

# ELF Insider



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## ELF Starts 2004 Fiscal Year with Annual Meeting; Elects Officers and Directors

On September 18, 2003, officers, directors and members of the Eules Library Foundation held their Annual Meeting at the Eules Public Library. Karan Jasper, Leila Khoury and Laura Satterfield were elected as new directors; each will serve a 2-year term until 2005. Boyce Byers and Mike McGehee were reelected to serve two-year terms.

New officers are Lynn Adams, President; Diane Porterfield, Vice President/ President-Elect; Sandra Crowley, Secretary; and Tom Stover, Treasurer. Officer terms are for one year with the Vice President also serving as President-Elect.

After the election of directors, Lynn Adams presented a Certificate of Achievement award to outgoing President LuAnn Portugal. LuAnn stepped in mid-term in 2002; her leadership has brought new direction and energy to the Board.

## It's Almost Casino Time!

ELF is hosting its fourth annual "Casino Night." Every year it has gotten bigger and better. Casino Night is our major fund-raising event and some very exciting live and silent auction items are going to be in evidence again. Just a few "teasers" on the live auction will be: large condo for a week in Vail, CO; two nights for two at the luxurious Lajitas Resort and Spa with golf and/or Spa package and some meals; a flag that has been flown over the Texas Capitol and has been signed by state legislators; Mavericks tickets; jewelry; dinners at area restaurants; and a registered Italian Greyhound puppy.

The 2002 event raised about \$22,000 to be used toward a commissioned piece of blown-glass art entitled "Blooms of Enlightenment" that will be completed in late 2004, and toward continued support of special youth programs, and community services and events as will the 2003 Casino Night fund-raiser.

The event will be held at the Texas Star Conference Center from 6:30 -10 p.m. on Saturday, November 15, 2003. And there will be hors d'oeuvres, door prizes, silent and live auction items. Each attendee will receive \$1,000 worth of gaming chips to use on all the fun gaming tables. Advance tickets will be \$25 (individual) and \$30 tickets and information to the event, call the Library at (817) 685-16



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## Upcoming Events

Casino Night 2003  
Texas Star Center  
November 15, 2003



Euleess Christmas Parade  
December 6, 2003



Next Board Meeting:  
Thursday, December 11, 2003  
6:00 p.m.  
ELF members welcome.

ELF Quarterly Meeting  
Thursday, December 11, 2003  
7:00 p.m. at Euleess Public Library  
All ELF members invited.



Check the ELF website at  
[www.euleesslibraryfoundation.org](http://www.euleesslibraryfoundation.org) for a  
complete list of all scheduled meetings.  
Dates are subject to change.

## ELF Insider - Volume 1

We hope you enjoy this first issue of the ELF Insider, a newsletter for Euleess Library Foundation members. Our plans are to keep you up-to-date on the programs and activities of the Euleess Library Foundation on a regular basis and let you know how you can become involved in helping us support the entire Euleess community. We welcome your feedback. Visit our website at [www.euleesslibraryfoundation.org](http://www.euleesslibraryfoundation.org) or contact us through the library at 817-685-1679.

## A Legacy of Art

The Euleess Library Foundation has a history of bringing art to the Euleess community. ELF continues that tradition with plans for the new *"Blooms of Enlightenment,"* artwork commissioned by the Foundation with artist David Keens. David Keens was guest speaker at the Annual Meeting. Keens, professor of Art at the University of Texas Arlington, is training a lot of young people in the art of glass-blowing. The program at UTA is the only one of its kind in the state of Texas. Keens has a wide reputation for his ability as an instructor and artist.



*"Blooms of Enlightenment"* will be created and assembled at UTA, then disassembled and move to the library where it will be reassembled and installed. The final assembly is expected to be in late 2004. The name *"Blooms of Enlightenment"* was inspired by the activities and colors in the

library and the location at which the piece will be installed.

"The library represents more than books; it includes the Internet, videos, art, books, CDs, computers and speakers," according to David Keens. "The goal was to design a sculpture that would give off some kind of symbolism of that. It has to do with using the library as a means of enriching lives through any means or opportunity. The colors were selected based on complimentary colors to the library and on library lighting [both natural and artificial]. Every piece will be different as light changes they will look different. Every time you look at the sculpture, you will see more depth."

Keens continued, "Glass is a medium that offers these possibilities of providing striking, rich color. There will be more than 50 'rondels' or individual color elements. The model is an idea but the final piece will be modified as the piece is assembled at UTA." This will allow the artist to continue the creative process throughout the production process.

More information can be found about "Blooms of Enlightenment" at the Euleess Library Foundation web site at [www.euleesslibraryfoundation.org](http://www.euleesslibraryfoundation.org).

### Prize Drawing

To launch our 2003-2004 Membership Campaign, ELF held a prize drawing for three (3) pieces of art. David Keens, our guest speaker, drew the names of the winners at the September 18 ELF Annual Meeting.



Deb Cole - Glass-blown vase by David Keens



Maurine Young - Glass-blown bowl by Kevin McGehee



Frances Allen - Cowboy Sculpture by Don Wall

## A Look Ahead ....

by Lynn Adams, President

Three years ago, Lloyd Baldwin, now Director Emeritus, asked me to join the ELF and nominated me as a new Director. Today, I am flattered to be elected to a position of leadership in this organization. I look forward to this challenge and will do my very best to continue the excellent work of the foundation over the next year.

