

# Friends-to-Friends

## Supporting and Promoting South County Regional Library, Inc.

November 2007

Winner of Friends and Trustees First Place newsletter award of the Florida Library Association

### Local artist creates “Florida Seascapes” murals inside SCRL



Don Martin's murals in SCRL's youth services area are phase 1 of the Friends Gallery project.

Phase 2 is a gallery to be developed in the foyer, along the main aisle and in the reading area of SCRL.

To become a sponsor of the gallery project, go to the Friends website home page and in the left column click on [Be a Sponsor.](#)

Remember the look of recognition and joy when a child reads a book by identifying the pictures and drawings of animals? When colors and shapes are more important than words. That's how Don Martin saw children with their mothers at South County Regional Library.

It was last spring, when visitors to the library watched a kind of coloring book full of creatures being painted on the walls by Don who was commissioned to brighten this place where words come to life. And what inspired him to do the work? “It was for the kids,” he replied.

His work begins at home where he sketches the figures to scale on paper and then makes full size tissue drawings.

When he moves to the big canvas at SCRL, he cuts out each drawing and positions it on the wall. Black paint pen renderings follow. Then flow the many colors of acrylic paint.

Friends of SCRL Vice President Cas Obie saw Don's work in progress as like “working on a coloring book.” Don agreed, adding “but I stay inside the lines.”

That got Don remembering his grade school days when he drew

murals on black boards with different colored chalks. “A friend and I did a series of dinosaurs that won us an award. In fact it was a recognized project in place of a book report.”

Both medium and milieu changed many times through Don's artistic life. After several years with Sears Roebuck & Co. designing four-color newspaper inserts, he started his own retail advertising business.

That gave Don “freedom to complete my projects at my own pace.”

Then he found himself carving a series of sports and occupational figures for Enesco's Corporate catalogue. After several years—with “freedom” still guiding him—he decided not to accept

the offer of a staff position. As Don puts it, “I did not want to do my design on a computer. I was a layout artist, doing everything by hand. I would be considered a dinosaur,” perhaps remembering that grade school dinosaur chalk board project.

So Don ended his business career and came to Estero where he has used his God-given talent on projects at the Lamb of God Church where he's a member. Everything

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## Tickets on sale for authors at three 2008 luncheons

### "A different kind" of sea faring novelist speaks to Friends January 9 luncheon



At the Friends January 9 luncheon, Robert Macomber will be signing the sixth book in his Honor series: "A Different Kind of Honor."

**Ticket information for all 4 authors on this page is at the stern of this page.**

I asked Robert Macomber: What solace do you offer those who didn't buy a ticket in time? **They will miss a *great time*, which is better than actually making it to a *miserable time* somewhere else.**

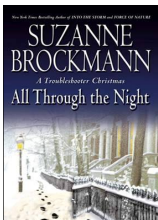
What is something non-ticket holders will miss you saying January 9th? **Peter Wake (my main character) frequently gets in the worst trouble for the best reasons and usually comes out ahead, so don't shrink from trouble in your life and enjoy the adventure!**

Anyone you would advise *not* to attend? **Mean-spirited dolts.**

Why *do* people read your books? **To remind themselves that--no matter how grim things are looking--"good guys" can still win and "honor" is alive and well. Okay, they probably *really* want to see just what sort of disastrous mess Wake has immersed himself and Rork in this time in South America. Folks, it's worse than ever!**

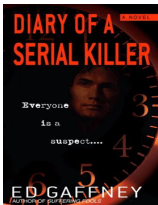
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Underwriting of the January 9 Macomber luncheon is by realtors Marie Pimm (marie@mariepimm.com) & James F. Kearney (jkearney@johnrwood.com).

