



BOARD REPORT

February 5, 2004

2004 WILLIAM SAROYAN SOCIETY WRITING CONTEST KICKS OFF

The William Saroyan Society is now accepting entries for its annual William Saroyan Story Writing Contest under the theme, "The Most Interesting Person I Never Met." Entries must be received by Monday, March 8, 2004 by 9 pm. Entries from school and college classes as well as individual entries are encouraged and may be mailed directly to: John Kallenberg, Fresno County Library, Saroyan Writing Contest, 2420 Mariposa Street, Fresno, California, 93721.

Awards are made in six categories: grades 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9, 10-12, and college. In each category, the first place winner receives \$100, second place \$75, and third place \$50. The awards will be presented at a ceremony on April 8, 2004.

Judges will be looking for stories that do not exceed two pages, and in no case should the story exceed three pages. Entries may be either handwritten or typed. Each entry must be accompanied with an entry form, which can be found on the announcement available at local public libraries. Entry forms are also available

online at www.williamsaroyansociety.org or www.fresnolibrary.org/events/nw0401.html.

Teachers and instructors who utilize this contest for class projects must screen the essays and submit only the superior papers (top 10%) and include the grade awarded and the teacher's signature. Students with special needs are encouraged to participate.

The William Saroyan Society with the support of the Fresno County Public Library, Fresno County Office of Education, and the Fresno Free College Foundation are sponsoring the 2004 William Saroyan Story Writing Contest. For more information, contact the Ridgecrest area representative, Dr. Dennis VanderWerff, Director of Learning Resources, Cerro Coso Community College, at 384-6325.



Cerro Coso Drama Events

The Cerro Coso Drama Department concluded

the fall semester with a series of public performances. The Cerro Coso Acting Classes presented a monologue showcase entitled "In the Limelight" on Monday December 8, 2003. The original "Who Said What Now?" Improv Troupe concluded the semester with a public performance on December 9, 2003. The capstone event of the semester for the department was the production of A.R. Gurney's play *The Dining Room*. The cast and crew gave performances on December 5, 6, and 7, 2003. The play includes a diverse collection of scenes all taking place in a dining room. *The Dining Room* provides an interesting challenge, requiring cast members to play more than one character. Some cast members of the Cerro Coso production portrayed up to seven characters in the play. The performances were well attended by the community. Members of the local Boys and Girls Club Chapter attended the play as part of a "Dinner and a Play" event for their club. The newly formed Drama Club sold refreshments at all end-of-the-semester performances in order to raise money for their club. The Drama Department is back in swing for the spring semester and in rehearsals for their May production of Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale*.

Associated Students of Cerro Coso Events

During the month of December, the students of the Associated Students of Cerro Coso (ASCC) were actively involved with community and collegiate projects.

The students assisted in the decorating of the Student Center with festive swags of pine interspersed with poinsettias and two

large wreaths to create an atmosphere of holiday spirit.

On December 6, 2003, the ASCC purchased a Christmas tree from the Cerro Coso baseball team, donating it to the residents of the High Desert Haven and assisted living facility. This decorated tree donation created a holiday spirit for the residents.



The ASCC also spearheaded the involvement of the members of various clubs to participate in the Elks Christmas Parade. At the December 13th event, many students brought their children to walk with our group. The participating clubs included: Arts Action, C.A.R.E., Current Events, Drama Club, Nursing, and Special Services.



Holiday Activity for CARE Program at KRV



The Kern River Valley Cerro Coso College C.A.R.E. program had a holiday activity for the C.A.R.E. students and their children. Activities included cookie and ornament decorating, holiday caroling, food, and Santa Claus. The children learned how to sing and decorate things and seemed to be truly happy with the activities. Since college students' time is so busy during the semester, the parents seemed to enjoy their quality time with their children.

Jimmy Shine

Come and see a Reading of the Murray Schisgal's play "Jimmy Shine" at the local Civic Light Opera & Theatre Association (CLOTA) on February 7th. at 7:30 PM. CLOTA is located at 1425 Inyo. The actors (Keith Bennett, Caren Newport (Burmeister), Chris Keeling, Judy Ditzler, Randy Lee Halgunseth, Stacey Shoaf, Holly Sherer, Greg Shlanta, Diana Woody, Amy Worley) have all taken classes at Cerro Coso at some time or other over the past 7 years.

There is one newcomer from Germany who was in A Christmas Carol this past year, Karl Gilbert; he is a wonderful actor. This is a fantastic cast. The play is a very funny play that I performed in, during the 60's with a very consummate actor, Todd Susman; it was directed by Sydney Sheldon. I have had a great time putting this together and hope to share it with the community and the college on the 7th. of February.

Cerro Coso Vocational Nursing Students Receive Scholarship



Ridgecrest Regional Hospital awarded scholarships to four of our Vocational Nursing Students during the month of January 2004. The students were evaluated on their potential contribution to the field of medicine, as well as intellectual capacity, skills in the medical field, professional attitudes, leadership qualities, and ability to work with others. The students who received the scholarships are Sharon Aleo, Christina Baring, Carol Irvine, and Christy Johnson.

Auto Art 2004



CCCC Special Events Calendar Feb/Mar 2004

Thursday, February 4, 2004
9:30AM & 1:30 PM Auto Art 2004 Art 170

Sunday, February 29, 2004
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Customer

Monday, March 8, 2004
9:00PM Deadline Submittal for William Saroyan Society Writing Contest



Beginning Thursday, February 5, 2004, the Cerro Coso Art Gallery will exhibit, *Auto Art 2004*.

The exhibit is a broad spectrum of art about Wheels and Chrome, curated by Larry Board. In addition to the exhibit, airbrushing demonstrations will be conducted by renowned motor sports' artist, Kenny Youngblood.



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