Former Library Volunteer Wills Major Donation

Kicks Off Saturday Gala For Children's Wing On High Note

By Greg Hernandez

The bank account for the $3.8 million children's wing at Huntington Beach Central Library will be credited with a major deposit tomorrow.

Former Mayor Ruth Baily, now president of the Library Patrons Foundation, will accept a check for $376,000 from representatives from the estate of Shirley Brock, a library volunteer who died last year.

Brock, known as Tabby to family and friends, served on the executive board of Friends of the Library for the last eight years of her life, according to Library Director Ron Hayden.

"She approached me about four years ago and said she wanted to leave the library something in her will. I didn't ask her what amount and she didn't volunteer the information.

"I assumed it would be $500 or maybe a $1,000. When I was contacted by her lawyer and told the amount, I was in shock," said Hayden.

While Hayden may have been shocked by the actual dollar amount, he said he was not surprised by Brock's generosity.

"Tabby had a great love for the library and was very high-spirited. She'd always volunteer for programs. If there was a job that no one else wanted to do, she'd be right there to do it."

The money will be presented at a special reception beginning at 10 a.m. in the Talbert Room of the library.

The windfall kicks off the second annual Rotary Roundup on Saturday on a high note.

Bales of hay, wagon wheels and a large, artificial cow are just a few of the props that have been brought in to give the library that hoedown look for the occasion, which raised $7,000 for the library in 1988.

"Last year's event was very (See Library, Page A3)"
successful, especially since it was the first time we held the event. This year, we hope to raise twice as much money for the new wing,” said Gisela Campagne, library administrative assistant.

Festivities begin at 1 p.m. with a petting zoo for children in front of the library. The cost is 50 cents per child.

At 6 p.m., the action starts inside the library with entertainment being provided by the bluegrass band BF&T and the Tommy Morris Square Dance Troupe. Square dancers will put on an exhibition, then encourage guests to dance along with them.

A slew of game booths will be open along with a jail, where for a donation, guests can send the person of their choice to the slammer — all in the name of charity.

Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the night for $1. Among the prizes are a 19-inch color television, a video camera and a microwave oven.

Food will include hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and chili from Chili’s Restaurant. Dinner is included with the price of admission.

Tickets are $10 for adults and $3 for children under 12 and can be purchased at Central Library, 7111 Talbert Ave.

For more information, call 842-4481.

Additional Huntington Beach events scheduled Oct. 14 include Senior Saturday, which will be presented by the Huntington Beach Council on Aging from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Huntington Beach Central Park, Edwards and Central Park Drive, in Huntington Beach. Information: (714) 536-5569.
PLAY ACTING — Huntington Beach residents Marion Phillips and Judy Crumpton lead storyline for preschoolers at the Central Library, a regular event held Saturday mornings.