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**Message from Co-Presidents, Barbara Hale and Marilyn Pierce:**

FOLTC ended the year on a very pleasant note—our Annual Meeting at Moschetto’s Continental Café. The food was outstanding, we had a good turnout, we were presented with a full slate of very capable Officers and Chairpersons to carry on during 2012 (the slate is listed in this newsletter), and we enjoyed an informative program—Firewise—presented by Chief Ranger Sr. Tony Harkins of the Georgia Forestry Commission. We also had the opportunity to honor a couple—Jan and John Roberts—who have been a mainstay of our organization for many years as Co-Chairpersons of Book Sales, our primary fund raisers. Watch your newspapers for further information about them!

We thank our outgoing Vice-President, Doris Tilly; Recording Secretary, Melanie Beighley; Membership Chair, Jane Farrell; Newsletter Chair, Linda Dye; and Scrapbook Chair, Shirley Heide for, in most cases, their many years of service to the organization. Without their participation FOLTC could not have thrived as it did nor helped our libraries as much. We welcome those who are assuming positions in FOLTC for the first time, and thank those who are trading in old jobs for new ones: Jan Roberts as Vice-President, Candy Schlarb as Recording Secretary, Melanie Beighley as Membership Chair, Marcia Aunspaugh as Newsletter Chair, and Linda Dye as Scrapbook Chair.

Once again, I would like to remind our members of a unique way in which they can easily help our libraries--through the “Adoption” of an author or periodical. This is how it works: a member may choose a particular author, for example, and agree to purchase that author’s books for an indefinite time period or a limited one, i.e., five years. The member, in turn, pays the greatly-reduced library rate for the book (through the library) and gets to read the book first. This is a great way to read your favorite best-selling author’s books immediately after publication! A member might, on the other hand, choose to pay for a year’s subscription to his/her favorite magazine or other periodical. The library personnel will accept “adoptions” from a member, let him/her know which authors or magazines have already been “adopted,” and suggest possible alternatives. This is definitely a win-win situation for the libraries, contributing members and other readers. The libraries’ shelves are replenished without having to dip into limited funds, and readers have access to more books and periodicals. Please consider this alternative method for improving the “library experience.”

May everyone have a Happy, Healthy and Productive New Year!

**Library Board meetings for 2012: Meetings will take place at the Mountain Regional Library on the second Tuesday at 2:00 pm every other month. February 14, April 10, June 12, August 14 and October 9.**

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**A Winter Community Night at Moschetto's**

FOLTC will be having its January 2012 fund raiser at Moschetto's Continental Café and Bistro on January 26th, 27th and 28<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, from 6 to 8:30 PM. As he has done at our two fund raisers in 2011, Andy will donate 10% of all proceeds to the organization for the benefit of our two libraries. There will be a \$25 gift certificate as the top door prize, as well as other prizes. Members of FOLTC will be on hand to greet diners—all of whom will enjoy one of Andy's meals. Cut out the ticket below and bring it with you to be eligible for a prize. In case you forget, tickets will also be available at the restaurant. Please tell your friends about the fund raiser. Better yet, bring them along and encourage them to support Towns County's libraries as well!



**Community Night**  
**FUND RAISER**  
to benefit the Friends of the Libraries of Towns County

**Where:** Moschetto's in Young Harris  
**When:** Thursday, Friday & Saturday  
January 26, 27 & 28  
6:00 - 8:30 PM each night

Present this ticket and 10% of your bill will be donated to the Friends of the Library of Towns County, AND you will be entered to win a doorprize. Join us one night or all 3!

**Thank you for your continued support of FOLTC!**

The graphic includes an illustration of a person reading a book on the left and a plate of food on the right.

### **August Book Sale**

We are collecting books for the August book sale. They can be brought to either the Towns County Library or the Mountain Regional Library. If anyone needs help getting books to the library call John Roberts at 706-781-9733 or notify anyone at either library.

### **Treasurer's Report**

2011 continued to show the outstanding support that the Friends of the Library gives to the Towns County libraries. We received \$11,310.55 from membership dues, the annual Book and Bake Sale, and various memorials, donations and fund raisers. With these funds, we were able to provide the library with over \$10,000 for new books, matching funds, and increased storage capability as well as increase communication within the FOLTC membership. Financially, we started the year out with \$9,093.13 and finished it with \$8,217.31. Thanks to all for their wonderful and generous support.

### **Cell Phones for Soldiers**

CELL PHONES for SOLDIERS is a national project founded by two teenagers in Norwell, MA to turn old cell phones into phone cards to help our troops call home.. Each recycled cell phone translates into about 60 minutes of free talk time for our troops and their loved ones.

