

# ELF Insider



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Check-in at Casino Night 2003 was where the fun began! Karan Jasper and Laura Satterfield, ELF Directors, make sure guests have their bid number and gaming money.

## ELF Advisory Board

The Eules Library Foundation ("ELF") recently formed an Advisory Board to assist in bringing knowledge of the local business community and its vision to the Foundation and to support our efforts to pursue grants for our aggressive art projects. "The involvement that the Advisory Board and their name recognition will bring toward our pursuit of Foundation grants will be invaluable to ELF," according to Diane Porterfield, Grant Committee Chairperson. We are extremely excited and honored to announce the following distinguished eight members of the ELF Advisory Board:

Barket G. Ali (Real Estate Investments)  
Dr. Larry J. Darlage (President, Tarrant County College NE)  
Jack McCabe (President & CEO, Harris Methodist HEB)  
The Honorable Carolyn Park (Former Texas State Representative)  
Jimmy C. Payton (Payton Realty Mgmt. Ltd.)  
Kelly Roberts (President & CEO, Ricochet Fuel Distributors, Inc.)  
The Honorable Todd Smith (Texas House District 92)  
John M. Tippetts (President & CEO, American Airlines Credit Union)

A social is planned at the home of Helen and Jimmy Payton on Thursday, April 1, 2004, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to introduce our Advisory Board to our Foundation Officers, Board of Directors, Ex-Officio Directors and Directors Emeritus. Spouses are invited. At this event, ELF will take the opportunity to acquaint the Advisory Board with the various responsibilities of the Board, future plans, programs and art projects. There will be a follow-up reminder of the April 1 event. It is the intention of the Eules Library Foundation to host a brief meeting in the fall for the Advisory Board. We are excited about the interest and dedication already shown by the Advisory Board's attendance at our successful November 2003 "Casino Night" fundraiser.

Welcome aboard Advisory Board!

## Casino Night - Success and a Lot of Fun!

On November 15, 2003, the Eules Library Foundation ("ELF") held its Fourth Annual Casino Night Fundraiser. With more than 150 guests and a plethora of prizes to bid on during the silent and live auctions, everyone said it was "the best yet." And we raised more than \$15,000 toward funding for our art project "*Blooms of Enlightenment*." To read more about Casino Night and for some pictures of the fun evening, see page 4.

## Upcoming Events

Next Board Meetings:  
Thursday, April 15, 2004  
7:00 p.m.  
ELF members welcome.

Thursday, May 13, 2004  
7:00 p.m.  
ELF members welcome.

## Masterwork Series at the Eules Public Library

**All events begin at 7:00 p.m.**

March 22, 2004  
Hobey Ford Golden Rod Puppets

April 12, 2004  
Bob Rohn Pastel

April 19, 2004  
Café Noir World Gypsy Jazz

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

## ELF Insider - Volume 2

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

## A Look Ahead ....

by Lynn Adams, President

2004 is off to a great start! Casino Night, our fun-fabulous annual fundraiser at Texas Star was very well attended and a grand success! The November 15, 2003 event was a great opportunity for an evening of gaming and bidding on some unique items. Thanks to all who supported and attended.

As the ELF plans programs for 2004, we look forward to building on the vision and guidance of our outstanding Advisory Board. February's issue (page 1) includes an article about this exemplary group of community leaders who have volunteered their talents to the Foundation.

We regret that the December 11, 2003 public meeting and program had to be cancelled. We will reschedule Susan Steinbrecher, speaker and author of "Heart Centered Leadership", later this year. Ms. Steinbrecher will share information useful to most business owners, homemakers, teachers and students. Be on the lookout for announcement of her scheduled return.

The Art/Fundraising Events Committee continues our focus on acquisition of two specific works of art in 2004: "*Blooms of Enlightenment*" and "*Synergy*." Several opportunities for ELF members to be a part of these fundraising efforts will be coming up over the next few months. Now is the time to get involved!

The Eules Parade of Lights on December 6 was brilliant this year and brought joy to all who watched and participated. Congratulations to ELF director Curtis Brown and his parade float committee who were awarded 2nd place for the ELF "*Be A Star...Read a Book*" float.



Lynn Adams, President of Eules Library Foundation.

The Eules Public Library is such a tremendous center for learning. The 2004 Library events schedule is packed with outstanding programs and educational opportunities. Check it out, and we hope to see you there often!

