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NEWS BULLETIN:

Women of Los Angeles Luncheon Features Power For Kids

At their May 24th luncheon, Women of Los Angeles featured Power for Kids as one of the six charities selected to receive support from their Non-profit Alliance. Power for Kids is honored to be a part of this powerful group. Patricia Rust gave a brief overview of the important literacy work Power for Kids is doing to a group of very receptive ladies.

RECENT DONORS:

Personal thanks to everyone at the visionary Annenberg Foundation who recognized our potential and offered to make our dreams a reality through their very generous donation. Because of them, we will be able to print more books, and give inner city kids encouragement, programs, and books.

We would also like to thank Wallis Annenberg, from whom we asked nothing but simply shared what we are doing. Not only did she rise to the occasion, but offered to become part of our board and set meetings with those who can help. A future benefit is planned to honor her forward-thinking work in making the world a better place.

If you would like to donate, please visit powerforkids.com or call 310-281-3332.

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CHILDREN'S STORY:

Jackie the Angel Goes Coconuts

By Patricia Rust



Have you ever tasted coconut? Jackie the Angel loves coconut because it tastes so delicious. Have you heard of coconut cream pie or coconut macaroons? They are irresistible. For Jackie.

You know by now that Jackie loves to fly over the ocean and visit Jasper the Seagull and Doowee Dolphin and on this particularly beautiful day, Jackie decided to do just that!

Jackie found warm air currents and discovered she could glide on them with ease. She swooped down and gave Doowee Dolphin a scare when she kissed him on his rostrum or what we call a nose. Doowee was happy to see Jackie even though she scared him and Doowee isn't afraid of anything including sharks. Once a shark followed Doowee and Doowee punched the shark in the nose with his nose! The shark swam away really fast.

"Hi, Jackie," called Doowee. "You almost gave me a scare. I thought you might be a shark."

"See any sharks today?" asked Jackie.

"Yes, I was just watching one. He swam with this tail moving back and forth from side to side. If you look at mine, I swim by moving my tail up and down. If you ask me, I'd say the shark may look good, but I look a whole lot better!"

"Gee. I move through the air by flapping my wings," added Jackie who thought he might be fun to have a tail.

“I wish I had wings,” declared Doowee.

“I wish I had a permanent smile the way you do, Doowee.”

“That is because the way I am made makes me look like I am always smiling. And sharks always look scary because of the way they were made. They are swift and look like fighter pilots under the sea.”

“Once I flew next to an F-18 fighter pilot high in the sky,” boasted Jackie. She was getting tired so Doowee invited her to sit on his back and he made gentle jumps out of the water. “Whee,” exclaimed Jackie who just loved riding on a dolphin. “I think being a dolphin must be so much fun!” said Jackie. “I’m glad we’re friends.”

Doowee squeaked and whistled a dolphin squeak and whistle. Jackie tried to imitate him but she couldn’t do it at all. Jasper flew close and laughed at Jackie. Doowee joined in the laughter until finally Jackie was laughing at herself, too.

“I’m hungry,” said Jackie, “And would really love some coconut that’s as white as my wings and as luscious as any fruit.”

“That looks like a coconut tree over there.” Doowee indicated with his flipper. “And from our shallow place in the water, it looks like it has coconuts.”

Before Jasper or Doowee could say goodbye, Jackie took off flying to the coconut tree to pick a coconut. What Jackie didn’t see was that a man was seated on the beach underneath the coconut tree working on his laptop computer. Jackie soared to the tree and gave it a good shake so the coconuts would fall off. They did and guess what? One fell right on the head of the man working on his computer. Jackie heard someone say, “OUCH!”

When she flew down to the grown and saw that the coconut had hit the man in the head, she felt terrible as it was an accident and she didn’t mean to hurt anyone. Then, the man stood up and said, “What am I doing working on my computer?! Look at the ocean and the sand and the waves breaking with their beauty coming toward the graceful coconut palm trees. What was I thinking working on my laptop when I’m supposed to be on vacation? Good thing that coconut hit me in the head!”

Jackie still felt bad, but the man seemed fine. Soon, he was swimming in the ocean enjoying himself completely. Jackie took some coconut meat to Doowee and Jasper and everyone had a fine time! Jackie threw some leftovers to a small shark who felt good about being fed, too!

Until next time, Jackie sends her angelic love to all kids!

(from a forthcoming book by Patricia Rust. For more Jackie the Angel stories, visit JackieTheAngel.net)



CHILDREN'S NEWS:

Coconuts

Coconuts grow high in the trees in tropical climates. They are fuzzy and brown on the outside and milky white and soft on the inside. You can drink the milk and eat the flesh inside the nut. They are hard to crack, lucky for you, your parents can buy already open coconuts at most grocery stores. Ask your parents to help you make the tasty recipe for coconut bread at this website: <http://www.oas.org/children/Recetas/Honduras.html>

WORD SEARCH:

Can you find these words?

- Barbecue
- Swim
- Sun
- Reading
- Beach
- Trip

R E A D I N G B
A T L S N B W E
S T R W M Z L A
U J P I Q X I C
N T K M P D W H
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SUMMER STORY CONTEST:

The winner will receive a family portrait sitting and hand-printed 8X10 valued at \$200 from professional photographer Lee Brubaker. To be eligible to win, be sure to send

your story about your favorite thing about summer to aryn@powerforkids.com or 12021 Wilshire Blvd. #924, Los Angeles, CA 90025 by August 1. All answers will be posted at <http://www.powerforkids.com/kids/KidsWork.html> and some will appear in the August newsletter along with the winner's guess.

IN THE NEWS:

New Children's Contest

Announcing a new summer contest. The winner will receive a family portrait sitting and hand-printed 8X10 valued at \$200 from professional photographer Lee Brubaker. To enter, write a story about your favorite thing about summer and send it to contest@powerforkids.com.

Children's Submissions Welcome!

Please encourage the children in your life to send us their stories and artwork for inclusion in our newsletter, on PowerforKids.com, and in future newspaper publications.

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The third book in the *Chopped Liver* series is now available. Buy one for everyone on your list. In this edition, Patricia Rust honors philanthropist and spa and health pioneer Deborah Szekely. Buy your copy today and share it with those close to you. Signed copies are available at www.powerforkids.com/book/buy_book.html.

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Power for Kids, Inc. helps children by encouraging literacy and a lifelong commitment to reading.

Power for Kids, Inc. is a grassroots literacy organization whose aim is to educate, motivate, and excite elementary school children to the wonders of reading at an early age. We believe that by reading to a child, helping one child at a time, we can stamp out this problem. Our organization's "Royal Readers" program provides books, interactive reading sessions, and educational activities for children at elementary schools across the country. Our "Create-A-Book" program empowers children by helping them write and bind their own books.

Our motto is Live, Laugh, Learn

Helping Kids Become Royal Readers!

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