



News from the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

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From the President

Dear Friends,

Hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season. We experienced some really cold winter days. The first sale for Las Palmas, the McCreless book sale, and the 50% off sale at the BookCellar were held in December during a very cold spell. Our customers must really like books because they came to the sale and braved the elements. I want to thank Brook Hollow, Tobin, and Cody for sharing books with Las Palmas. Many of the branches celebrated the Holidays together. The Maverick Friends had their dinner at Milano. They were excited because one of the members, **Elizabeth Purkey**, got married on December 23, 2013. We are lucky because she will continue to serve as President of the Maverick group. We know how much she loves to set up for the Maverick book sales.

We are losing one of our Cody Friends. **Kelly Cre-spin** is moving to Virginia. She was offered a job opportunity she could not pass up. She has been the person folding the *SAPLings*. So in a way she touched many of us because she helped get the newsletter to the membership. She also worked at the BookCellar. We will miss her but wish her well in her new job.

I also attended the reopening of Guerra Library. They changed the colors, and the Library now looks very happy and is a great place to do some reading. Also present were Councilman **Ray Lopez** and Library Board Member **Lora Eckler**. **Dolores Huber**, **Ann Cleve** and other Guerra Library Friends passed out punch and cake. The community seems pleased with the new look.

The Friends have had a very successful year. The branches have worked very hard and have brought in more revenue. The BookCellar also has increased their income. I want to thank **Tom Nemeth** and his crew for picking up books after the branch sales. The BookCellar Friends celebrated by attending a very enjoyable luncheon at Liberty Bar in November. New volunteers who completed at least 50 hours received their aprons.

Many exciting events are happening in 2014. We had a high volume of members renew their membership and hope that the trend will continue. It would be great to exceed one thousand members as we join together to celebrate our Big 5-0!

Linda Arrange



Annual General Meeting

Sunday, January 19, 2014

2:00 p.m.

Central Library, 600 Soledad St.

All members are encouraged to attend this important event. Library Director **Ramiro Salazar** will speak about the State of the Library, and we will elect new Board members for 2014–2016.

A reception will follow with refreshments. Parking tickets for the Library Garage will be validated for Friends members.

The Nominating Committee Report

Arline Braswell



The following names will be presented at the Annual General Meeting January 19, 2014, at the Central Library at 2:00 p.m. The floor will be open for additional nominees. If you want to nominate someone, you must have his or her approval. If you have any questions, please call **Nancy Gandara** at (210) 695-9648 or **Arline Braswell** at (210) 822-6559. The following Friends members have accepted the Committee's nomination to serve on the 2014–2016 FOSAPL Board of Directors:

- Rita Corey
- Jose Duran
- Beverly Harris
- Marshall Mundorff
- Rowena Rodgers

The following Current Board Members have agreed to stay for another term:

- Arline Braswell
- Antoinette Franklin
- Yolanda Kirkpatrick
- Jill Zimmerman

The following members are in the middle of their term, with one year remaining:

- Shirley Coleman
- Jackie Fremming
- Bruce Gill
- Beth Graham
- Aaron Konstam
- Pat Konstam
- Karen Matson
- Pat Mendiola
- Elizabeth Purkey
- Larry Purkey
- Ronnie Retzloff
- Ann Springer
- Virginia Wong

Thank you to the members of the Nominating Committee:

- Nancy Gandara
- Arline Braswell
- Shirley Coleman
- Jackie Fremming
- Bob Mason
- Karen Matson
- Pat Mendiola

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

Sunday, November 17, 2013

Submitted by **Pat Peak**, Secretary

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, November 17, 2013 at the Cody Branch Library. President **Linda Arronge** called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. **Heidi Nowatney**, Asst. Manager of the Cody Branch welcomed the Friends to Cody. The roll call of members of the Board was read by the Secretary, and a quorum was declared.

Board Members present were: **Linda Arronge, Robert Mason, Beverly Duran, Pat Peak, Nancy Gandara, Walter Ague, Denise Barlow, Pat Bjornson, Arline Braswell, Shirley Coleman, Antoinette Franklin, Jackie Fremming, Bruce Gill, Beth Graham, Delores Huber, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Aaron Konstam, Pat Konstam, Karen Matson, Pat Mendiola, Larry Purkey, Elizabeth Purkey, Ronnie Retzlöff, Ann Springer, and Jill Zimmerman.**

Approval of Minutes of September 15

Jackie Fremming moved that the minutes, as published in the Nov.-Dec. 2013 *SAPLings*, be approved. **Jill Zimmerman** seconded. The minutes were approved by the Board as printed. The President thanked the members of the Cody Friends for their hospitality and for providing refreshments for the meeting.

President's Report

Linda Arronge reported that she had attended the opening of the Marie Swartz Art Resource Center located on the 2nd floor of the Central Library. This is a joint venture project with the Southwest School of Art, and Linda invited all members to visit this unique presentation. Linda also attended the re-opening of Guerra Library following their renovation project. She reported she had spent time

with the Friends group from Las Palmas sorting books donated by several libraries for their first book sale.