We'd also like to hear from you ... your suggestions, comments, involvement and support. Please contact us at 817-685-1679 or via our Web site at [www.euleslibraryfoundation.org](http://www.euleslibraryfoundation.org).

## Programs

The ELF Program Committee met on December 1 and January 6 to discuss upcoming events. At the January Board meeting it was decided to join our quarterly program with the Library Art and Masterworks Series. ELF Ambassadors will be attending the Soon Young Warren watercolor demonstration on March 8 at 7:00 p.m.

We'll keep you posted on other exciting events!



## A Legacy of Art

The construction phase of the commissioned blown-glass artwork *“Blooms of Enlightenment”* has begun! After a little more than a year of planning and fundraising, the first significant steps have been taken to produce a unique piece of sculpture for the Euless Public Library and the Euless community.

The first glass roundels have been blown by artist David Keens and his staff at his studio on the campus of the University of Texas – Arlington (“UTA”). These roundels represent a major step toward the installation of the glass sculpture that will be installed in the south window of the Euless Public Library. When completed there will be approximately fifty flower-like roundels mounted on a special steel structure. These flowers will provide warmth and color to the library in a fantastic visual display.

Another phase begins in February when the new glass studio at UTA is completed. At that time the steel structure which will support the glass roundels will be fabricated. According to artist Keens, creating this structure “has been the greatest challenge” in the design of this artwork.

During the past year much work has gone into the engineering for the structure. It has been a collaborative effort of the Engineering Department at UTA, the Euless city engineers and the artist to ensure that the structure would be able to safely support the beautiful roundels.

Completion and installation are anticipated the beginning of 2005. If you are interested in visiting the site and seeing the artists’ work, please call Mike McGehee at 817-571-9416. At present, Friday mornings are the time scheduled for blowing the roundels.

## Grants Committee Seeks Funding From Foundations

From time-to-time the Euless Library Foundation (“ELF”) seeks assistance from philanthropical foundations and associations in the form of grants to assist ELF in funding its programs for art and youth in support of the Euless Public Library.

Diane Porterfield, ELF Vice President and chairperson of the Grant Committee, has been busy in the past few months completing grant proposals and preparing other materials for grant proposals to be completed during the remainder of 2004. Each organization must be carefully researched and specific criteria met according to each foundation or association’s guidelines for grant submission packages. It takes time and attention to detail to be sure that ELF is well-represented and that all questions are answered. Diane has submitted several grant proposal packages since July 2003. We have received a few denials with other results expected by summer.

In most cases, the grant proposals were requesting funds for the *“Blooms of Enlightenment”* art to be installed in the Euless Public Library in early 2005 (see article above.)



*Diane Porterfield, Vice President and Grants Committee Chairperson.*

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# Casino Night - Success and a Lot of Fun!

From trips such as a week in Vail, Colorado, and two nights at the luxurious Lajitas Resort and Spa in West Texas to jewelry, tickets to Mavericks and Dallas Cowboys games, dinners at area restaurants, and even a registered Italian Greyhound puppy, there was something for everyone. And, of course, there were plenty of autographed books on the auction list too for the bibliophile.

ELF Director Boyce Byers (pictured at right) greeted everyone with an opportunity to purchase a key to a Treasure Chest full of prizes worth more than \$1,000. President Lynn Adams emceed the event and greeted city leaders, ELF members, Advisory Board members, and guests. Later in the evening, Mayor Mary Lib Saleh and Gary Hamilton joined forces once again to bring enthusiasm and their "auctioneer charisma" to the Live Auction.

One comment heard several times throughout the evening - "Each year, this just keeps getting better and better. I can't wait for next year because I'm going to bring some friends." Mark November 13, 2004 on your calendar so you can join us too!



Guests examined all the items up for bid on the Silent Auction and made their selections before the tables closed.



ELF Directors Mike McGehee, Diane Porterfield, and Lynn Adams welcomed guests to the Fourth Annual Casino Night Fundraiser.



ELF Directors Boyce Byers and Lynn Adams encouraged guests to take a chance on a key for the Treasure Chest with more than \$1,000 worth of prizes inside.



Joy Baldwin and her daughter, Jan, checked out the items on the Live Auction so they'd know what they wanted to bid on when the action began!



Guests mingled - spent time at the gaming tables, enjoyed the food, and talked with friends.