



Woo-hoo! **Big Gala** at the Library

“I takes a village . . .” (you’ve heard that one before). Well *it takes a community* to support a library, and the philatelic community in the Greater Bay Area came through with an outpouring of generosity and support for the Western Philatelic Library.

The **WESTPEX Board** took a lead role by underwriting the recent open house celebration and fund raiser held at the Library 6 February. Over 200 people took advantage of the “half-price sale” on surplus donated stamps and duplicate books. A steady stream was flowing in and out for the 6 hours the party lasted.

Ed and Judy Jarvis marshaled an additional 20 volunteers to spiff up the Library, organize the food and beverages, make the sales, and help happy collectors to their cars with their bargains. **WESTPEX, Inc.** paid for the refreshments (they were great, Judy!) and provided a “match” for every dollar received in sales — items were half the price, and at the end of the day, the Library took in more than \$3200, matched by WESTPEX for a total of more than \$6400. **Stuart Leven** and **David McNamee** chipped in to provide professional signage for the building, raising the event’s total to more than \$10,000.

The roster of people who gave their time to make this event a success:

- John Cross:** set up and take down
- Bill Dwyer:** publicity postcard design & mail
- Bob Gordon:** sales
- Clyde Homen:** sales
- Ed Jarvis:** Manager and Asst. Broom Pusher
- Judy Jarvis:** refreshments
- Marci Jarvis:** sales check out desk
- Bob Jarvis:** security
- Wally Joliff:** assembling & pricing collections
- Ed Laveroni:** sales
- Stuart Leven:** donations processing; signs
- Ken Lewetzow:** assembling & pricing collections
- David McNamee:** publicity; signs
- Jerry Mix:** sales
- Kristen Patterson:** set up and take down; book sales
- Russ Samuels:** sales
- Kathy Samuels:** Official Photographer
- Roger Skinner:** Answer Man (“do you have a book on . . .”)
- Jo Skinner:** Chief Accountant; sales check out desk
- Roy Teixeira:** Chief Broom Pusher, Painter, Interior Decorator, . . .and on and on
- Sigrid Teixeira:** coffee and tea
- WESTPEX Board:** Provided funds for advertising, refreshments and matching funds for the sales of surplus collections and books.
- The Bay Area Stamp Community:** supporters! A BIG THANK YOU, EVERYONE.

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Friends of the Western Philatelic Library

Thanks to **Kathy Samuels** for the high quality pictures taken at the Gala Open House held February 6 at the Western Philatelic Library in Redwood City. More pictures on page 10.

Guests at the Open House traveled from Fairfield, Los Gatos, Marin, and Morgan Hill — it was truly a philatelic community event.

Several guests commented favorably on the increased space and the quality of the donated furnishings — ideal for a stamp club or a Board meeting. Our Council finally has a “Philatelic Center” in more ways than one. If you had to miss the Gala Open House, you can still visit the library to browse the stacks, read the latest newsletters, or take advantage of the low prices on duplicate used philatelic literature

The WPL is located in its own building in Redwood City at 3004 Spring Street. Their normal hours are posted on their web site: www.fwpl.org or call 650-306-9150 for info.