Treasurer's Report – Beverly Duran reported that the year to date income for FOSAPL is \$75,285.48; year-to-date expenses, including the BookCellar, total \$18,903.10. Net assets for FOSAPL use: \$88,827.59. Copies of the reports were provided. Beverly's report also included an estimated income/expense total to the end of 2013 and a proposed Budget for 2014. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

Library Administration – Dale McNeil reported that the first community meeting regarding the new District 9 library was held; the second meeting was scheduled for November 20 at the site for the new branch on 2515 E. Evans Road. The library staff is working with a PR firm to develop a plan for public awareness and marketing prior to the opening. The new library will be in an existing building, which previously housed the Adobe Café. The new Branch will be able to open sooner by using an existing building rather than starting from scratch. District 2 meetings for planning that new library building are also underway. The City Vital Records project providing city records, birth certificates, and immunization records to families, primarily for school registration purposes, at four branch libraries continues with Library staff providing the service. This project seems to be working well. A security guard is posted at each of the 4 locations, Mission, Thousand Oaks, Great NW, and now Las Palmas. Bexar County records, including birth certificates, are under consideration as an addition to the service.

The Briscoe Museum of Western Art held its grand

opening in a restoration of a former San Antonio Public Library building on Market St. Library staff members provide some books primarily on art subjects and some library services to patrons in what is known as a Library portal in the Museum.

Southwest School of Art will be offering a Bachelor's degree in Art beginning in the fall, and the SA Public Library will be acting as the School's library facility in a joint venture through the Marie Swartz Art Resource Center as previously mentioned by Linda.

Libraries will close early on the day before Thanksgiving and re-open on the Saturday following the holiday.

The Library is working on a project called "Café Commerce" with the Mayor's Economic Development Committee. It will have space in the Central Library with dedicated library staff who will be called upon to provide specific information regarding guidance and resources to specific small business clients. The actual delivery of services would be handled by an outside agency, Accion. The Library will continue to operate its small business service on the 6th floor for now.

Jessica Ramos reported that the SAPL schedule for Christmas closing is December 24 and 25. New Year's closing is December 31 and January 1.

Library Board – Gloria Malone will report on District 2 activities later in the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Judy Wilson reported for **Christie Smith**. There are approximately 100 responses to the recent mail-out of renewal notices. A report showing the current breakdown for each type of membership, by year, was provided by Christie. Linda reported that the mail-out of paper copies of the

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The Friends, inaugurated March 23, 1964, promote public use of the San Antonio Public Library and appreciation of its value as a cultural and educational asset to the community and encourage the extension and improvement of its services.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Linda Arronge President
Robert Mason Vice President
Patricia Peak Secretary
Beverly Duran Treasurer
Nancy Gandara Immediate Past Pres
Christie Smith Membership Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS

2012–2014 Term:

Walter Ague • Denise Barlow • Pat Bjornson • Arline Braswell • Antoinette Franklin • Delores Huber • Yolanda Kirkpatrick • Robert Mason • Patricia Peak • Robbi Rupert • Jill Zimmerman

2013–2015 Term:

Shirley Coleman • Bruce Gill • Beth Graham • Jackie Fremming • Aaron Konstam Pat Konstam • Elizabeth Purkey • Karen Matson • Pat Mendiola • Larry Purkey • Ronnie Retzlöff • Ann Springer • Virginia Wong

SAPLINGS

Managing EditorAlana Woods

Newsletter is published every two months and can also be seen at www.friendsofsapl.org.

Deadlines for submitting articles and photos are February 10, April 10, June 10, August 10, October 10, and December 10.

Submittals should be a simple text or a Word file emailed to Alana Woods, alana005@yahoo.com, or mailed to her at Southwest Research Institute, 6220 Culebra Rd., San Antonio, TX 78238.

Article contributions for the newsletter are always welcome!

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Lyn Belisle Chair
Nancy Gandara • Bruce Gill
Pat Mendiola • Alana Woods
Linda ArrongeEx Officio

Newsletter was well received. Teen membership seems to be a matter for discussion once again. We have a goal of 1000 members by the 50th Anniversary celebration.

Arts and Letters – Bob Mason thanked members who volunteered for the Committee as well as those who attended the Arts and Letters event and the Library staff for their assistance, particularly **Andy Gordon**. There are pictures in *SAPLings* and on the website. Parking costs were assumed by the Library, and those who attended enjoyed the presentations and refreshments. The Committee hopes to start earlier with the nominating process next year and to build on this year's success.

Media Website Committee – Nancy Gandara reports that a subset of the website Committee met in October and is still working on the PayPal access for membership dues with **Christie Smith** and **Alana Woods**. It should be available soon. If you haven't already renewed for 2014, you might want to wait until you can pay on-line to help test the system. There will be a report in the next issue of *SAPLings*.

BookCellar Committee – Tom Nemeth reminded members that the next BookCellar sale will run for 7 days, from Monday, December 2, through Sunday, December 8. All books will be half-price except Easy Readers. Linda mentioned that Trinity University Library is helping refer book contributions on an on-going basis. Sales to date for the BookCellar: \$68,600.

OLD BUSINESS

By-laws for new groups – Nancy Gandara moved to accept the By-laws presented by the Las Palmas Friends in accordance with their meeting responsibilities for membership and elected officers. **Bob Mason** seconded. The motion carried. FOSAPL officially

welcomed the Friends Group from Las Palmas.

Delia Trimble, Las Palmas President, thanked Westfall, Cody, and Tobin Friends Groups for donating books for their first book sale, scheduled for December 7. The group is seeking involvement from area business organizations, and Our Lady of the Lake University has also promised their support. Delia reports the new group is very enthusiastic, is looking forward to their first sale event, and hopes to build on their current membership of 10 members. They also are working on outreach to area schools and developing activities within the library.

Nancy Gandara reminded Delia that the Las Palmas group would receive \$100 as a new Friends group, and Linda advised there may be another private donation available.

