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From The President

Last year at FOSCL's annual meeting in September, Helen Fellers, our Program Chair, organized an outstanding presentation with the focus on FRIENDS. It is time again to plan for the 2003 meeting and remind ourselves just what Friends are for! We don't have to be contestants on Wheel of Fortune to fill in these letters---Fellowship, Resources, Imagination, Education, Necessities, Dedication, Support. By supporting our local libraries and state organization, we are already winners. So, please join us September 13 in Columbia at SCETV for a day of recognizing these outstanding volunteers and meeting new friends.

This has been a challenging year for FOSCL as well as for many agencies and on-profit organizations. Membership dues and a LSTA grant are the only sources of income for FOSCL. Please encourage your local Friends' groups to join as well as becoming an individual member. This money is used totally for FOSCL activities--publishing the newsletters, postage and the awards given at the annual meeting. The board members pay their own expenses at meetings and donate their time and energy. I want to say a special thank you to each one for pitching in and being a constant source of support. It's good to have Friends!

Looking forward to seeing you in September.

Marsha Strong

FOSCL Annual Meeting – Sept. 13 at SCETV Complex

Library Programming/Publicity Ideas and SCETV Services to be Featured

All library friends should mark their calendars and make plans to attend the FOSCL annual meeting on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2003 at the Bank of America Room at the South Carolina Educational Television (SCETV) Telecommunications Center, 1041 George Rogers Blvd., in Columbia (see map/directions in this issue or at FOSCL web site: www.foscl.org). Registration fee is \$10, which will include a delicious lunch from Columbia's Rising High restaurant. Plenty of free parking surrounds the SCETV office complex which is adjacent to the USC football stadium (note: No USC home football game scheduled for that date).

Registration and hospitality will get underway at 9:30 a.m. Marsha Strong, FOSCL President, will start off the program at 10 a.m. with her special warm welcome. Additional remarks will be delivered by James B. Johnson Jr., Director of the South Carolina State Library, and Charles Bierbauer, Dean of the College of Mass Communications and Information Studies at the University of South Carolina.

An information-packed program of interest to all Friends has been planned by Helen Fellers, Program Chair. Kathy Mitchell from the Beaufort County Library, will describe her library's highly successful "One County, One Book" reading program. Many residents in Beaufort County read the locally set novel, [The Water is Wide](#), by Pat Conroy and actively shared their opinions and ideas gained from their reading.

Representatives from departments at SCETV will discuss a variety of services offered by South Carolina's educational television and will share tips for publicizing library events and services. Reba Campbell, Vice-President for Communications, SCETV, will speak about publicity and promotional tools for library

programs. Carolyn Holderman, Director of Higher and Medical Education, SCETV, and Curtis Rogers, Director of Statewide Library Services, South Carolina State Library, will address the number of ways that SCETV forms partnerships with other South Carolina organizations, including libraries. Tom Fowler, Senior Vice-President for Broadcasting, SCETV, will provide information on SCETV's new ground-breaking digital broadcast service.

Those attending the annual meeting will also have the opportunity to tour SCETV's Newsplex, a \$2 million multimedia newsroom of the future operated by USC's College of Mass Communications and Information Studies. Door prizes, an always popular "fun" treat of the meeting, will be drawn and awarded.

The annual meeting will also feature presentation of the annual FOSCL awards which recognize individuals, businesses, and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to library services and support in their communities. Important by-laws changes (see text in this issue) will be proposed for discussion and vote, and election of FOSCL officers will be conducted. A new dues structure will also be presented to the membership for approval.

Lunch is scheduled to be served at 12:45 p.m. The meeting will adjourn following lunch.

All library friends and supporters are cordially welcome to attend this exciting program. Early registration is strongly recommended since registration is limited to the first 80 persons. Please fill out the registration form contained in this issue and send it along with your payment as soon as possible. The FOSCL Board looks forward to seeing a large audience of library friends to share ideas and camaraderie.

