book Campaign in their honor?
- This is a great way of honoring a friend or someone special with a lasting gift.

Your *Buy A Book* donation puts a book on the shelf in the library. You can 'buy' a book or purchase a 'shelf' by simply making a donation. A book plate with your name or that of a friend or family member you wish to honor is placed in a book. It's easy, go to our website www.humboldtlibraryfoundation.org and hit the Donate Now button.

- 1 Book ~ \$25
- 2 Books ~ \$50
- 3 Books ~ \$75
- 4 Books ~ \$100
- Buy a Shelf ~ \$500



Trinidad Library Grand Opening, Glenn Saunders and Librarian Kenzie Mullen cut the ribbon

Preview Items for the Holiday Gala Auction

Six-Day South African Photo Safari and Much More

2013 Holiday Gala planning is well underway and we have a number of exciting items to offer, both in the Live and Silent Auction. You can check them out at our website. This is a partial listing; we'll be adding more as the date nears.

This year there will be *original art* from Amy Uyeki, Steve Porter, Kathy O'Leary, Alicia Tredway, Rachel Schlueter, Ralphie Hendrix and Joyce Jonte. Some of these same artists provided imagines for our most recent Book Mark Series.



"Summer Reading"
by Joyce Jonte

There will be *jewelry* from Candy Miller and a piece of *handcrafted furniture* from Rollie Lamberson.

Getaway Packages include the Coho Cottages with wine from Winnett Vineyards in Willow Creek and an overnight stay at Southport Landing at Table Bluff. The Carter House Inn and historic Benbow



"Coho Cottages" Willow Creek

Inn have once again offered an overnight stay.

A wine and hors d'oeuvres party is being planned with local author Ray Raphael. And we are excited about offering a 6-day South African Photo Safari through the Zulu Nyala Game Lodge.

Check out our website for information and to view many more items.

www.humboldtlibraryfoundation.org

HLF Branch Library Challenge

The Humboldt Library Foundation (HLF) has proposed a 'McNaughton Branch Challenge' to the ten Branch Libraries and the Bookmobile. This is part of HLF's annual grant program to the library. We've set aside \$6,000 to benefit the branches specifically and to encourage the community to participate.

McNaughton is a book leasing program that will bring popular best sellers and other titles of immediate interest to patrons at their local branch library. Books can be rotated out when interest falls off, making way for more books each month.

The McNaughton Books at both the Main Branch in Eureka and at the Fortuna Branch are very popular with patrons. When checking the new arrival shelves, you'll see them prominently displayed – and flying off the shelves.

The challenge is a two-year commitment and will cost each branch \$1150 per year. HLF will provide the first \$650 per year, the Friends and/or supporters of the local branches would commit to the remaining \$500 per year.

We already have commitments from the Bookmobile and from the Garberville Branch. As Nancy Wilson, President of the Garberville Friends said, "we're excited and it's a go!" But stay tuned: interest is brewing in Hoopa, Blue Lake, McKinleyville, Arcata, Willow Creek, Trinidad and Rio Dell.

We are pleased to offer the branch libraries this opportunity to grow their collections – bringing best-seller and other popular titles to patrons quickly and efficiently. It would not happen without the generous support of the community.



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