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FOR A BETTER TOMORROW**



## **VISALIA HERITAGE**

February 2008

Dear Friends of Visalia Heritage:

With this, our annual newsletter, we send greetings to all of you who are sponsors and supporters of Visalia Heritage, Inc.

To begin, we hope you have had the time or will take the time to drive by the Visalia Library to see the renovation that is currently taking place. It is very exciting and is being accomplished as the result of a vision and plan brought before the Board of Directors of Visalia Heritage about 15 years ago by board member Jane Nash. At that time, we took the idea to Visalia Library's Chief Librarian, Brian Lewis, who was very accepting of our proposal of renovation and creation of a new and upscale children's library.

With a great deal of patience, perseverance and money, the current renovation should be completed by late summer of 2008. This will include a spacious, secure area for children to enjoy reading and storytelling. A larger selection of books and reading materials also will be offered. In a few weeks we will be presenting to the library our Visalia Heritage pledge of \$150,000. This amount was achieved through your generosity as well as by the sales of our Visalia Pictorial History books and our "Visalia" afghans.

We continue working to place the Visalia Home Builders Tract #1 into the Visalia Historic Preservation District. However, we are somewhat disappointed with the progress of the preservation committee which has moved rather slowly in completing this project. As soon as their portion of the procedure is completed, we can begin work on the Incorporation of Home Builders #2 and Sierra Vista tracts into the Visalia Preservation District. These areas encompass the homes east of Marie Callender's Restaurant to Sierra Vista School.

In 2007 we donated \$500 to the Friends of the Fox Theater to help with their expenses.

We are continuing to maintain the upkeep of arbors 14 and 15 at Mooney Grove Park.

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We continue to sponsor annually the \$500 Annie Mitchell Scholarship given to a deserving College of the Sequoias student seeking a teaching career.

As members of the Board of Directors of Visalia Heritage, Inc., we wish to thank you and extend to you our sincere appreciation for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Gladwyn Burris, President  
Ann Watson, Secretary  
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