

## Chapter Reports

### NYC Chapter

New York held its first meeting in June and meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month. With over 40 members in the tristate area, meetings have been well attended. Elayne Wechsler-Chaput has graciously enabled FoL—NY to meet at the conference room of Lehigh Press. This location has been dubbed "The Secret Clubhouse" due to its huge boardroom table, swanky chairs, high ceilings, and fridge full of blue raspberry soda. It's the coolest! At the September meeting an "ashcan" board was assembled to handle the chapter's administrative and financial affairs. The board consists of President/temporary treasurer Heidi MacDonald, Vice President Kim Yale, Secretary Elayne Wechsler-Chaput, and Sergeant-at-Arms Ruth Morrison. Martha Thomases was chosen to be the liaison to the National Board of Directors.

Activities put together by the chapter have included running the booth at the NY Comics Book Spectacular, organizing an appearance at New York Is Book Country, and producing minicomics for these events. (Unfortunately, NY Is Book Country got rained out. Drat!) Events in the planning stages include participation in Take Your Daughters to Work Day and a bevy of other PR, mentoring, and fundraising efforts. Meetings are open to members and their guests. For more information, call Heidi MacDonald at 212-533-9630, or write to Friends of Lulu, Cooper Station, PO Box 1484, New York, NY 10276-1484.

### Bay Area Chapter

Friends of Lulu's first and still busiest local chapter has been proceeding



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apace with its work, even after the end of the hectic convention season (although energy levels have not been quite on par with those generated by three months of back-to-back conventions).

One of the Friends of Lulu NorCal's recent successes was the completion of a series of three comics workshops for Women held in conjunction with the San Francisco Cartoon Art Museum. The classes were taught by dedicated Luluers Trina Robbins, Lee Binswanger, and Lee Marrs and each class focused on a different style of cartooning. The attendees were all interested women and girls of different ages and skill levels and the admission fee served to raise money for the local chapter!

The current focus of the group is setting up a booth at the upcoming San Francisco Book Festival (November 4th and 5th) to get the Lulu message out to an audience of book readers. The NorCal chapter has already obtained a part of a

table and organized volunteers to staff the booth and create and design a special recommended reading list handout.

Other items in progress include continuing collections from the sponsors of the bookmarks (that were such a big hit at the San Diego Comic Convention) and plans to reissue the bookmarks with the support of retail sponsorships. Also ongoing is the building of the Lulu lending library, a collection of Lulu-friendly books donated by members and publishers to be shown or lent at Lulu events.

Correspondence to Friends of Lulu NorCal should be directed to: FoLNC, P.O. Box 460461, San Francisco, CA 94146.

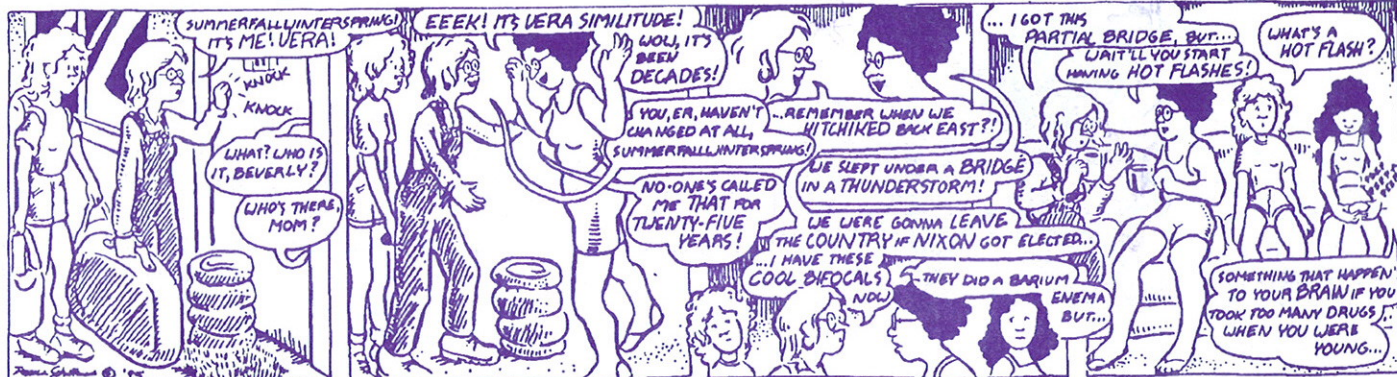
— Alex Amado

## Networking

- **Laura Behary**, who with her husband is doing a comic called *Babette Buster, P.I.*, wants some advice on self-publishing, asking such questions as "Is it better to publish a mystery series once a year, or hold off until we've got several issues ready and publish bimonthly?" Anyone who answers will get a free ashcan: Cheeky Press, P.O. Box 97, Culver City, CA 90232.

- **Jamie Macsisak** of World Comics is planning a line of comics aimed at teenage girls and is looking for artists and writers to work on them. Write to Jamie at World Comics, 28 SW First Ave., Portland, OR 97204 or call 800-474-8749.

- Local Knowledge Multimedia Arts and Engineering, a San Diego-based software development house, is looking for quality graphic artists to pay on a job-by-job contract basis for screen designs and related artwork. Art for children between 8 and 14 is particularly needed. Send nonreturnable black-and-white copies of work showing the range of skills with name, address and phone to: Creative Services, Attn. Greg, Local Knowledge, 628 Torrance Street, Suite E, San Diego, CA 92103. You do not need to live in San Diego.



More Networking: member Jessica Schiffman's comic strip, "Vera Similitude," has appeared in several northern California papers, but the cartoonist has relocated further south and is looking for new outlets. The strip is about a back-to-the-land hippie who moves to L.A. If you can recommend some markets for her, drop a note to Jessica at P.O. Box 3022, Idyllwilde, CA 92549.