

Sisters salutes...



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Emily Christin and Savanah Spear purchasing cups at the Jammin' for Nepal event last Thursday.

• Mark Lamont, Rand Runco and Sally Benton of Ten Friends wrote:

What a wonderful community we live in. When Hood Avenue Art came to Ten Friends and asked if we'd like to be part of their Jammin' for Nepal event they planned last Thursday, we were honored by their generous offer.

It was a wonderful celebration of our local potters, who donated "empty cups," combined with delicious libations and snacks and, of course, the highlight being entertained by our local singer-songwriters. The venue was so welcoming, and we had perfect evening temperatures.

Many thanks to all who

donated to make this happen. The talented participating potters were Mitch Deaderick, Mike Baynes, Ken Merrill, Karen Kassey, and Tina Brockway. The superb musicians who made it a special evening were Doug and Katie Canvanough, Benji Nagel, Seylah and Chris, Jim Cornelius and Friends, The Love Puppies, Bummer Lambs, and Dennis McGregor.

And a huge thank-you to Hood Avenue Art and Michelle Deaderick for hosting the event! It was a great success, and all proceeds will benefit orphanage construction, and our ongoing education and health projects in Nepal.

Peterson takes reins at academy

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

Cheryl Peterson has worked in public-school education and has been extremely active in Christian ministry from the U.S. to East Africa. Now she is bringing those two worlds together as the new interim principal at Sisters Christian Academy (SCA).

She brings a high-energy, effusive nature to the job — along with a full list of education credentials.

"I have a teaching certificate and I'm a reading specialist, and I also have my administrative certificate," she said.

Cheryl and her husband, Stan, moved here from Monmouth when Stan took a position as a pastor in a start-up church in Sisters. She's been volunteering at SCA and when the principal's position opened up, she jumped at the opportunity to take on her first administrative job.

Being that SCA is a small, private Christian school, her work will not be entirely administrative.

"I'm going to be teaching Latin — and P.E.," she said with her trademark laughter.

She's very excited to be integrating elements that have been an important part of her life but which are often kept separate.

"I was always in public school," she said. "This was the first time I've been able



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Cheryl Peterson brings an education background and an effusive personality to her new role as Sisters Christian Academy Principal.

to blend both of my worlds. It's been fun for me. It's been really fun for me."

SCA currently has 11 staff and 75 students. There is a certified pre-school, and the school runs through the eighth grade.

Peterson said she was most impressed by the level of dedication and passion of the teachers and the quality of the learning that is going on in SCA's classrooms.

While this will be her first administrative gig, Peterson has taken on many leadership roles in church circles. And, she says with a twinkle in her eye, "I'm not bossy. But I do like to lead."

Peterson wants the community to learn more about Sisters Christian Academy. She particularly hopes to

dispel a commonly held belief that SCA is affiliated strictly with Sisters Community Church. The school is open and interdenominational.

Sisters Christian Academy describes its educational philosophy thus: "Sisters Christian Academy teaches all subjects from a Biblical point of view, while following a classical model in the development of its program. A classical model teaches a core of knowledge in a way that challenges the student's thinking. It goes beyond the assimilation of facts to teach values, truth, decision-making, critical-thinking skills, and to impart wisdom."

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