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Summary Information:

Event: A Chocolate Suite: *An Afternoon of Chocolate, Champagne & Music*
Contact: Bernadette Bernardi, 541-4219
Dates/Times: Sunday, April 30th, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Place: San Luis Obispo Library, 995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo
To Benefit: Literacy Council & SLO Friends of the Library

NINTH ANNUAL CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL BENEFITS SLO LIBRARY AND LITERACY COUNCIL

Central Coast's original chocolate event features author of Howard Hughes: The Aviator

(San Luis Obispo) - The ninth annual chocolate festival is scheduled for Sunday, April 30th from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the San Luis Obispo County Library on Palm Street in San Luis Obispo. An afternoon of champagne, music and the area's best chocolate, "A Chocolate Suite" will delight attendees with a sampling of all kinds of chocolate desserts, from eclairs and cheesecake to fudge and ice cream.

This event has been a fundraiser for the San Luis Obispo Friends of the Library and the Literacy Council and is the original chocolate event of the central coast for the past nine years.

Tickets for this year's event are \$20 and include a full chocolate sampling, a commemorative wineglass and champagne. A special guest, author of Howard Hughes: Aviator, George J. Marrett will be speaking about his book. Slated entertainment includes live music and a strolling balloon artist. There will be a silent auction with over 50 items to bid on, including dinner/theater packages, travel getaways to Europe and Hawaii to name a few and, of course, gourmet chocolates. All proceeds benefit the Literacy Council and San Luis Obispo Friends of the Library.

Major sponsors of this year's "A Chocolate Suite" are The Tribune, Lindamood-Bell, Rossi Enterprises, The Chocolate Diva, Verdin Marketing Ink, Wear in the World, Rossi Foundation, Charter Media, Meathead Movers and The Clifford, Nilsen and Millard Group at Merrill Lynch.

Tickets for "A Chocolate Suite" are available at the Literacy Council office, the Arroyo Grande and SLO libraries, the San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles Chambers of Commerce and Outspoken Beverage Bistro. Literacy Council is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving literacy in our community. And San Luis Obispo Friends of the Library is a non-profit group of volunteers formed to raise funds for needed equipment and services at the SLO City-County Library. For more information on the Chocolate Suite, please call 541-4219 or visit www.sloliteracy.com