Don't Forget to Checkout FOSCL's Web Site -- www.foscl.org

All library friends are encouraged to take a look and bookmark FOSCL's new web site at www.foscl.org. News about the upcoming annual meeting, including a map and directions, and the FOSCL newsletter are posted by Bill Schmidt, FOSCL's volunteer web administrator. A membership application form is also posted for the convenience of anyone who wishes to join FOSCL. Work is currently underway to identify and provide quick links to the web sites of local Friends groups in the state. If your local friends group has their own web site and is not yet linked, contact Curtis Rogers, Director of Statewide Services, SC State Library, P. O. Box 11469, Columbia, SC 29211 (curtis@leo.scsli.state.sc.us) to let him know. Bill will add your Friends' web site address as a link in order to make the exchange of ideas and information about Friends organizations easier.

Calling All Friends Groups – Join FOSCL Now!

As of July, 2003, twenty-six local library Friends organizations had sent in their 2003 FOSCL membership, but we need **all** Friends organizations to join to make FOSCL a truly representative, statewide organization. With greater participation, there can be better sharing of common interests and information, as well as showing strong support for public libraries throughout South Carolina. Presidents of local Friends organizations and public library directors are encouraged to make sure that their library's Friends organization is a FOSCL member. Group membership is \$20.00. Please use the membership application contained in this issue or at the FOSCL web site (www.foscl.org) and JOIN NOW!

SC's Public Libraries Lauded by Sandlapper Magazine

The Summer 2003 issue of Sandlapper magazine contains a wonderful article recognizing the pivotal role of South Carolina's public libraries in educating South Carolinians. "Public Libraries, South Carolina's Unsung Educational Resources" (pages 41-45) features stories and photos from several public libraries, including Spartanburg, Greenville, Florence, Marlboro, Anderson, Lexington, Darlington, and Richland counties. As the article indicates, a well-stocked, equipped, staffed, and financed public library is recognized by the South Carolina Dept. of Commerce as a tell-tale reflection of a community's commitment to education and information services – a key economic factor and attraction for business development.

If you have not yet had a chance to see this article, stop by your local public library to read it.

New FOSCL Dues to Be Voted

FOSCL members attending the annual meeting on September 13 will vote on changes to FOSCL membership fees. At the FOSCL Board meeting in July, Carol Duggan, Treasurer, suggested the dues be increased to ensure that FOSCL operations and programs can continue with adequate financing. Individual \$10.00 (from \$5); Group \$20.00 (same); Patron \$25.00 (from \$20); and Corporate \$100.00 (new category).

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO SCETV

From the Columbia Metropolitan Airport

Exiting the airport, take a left at the light onto Airport Boulevard (Highway 302). Get in the right lane. After about a mile you will see the overpass for Interstate 26. Take a right onto the on-ramp for I-26 Charleston. Get in your left lane and follow the signs for I-77 to Charlotte. From I-77, take the Bluff Road exit. Turn left off the ramp onto Bluff Road. Follow Bluff Road to the USC stadium. Turn right (between the stadium and the State Fairgrounds) onto George Rogers Boulevard. ETV is on the right—the first building is the Administration Building, and the second is the Telecommunications Center and studios.

East from Greenville

Just outside of Columbia, I-26 veers to the right to Charleston. Stay straight on I-126, which becomes Elmwood Avenue. Turn right on Assembly Street. Follow Assembly to the state fairgrounds, where Assembly crosses Rosewood Drive and the name changes to George Rogers Boulevard. Follow George Rogers around the perimeter of the fairgrounds. ETV is on the left—the first building is the Telecommunications Center and studios and the second building is the Administration Building.

I-26 West from Charleston

Take the I-77 exit toward Charlotte. From I-77, take the Bluff Road exit. Turn left off the ramp on to Bluff Road. Follow Bluff Road to the stadium. Turn right between the stadium and the fairgrounds on to George Rogers Boulevard. ETV is on the right—the first building is the Administration Building and the second is the Telecommunications Center and studios.

