

We have continued our monthly performances at Rebecca's Coffee House in South Park. Different tellers have coordinated and participated. Audiences have varied. Especially good attendance for "Peace Tales" and "Spooky Stories."

We have posted regularly on facebook, and have received "likes" and membership from the social media. We currently have 504 page likes on facebook and 1,126 followers on Instagram.

We have had growing traffic to our website. Jim Dieckmann keeps it current and adds new features to enhance the usability and attractiveness.

Jim Dieckmann sends out monthly news and events to subscribers through Mail Chimp. He monitors the response. We currently have 525 subscribers to the newsletter.

We have continued regular performances by our storytellers: Patti Christensen, James Nelson-Lucas and Linda Whiteside at the Rady Children's Hospital; Marilyn McPhie at the Children's Discovery Museum; Harlynn Geisler at the Timken Museum; Li-Anne at a local pre-school.

We organized storytelling and participated in the Sam Hinton Folk Festival in Poway in July. Storytellers in the Porter House included Marilyn McPhie, Linda Whiteside, Jim Dieckman. Several people told stories at the open mic, including a couple of children. Children got certificates for books from the Friends of the Poway Library.

We had a successful concert the night before the San Diego Highland Games. Tellers were James Nelson-Lucas, Aunt Li-Anne, Marilyn McPhie. Rachel Amov was scheduled to join us, but a last-minute illness caused her to cancel. Our attendance was excellent. Marilyn McPhie and Aunt Li-Anne told stories at the games on Saturday and Sunday. Marilyn writes a column on storytelling for the Highland Happenings monthly newsletter.

Storytellers participated in the Summer Reading Program for local libraries.

Marilyn McPhie and Aunt Li-Anne attended the annual National Storytelling Network conference in Kansas City in July. Marilyn attended the Producers' SIG preconference events, and Li-Anne attended the Healing Stories Alliance preconference and the YES preconference.

We included information on the Storytellers of San Diego in the AERO mailing to county schools. Li-Anne and Michael Mufson designed and produced a card promoting our school programs. These were also made available at an educators' event at the Center for the Performing Arts, Escondido, and will be available at another event in Balboa Park this week.

Li-Anne attended a La Jolla Kiwanis meeting to receive a check for \$1,000 for our school programs.

Marilyn McPhie has attended meetings of the San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture to become familiar with the programs and processes it supports.

We are in the planning stages for the 2017 storytelling festival, including out-of-town tellers Robert Kikuchi-Yngojo from San Francisco, Marianne Christensen from Vordingborg, Denmark, and John St. Clair.

We are hoping to offer house concerts for visiting storytellers.