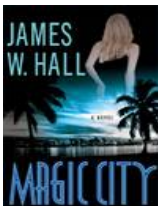


**Bestseller Suzanne Brockmann and husband and former criminal lawyer Ed Gaffney share their exciting lives with the Friends at February 12 authors luncheon in Estero**

**All Through the Night:** Suzanne Brockmann is the *New York Times* Bestselling, Rita Award-winning author of the *Trouble Shooter* series and the *Tall, Dark & Dangerous* series, both about U.S. Navy SEAL Teams. She's written many books including *Force of Nature*, *Stand-in Groom* and *Time Enough For Love*. [www.suzannebrockmann.com](http://www.suzannebrockmann.com)



**Diary of a Serial Killer:** Ed Gaffney took ten years of work as a criminal lawyer, added an overactive imagination, and came up with a new career as a novelist. His fourth book, *Enemy Combatant*, is scheduled for release early next year. And he is already at work on his fifth book, tentatively titled *Habeas Corpus*. Ed lives west of Boston with Suzanne. [www.edgaffney.com](http://www.edgaffney.com)



**James Hall opens time capsule of Miami's past at Friends March 11 author luncheon**

**Magic City:** What *L.A. Confidential* and *Chinatown* did for Los Angeles, now Bestselling Author James W. Hall does for Miami. Based on real events and newly declassified documents, *Magic City* is an epic crime thriller, exposing the past of a city in a time capsule of a novel. [www.jameswhall.com](http://www.jameswhall.com)

January 1st is the tickets sales cut off date for the Robert Macomber luncheon. They are selling fast!

All 3 of this season's FOSCRRL author luncheons are at 11:30 at The Club at Grandezza, Ben Hill Griffin Parkway, Estero. Each ticket is \$28. That includes a \$7.60 donation to Friends of SCRL.

To have lunch with any of the authors on this page, mail a check (payable to Friends of South County Regional Library, Inc.) to 21100 Three Oaks Parkway, Estero, FL 33928 or use your major credit card at [www.friendsofscrl.org](http://www.friendsofscrl.org) where you will find map and directions to Grandezza. Tickets will be mailed to you.

Seating is first come, first served. Groups should book tickets together to assure seats together.



## “Meet your FOSCRL board members” series

### Our Board President keeps us moving



**Claire Hauenstein, recipient of the “Library Advocate Award” of the Southwest Florida Library Network.**

Claire's reaction to the award: "I am surprised and absolutely delighted. However, this is not an award just for me but a recognition of the work of our Friends Board and the group as a whole, and I truly appreciate that."

*How do you think your career experiences prepared you for the volunteer work you are doing?*

I held management positions at Xerox in Rochester, N.Y. for more than 25 years. The learning gained from that process was invaluable in terms of planning, executing programs and motivating people. Also, in volunteer work as in full time employment one needs to be constantly moving toward the next objective, and a job in industry certainly teaches one that skill.

*When and how did you become involved with FOSCRL?*

I came to Florida 10 years ago. In the Fall of 2003, I saw a notice in the paper that South County Regional Library wanted to start a Friends group. I went to the meeting and when Linda Holland, then Regional Manager, asked if anyone had been involved with 501c3's I raised my hand! The rest is history. Linda Holland was the founder and driving force behind the Friends group as we know it today—it was her vision.

*What do you give to and draw from the Friends of SCRL?*

I like to see what can be done with an idea and I get a great deal of satisfaction when things really do happen. I continue to be amazed at our wonderful group of volunteers and how generously they give of their time and talents. Our accomplishments and the amount of money we have raised are far beyond anything I expected.

*You are founding chairman of LRI, the lymphedema group.*

In 2001 I was diagnosed with breast cancer. Following surgery and a return to reasonable health,

I felt it was time to give back for the many blessings given to me.

Lymphedema Resources, Inc. (LRI) is a 501c3 tax exempt charity, founded in 2005, as a community based, volunteer organization to raise awareness of the risk of developing this condition and to assure the availability of resources for treatment and to eliminate barriers for those who are underserved and underinsured suffering with lymphedema. LRI is currently a grantee of the “Susan G. Komen for the Cure Southwest Florida.”

*Claire, who married Sid Hauenstein almost 25 years ago, is proud of four step children, seven grand children, and one great granddaughter.*

*Claire says Thank You to:*

John R. Wood realtors Marie Pimm and James F. Kearney for their generous underwriting of our January 9th Author's Luncheon.

Carolyn Piscitello, Dorothea Meldner and the whole team for their hard work on book sales and the "First Dibs" bookcase for 2007. Hours and hours have been spent sorting, shelving and selling used books, etc. Well done!

Steve Shandor, who as Assistant Treasurer, has picked up, counted and deposited "First Dibs" money faithfully. Much appreciated.

