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

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IN THE NEWS:

Writers Guild Foundation Schedules New Appearance

The kids are going back to school, and so is Patricia Rust. The Writers Guild Foundation has scheduled Patricia's first appearance for October 21. The children will participate in her "Make-a-Book" program. Check the website at www.PowerforKids.com in the coming weeks for photos from the event.

Finishing Touches Put on Royal Readers Video

KITV in Hawaii informs us that they are putting the final touches on the Royal Readers video. It will air soon in their station, and we hope it will soon be aired on other stations around the country.

Child Advocate Elected California Governor

We congratulate Arnold Schwarzenegger on being elected Governor of California, we are only sorry for the tragic loss of Lynne Weaver, who was to run his after-school program. Patricia and Arnold have remained friends since they met many years ago and he has been a wonderful supporter of Patricia's writing -- including *The King of Skittledeedoo*. We hope that our two organizations will be able to work together in the near future.

Signed Copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo* Going Fast

Back to school is the perfect time to pick up a copy of *The King of Skittledeedoo*. It will help motivate your young students to read, read, read. A limited number of signed

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copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo* are still available. To order your copy now, visit www.powerforkids.com and click the "Buy" link at the top of the page.

Patricia Rust Contributes to Uplifting Anthology

Best-Seller Books has just released their new title, *Chopped Liver for the American Spirit*. It is a collection of true and inspiring stories from everyday people just like you, including Patricia Rust. Those who contribute \$25.00 or more to the Rust Foundation will receive a free copy while supplies last. Get yours today! Visit www.powerforkids.com for information on making a donation or to purchase a copy directly.

CHILDREN'S POETRY:

Untitled

By BriAnne Ramsay

she was young... beautiful... had the right attitude... always smiling... always looking on the bright side... until one day... she frowned... she cried... all of her muscles gave away... her heart stopped...I found out a week later... and all that time she was right over top of my head... being gods helper... helping to look over me.... this is my best friend, my sister, Tina, who died of the Lou Gehrig's disease... it can change your life... what you do... your surroundings... it is your prison... to life...

This and other children's contributions can be seen at www.PowerforKids.com.

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 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.

If your employer offers a donation-matching, or employee-donation program, we are eligible to receive funds through it, as an educational organization. Please contact your human resources department for more information.

RECENT DONORS:

We would like to thank the Writers Guild Foundation, especially Cyrice Griffith-Siebens, Director of Academic Programs, for their support.

NEW STORIES FOR KIDS:

Sandy and the Surfboard
by Patricia Rust
(from an upcoming children's book)

“Mom, can I go to the beach on Saturday?” Sandy asked her mom at dinner. Sandy’s family had just moved to California and her new friends had invited her to go with them that weekend. It would be her first trip to the beach.

Her mother said, “The beach is fine, but no swimming until after you pass a water safety course.”

Sandy tried to prove she was strong enough to go in the water by walking on her hands, but her father said, “After your water safety test and not before.”

On Saturday, Sandy’s mom dropped her off at the beach where her new friends were waiting. They had a surfboard with them. Sandy loved its shape and colors and was excited to watch her friends ride the waves. It was the first time she’d seen surfing. Her

friends Tanya, Jayna, and Jackie all took turns catching waves. “Wow, that looks like fun!” Sandy said.

They invited her to come into the water, but she obeyed her parents and stayed on the sand until the denim blue ocean let loose with a salty spray that drenched her completely. Her friends said she should go in the water since she was already wet.

“Do you know how to swim?” Jackie asked.

“Of course,” Sandy answered, “but only in a swimming pool.”

“It’s easier in the ocean,” Jayna said, “because the salty water helps you float.”

Sandy joined her friends in the water and loved it. “Wow! Swimming is easy, but how do you surf?” she asked

Tanya, Jayna, and Jackie held the board for Sandy to lie on, and then taught her how to stand up and catch a wave at just the right moment. When the first wave came, Sandy missed it, but she caught the second one and rode it for a few seconds before she fell off, laughing.

“Sandy!” her mother shouted from the shore. Sandy looked over and knew she was in trouble.

“I’m so sorry!” she said.

Her mother said, “You look like you loved surfing, but you’re not ready. For your punishment, no beach for a month. In the meantime, you can take the water safety class. Then your father and I won’t worry about you when you surf.”

All of Sandy’s friends smiled, but none as wide as Sandy.

The End

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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