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IN THE NEWS:

Initial Pilot Filming Completed

In late February, Kamehameha Elementary School joined the Rust Foundation and KITV in Honolulu, a Hearst affiliate, in the initial filming of a pilot for the Royal Readers television series, hosted by Patricia Rust. Burger King generously donated the crowns worn by the children, and the children themselves created the sets and decoration. Please watch this space for updates about airdates and video availability.

Writers Guild Foundation Adopts The Rust Foundation

The Writers Guild of America's Writers Guild Foundation recently adopted three foundations that target children. Patricia Rust and The Rust Foundation were chosen as their k-4 representative. Patricia Rust will visit six schools throughout the coming year. So far she has presented her program at West Hollywood Elementary School and read at Hancock Park Elementary School on March 7 as part of National Read Across America Day.

Patricia Rust to Sign Books at LA Times Festival of Books

This year's Festival of Books will take place at UCLA on April 26 and 27. Patricia will be signing copies of her groundbreaking children's literacy picture book, *The King of Skittledeedoo*, at the Greater Literacy Network of Los Angeles's booth. Check our website, www.powerforkids.com, in the coming weeks for specific details.

DONATION CAMPAIGN:

The Rust Foundation Needs Your Help

As part of our continuing efforts to ensure that all children at risk for illiteracy have access to copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo* through their libraries and classrooms, and to make schools aware of the powerful tools offered through our website at

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www.PowerforKids.com, we need to send mailings to schools, increase the number of our school visits, print additional copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo*, manufacture literacy kits, and train literacy volunteers to create a national Royal Readers network. But we can't do it without you.

Your donation of \$30 provides a child with a book and a Royal Readers learning kit.
Your donation of \$100 sponsors a classroom visit.
Your donation of \$500 sponsors a school visit with books donated to each classroom and the school library.

We also offer membership levels:

Silver club:

\$500-\$1000 – you will receive a signed copy of *The King of Skittledeedoo* and the link of your choice, either to your company or another organization with which you are affiliated, will be added to our website.

Gold club:

\$1000-\$5000 – your will receive a signed copy of *The King of Skittledeedoo* and your website banner link will be added to our website.

Platinum club:

\$5000 and up – you will receive a signed copy of *The King of Skittledeedoo* and your company logo will be featured prominently on our website, and your company link will be included in this newsletter.

Tax-deductible donations are now accepted online. Please visit

<http://www.powerforkids.com/parents/contacts.html> and click the "Make a Donation" link.

You can also mail your check or money order to:

The Rust Foundation, 12021 Wilshire Blvd. #924, Los Angeles, CA 90025.

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FOR KIDS:

Jackie the Angel's Museum Adventure

By Jackie Rust

It was a nice day and Jackie had many ideas, but didn't know which one was the best for that day. The clouds were nice and spongy, good for jumping up and down or playing hop scotch, but not alone. Jackie needed some of her friends to join her to make it more fun. So Jackie went looking for Tayna. She was very nice and always a lot of fun. Jackie went from cloud to cloud, but could not find Tayna anywhere.

Jackie began to get worried, but before she got too worried, she saw someone she had never seen before behind a cloud. He looked nice and said hello.

"Hello," Jackie said. "Do you want to be my friend?"

He said yes and Jackie told him all about some of her adventures, like the time she visited a museum. He said that sounded like fun, they should go do that.

But first Jackie wanted to know his name. "I'm Jackie," she said.

He laughed and said, "I can't tell you my real name, just call me Guy."

"Okay, Guy, let's go," Jackie said as she set off for the museum.

But Guy held back. He had another friend with him and wondered if he could come too. Jackie said she didn't mind, especially when it turned out to be her silly friend Jason, who she had raced down a rainbow

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So off they started. Jackie promised to be good and not to touch anything and to whisper when she talked, because people whisper in museums. When they got there, the museum wasn't open yet. The cleaning crew was still there, but that did not bother them. They took a private tour of the museum, stopping to look at a beautiful painting, before flying to the sculpture garden.

Guy, Jackie, and Jason got into poses next to the other statues. When the cleaning woman came into the garden she said, "Oh my, look at these new statues." She went to the Jason statue and dusted his head with her feather brush. It tickled and he could barely hold in his laughter. Then the dust made him sneeze. The noise startled the cleaning woman and she ran out, saying, "I brought it to life. I did! I did! Why me?"

The museum guards came to investigate the noise, and Jackie and Guy slipped away, leaving Jason to talk himself out of the mess. He stood as still as he could and didn't sneeze when the brush went over his face again. The guards said the woman had a great imagination.

By the time the guards were done with their investigation, the museum had opened. Poor Jason had to stand there until closing time.

For more stories about Jackie the Angel, visit www.JackietheAngel.com.

RUST FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT:

The Rust Foundation helps children by encouraging literacy and a lifelong commitment to reading.

The Rust Foundation 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 new "Create-A-Book" program helps kids write and bind their own books.

Our motto is Live, Laugh, Learn

Helping Kids Become Royal Readers!

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