Our Membership Committee is off to a great start, and we expect the momentum to continue. It's amazing what happens when just one person gets excited about the library, joins the foundation, and starts talking to friends about our mission and goals for 2004.

Because the library has asked us to focus mainly on bringing outstanding works of art to the library campus, we will earmark major fundraising projects for acquisition of artwork.

In 2004 we plan to complete and install the hand-blown glass art project being created by David Keens (see article on page 1); we will continue to support the Library in youth programs wherever needed; and we are seeking grants to allow us to expand our vision. Over the next few months you'll receive details about each of these and more.

On November 15, we'll hold our 4th Annual Casino Night and Auction at the Texas Star Center. We hope you'll join us for fun & games, and some interesting auction items (*see article on page 1*).

We also invite you to join us on December 11 for an interesting program with author Susan Steinbrecher at the quarterly foundation meeting (*see article on page 4 for details*).

If you're interested in helping at Casino Night or becoming involved in other ELF activities, contact us at 817-685-1679 or through our website at [www.euleslibraryfoundation.org](http://www.euleslibraryfoundation.org).



Lynn Adams, President, presents Certificate of Achievement to LuAnn Portugal, Immediate Past President.

## A Look Back ....

by LuAnn Portugal, Immediate Past President

What a great ride it has been! This past year and a half as president of ELF has certainly been a personal life changing experience for me. I am not too sure exactly how I really became president, but I do indeed remember getting a commitment from our directors that they would, under my direction get everything done.

It turned out to be more than true! These same directors organized and hosted two very successful Casino Nights, aggressively developed an active membership, created and hosted our very own web page, committed to obtaining our largest art project ever, as well as developing this very newsletter! Our directors come from all walks of life as well as professions. From Managers to Accountants to Security Specialists, ELF has attracted diversity in many strengths as well as ideas and interests.

All of this has been uniquely brought together with a commitment to fulfill our mission to "work to improve the city's quality of life by supporting functions and projects that will enhance the visibility and growth of the Eules Public Library."

I look forward to watching and supporting Lynn Adams as she directs our Board for the coming year.

## Two Selected for Director Emeritus Honor

The Board of Directors has added a Director Emeritus position to the Board. The Director Emeritus honor is awarded to those individuals who have made a significant contribution toward furthering ELF's objectives. This honor includes an Honorary Lifetime Membership. The first two recipients are Joy Baldwin and Lloyd Baldwin. Both these individuals have exhibited outstanding and conspicuous performance to the Foundation



Pictured left to right: Lynn Adams, Joy Baldwin, LuAnn Portugal, Lloyd Baldwin.

## ELF Insider

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## ELF Programs

The Program Committee, chaired by Laura Satterfield, coordinates ELF's event schedule and plans the activities for each quarterly meeting.

Since the November Board meeting was scheduled so close to the Casino Night Fund-raising Event, we will not have a Board Meeting in November. Instead, each committee will conduct meetings to prepare reports on Casino Night for the December quarterly meeting. December 11th is the date for the combined November/December meetings. The Board will meet at 6:00 p.m., followed by the public meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Going forward, we will host speakers at the public portion of our quarterly meetings. See the following article for information about the December 11 program.

The Fund-raising Events Committee will be meeting to brainstorm on possible activities for the 2004 year to support our Art Project goal. We plan to host a spring fund-raising event.

A group of ELF ambassadors will volunteer from time to time to support our Membership drive by attending Library Events to talk about the benefits of ELF membership. This will be coordinated on an ad hoc basis. If you are interested in volunteering, contact ELF at 817-685-1679.

## ELF 2003-2004 Meeting Calendar

Date	Time	Type of Meeting
October 16, 2003	7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors meeting
December 11, 2003	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors meeting Quarterly Foundation Meeting/Program
January 16, 2004	7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors meeting
February 19, 2004	7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors meeting
March 18, 2004	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors meeting Quarterly Foundation Meeting/Program
April 15, 2004	7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors meeting
May 20, 2004	7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors meeting
June 17, 2004	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors meeting Quarterly Foundation Meeting/Program
August 19, 2004	7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors meeting
September 16, 2004	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors meeting Annual Foundation meeting; election of 2004-2005 Directors & Officers
October 21, 2004	7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors meeting
November 18, 2004	7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors meeting
December 16, 2004	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors meeting Quarterly Foundation Meeting/Program

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## Susan Steinbrecher Book Signing - December 11

After a 14-year meteoric career with one of the country's best-known hotel chains, Susan launched Steinbrecher and Associates, a results-oriented training and consulting firm specializing in communications, guest service and leadership development. Since 1992, the company has tripled in size, due largely to her passionate commitment to the development and motivation of individuals and businesses.

Her list of clients include Alcatel, AT&T, Boy Scouts of America, Capital One, Charles Schwab, Delta Air Lines, Disney University, Friday's Restaurants, Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., Hilton Hotels, Kodak, La Quinta Hotels, Laidlaw, Pizza Hut, Red Lobster, Sudexo Marriott Services, Texas Christian University, Texas Instruments, and Wyndham Hotels.

After 10 years of executive coaching and consulting, Susan has written a definitive book, *Heart Centered Leadership*. Utilizing the latest research, she describes leadership styles that keep you heart-healthy.

Join us at the Euless Public Library at 7:00 p.m. on December 11, 2003, to hear Susan speak and to purchase a signed copy of *Heart Centered Leadership*

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