

## A Note from your President

I hope everyone had a restful holiday and I want to wish you all a Happy 2008.

We have a lot of activities planned beginning with our "Lovers of Chocolate and Books" activity, the hosting of Marion Lazon author of Four Perfect Pebbles, and our Young Authors day. All of these are explained in the newsletter. I would encourage you to mark your calendars and plan to attend these events.

If you have not voted to except the By-laws please do so. We need at least 84 people to vote in order to send in the By-laws for approval. Please send in the slip at the bottom of this mailing or e-mail Laura Cuchra. ([LCuchra@mail.coalcity.k12.il.us](mailto:LCuchra@mail.coalcity.k12.il.us).) It is imperative that we get the By-laws approved so your help with this would be greatly appreciated.

Again, I wish you all a Happy 2008 and look forward to my continued work as your President.

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I have read the proposed SRRC by-laws. (Sent out in September 2007.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I vote to accept the modifications.

\_\_\_\_\_ I vote NOT to accept the modifications.

Send this form to Laura Cuchra at: 300 N. Broadway, Coal City, IL 60416, fax to 815-634-5036, or e-mail to the above address. Please do this ASAP. Thanks.

# Starved Rock Reading Council

News Story

## SRRC Awards Mini Grants

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Starved Rock Reading Council is pleased to announce the winners of the 1997-98 Mini Grant program. Each year the SRRC awards two \$500 grants to area schools to encourage new reading projects. This year the two recipients are: Grand Ridge Elementary School and Grundy County Special Education Cooperative.

Grand Ridge school is using their grant to bring a program about Harriet Tubman for Black History Month. Entitled: *Kathryn Harris Presents Harriet Tubman "in Person!"* the program will be presented for all Grand Ridge students. This will bring to life history studied in the classroom. As a follow-up, students will be portraying historical characters themselves in biography book reports.

The Grundy County Special Education Cooperative is utilizing their grant to help fund a third site in their very effective summer *Camp Read* program. Camp Read meets the last two weeks of July and is open to any Special Education student to get a jump start on their reading. Encased in a camp atmosphere and including normal camp activities it stresses reading in a fun exciting atmosphere. Already in two locations, they plan to open a third location this summer.

Naturally, we hope to hear more about these projects as they happen and the SRRC urges other area schools to begin thinking about how they could use a mini-grant in their own schools or classrooms! In addition to the SRRC Mini-Grants which are 2 \$500 grants offered each year, schools can also apply to the Illinois Reading Council for information about their grant program.

The Starved Rock Reading Council

Presents

## Marian Blumenthal Lazan: Holocaust Survivor



Come listen to Marion share her story! Despite her fears; Despite her pain; Four Perfect Pebbles\* & Marion's Triumph is

### A Story of Hope!

Where: Ottawa's Central School Auditorium

When: Wednesday, January 16, 2008

Time: 6:30pm

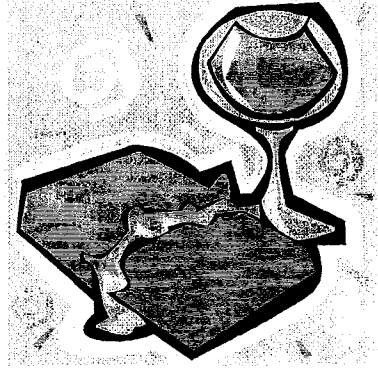
Cost: FREE!

**Who:** ANY person touched by the past: To prevent tyranny in the future, we MUST examine & try to understand the past!

\*Copies of her book Four Perfect Pebbles will be available for purchase; Marion will sign them following the program

CPDUs available at the presentation.

## CHOCOLATE LOVERS & LOVERS OF BOOKS



The SRRC is holding our first ever, primarily social event. Please join us for beverages, appetizers, and best of all CHOCOLATE on Friday, January 25 from 5:30 to 8:30 at the Elks Club at 202 N. Park Street in Streator.

Bring a new or gently used book as your "entry" fee. Books will be donated to a local **Habitat for Humanity House** later this year. The SRRC will be donating books to a new home.

Take a few minutes to unwind and spend time with your SRRC friends. (Feel free to bring a guest with you, just make sure they bring a book to donate to the **Habitat for Humanity project.**)

There will be...  
A Cash bar,  
Free appetizers,  
&  
A CHOCOLATE fountain