

# Rio Reader January 2016

Rio Area Library Friends Official Newsletter

Happy New Year! RALF just held its Annual Meeting for 2016 closing out a profitable 2015 and making plans for 2016. Here are the highlights:

**Jackie Mortimer** was awarded RALF's 2015 "Volunteer of the Year" for her 20+ years of organizing and garnering the prizes for our Quilt and Garden Show raffles. Jackie has tirelessly worked to find the prizes and make the raffles a fund-raising success since we first began our efforts to build the library and keep RALF's ability to fund projects and programs at the library going since the 1980's. Thanks for all you have done Jackie! And we know you are not done yet!

So where does that money go? RALF again granted our library director's request for \$750 for the summer library program, \$750 for books and materials and \$1,000 for computers for the 2016 year. \$250 has been given to the Quilt Guild to begin organizing this August's Quilt Show. RALF voted to move \$5,000 from savings into the Rio Community Foundation Library Fund, which will pay out close to another \$300 yearly for library activities. All those Santa Bake Sale Cookies, raffle tickets and show admissions really go a long way to promoting the marvelous library services we enjoy!

Our latest event was the Dec. 3 Santa Bake Sale co-supported by the Rio Elementary PTO and Rio Fire Department. About 150 kids and parents visited with Santa, created crafts and enjoyed and purchased yummy baked goods adding \$422 to RALF's treasury to benefit the library.

**Volunteer Reader/Listeners Needed:** Rio Elementary is again making an appeal for adult reading buddies for elementary students. Many community members over the last years have volunteered an half-hour or more a week to listen to students read. You can make a big difference in a child's life!!! Please call the elementary school 992-3143 or the library 992-3206 if you can help.

RALF officers and trustees remain the same for 2016 as we are serving our second year of our two-year terms. We would welcome any and all community members who might like to join us! Our next meeting will be April 12, 6:30 pm in the Shirley Nelson Room.

**2016 SAVE the Dates/Plan to Attend: March 8, 10am- Blooming Buddies @Library; August 13, 9-3 Quilt Show MS/HS; Dec. 3 10-12-Santa Visit/Bake Sale @Library.**