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Vice President's Report

You may have noticed that the exposed aggregate planters have been shored up and no longer list like drunken sailors, Jude's Peace Pole is surrounded by decorative granite rocks, and new plantings have been put in place under the trees next to the parking lot entry. The polka dot plants attractively arranged in a rock garden-like setting should do well in filtered sunlight.

A significant amount of fresh decorative bark makes an especially great improvement to the bedding area near the Harbor Boulevard entrance. This, in combination with the staff's succulent garden really helps to give the courtyard presence. Elsewhere, another manzanita bush has been added on the west side of the library building.

These landscaping improvements, the work of SLO County park ranger, Darrell Daniels, and his assistants, represent a cost of about \$50 which has been footed by the county. Mr. Daniels is looking into the possibility of donations from Home Depot in the form of reduced prices or even a gift of some free shrubbery. He will keep me apprised of his findings regarding this endeavor.

#### Library Foundation Report

The Access Campaign has raised not quite \$7,000 so far, and as we move toward making preparations for the Central Coast book and Authors Festival, coming to Mission Plaza, 19 September, the campaign will need to move to the back burner. As our fundraising chair, Horace Morana, pointed out recently, perhaps setting a goal of \$25,000 was just a little too ambitious for an organization that consists of 11 volunteers. The foundation also looks forward to the fun and excitement of the Summer Reading Program.

We are looking for additional sponsors to underwrite the CC BAG. If you have any suggestions please let us know.

Recently one of our directors made the statement "Right now, the public is anti school and pro library." I guess we could give ourselves pats on our collective backs for having the good fortune to be on the winning side of the equation, except that the lingua franca of both endeavors is a love of knowledge and a belief in the necessity to feed intelligence. How can we help the public to become pro school and stay pro library? While the Foundation looks at the public library system through the prism of the county and each Friends organization is concerned with the needs and operations of its own specific library, working together for the whole community that is San Luis Obispo County should be our common goal. Your thoughts and ideas are appreciated. Please think about attending our meetings usually held on the first Wednesday of every month at 4:00 p.m. at the main library building on Palm in San Luis Obispo in the upstairs conference room. Hope to see some of you there in the future.