I-20 East from Augusta

Take exit 64-A to I-26. Immediately get in the left lane to avoid getting on I-26 to Charleston. Get on I-26/ Highway 76 toward Columbia. Just outside of Columbia, I-26 veers to the right to Charleston. Stay straight on I-126, which becomes Elmwood Avenue. Turn right on Assembly Street. Follow Assembly to the state fairgrounds, where Assembly crosses Rosewood Drive and the name changes to George Rogers Boulevard. Follow George Rogers around the perimeter of the fairgrounds. ETV is on the left—the first building is the Telecommunications Center and studios and the second building is the Administration Building.

I-20 West from Florence

Take the SC-277 South exit towards Columbia, exit #73A. Continue on SC-277 South Ramp. Merge on SC-277 South. Continue on Bull Street. Turn Right on Gervais Street. Turn Left on Assembly Street. Follow Assembly to the State Fairgrounds, where Assembly crosses Rosewood Drive and the name changes to George Rogers Boulevard. Follow George Rogers around the perimeter of the fairgrounds. ETV is on the left—the first building is the Telecommunications Center and studios and the second building is the Administration Building.

I-77 South from Charlotte

Take the Shop Road exit and turn right off the ramp. Follow Shop Road until it dead-ends into George Rogers Boulevard at the fairgrounds. Turn left on to George Rogers. ETV is on the left - the first building is the Telecommunications Center and studios and the second building is the Administration Building.



From Sumter

West/US-378 West to Columbia. Continue on Garners Ferry Road. Continue on Devine Street/Garners Ferry Road. Turn Left on N. Beltline Boulevard. Bear Right on Rosewood Drive. Turn Left on George Rogers Boulevard at the State Fairgrounds. Follow George Rogers around the perimeter of the fairgrounds. ETV is on the left—the first building is the Telecommunications Center and studios and the second building is the Administration Building.

Parking is available in front of both buildings and behind the Telecommunications Center.

News From Friends Around the State

The following information was contributed by local Friends organizations. We would love to expand this section and include more news about what local Friends organizations are doing. Please mail news of your local Friends' activities, copies of your Friends' newsletters, or notes regarding outstanding Friends volunteers to Anne Schneider, Editor, FOSCL Newsletter, P. O. Box 9447, Columbia, SC 29290. Photos are also welcome.

Surfside Beach Branch Friends: The library's book discussion group chose to focus on works by particular popular authors rather than specific titles this summer. Popular authors who were discussed at program meetings included Elizabeth Adler, Stuart Woods, and Janet Evanovich. The Friends will be sponsoring a "Let's Talk About It" program series this coming Fall featuring the theme of "Mad Women in the Attic."

Lexington Main Library Friends: The Friends recently sponsored two \$500 scholarships for senior students from local high schools. Recipients are judged in part by a short essay which they submit discussing their favorite book. This year's scholarships were awarded to Jennie Gao, White Knoll High School, (favorite book – The Fountainhead by Ayn Rand) and to Gillian Siple, Lexington High School (favorite book – The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd). The Friends chose Valentine's Day for their "romantic" themed winter gala celebration which was held at the Sheraton Hotel.

Union County Library Friends: The Friends sponsored a hot dog/bake sale in the Bi-Lo parking lot as a fundraiser. Bi-Lo grocery and other food companies donated supplies and food. The event raised \$565. The library also partners with Bi-Lo in their Bi-Lo booster program whereby the library receives a portion of Bi-Lo's charitable distributions each quarter for persons registered in the booster program.

Richland County Library Friends: The Friends recently presented their Lucy Hampton Bostick Award for 2003 to Sarah Bull Clarkson, an avid library supporter and former library board member. The annual award honors individuals who have made significant contributions to libraries or literature in South Carolina. A sell-out crowd of 150 persons attended a Friends-sponsored author luncheon featuring Dorothy Benton Frank in July. The luncheon coincided with the release of Ms. Frank's latest novel, Isle of Palms.

By-laws, Friends of South Carolina Libraries, Inc.

Article I: Membership

Membership shall consist of three classes: individual membership, organizational membership, and (special) **patron** membership. Each membership is entitled to one vote.

Article II: Meetings

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall set the time and place of **the** annual (meetings) **meeting** of the Association.

Section 2. Executive Committee meetings shall be held at the call of the president or upon written request of three members.

