

The Rust Foundation

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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:

Patricia Rust to Sign Books at International Family Film Fest

On Saturday, April 26, Patricia Rust will sign copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo* at 2 PM at the International Family Film Festival. The Festival runs April 25-May 1 in Valencia, California. For Festival tickets, address, and directions, please visit www.iffilmfest.org.

Television 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. Re-shoots will be completed early this week. 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.

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Signed Copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo* Available

Now you can buy copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo* for your friends and family directly from Patricia Rust, and have them personally inscribed. This book makes a great gift for a child graduating from Preschool or Kindergarten. To order your copy now, visit www.powerforkids.com and click the "Buy" link at the top of the page.

Patricia Rust's *LA Times* Festival of Books appearance cancelled

Due to scheduling conflicts, Patricia Rust has had to cancel her appearance at this year's Festival of Books. The Rust Foundation hopes to return to the festival next year.

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 following people for their generous contributions:

- Sharleen Cooper Cohen
- Paul Cummins
- Jim de Varennes of Palisades Roofing Company
- Holley Greenstein
- Beverly Jamonini of Jacomini Interior Design
- Charles and Anne Floyd Johnson
- Thomas and Liesbeth Mackie
- Lou Milkowski of Assante Business Management
- Stanley and Kathy Rubin
- Jackie Rust
- Douglas Trogstad

WEBSITE UPDATES:

PowerforKids is being continuously revised and updated. Recently we added poems written by children who read this newsletter. Visit www.PowerforKids and click the "What's New" link for all the latest.

NEW STORIES FOR KIDS:

Giant Oowies

by Patricia Rust
(from an upcoming children's picture book)

Today is a day you simply wouldn't believe!
A day with all sorts of tricks up its sleeve!
May I tell you the story? May I tell you the news?
A piano fell out of a window and landed right on my shoes!

My foot is shattered in many places, I think
And my toes turned bright green, then red and bright pink!
I am so full of holes from circles drawn on my skin.
They came alive and that is where the trouble did begin.

Then I decided to help my father fix the leaky sink.
A geyser of water hit me in the face and what do you think?

Can you believe it? I have sprung myself a leak!
I had holes all over my body and now I've sprung a leak.

There is water sprouting out from all over me.
There is as much water on the floor as in the sea!
I would plug up the holes most happily,
But since I flooded the floors, they're too slippery!

Oh, what a day for oowies this just is –
Here comes a snake with a giant HISS, HISS, HISS, HISS!
I plucked him up and gave him a good shove.
Now he'll have to live up there on Mars straight North and above.

A star fell out of the sky, right on my head, too.
I took out my telescope and microscope. What else could I do?
I examined the star for a really long time,
Then the bump on my head, grew fat with circles in a big red line!

I bandaged my head with the spread on my bed.
What could I do? I was filled with dread.
I ventured into the night some more
To see which animals might be making a snore!

I came upon a big brown bear.
I poked him in the nose, right in his lair.
He picked himself up and punched me in the nose,
I needed an ice pack but didn't have one on that day, why heaven knows?

So I buried me in the snow! What more can I say?
It seemed like the only thing to do to get out of the bear's way!
He grumbled and growled and prowled all around
Trying to find me all buried in the snow where I couldn't be found.

Oh, dear, my legs. It's important that you know
That both are quite broken. They both have to go.
I'll need some new legs, a new head, and new toes,
I'll need new arms, a new neck, and three toes.

Today was a big oowie day you see,
But I'll tell you a secret just between you and me.
Oowies are special and come only once in a while
You can tell big stories about oowies that will make others smile.

I like to use my imagination; it's such a great way to play!
But what really happened to me on this very strange day
Was that I tripped on a rock and skinned my knee, I'm sorry to say.

Now that you know my story, what can you make up today?

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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