

show covering comics that appears on the SciFi Channel. Additional articles and mentions of FoL have appeared in *Hero*, *Wizard*, *CBG*, *Overstreet's Fan*, Diamond's *Dialogue*, Capital's *Internal Correspondence*, *The Comics Journal*, *Combo*, *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*, *Flatiron News*, and probably some places we haven't even seen.

Future activities: The Board of Directors is spending the winter tallying all those surveys that we gathered during the year. The results will be released sometime this winter. In addition, the retailer survey will be going into Krause's *Comics Retailer*, and members Amanda Conner, Neil Gaiman, Billy Tucci, and Bernie Wrightson donated artwork and signed items as prizes in a drawing for retailers who participate in the survey. Thanks, guys!

Once we get all this information together, FoL will produce a handbook for retailers and other interested parties on how to increase a store's female customer base. More on this in the next newsletter!

We are also compiling the names of members who want to be on the various national committees for the projects that were prioritized in the national meeting.

In local chapter news, the NorCal chapter will be sharing a booth with Phil Yeh at the San Francisco Book Festival, and Angry Isis Press has donated a pile of the *Choices* anthology to sell at the booth.

Lulu will also be attending the Mid-Ohio Con over the Thanksgiving weekend.

LULU'S BACK IN TOWN!: Finally, the real thing! An animated "Little Lulu" show will be running on HBO starting in October. The voice of Lulu is Tracey Ullman, and the look of the show, judging by press materials, is very close to Marge's original. Yahoo!

—Heidi MacDonald



Our Lulu of a Party was the place to be at the Chicago con.

The Friends of Lulu booth was a popular stop at the Alternative Press Expo (A.P.E. II) in San Jose. Here Samantha Sakin and Anina Bennett can be seen holding down the fort.



Report from the Front

Greetings! Newly christened Regional Chapter Coordinator Anina Bennett here, with an update on what's going on with Friends of Lulu regional chapters.

At this year's annual meeting in San Diego, the general membership voted to adopt a policy on the basic requirements for regional chapters (see page 3). After some discussion of the details of chapter operations, a motion was passed calling for a committee to draft a comprehensive policy on regional chapters.

The committee, which consists of Liz Schiller, Megan Lynch, Rory Root, Jamie Macsisak, and me, has met twice and is hammering out a first draft of a policy addressing the formation of regional chapters and their relationship to the national Friends of Lulu organization. We're also developing a user-friendly "how-to" guide on forming and operating regional chapters.

Our main goal is to allow regional chapters to be autonomous while ensuring cohesion and open communication

among the various parts of the national organization. Once the proposed policy has been finalized and reviewed by the Board of Directors, a ballot will be mailed out to all FoL members so that everyone can have a say on this important issue. Due to the increasingly hectic schedules and mail delays that typically surround the end-of-year holidays, the ballot mailing will most likely go out in early January.

Friends of Lulu currently has two active chapters, one in the San Francisco Bay Area and one in New York City (see the reports on page 5). Questions or comments regarding regional chapters should be addressed to me at one of the following addresses or numbers:

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Since we're still in the midst of heavy organizational work and I don't yet have any assistance in this area, please be aware that replies may take at least a week or two. Eventually we'll form a committee to help coordinate chapter activity, and plans are afoot for a regular newsletter column on regional chapters.

As you can see, things are still appoppin' behind the scenes—watch these pages for more news in the months to come!

—Anina Bennett



Jackie Estrada ran into Little Lulu herself on the streets of New York; look for lots of Lulu products to come out in conjunction with the new animated *Little Lulu* series on HBO.