

Spring-2025 NEWS



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Ravi C. Shankar

Inspired by each one of you during 2024 and that special role delivered brilliantly by our Board President, Dr. Genea Brice, I am writing a note to express my gratitude and thanks and Happy Holidays to your families. In 2024, the Solano County Library Foundation was faced with a triple challenge when we reached our milestone of the signature event: Authors Luncheon 2024: We lost several board members to conflicting priorities. Also our successful but scaled down Authors' Luncheon, our main fundraiser of the year, presented new fundraising challenges for 2025 ... I had to step up in every way possible and accepted this position - my 10th year on the Board of Directors of SCLF..



Fund Development Chair, Patricia Kutza accepted the role of Vice-President. Our newly formed executive team engaged a skilled grant-writer to land significant grants that will enable the continuity of our key projects.

With multiple personal on-boarding time spent with our Board members Ramona, Cheryl, Ariel during the summer 2024, I am pleased to say that they each stepped up to serve as *Secretary, Treasurer & At-Large Member* of the Executive Team for 2025-26. They each bring significant experience in nonprofit operations.

Together with Ramona on our Board Development team, we are actively recruiting additional members, making our team even more diverse.

After a brief personal conversation with each of our past Presidents: Beth Shedden, Dr. Frances McCullough, Jan Stevens and Dr. Genea Brice along with a sit down interview with Solano Library Director and Deputy, Suzanne Olowski and Megan, our team has helped to put our goals for 2025 in sharp focus. I am looking forward to using any and all of my life-long skills and love of literacy to advance the goals of our Foundation. .

An impactful Board Retreat in February 2025 reinforced our commitment to the level of fundraising and outreach necessary to raise literacy levels throughout the length and breadth of the Solano County cities and communities even higher.

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT

Patricia Kutza

GIVING IS ONLY A FEW KEYSTROKES AWAY !

Is your mailbox flooded with pleas for donations from various charitable organizations? While the Solano County Library Foundation loves to receive donations, we don't clog your mailbox with requests. Instead, we'd rather suggest an easier method to show your support



EMPLOYEE-GIVING MADE EASY.

Most companies today offer an 'employee-giving' program. These programs offer you choices about which charities you would like to gift with a monthly contribution. Many of these companies offer to 'match' your contribution, thereby 'doubling' your donation. How good is that? If you don't see the Solano County Library Foundation listed, please don't stop there.

Call or email us and we will help you craft a request to add our name to their database. We will also help you find the right person at your company to direct your request. Donating to your favorite causes should be easy. After all, you've got lots of other important things to do!



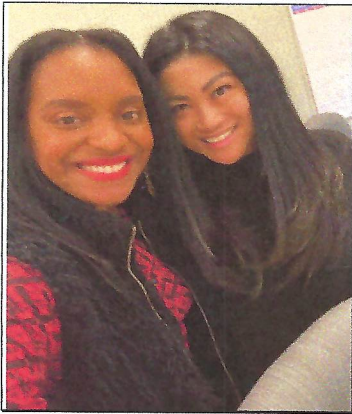
FOUNDATION ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER



Admin. Director Colleen Porter with Suzanne Bruce at the Authors' Luncheon 2024

Colleen Porter, now in her ninth year, is SCLF's key administrator for all our operations, serving under four past-Presidents! We benefit immensely from her knowledge and experiences involving all phases and aspects of our Foundation's operations. .

WHAT'S NEW IN 2025 ON OUR WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA



Our Social Media campaign: Brought to you by Kimberly Villaber (R) & Shantelle Brumfield (L)

In our next newsletter

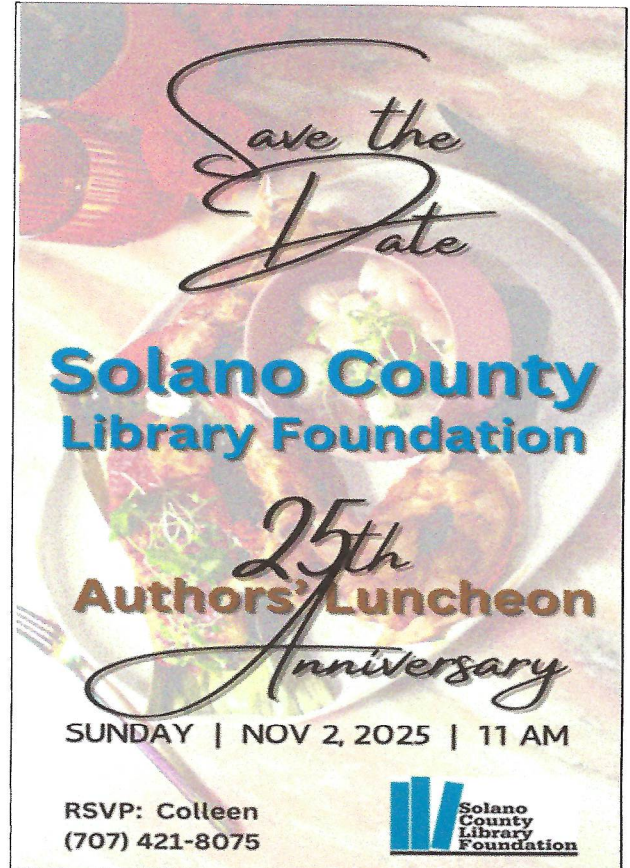
- Volunteer & Donor/Sponsor Stories
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Our past President Dr. Genea Brice looking at the Raffle Prize she won at our December Holiday Meet..



Our networking team from SCLF at the Valley Credit Union Awards



Foundation Board members smile upon concluding a successful Board Retreat!