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Among Friends

Spring 2022

Touch Trucks Event, May 22

The Friends of the Lakeport Library is hosting a community event called "Touch Trucks," a fundraiser to benefit the building of the new Lakeport Library. This fun family event will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2022, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Lakeport Community Center and Senior School. Kids of all ages are invited to get up close and personal with trucks and others, inspiring vehicles and equipment. Some of the trucks will be fire truck, construction vehicle, tow truck, recycling truck, camper trailer, a Guide Dogs public truck, and as many more!

Tickets available on Eventbrite or at friendsofthelakeportlibrary.org. Although or $25/family of 4 and $5 each for more than 4 people, tickets are tax deductible because the proceeds will be used to help fund the new Lakeport Library. A Community Partnership and Cultural Resource for all. Thanks to our sponsors Dispensary Materials and Barry Wilson Insurance. Free parking in the Redwood High School lot and Library. See you there!

Rosine Reynolds and Steve Stein: Bringing Library Fans Together

"I've been a library volunteer for ages," said Rosine Reynolds. "I've had almost every volunteer job. I've always loved libraries. I was a volunteer at the library in Tiburon before we moved to Lakeport."

Her husband, Steve Stein, adds, "We moved to Tiburon in 2004, and were involved in the library there. Rosine was on the board, I was a volunteer, and we saw the difference the situation in Lakeport. The Lakeport Library seemed to expand and improve, and realizing that gave us a volume effect, like Tiburon." The current library? "Comfortable, inviting, and welcoming."

As they have been known to do, Steve and Rosine decided to "lend a hand" to the project. Rosine's volunteer work has included "everything I can do, including shelving books." Her several major projects who get together to see what had to be done and what could be done."

As for the notion that the Friends of the Lakeport Library was hatched in Rosine and Steve's living room, she says that's suburban legend. "We hosted a social event to bring together groups who support the library." But there are many who believe it began!

Rosine and Steve met once 10 PM at the Pagangai's Center in San Francisco. Based on their shared love of the library, they decided to form a group called "Friends of Pagangai." "We were both interested in being active," Steve says, "and we had a common ground. It turned out to be a social venue as well." He was living in Florida then, where he was on the board of the Friends of the Library. "We had a great time in Florida," he says. "We had colleagues from Vermont." When visit Rosine, a little less became much. "After a long distance relationship (she lived in the East Bay), they rented an apartment in Sausalito and commuted to Lakeport. Finally, in 2004, they decided to make the move full time to Lakeport. Rosine, where he owned a business."

"When we lived in Sugar Loaf Ridge, we would drive to Marin, where it was sunny. We finally said let's move to Marin." After an exhaustive and exhausting search, they found a home in Tiburon in 1993, but were still "living in two places." When he sold the businesse, they moved to Tiburon full-time.

Rosine had been a science teacher "at all levels" from elementary through pre-college and "I'm a lifelong learner." Her degrees are in Biology, Marine Biology and Oceanography. Grammar College in San Rafael, the Pagangai's Center of San Francisco, and at a theater in Los Gatos. She has four grandchildren who live in Oregon.

But the Tiburon house had 40 steps up to the front door, so by 2014, Steve and Rosine were on the move again. They bought a house in Lakeport where it was still under construction. "We had our pick," Steve. "We've never looked back."

Where do they find out about which books to read? "Book reviews," answers Steve. "From the Sunday paper." Rosine: "I read a lot. I'm a member of the Mystery Writers of America, Sisters in Suspense, Clearwater Review of Books, New Yorker, and online. Read 50 to 60 and of mouth. Rosine and I swap discoveries with each other. She likes mysteries, and now I read them too. I read Gareth to Rosine."

Among Rosine's favorite mystery writers: Louise Penny ("writing, story and character"), Jacquelyne Winspear, Donna Leon, Michael Connelly.

Steve describes himself as a "reader of fiction." Although he owned hotels, he never had a "place." He reads "anything that's in the paper." Rosine: "Steve reads a lot of fiction." Steve: "I read a lot of fiction." Rosine: "Steve reads books." Steve: "I read books." Rosine: "I read books." Steve: "I read books." Rosine: "I read books." Steve: "I read books." Rosine: "I read

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The Friends are a dedicated group of members who raise money for library programs, plan events, and work as ambassadors to the community for the Larkspur Library.

The Friends of the Larkspur Library are committed to supporting the library's programs, cultural events, books, and materials. We strive to instill the love of reading and the excitement of learning in library patrons of all ages.

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