

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – K. Robert
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - MARCH 16, 2007

1. If you haven't already I encourage you to register for the "Friends Helping Friends: Library Supporters Sharing Ideas" workshop scheduled for April 20, 2007 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. There will be 3 panel presentations in which everyone can attend: Recruitment of Members & Leaders; Effective Volunteer/Staff Relations; and Creative Fundraising Ideas. This event is free and lunch is included. Registration is due by **Thursday, April 5.** The application is available on our website at morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org or those without access to computers I have some copies that I can give to you after the meeting.
2. Our Readers' Community Discussion Group has been hosting local authors this year. Our schedule this year includes the following upcoming events: Roger Castle and Gary Ream – who wrote Images of America – Morro Bay will join us on March 21, Dr. Hershel Parker on May 16 will discuss an incident in Herman Melville's life that completely blindsided him during the writing of his biography on the author. **Special note about this presentation: the author has terrible allergies so we are asking that people not smoke prior to entering the building, as well as avoid wearing any colognes or perfumes;** and, Ralph & Cathy Brink will be available on June 6 to discuss their book: World War II As Seen Through Kids' Eyes in which they will be sharing vivid recollections of their concentration camp experiences from two different ends of the world. The Readers' Community meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Program Room. You can get current Reading List & Discussion Dates in the Lobby, with Library staff or on our website.
3. Our Discussion Group for Seniors which has been meeting the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. was featured in the Magazine of The Central Coast Journal's March 2007 issue on page 34. I hope you take the time to read it! We will now be doing this group on the 2nd Wednesdays of the month only. The next session will be April 11. I will explain what will be happening on the 4th Wednesdays during our agenda item on the Issues/Activities and Programs Identified.
4. Our Branch Manager provided an hour presentation on the remodel of the Library on February 26 that she titled, "Celebration of Curiosity." I'd like to thank Barbara for organizing the event and Jude for taking the time to be available and give participants present insights into the remodeling philosophy and what it took to get to where the Library is today.
5. An article was prepared by Supervisor Gibson's Legislative Assistant Cherie Aispuro and myself to be included in our next Newsletter that talks about developing a Vision Plan between community members and Library staff. Brian Reynolds, Library Director requested that I submit this article to all the Friends groups and Foundation Board members. This is another example of an opportunity for us to outreach with other Friends groups as well as create a supportive and idea-sharing network.
6. Reminder: Our regularly scheduled Executive Committee meeting which is typically the 3rd Friday of the month, will be on the 4th Friday of April (April 27) instead because we are encouraging Friends to attend the Black Gold Workshop on April 20.