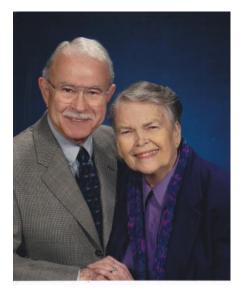
# HLFNews



# Annual Holiday Gala, December 3, 2012 HELEN EVERETT AWARD RECIPIENTS BILL & GRACE GREENWOOD

You could say that Bill and Grace Greenwood were brought together by a love of books and libraries. They met and fell in love one summer while Bill was attending Oregon State University (OSU) and Grace was up from San Jose State College to attend a summer session. Inspired by that memory, and a profound belief in the importance of education, decades later they were proud to provide financial support for a new library at OSU.

learning.



Bill and Grace have promoted libraries and education in every community they've lived. Volunteering, training library docents and setting up the elementary school library where Grace taught, they simply believed that libraries strengthened the fabric of family life. They raised their three children to share their love of a good book and the importance of lifelong

Bill grew up on a farm in rural Oregon and fondly remembers that by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade he was inspired by the beautiful Corvallis Library, which was designed by the renowned architect Pietro Belluschi. "It was beautiful. I lived in that library," said Bill. He devoured the classics and was fascinated by books about building and architecture. It inspired him to achieve a degree in mechanical engineering and a lifelong career in the aerospace industry.

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Grace (Avick) Greenwood was born and raised in Humboldt County. She lived with her family in Bayside and loved visiting the local library. She was inspired to become a teacher and went on to attain a Masters Degree with an emphasis on teaching reading skills.

The Greenwoods moved to Humboldt County in 1996 following Bill's retirement from the aerospace industry in 1988, where, by his own account, he became a professional volunteer.

Bill is a former board member of the Humboldt Library Foundation and served on the Humboldt Senior Resource Advisory Council. An advocate and tireless fundraiser, Bill was a key participant in the effort to build the new Alzheimer's Resource Center in Eureka. He actively supports the Eureka Symphony and has taught AARP driver safety for the past 14 years. Grace is an active member of AAUW and PEO, raising scholarship funds and promoting higher education.

Both Bill and Grace are active members of the Presbyterian Church as teachers, youth advisors and ordained elders. HLF NEWS PAGE 2

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK by Elizabeth Murguia



Five weeks on the road and nearly ten thousand miles on my car. It has been a fulsome summer adventure, driving east with two adult grandchildren and taking in magnificent sites — from the Tetons to presidential homes and museums. Friends joined me for the drive back and we were enthralled by what this country has to offer — Chicago's architecture, Willa Cather's home in Nebraska, and the national parks of the southwest.

Traveling and discovery of place – I'm back home with a stack of books that are more fully measured by having 'been there,' which is what drew me to Mentor, Ohio, the home of President James A. Garfield. Do pick up *Destiny of the* 

Republic, by Candice Millard. She portrays this fascinating hero of American politics, a keenly intelligent but modest individual. He was a reluctant presidential candidate and barely accepted his party's nomination after 38 failed ballots at the nominating convention. He was elected president in 1880. A Civil War hero and outstanding orator, Garfield and his wife loved reading, built an extensive library and believed in education for all Americans. Shot in the back just four months after his inauguration, the nation was riveted by progress of his recovery and mourned deeply when he finally succumbed. The book is riveting (Joseph Lister of germ theory fame and Alexander Graham Bell play starring roles) and provides an inside look at presidential politics from a by-gone era. This is a good companion to our own election year fever. I'm left with the humble thought: there was a good reason for naming all those Garfield parks and schools across the nation.

For more on the period, you might also enjoy *The Five of Hearts: an Intimate Portrait of Henry Adams and his Friends*, by Patricia O'Toole. Recommended to me by an enthusiastic park ranger at the home of John and Abigail Adams, it was well worth the read.

"I never meet a ragged boy in the street without feeling that I may owe him a salute, for I know not what possibilities may be buttoned up under his coat." President James A. Garfield

#### BUY A BOOK CAMPAIGN — YOUNG ADULT COLLECTION

Our summer campaign to build up the Young Adult collection has been very successful. A student designed book mark, enclosed in Recology's Summer billing statement, brought many new contributors. And we just received \$2000 from Eureka Rotary Club to help buy more books. Be sure to check the book mark enclosed in this newsletter. Your contribution today will help add new titles to the YA section and keep these enthusiastic readers coming back.