Regarding the By-laws for Pan American Friends, the most recent revision had not been received by the Board members and the Pan American elected representative was not present. After discussion and recommendations for editing of the By-laws, it was suggested that since there was no motion to approve the by-laws, the approval should be tabled.

Budget Committee – Beverly Duran presented the proposed budget, copies of which had been distributed to the group in attendance. The anticipated revenue of the BookCellar for 2014 was increased by \$10,000 based on their activity thus far. The total FOSAPL income for 2014 was estimated at \$83,900. Beverly discussed the budgeted expenses, particularly the ones that were changed or increased. Total expenses are estimated to be \$30,240. The amount for Library support is proposed for \$50,000. **Walter Ague** moved to accept the 2014 Budget as presented by the Treasurer. **Jackie Fremming** seconded, and the motion passed. The

budget was accepted as presented by Beverly.

NEW BUSINESS:

Friends 50th Anniversary Committee – Beth Graham, Mike Belisle and other members have been working on a calendar and possible events for the celebration. A 50th Anniversary medal was suggested for possible sale at the Fiesta store, and the Committee would like to develop a history of the San Antonio Friends. Linda discussed events in the early part of the year that would need consideration for scheduling.

There was a suggestion to have a Friends Appreciation Certificate to be awarded at the Annual Meeting.

There followed a great deal of discussion about awards in the past and the intended recipients. **Ronnie Retzlaff** moved that the Executive Board establish a Committee to develop the criteria and method of presentation for such awards and report to the Board. **Nancy Gandara** seconded. The motion carried.

Nominating Committee, 2014 – Arline Braswell and **Nancy Gandara** have agreed to serve as Co-Chairs of the Nominating Committee. Members of the Committee include **Shirley Coleman, Pat Mendiola, Karen Matson, Bob Mason, and Jackie Fremming**. Their proposed slate will be posted in the January *SAPLings*, with the election to be held at the Annual meeting.

Branch Library Reports – Gloria Malone reported that a group of residents in District 2 is working to develop a Friends group for the new library, which will open late in 2014 or 2015 at Highway 87 and Foster Road. They hope to build on the success of Carver's "KaBoom" effort during the summer, when Carver worked with SAPL and the Library Foundation to develop exercise areas for adults as well as a park atmosphere for

children outside the library to help in bringing the community together. No name has been selected as yet for the new facility.

David White, representing Landa, advised their Friends group has a tentative date of January 25 for the next book sale.

Maverick plans an early March date with a Preview sale. They planted a tree on the property in remembrance of deceased members.

Antoinette Franklin said Carver will need books for its April book sale and will be involved in the MLK Memorial in January.

Rowena Rodgers reported that Westfall has recently purchased a picnic table for the library.

Brook Hollow introduced their newly elected President, **Mark Robinson**.

Parman celebrated the City Neighborhood Night Out event as well as a Spooky Walk event for Halloween and recently held an appreciation dinner for staff.

Yolanda Kirkpatrick reported that Forest Hills had an impromptu book sale yesterday that was very successful. She also mentioned that an early member of the Mission friends, **Roberto Anguiano**, was injured in a fall and asked that we send him a card. Linda promised we would do so.

Las Palmas representative **Delia Trimble** reminded members of their December 7 book sale.

Thousand Oaks also has a book sale scheduled for the first Saturday in December.

Pat Konstam reminded representatives that you can get materials for your book sale from the BookCellar but you need to plan ahead.

Cody had a very successful book sale and found 14 new members. Members of the FOSAPL Board were invited to have refreshments that the Cody Friends had provided.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.



Brook Hollow

The Brook Hollow Library Friends' officers are:

- **Mark Robinson**, President
- **Katherine Kay**, Vice President
- **Neal Bjornson**, Treasurer
- **Phyllis Beach**, Secretary

The Brook Hollow Library will be hosting the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting on Jan. 22, including the refreshments.

Rachael Barrera of our Children's department has been leading our current Therapy Dogs program. This month, *The San Antonio Express-News* will feature an article on the success of this program and how it helps children learn to read. In the upcoming months, Rachael will introduce Discovery Time programs that focus on math and science for children between the ages of 4 and 6.

With the new addition of the book sale rack since June 2013, we've averaged sales between \$50 to \$100 per week.

The Friends group has provided the following:

- Staff lockers for library employees to store personal belongings during work hours
- A free-standing Information Kiosk for posts of local library events and announcements located near the front entrance
- New shelf adapters to organize and display CDs and videos

We will host our annual staff appreciation dinner in February.

Our next board meeting will be held at the end of March; the date is to be determined.

Mark Robinson

Carver

The Carver Friends have had a terrific year. Our plans for the next few months include:

Jan. 11—Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial. Guest speaker **Dr. Langston Williams**, pastor and member of the Talented Tenth 2011, 11-3. Topic: How Can I Keep Dr. King Alive.

Feb. 28—Mar. 1—Black Writers Weekend. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet writers and communicate. The topic to be addressed is Why I Write. **Mary Morrison**, noted Romance Writer, and **Frank Watson**, Poet Laureate of Kentucky. Time and places will be announced.

Antoinette V. Franklin

Igo

With the Advent of Christmas upon us, I realized a year (2013) is coming to an end, however, a new year is about to begin. I believe it is best described as a never-ending circle. All our plans for the Igo branch Library have been met, and we can soon rest until the start of the new year!

Our new officers will be elected at our Dec. 7 meeting and will take office after the old business of the January meeting: Jan. 4. The budgets for the new year will be submitted at the December meeting to be voted on and approved. Our Spring book sale will be April 5-6.

