



# NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

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## 2006 THE YEAR IN REVIEW

In mid-March 2006, our dear friend and devoted member Ruth “Mack” Murphy passed away quietly. She was the daughter of Eugene McGillicuddy, known to us as *Gene Mack* for whom the youth center is named.

In March 2006, the *FRIENDS* supported and collaborated with the Leary family in the repair and enhancement of the brass rail in front of the orchestra pit at the Chevalier Theatre in memory of our beloved friend and member Barbara Leary.

On April 30, 2006, members of the *FRIENDS* and the *Chevalier Theatre Organ Society* attended a theatre pipe organ concert at Shanklin Music Hall in Groton. The spectacular Wurlitzer Organ at Shanklin gave us a preview of what is to come at Chevalier when the Mighty Wurlitzer has been restored and installed in the theatre.

May 1, 2006, the website of the *FRIENDS* is announced. Visit our website [www.friendsofchevalier.org](http://www.friendsofchevalier.org) and learn about the history of the Chevalier Theatre and Gene Mack Gymnasium, upcoming activities, etc.



**ABOVE:** Ruth “Mack” Murphy at the dedication of the Gene Mack Clubhouse in 2002.

**BELOW:** The home page of the Friends website.



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# 2006

## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

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On May 29, 2006, thanks to Board member Russ Rossetti and student volunteers, the *FRIENDS* celebrated the spirit of Memorial Day by participating in the annual parade. Russ has organized our Memorial Day float for the past 10 years.



**Gary Gartland (left) accepting donation from Dick Ober, Russ Rossetti and Lindy Saragosa.**

At the June 15, 2006 meeting, Gary Gartland, President/CEO, of Middlesex County Boys & Girls Club was presented with a \$1,500 check to support educational programs at the Gene Mack Clubhouse.

In June and July, Dee Morris collaborated with the *FRIENDS* to include the Chevalier Theatre in her historical tours of the Medford Square and Forest Street neighborhood.

On September 9, 2006, the *FRIENDS* participated in the Medford Arts Festival and distributed information about the Chevalier Theatre and the Wurlitzer Organ Project. More than 500 people attended this event in Medford Square.



**May Marquebreuck (left) and Heather Anderson (right) presenting Dorothy Bromage, CTOS, with donation for the Wurlitzer organ restoration.**

At the Annual Meeting on October 19, Dorothy Bromage, President of the Chevalier Theatre Organ Society was presented with a \$1500 donation for the ongoing restoration work of the Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ.



**Kathy Sayre and May Marquebreuck at the Friends of Chevalier exhibit during the Medford Arts Festival.**

### FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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## 2007 MEETING SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise noted, Friends membership meetings are held in the Superintendent's Conference Room at Medford High School and begin at 7:00 PM. Medford High School is handicap accessible.

*Please note the membership meeting that was to be held on January 18 has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.*

### MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

March 15  
May 17

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS:

February 13  
April 26  
June 21



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MESSAGE

OUR MISSION:

*to provide advocacy and support for the Chevalier Theatre  
and Gene Mack Clubhouse*

CURRENT & RECENT PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES:

- ☞ Providing \$\$\$ for improvements at the Chevalier Theatre, such as \$3,500 for painting new front doors, and \$1000 for purchasing lighting fixtures and sconces for the theatre lobby
- ☞ Sponsoring educational programs at the Gene Mack Clubhouse: the Friends have raised and donated more than \$75,000 to date for the Youth Center including \$1,500 in June 2006
- ☞ Donating funds (\$1,500 in October 2006) and volunteer time for the restoration of the Wurlitzer Theatre pipe organ

*Help support a cultural and community treasure!*

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [www.friendsofchevalier.org](http://www.friendsofchevalier.org)**



YES! I/We want to support the Friends of Chevalier and Gene Mack Clubhouse and be a member of the organization for 2006-2007.

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