Jimmy Eichbauer and Joyce Fecko for handling community outreach activities.

Kim Dailey, our webmaster.

*The Print Shop* for printing all our newsletters at a discount.

Board members and volunteers for all their efforts to make 2007 a very successful year for the Friends of SCRL.



## Libraries are for you, for me, forever

**Welcome to the new 2-day + 2-hour Friends Book Sales Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1st from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**



Books  
CDs, DVDs  
Puzzles  
T-shirts  
Book bags  
More books

Good thing there's no due date on donated books

So two days is what it will take to display all the many books y'all donated to SCRL since our March Book Sale. You may have to come by twice to see—and buy—all you want!

Please Note:  
The Friends  
"Members Only"  
Book Sale date is  
**Thursday, November 29th** from 3-5 p.m.  
{the 2-hour sale}

**By the way, the March 31st 1-Day + 2-hour Book Sale was a Big Hit**

The Friends of SCRL took in \$1,526 from 364 browsing buyers.

**Thanks to Carolyn Piscitello and all our many Book Sale workers!**



### Go Wireless!

Wireless devices now welcome at South County Regional Library

SCRL now provides free internet access for wireless device users. We also have nine wired ports for laptops (bring your own cables to connect). You'll find two ports in each study room, two in the Young Adult area, two more on columns there and two ports in the library's magazine area.

SCRL, 21100 Three Oaks Parkway, Estero. 390-3211 or [acarter@leegov.com](mailto:acarter@leegov.com)

### *"Martin's Murals" from page 1*

from the Lutheran-Episcopal logo to wood carvings and painting. Also, he's done a series of line drawings of historical buildings in Estero for the Estero Historical Society.

Don also pursues his other love, golf. Of course, it's about more than hitting a little ball into a little hole. With a glint in his smiling eyes, he explains that at his community golf club, he's done "golf subject renderings of golf poses, painted on the backside of Plexiglas and displayed in wash rooms. That way the outside of the pictures can be cleaned without touching the art work."

About creating his library mural, Don said, "I'm having a ball with this. I look forward to coming in here."



## Help comes in many forms

### Friends of SCRL win three awards



Annual awards from the Florida Library Association went to the Friends of South County Regional Library, Inc. in three categories.

*L to r: Cas Obie, Dave Hauenstein, Kim Dailey.*

A first place award went to the *Friends-to-Friends newsletter* whose editor Dave Hauenstein thanked the many volunteers whose work is recognized in its pages.

An honorable mention award went to the FOSCRL's website, [www.friendsofscrl.org](http://www.friendsofscrl.org). Web host Kimberly Dailey of Papyrus Document and Design said, "We've seen use of the friends website increase exponentially."

The Friends received an honorable mention outstanding program award for its tenth anniversary birthday celebration conceived and produced by Friends Vice President Cas Obie. Last August, the SCRL celebrated its tenth anniversary with a party that included greetings and well wishes from Lee County Commissioners, dignitaries of the Lee County Library System, leaders of surrounding communities and from members and others.

**BARNES & NOBLE**



The B&N store at Coconut Point on Route 41 in Estero is offering us the opportunity to gift wrap books and fund raise for South County Regional Library.

Members of the Friends of SCRL, do you have a couple of hours in December to wrap?

Jimmy Eichbauer and Joyce Fecko are looking for volunteers to do 2-hour shifts on one of the following dates: December 6, 7, 8 or 13, 14, 15.

If you have not already done so, please send a note to [FOSCRL@aol.com](mailto:FOSCRL@aol.com) to be added to the list for this activity.

B&N provides the wrapping paper. Just bring your enthusiasm!

### It pays to use this Member Benefit

FOSCRL members, use your Barnes & Noble *Institutional Account* cards this holiday shopping season. Receive discounts of 20% on B&N in-store purchases of books not previously marked down. And pay no sales tax because FOSCRL is a 501c3 tax exempt charity. To take advantage of the saving, simply present your card at the check out and use a credit card, cash or check to make payment. The card you have expires December 31.

Commencing in 2008, the discount card will be printed on the reverse side of your new membership card.