It's easy to donate to the campaign – send your check to PO Box 440, Eureka, CA 95502 or donate on line at www.humboldtlibraryfoundation.org



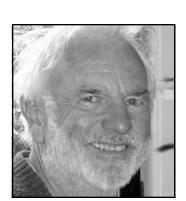
Rotary Club of Eureka Presentation Left to right: Buzz Webb, Carol Rische, Nancy Dean and Elizabeth Murguia

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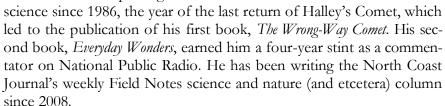
#### HLF SUMMER AUTHORS LECTURE SERIES

Did you attend one of our local authors' lectures in the library this summer? HLF kicked off what will become a regular feature – a lecture and reading program by local authors. The new series will show-off the remarkable talent of Humboldt County writers, individuals who express the breadth and quality of this special place. Over the summer three local authors graciously accepted our invitation.

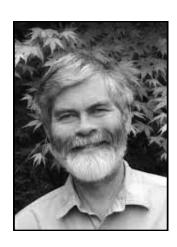
Award winning author Amy Stewart gave a talk which drew us into the fascinating botanical world of alcohol — the focus of her soon to be released new book, *The Drunken Botanist*. Amy is the award-winning author of five books on the perils and pleasures of the natural world, including three New York Times bestsellers, *Wicked Bugs, Wicked Plants and Flower Confidential*.



Barry Evans, North Coast Journal columnist of "Field Notes," amused us with tales from around the world and beyond. Evans has been reporting on the world of



Closer to home Jerry Rohde, writer, researcher and local historian, escorted us back to Humboldt County's turn of the century recounting tall, true stories of logging and the timber industry. Jerry has an extensive background in researching the area's human and natural history. With his wife Gisela, they have co-authored three guidebooks to West Coast state and national parks: Humboldt Redwoods State Park: The Complete Guide; Redwood National and State Parks: Tales, Trails & Auto Tours; and Mount Rainier National Park: Tales, Trails & Auto Tours. Jerry also coauthored a guidebook to California's Highway 299, called Traveling the Trinity.



# Watch for announcements of the Winter Lecture Series, beginning in January.



Note: Special thanks to Pierson's Building Center for underwriting the Summer Lecture Series.

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## New Trinidad Library HLF Provides Funds

The Trinidad Library will open in Spring 2013. To make sure there are enough new books on the shelves to match the thrill of flinging open the doors, HLF recently donated \$2,000. This is an HLF Challenge Grant, designed to maximize resources at local branch libraries by encouraging matching grant opportunities.

The dream of a permanent library for Trinidad has been alive for nearly a century. The Trinidad Civic Club established the first lending library in the town in 1915 in a shed near the corner of West and Trinity. Without a permanent home, over the years the collection has moved around town to the Presbyterian Church, a Trinidad Elementary School classroom, and a former kitchen at the annex of City Hall.

In 2000, the Trinidad Branch was faced with finding yet another temporary location, and support swelled for a permanent building. Glen and Janis Saunders initiated the process by donating the land and making a very generous pledge to start the building. Over 130 "Founding Families" and businesses donated \$500 or more. HLF contributed \$2,000 to the building fund. Friends of the Trinidad Library (FOTL) have worked continuously on fundraising — they are now within \$35,000 of their goal of \$450,000.

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all."

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

Paula Edwalds

#### HLF Legacy Circle — Make a Planned Gift to HLF



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Michele McKeegan and Ed Olsgard still have in place the \$250 challenge for each new member who adds their name to the HLF Legacy Circle during the 2012 calendar year. They have done so in memory of their friend and community leader, Tom Rowe. Tom passed away last December, but with his 'insatiable thirst for knowledge' he was an ardent supporter of the public library.

If you want to help meet the 2012 Challenge, please contact our office at 269-1991. If you have named the Humboldt Library Foundation in a planned gift and we do not know of you, please let us know.

We have set a goal to add eight new members this year. You can be one and it's simple.

- Add HLF as a beneficiary on a bank account
- Add HLF as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy
- Add HLF as a beneficiary on an IRA or a retirement plan through your employer

#### 2012 HLF Legacy Circle

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YES! I want to be a member of the HLF "Legacy Circle" and meet the 2012 Planned Giving challenge made by Michele McKeegan and Ed Olsgard in honor of Tom Rowe.

\_\_ I have included the HLF in my Estate Plan in 2012

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