Igo Friends held a very successful Elderberries Thanksgiving Luncheon on Nov. 21. About 45 people enjoyed good food, music from the Pickin' and Grinnin' Band, and dancing with our Ballroom Dance Instructor **J. P. Davila**.

Tom Hill & Irene Scharf

Las Palmas

Las Palmas Friends-sponsored Christmas crafts

activity during our book sale on Dec. 7.

Delia Ramirez Trimble

Maverick

Maverick Friends had a busy meeting in November as we firmed up plans for our holiday party, began planning our next book sale and approved two expenditures.

Children's Librarian **Amy Roberts** requested additional scientific die cuts for use in the children's programs. Branch manager **Jef Martin** asked the Friends to purchase two media browsing chests to relieve some of the crowding on the shelves. We are also waiting to receive end panels that are back ordered.

The next Maverick book sale will be Mar. 1-2. Thanks to Librarian **Ben Longoria**, we have a copy of Dr. Marco Portales' *A Mexican Revolution Photo History* to raffle at the sale.

On Dec. 3, we gathered at Café Milano on Bandera at Eckhart for our holiday dinner. As usual, everyone had a great time. Unfortunately, no one remembered to bring a camera, so we have no photos to share.

The Maverick Friends wish everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Sue Ratliff

Mission

Local poet, **Victoria Garcia Zapata Klein**, presented a poetry reading during the book sale on Saturday, Oct. 12. The book sale was a great success with sales exceeding \$400, which will be used to fund many activities scheduled at the library in the next few months, including:

Native-American Heritage Month celebration: The Mission Library conducted interviews of community members interested in sharing their personal stories related to their lives growing up near the missions. The library hosted a small

reception on Friday, Dec. 13. The public was invited to view a slideshow and listen to the resulting interviews. This was just the start of a wonderful project underway by the Mission Library to chronicle and archive area experiences to be shared with the public.

The library hosted Los Pastorelas, a centuries old Christmas drama in the Mission Courtyard on Dec. 15. Pastorelas are plays that recreate the biblical passage of the shepherds following the Star of Bethlehem to find the baby Jesus, the Messiah. The shepherds experience a series of challenges and confront the Devil, who will do everything possible to prevent them from completing their mission. Archangel Michael intervenes to assist the shepherds on their journey.

Luis Sanchez, a local designer and decorator donated his time to build Christmas ornaments and decorate the Mission Library Christmas tree.

Josie Martinez

Parman

Parman Friends had our second annual book sale in November. For most of our members, it was their first book sale, so we learned a lot and made notes for the next sale. We successfully placed many used books in good homes and made some money in the process. On Oct. 28, Parman Library hosted the annual Spooky Walk. Elaborate and creative decorations were made and placed along the nature trail behind the library building. Special "rooms" were created along the trail. There was the Jane Austin tea room, Dracula room, and a prison. The Friends provided the supplies to make the rooms and decorations. The Friends had a table where we handed out glow-in-the-dark bracelets and necklaces and promoted the Friends organization. More than 1,000 people

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Getting to Know Your Friends – Roberto Anguiano

Stephanie Serrato

On the Thursday before Thanksgiving, I joined **Roberto Anguiano** and his lovely wife **Rosie** at their beautiful home on the south side of the city. We sat in the living room talking about family and the upcoming holidays. I couldn't help but notice that the walls of the living room were adorned with many pictures of their children and grandchildren. Roberto told me he met his wife at a dance, and they were married at Mission San Jose on January 9, 1960. The couple has five (5) children and six (6) grandchildren. Roberto exuded pure joy while discussing his family, and he told me that his interest in volunteer work is the direct result of his being an involved parent and playing an active role in his children's education.

Roberto Anguiano attended Fox Tex High School and joined the Air Force in 1958 at the age of 17. Roberto stated that the Air Force gave him several

opportunities to advance his own education and that he studied to become a water sanitation specialist. His lengthy training provided him with numerous professional licenses, experience, and the expertise that would make his career in this field possible. Roberto worked for the San Antonio Water System as a waste water manager for more than 25 five years. He was responsible for all of the recycling plants throughout the city. Roberto retired from SAWS in 1996, but stayed on their advisory board and was subsequently appointed to the SAWS Board of Trustees in 2004 where he remained until this past October.

Our interview then turned to the library system and how he became involved with the Friends. Roberto confessed to a long-time interest in genealogy and that was when we realized that we share a mutual friend, namely **Yolanda Kirpatrick**. Roberto told me that like Yolanda, he is also a member of the prestigious

genealogy group, Los Bexarenos Genealogy and Historical Society, and that it was at her suggestion that he and Rosie become Friends of the library, which, in turn, led him to become President of the Friends at the Mission Branch on Roosevelt. The Friends group is currently working on various fundraising projects that will enable them to finance educational programming at their branch.

Roberto is and has always been a staunch community activist and a member of several community improvement associations, including the River Improvement Oversight Committee and Los Vecinos de las Misiones, which is a non-profit group that is meant to improve the quality of life for the surrounding community and to spur economic development. Roberto also informed me that he is currently working on a project to bring a YMCA facility to the south side. Roberto stated he has been working along with **Joe Bueno**, Vice President of

Operations at YMCA, and they have recently received a memo of understanding from the city that will allow them to pursue funding for the project. Furthermore, a resolution has just been passed with the library board to support the YMCA project since the site will juxtapose the Mission branch. Finally, to add to Roberto's impressive and long list of accomplishments, he has been recommended by former mayor **Lila Cockrell** to sit on an advisory committee for the Hot Wells Restoration project that will hopefully spawn economic growth in that struggling community.