Section 3. At all meetings of the organization, a quorum for transaction of business shall consist of those members present.

Section 4. A quorum for transaction of business of the Executive Committee shall consist of those members present.

Section 5. ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER, latest revised edition, shall govern the parliamentary procedure of the organization.

Article III: Officers

Section 1. The officers of the organization shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of two years. They shall assume office immediately following the annual meeting and continue to serve until their successors are elected.

Vacancies in office shall be filled by appointment by the president until the next regular election.

Section 2. The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

The president shall:

- a. Preside at all meetings.
- b. **Appoint** all committees and chairs.
- c. Serve, *ex-officio*, as member of any standing committee.
- d. Certify all bills approved by the organization.
- e. Authorize call for any special meeting.
- f. Prepare, with the assistance of the secretary, an agenda of specific items to be considered at each meeting of the organization
- g. Prepare, with the assistance of the executive committee, a list of goals and objectives for the organization each year.**
- h. Generally perform the duties of presiding officer.

(The vice-president/president-elect presides when the president is absent and performs the duties of the president when instructed by the president or when the president is unable to do so.)

The vice-president/president-elect shall:

- a. Preside in the absence of the president.**
- b. Perform duties as assigned by the president.**

- c. Perform duties of the president when the president is unable to perform said duties.
- d. Serve as ex-officio member of the program committee.

(The secretary of the organization shall keep a true and accurate account of all proceedings of the organization meetings and shall sign and attest the minutes of each meeting.)

The secretary shall:

- a. Keep a true and accurate account of all proceedings of the organization meetings.
- b. Sign and attest the minutes of each meeting.
- c. Maintain organizational archives.
- d. Handle official correspondence of the organization.
- e. Prepare an annual report for presentation to membership at the annual meeting.

(The treasurer shall be responsible for collection, safekeeping and expenditure of all funds, securities, and properties as authorized by the president and maintain the financial records of all business transactions of the organization.)

The treasurer shall:

- a. Collect and expend all funds, securities and properties as authorized by the president.
- b. Maintain such bank accounts as authorized by the executive committee for transacting the business of the organization.
- c. Maintain the financial records of all business transactions of the organization.
- d. Prepare an annual financial report for presentation to membership at the annual meeting.

Article IV: Committees

Section 1. The organization shall have the following standing committees: Executive, Membership, and Program. (The president may appoint special committees as needed.)

Section 2. The president may appoint ad hoc committees as needed.

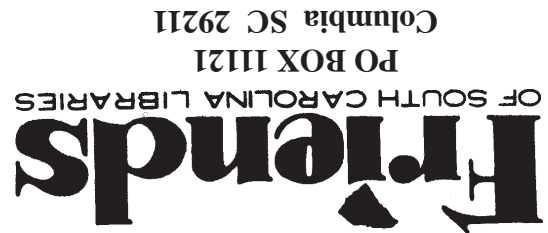
Article V: Dues

Section 1. The annual dues for individual, organizational, and (special) **patron** memberships shall be determined by the Executive Committee and approved by a majority vote of the membership present in any annual or special meeting. Only members whose dues are current shall exercise the rights of the organization.

Section 2. The membership year shall be on a calendar basis. All dues paid after October 1 and before January 1 of the next year shall be considered to have current membership status through the next succeeding year.

Article VI: Amendments

Amendments to these by-laws may be made at any meeting of the general membership by a two-thirds vote of those present, provided that copies of the proposed amendments have been given to all members at least ten days in advance.



FRIENDS OF SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES (FOSCL)

2003 Annual Membership Drive

We're out to keep our old Friends... but also to make new ones!

Membership Application/Renewal Form
Become a Friend of South Carolina Libraries
 (Membership year is January to December)

Name _____ Today's Date _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____ Check if new address _____
 Contact Name (organizations only) _____
 E-Mail Address _____
 Phone Number Day () _____ Evening () _____

Please check one:

_____ Individual Membership (\$5.00) _____ New Member
 _____ Group Membership (\$20.00) _____ Renewal
 _____ Patron Membership (Over \$20.00)

Dues are tax-deductible!

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