Thanks also to our retail sponsors for wonderful luncheon door prizes this year: Classic Car Wash (across from the Library); Petals and Presents (on Rte 41); Ted's Montana Grill (Coconut Point Mall). Please patronize these folks who have generously supported Friends of SCRL this year.



## 4 free concerts presented by FOSCRL



Close up of the tuba to be played at the Friends of SCRL's December 8 concert at the library.

Be there Saturday, December 8 at 11:00 in the morning.

### Sun Coast Brass Ensemble

Usher in the holidays at this holiday concert held outside the front entrance of South County Regional Library. Performing for the third year at SCRL, the merry ensemble comprised of five talented instrumentalists of the Naples Philharmonic will put you in the holiday spirit!

Saturday, January 19, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. is a date to mark.

### American Folk Trio

Southwest Florida's legendary strolling band will warm your heart. In the library meeting room, enjoy bluegrass music at its finest!

Saturday, February 23, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Don't miss it.

### Night Train Band

Join us at the front entrance of the Library and enjoy jazz of the 30's and 40's, rock and roll of the 50's and 60's and classic country music.

Tuesday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m.

### Cypress Lake Steel Drum Band

Cypress Lake Middle School's band plays a variety of Caribbean and popular music favorites in the library meeting room.

## Increasing library traffic followed by budget cuts

You may be interested to know that this fiscal year all libraries in the Lee County System will have to deal with budget cuts. So SCRL will have less to spend on materials.

This follows a year in which SCRL was accommodating...more than ever. In the last fiscal year (October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007), 276,962 people visited SCRL, about 27,000 more than the year before.

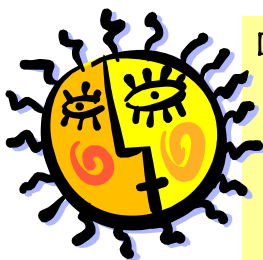
SCRL card holders increased by 2,040; now 31,124 people are registered to use the library.

About 61,000 more checkouts were completed during the fiscal year for a total of 465,318.

## Just how good is your own investment in your library?

A recent study says that Florida's public libraries return at least \$6.54 for every \$1.00 invested from local, state and federal sources.

To calculate how much you personally have saved from your own use of the library, you can use the personal savings calculator at <http://dlis.dos.state.fl.us/savingscalculator/>



Day or night, 365 days a year: Update yourself with what's going on at the Friends of SCRL website run by webmaster, Kim Dailey. Read the newsletter, look at the photo gallery, use community links, go to "contacts" to leave questions and comments, buy luncheon tickets.

Go to [www.friendsofscrl.org](http://www.friendsofscrl.org).



## An effortless way to help the Friends at our website

### “Friends Online” — a great tool for holiday shopping



Shop at the Friends website with a variety of businesses that **donate** a percentage of the total purchase value to the Friends once the order is placed (with no increase in cost of purchase). Click on “[iGive.org](http://iGive.org)” (not “iGive.com”) to see over 600 retailers including many well known and widely used – Penney’s, Coldwater Creek, Best Buy, Ebay, QVC, Hallmark, etc. Donation percentages are shown for each merchant.

For each new person registering, the **Friends earn \$5**. Amazon, Books A Million, Staples and AbeBooks have their own icons and work much the same way. Donation checks are issued periodically to our Friends group.

The easiest way to remember to do this is by using a **desktop icon** which you can create on our website home page.

Click on “Friends Online” and then on “Right-click here” and follow the instructions.

### the print Shop

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Suite 300  
North Fort Myers, FL 33903  
Call Anne Edwards at  
997-7010

Also, check the “**Book Travel Online at the Friends Travel Site**” icon. We have partnered with YTB Travel Network which provides a fundraising vehicle for nonprofits while functioning as any other travel agency – our Friends group **will receive a portion of commissions earned** on travel bookings for hotels, airfare, car rentals, cruises, tours, purchase of event tickets, etc. No markups on any kind of fares. Some great tours and packages are available. Pricing is very competitive.

Please support the Friends Online program and also email the Friends Online page (see icon to do this on that page) to friends and relatives for them to do their shopping.

Shopping online is a great way to get a head start on upcoming holidays while helping our Friends group.

Go [www.friendsofscrl.org](http://www.friendsofscrl.org)

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**Happy Christmas — Hanukkah — All Holidays of the Season**

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