Before I realized it, hours had gone by and not wanting to impose upon the Anguianos further, I wrapped up my visit and was completely in awe of such a generous man. To both Mr. and Mrs. Anguiano, thank you very much for your time and hospitality. Cheers to all of your hard work!

Until next time . . .

Branch Leaves, from p 4.

walked the trail and enjoyed the event. We also funded a Teddy Bear Sleepover. The children left a stuffed animal at the library for the night. The next morning they picked up their animals and watched a slide show and video of the animals' adventures at the library during the night.

Karen Fritzlen

Tobin at Oakwell

Tobin at Oakwell Friends held a successful book sale in November. Our book sale chairperson, **Janet Goddard**,

thanked all our volunteers, with special appreciation going to the nine MacTeach volunteers from MacArthur High School and three Tobin Teen volunteers who made the set up and tear down of the sale a breeze.

Our enthusiastic Children's Librarian **Ariel Cummins** is improving and rearranging the Children's collection, getting ideas from parents and children. She is encouraging connections to the community, visiting monthly with schools and day-care centers.

The digital photo frame at the library front desk is up and running with pictures of library activities and acknowledgements of appreciation for Friends' support.

Tracey Knouse, our Library Manager, is organizing a holiday lunch for staff on December 17 and our Friends group will provide barbecue from Rudy's.

Joan Hildreth has again coordinated the purchase of poinsettias from the Lion's Club for holiday decoration of the Library.

Happy holidays to everyone!

Arline Braswell

Westfall

Westfall's Nov. 1 book sale was a great success due to our many helpers and shoppers. Thanks for all the hard work.

On Dec. 16, **Robert G. Rodriguez**, SAPD, spoke about "Senior Safety, Online, Out and About." On Jan. 11, the Friends will hold their annual business meeting at 11 a.m. Please attend and learn more how you can help our favorite library.

Pat Cummins

Fifty Years of Life Members

Christie Smith

We take this opportunity to thank those who joined as "Life" Friends long ago, and welcome those who have recently made that generous donation. When the Membership Secretary or any of the officers of the Friends learns that a Life member has passed away, a donation of \$100 is sent to the San Antonio Public Library, for purchase of books in memory of that Friend. Current Life members are listed below; please let us know if you believe there are errors or omissions in the list, so that we may make corrections if necessary.

Bob & Bea Adams	J.C. Hollimon	Mrs. Laura G. Richmond
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Adams	John N. Igo, Jr.	Rudi R. Rodriguez
Charles Adkisson	Sherwood & Bebe Inkley	Dona Schenker
Dr. Felix D. Almaraz, Jr.	Mrs. Frank W. Jennings	Kathleen M. Schock
Richard Alvarado	Robert L. & Elizabeth Jones	Scottish F.M. Rite
Mr. & Mrs. M.L. Alwais	Clare Marie Karabasz	Martita Seeligson
Linda Arronge	Betty & Bob Kelso	Dr. & Mrs. A. Severance
Blanche Ashbrook	Richard Kleberg III	Larry Sheerin
Ms. Jessie Bailey	Graham & Anne Knight	Edward H. Slezak
Karen E. Baker	Jade Lamb	Christie A. Smith
Mrs. Karen Balcom	Jonathan Lamb	Sarah Smith
Denise M. Barlow	Richard J. Lamb	Barbara Stanush
Dr. George W. Beddingfield	David Liserio	John T. Steen, Jr.
Mrs. William A. Beinhorn, Jr.	Mrs. Robert M. Luby	Barbara Steinhauser
R.W. Betts	Alice Ann Lynch	Conrad Sterrett
Charles & Virginia Bowden	Dr. Daniel E. Macias	Mari M. Stolarski
Orville Carr	Paula Massengale	Jocelyn L. Straus
Charles & Nancy Cheever Jr.	Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Mathews	Patrick H. Swearingen, Jr.
Mrs. Edward V. Cheviot	Caroline Matthews	Josephine Houston Thompson
Don & Dr. Betty Child	Mrs. Mary McAfee	Ann Tobin
Mary F. Clee	Martha McCabe	Gilbert Vara
Danee Crouch	Mr. & Mrs. John McCamish	Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Vaughan
Robert C. Cruise	Mr. Oswin McCarty	Patsy Warncke
Elizabeth M. Culhane	Kathleen McCloskey	Dr. Ralph Wells
Ruth Coward Cunningham	William D. McDavid	Nancy Glass West
Dr. Jacqueline O. Dansby	Rose Marie McElfresh	Jo Ann Wigodsky
C. Robert Daubert	Dr. Martha M. Mead	Janet C. Wilke
Laura Albrecht Davis	Cora E. Meskill	Ed & Judy Wilson
Ralph & Meg Domas	John & Judy Mumma	Junette Kirkham Woller
Craig and Pat Donegan	Alicia G. Muniz	Virginia Y. Wong
Deborah Douglas	Josephine P. Myler	Lori Wright
Diane Duesterhoeft	Linda Child Nairn	I-Tien Yeh
Lucy E. Duncan	John E. Newman, Jr.	Sylvia Zamarripa
David G. Ennist	Ronald K. Obadal	Betty D. Zinn
Sheila G. Figueroa	Mrs. Frederick Oppenheimer	Necia Wolff
Mary L. Gallagher	Susan Oppenheimer	
Alicia Zavala Galvan	David Oppenheimer	
Eric & Nancy Gandara	Mary Anne Parker	
Deliley Gatson	William A. Parker	
Mr. & Mrs. Jack E. Gorman	Donna Perez	
Linda Graham	Mr. & Mrs. O.S. Petty	
Mr. & Mrs. Cosmo F. Guido	Mary Philip	
Thomas L. Guido	Michael C. Phillips	
Brazos V. Guido	Elizabeth D. Podesta	
Robert E. Harris	Joy G. Price	
Jack Hebdon	Fonzie Quance-Fitch	
Stacey Lynn Hill	B. Wayne & Sue Ratliff	
George C. (Tim) Hixon	Judy W. Renick	