WE ARE COLLECTING ONLY CELL PHONES, BLACKBERRIES, PALMS, ETC . Please no chargers or manuals or carrying cases. Please bring all recycled phones collected to the Young Harris library where there is a collection basket as you enter.

Any questions contact Jim Reynolds 706-379-6601 or [retiredjim@gmail.com](mailto:retiredjim@gmail.com) Thanks on behalf of all our troops who will share in your efforts

### **From Donna's Desk ...**

Happy New Year! I hope all of you are enjoying the clean slate a new year affords and that 2012 brings health and happiness.

I hope many of you were able to attend our December meeting at Moschetto's. It was a good time to meet lots of people and learn about the wonderful things Friends are making possible for our libraries and a great way to wrap up our year.

Our libraries are starting the New Year off with a bang! There are new computer and consumer classes available – January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm. is a class for computer beginners called *Access Your Computer* that gives students the chance to see inside a computer and become familiar with the computer, the keyboard and mouse. On January 25<sup>th</sup> we offer a chance to learn more about the wealth of information available in the library's Georgia Learning Online (GALILEO) databases – newspapers, magazines, genealogy tools, business information, health information and so much more – all at your fingertips! More great classes follow in February, plus a series on job searching with the Georgia Department of Labor staff. In March we will have a focus on our area veterans with classes on using the My Healthy Vet website, order prescriptions online, and other veteran's issues in cooperation with the new veterans' clinic in Blairsville. Please check out our schedule online at the library website or ask at your local library for a brochure or to preregister. The classes are free, but do require preregistration.

For those of you who received a new e-reader – Nook, Kindle, iPad, or other e-reader – remember that you have access to e-books through your libraries! Visit our library website and click on the Georgia Download Destination link on the left side of the screen. You will find a quick-start guide and frequently asked questions for each type of device to help you get started downloading and enjoying-books.

Our Towns County libraries have moved up in the state's construction list as a result of the SPLOST passed last year. We are in the top 15 and we hope that we can get the state funding in the next year or so. We need your help!! Please communicate with your state senator and state representative and let them know how important our libraries are to our communities and how much we need to renovate and expand our libraries to meet the needs of our citizens. Debbie Phillips, our Towns County Public Library Branch Manager has created handout with all that contact information – phone, fax and e-mail – for those who need to hear that message.

You may contact Debbie at 706-896-6169. We cannot do this without your help – your voices make all the difference!

I am so proud of the hard work our library staff members have put into creating the welcoming and caring environment that is so much part of our libraries. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve Towns County Citizens in 2011 and look forward to serving you even better in 2012!

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### **Jan and John Roberts Honored**

Jan and John Roberts were honored for outstanding service to the Friends of the Libraries of Towns County at the annual meeting held at Moschetto's Restaurant. They were presented a framed certificate and lifetime membership in Friends of the Libraries. Jan and John have been members since 1999, each serving a three year term as president.

They chair the annual Book Sale Fund raiser which includes collecting, sorting and storing books and setting up for the sale. They also make sure that the Book Sale Cart at the Mountain Regional Library is current, making this duty a year round job.

Jan volunteers at the Blairsville Humane Society's Mountain Shelter Thrift Store and has also served as president of Young Harris College's ICL program. She and John serve as camp hosts at Trackrock Campground where she works in the office and serves as Social Chairperson. John is the campground naturalist and landscape superintendent. Prior to moving to Blairsville, Jan worked as a legal secretary at Purdue University. John retired from the US Department of Agriculture after 31 years as a research plant pathologist at both Purdue University and the University of Georgia. He has authored or co-authored over 100 technical publications. John is currently a Board Member of the Community Council at the Georgia Research and Education Center and is the Curriculum chairman for ICL.

Congratulations to Jan and John Roberts, the very deserving recipients of this outstanding award.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street or PO Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one:      \_\_\_New Membership      \_\_\_Renewal Membership

**Please select type of membership:**

\_\_\_Individual (\$12.00)                      \_\_\_Family (\$24.00)                      \_\_\_Sponsor (\$30.00)

\_\_\_Business (\$35.00)                      \_\_\_Donor (\$50.00)                      \_\_\_Patron (\$100.00)

Please make check payable to FLOTTC and mail to Friends of the Libraries of Towns County, P O Box 159, Young Harris, GA 30582

*Become a Friend! Because Good Libraries Need Good Friends!*

**If you wish to contribute, but do not want to become a member, donations are always gratefully accepted! FOLTC is a 501(c) 3 organization and all donations to them are tax deductible. You may mail your donations to the Friends to the address above, or drop them off at either library.**



**If you would like to honor or remember a loved one with a donation to the Friends or to one of our libraries, please contact Donna Howell at the Mountain Regional Library at 706-379-1319; or Debbie Phillips at the Towns County Public Library at 706-896-6169.**

**Your support makes a world of difference!**

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