FOSAPL Job Announcement Membership Secretary

The Membership Secretary, appointed by the president, shall be responsible for keeping accurate records of member contact information, making regular reports to the directors and secretary of branch group Friends, and for acquiring an adequate supply of materials needed to facilitate member recruitment. The Membership Secretary will coordinate and share information with the Newsletter and Website committee personnel as needed to ensure communication is available to all members.

Dear Friends,
Having served as your Membership Secretary (MS) for 3 years, I shall step down from this position at the end of March 2014. Although I have enjoyed my tenure, it is time for me to move on and for someone else to bring their energy and creativity to this position. Many of our branch officers serve in their positions for several years but our Executive, Board and special positions are designed for 2+-year terms. I believe that it is good for all organizations to have regular turnover in leadership to keep the organization vibrant, current and aware of the changing times.

The job description for the Membership Secretary is current and accurate. It describes the basic requirement which, actually, consumes only a modest amount of time. It is important that the MS have some basic computer skills—at this time, in Microsoft Excel. I assure you, my skills are rudimentary and I KNOW that many of you have skills far

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KaBOOM! at Carver



*There were many volunteers to help build the KaBOOM! playground at Carver including Library Director **Ramiro Salazar**. Photo submitted by **Antoinette Franklin**.*



MS, from p 6.

exceeding mine and could improve on the efficiency of this job! Since assuming this role, the time requirement for the position has diminished significantly as we are now using a printer and mailing service for the issue of our membership renewal campaign, are sending membership cards only as requested, and are designing the new website to accommodate password-protected access to the online membership directory (still under development).

I have enjoyed my time as Membership Secretary because I have met many Friends whom I would not have otherwise (it is so nice to meet and talk to Friends whose names I recognize from the database, and to help them prepare for their book sales, etc.). The position also provides access to organizational information that is of significant value to the branches as they try to improve their membership base.

Though the job description is written as a one-person role, it is suited to shared responsibilities between spouses or friends. As many of us are retired or still working, I

BookCellar News

Pat Konstam

The BookCellar
Central Library Basement
Open 11:00 a.m.-3 p.m. every
day plus 3-7 p.m. Thursdays
Telephone (210) 227-9519



The BookCellar's annual volunteer appreciation luncheon and apron award ceremony was held Nov. 11 at the Liberty Bar restaurant, attended by 43 volunteers and guests. **Linda Arronge** handled arrangements.

Eight volunteers received purple aprons personalized with their names in recognition of completing at least 50 hours of work in the store. They are **Alyce Bowman, Linda Cheatum, Karen Fritzlen, Cristian Gomez, Charlotte Greathouse, David Humphrey, Jesse Valdez** and **Alondra Zapata**. Two long-time volunteers who have retired from the BookCellar during the past year were honored. They are **Jeanne Papa** and **Norm Sonnenschein**, who began working at the store when it first opened 22 years ago.

The BookCellar Committee has added two new members: **Mary Chance**, who volunteers on Wednesdays, and **Cindy Conley**, who works Fridays, Saturdays and, if needed, Sundays.

In November the store benefited from an unusual project initiated by a University of the Incarnate Word faculty member. **Kristen Kaufman Raaberg**, an instructor in the Department of Engineering, offered her physics students the opportunity to add

an extra five points to their average grades by working one to five hours in the BookCellar. This option was in addition to the community service required for graduation at UIW. During a single week, 37 students came in to work, creating a flurry of books being sorted, numbered and shelved.

The BookCellar's January buy-one-get-one special is the 600 Dewey Decimal section, a category rich in help for personal makeovers that people tend to embark on at the start of a new year. The 600s include diet and fitness, improving health, rejuvenating clothes and beauty care, organizing time, reducing clutter, fixing up a house, improving work performance and hunting a better job.

Continuing the store's traditional celebration of February as the month of romance, paperback romances will be priced at 12 for \$1.00 during that month. There also will be some Presidents Day specials.

Even after two big fall sales, the store's shelves and display tables are full, thanks to library withdrawals and private donations. Come in and browse for books, music and films to enjoy on cold winter nights.

find it encouraging to be able to volunteer in a "shared responsibility" status and not be totally encumbered by this volunteer position. I have received much support from my mentors, **Claudia** and **Joe Kohler**, and continued assistance from other Friends since. So shall you. We shall be reaching out to you over the next few

months to ask for your support of FOSAPL by serving as Membership Secretary. In the interim, don't hesitate to contact us through info@friendsofsalibrary.org for more information!

Thank you for being a Friend.
Christie Smith
FOSAPL Membership
Secretary

Parman



More than 1,000 people visited Parman's annual Spooky Walk. Parman also hosted a Teddy Bear Sleep-over. Photos submitted by **Karen Fritzlen**. More photos are available at www.friendsofsapl.org.



Guerra



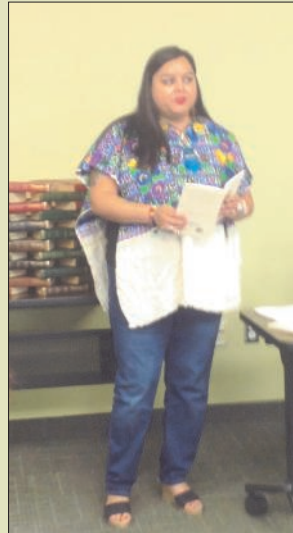
Among the guests at the reopening of Guerra Library were Councilman **Ray Lopez**, **Dolores Huber**, **Lora Eckler**, **Ann Cleve**, and **Linda Arronge**. Photos submitted by **Linda Arronge**. More photos on www.friendsofsapl.org.

Igo Elderberries

Igo Friends held a very successful Elderberries Thanksgiving Luncheon. About 45 people enjoyed good food, music from the Pickin' and Grinnin' Band, and dancing with our Ballroom Dance Instructor **J.P. Davila**. Photos submitted by **Irene Scharf**. More photos on www.friendsofsapl.org.



Mission



Victoria Garcia Zapata Klein, local poet, presented a poetry reading during the October Mission book sale. Photo submitted by **Josie Martinez**.

Tobin at Oakwell



The Christmas book tree and a book angel were created by Tobin Library Assistant Branch Manager **Keri Moczygemba** with leftover books from the November book sale. The creations add a festive touch to the library. Photo submitted by **Janet Goddard**.

Happy New Year!



Connect

Connect at Central (*Connect*) is an all-new, 12,800 square foot technology space made possible by a Federal Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) grant. This \$1.5 million grant project enabled the San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) to build Connect and make technology and broadband enhancement projects possible at 13 branch libraries.

Since its soft opening in August, Connect continues to help bridge the digital divide in our community by:

- Reducing the wait time for public computers by providing more than 100 desktop computers, as well as 15 laptops and 20 Google Nexus seven tablets available for checkout within the Library.
- Upgrading the Teen Services department with 18 new iMac computers and furniture upgrades.
- Providing easier training opportunities with a public training space to be used for instructor-led digital classes and library programs.
- Introducing a “technology test drive” component with iPads and a variety of tablets that support digital literacy, educate about emerging technologies and showcase the Library’s digital collection of

36,000 items available for download and checkout.

- Providing free, faster Wi-Fi with a new gigabit connection that parallels Google Fiber, as a result of the City of San Antonio’s Information Technology Services Improvements.

Additional information about SAPL and *Connect* can be found at www.mysapl.org.



Connect at Central Library. Photo submitted by Alana Woods.

Las Palmas



Las Palmas Friends sponsored a Christmas crafts activity during the December book sale. Photos submitted by Delia Ramirez Trimble.

Black & White, and Re(a)d All Over

Nancy Gandara

For longer than we can remember, Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) has very generously subsidized a large percentage of the cost of printing of our newsletter, and many Friends have volunteered to fold, “tab” and prepare the hundreds of copies for mailing every two months. We were recently informed, however, that SwRI is no longer able to continue their donation, so the FOSAPL Executive Committee solicited bids from companies that provide printing and mailing services. Five bids were received, and PC Mailing Services was selected. Most issues of *SAPLings* will be reduced to 8 pages. Readers will be directed to view color photos, the Treasurer’s Report and forms (such as for Membership, donations, and memorials) on our website, www.friendsofsapl.org.

Memorials and Donations

Sheila Figueroa

In Memory of

Ray Altman, Jr.
T.R. Fehrenbach
William Jefferson
Claudia Kohler

By

Patricia J. Williamson
John S. Jockusch
Joyce V. Jefferson
Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

Donations

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Paul Fitzpatrick
Manfred and Mary Jane Groth
Marsha Jean Hesse-Oxley
John Igo
Patricia Jordt
Ray and Lucille Lammert
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Malone
Thomas R. Mauermann
Landon H. Middleton

Linda Child Nairn
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Sarah Smith
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Patrick H. Swearingen, Jr.
Dru Van Steenberg
Bettie Ward
Charlotte Wenger
Lucy Reid Wilson
Lori Wright

~~ Honors, Memorials and Gifts Form ~~

Honor a loved one, family or friends with a remembrance for birthdays, anniversaries, other special occasions, or a "just because." Doing so can also be a wonderful, thoughtful and lasting way to honor the memory of relatives or friends. If you like, add a brief note about the recipient of your honors on the back of the form. No donation now? Save the form for future use.

I would like to make the following donation of

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Please fill out the form, make your check payable to

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

and mail the form with check to:

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

ATTN: Honors, Memorials and Gifts

P.O. Box 461523, San Antonio, TX 78246

Please send a Memorial Friends Acknowledgement to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

My name and address is:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

~ All Donations Are Tax Deductible ~

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ ☐ UNLISTED ☐ DO NOT PUBLISH

Email Address: _____

☐ I'll read the newsletter electronically OR ☐ Send newsletter to me via US mail

I WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST WITH:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Sales
<input type="checkbox"/> Committees (Budget, Arts & Letters, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> FOSAPL Board of Directors
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality
<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity & Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Appreciation Events
<input type="checkbox"/> Political Advocacy
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering in the BookCellar (<i>Volunteers receive a discount on their purchases when working a full 4-hour shift.</i>) |
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MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (Adult) | \$ 15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dual (Adult) | \$ 25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (Teen, ages 13-18) | \$ 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron (per Person) | \$ 50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing (per Person) | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life (per Person) | \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business | \$ 25 |

FOSAPL membership year is Jan 1-Dec 31.

☐ Please send me a membership card.

The **BookCellar** is located in the basement of the Central Library and is open Friday-Wednesday from 11-3 and Thursday from 11-7 (when the Library is open).

STATUS/PAYMENT:

- ☐ New Member
☐ Renewal
☐ Branch Group: _____
☐ Additional Donation \$ _____

Donations are always welcome! Please specify:

- ☐ SAPL \$ _____
☐ FOSAPL \$ _____
☐ Branch Library \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Note: Your contribution is tax deductible

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **Friends of the San Antonio Public Library**

Mail this form and your check to: Friends of the San Antonio Public Library, P.O. Box 461523, San Antonio, TX 78246

Treasurer's Report

October 31, 2013
Submitted by **Beverly Duran**

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

FOSAPL INCOME	BUDGET	FOSAPL YTD	FOSAPL SEPT-OCT
BookCellar sales	70,000.00	71,880.47	17,963.57
BookCellar sales tax withheld		(5,414.02)	(1,365.75)
Donations and memorials	2,000.00	2,527.18	311.24
Interest	300.00	326.85	69.16
Membership	8,000.00	5,965.00	690.00
FOSAPL INCOME	80,300.00	75,285.48	17,668.22

BUDGET EXPENSES	BUDGET	YTD	SEPT-OCT
Accounting	1,200.00	1,130.00	770.00
Arts and Letters program	700.00	585.21	585.21
Bank charges	100.00	41.50	
FOSAPL Board expenses (refreshments/6 mtgs)		300.00	24.75
FOSAPL Insurance	1,000.00	879.28	184.28
Friends recognition	100.00		
Fundraising program	400.00		
Membership recruitment	1,200.00	470.15	
Newsletter prep/editing & printing	3,650.00	2,476.18	440.37
Office supplies	200.00	168.11	
Parking	400.00		
Postage (bulk mail, post office box, postage)	1,000.00	745.90	61.33
President's expenses	200.00	209.29	
Seed money for new groups	100.00		
Website maintenance (reg., monthly fee, wm)		1,000.00	411.53
FOSAPL Budget Expense Total	11,550.00	7,141.90	2,041.19

BookCellar Expenses

Advertising	800.00		
Book sale(s) expenses/office supplies	1,000.00	928.10	361.06
Commodities for resale	2,400.00	2,079.07	328.60
Equipment and maintenance	500.00	299.99	299.99
BookCellar insurance	1,100.00	1,046.00	-
Printing and copying	400.00	197.55	197.55
Recruitment of volunteer workers	-		
Salary and benefits	8,000.00	7,026.00	1,493.16
Twenty Year Anniversary Celebration	-		
Volunteer appreciation	1,250.00	184.49	72.43
Book Cellar Budget Expense Total	15,450.00	11,761.20	2,752.79

Library Support

Public programming & staff development	35,000.00	35,000.00	17,500.00
Donations from FOSAPL members	no budget amt	487.50	
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members	no budget amt	400.00	
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	62,000.00	54,790.60	22,293.98

FOSAPL BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME	SEPT-OCT	YTD
Donations	256.22	7,656.28
Income from book sales, Book Nook/Cart sales, fundraisers	14,564.75	57,954.24
Memberships	175.00	1,880.00
BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME	14,995.97	67,490.52
Branch Friends group operating expenses	709.34	6,177.13
Branch group purchases for Library Branch/department	4,793.98	56,178.23

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

Bank Accounts

Compass Money Market *****8659	137,134.75
BookCellar deposits	
Compass Money Market Gold ***-***4644	30,050.00
Compass Checking ***-***8736	11,215.55
Total Assets	178,400.30
Branch Designated Funds (-)	(86,549.82)
Branch Designated Funds, unclaimed (-)	(268.56)
Checks outstanding (-)	(2,754.23)
Net Assets for FOSAPL Use	88,827.69

Branch and Support Group Funds Balance of October 31, 2013

Bazan	826.34
Brook Hollow	16,078.43
Carver	3,191.93
Central	1,021.73
Cody	2,316.87
Collins Garden	1,339.99
Cortez	1,382.46
Forest Hills	1,037.81
Great Northwest	2,847.21
Guerra	4,369.78
Igo	10,462.36
Johnston	4,339.83
Landa	1,036.70
Las Palmas	265.90
Maverick	6,207.56
McCreless	413.08
Memorial	3,636.62
Mission	2,265.40
Pan American	10.00
Parman	1,587.64
Semmes	5,981.89
Texana/genealogy	5,172.69
Thousand Oaks	2,561.95
Tobin at Oakwell	5,069.73
Westfall	3,125.92
Total group funds	86,549.82

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, January 19

2:00 p.m.

Central Library

600 Soledad St.



All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting. Library Director **Ramiro Salazar** will speak about the State of the Library, and we will elect new Board members for 2014-2016.

A reception will follow with refreshments. Parking tickets for the Library Garage will be validated for Friends members.



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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Because dates and times change occasionally, please call to verify information.

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| January 11 | Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial, Carver, guest speaker Dr. Langston Williams , 11-3. |
| January 18 | Great Northwest Friends book sale, 10-4. |
| January 19 | Friends of SAPL Annual General Meeting, Central Library, 2 p.m. |
| January 20 | Library closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| January 22 | San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting , Brook Hollow Library |
| January 25 | Landa Friends book sale |
| February 1-2 | Memorial Friends book sale. |
| Feb. 28-Mar. 1 | Black Writers Weekend, Carver, time and places TBD. |
| March 1-2 | Maverick Friends book sale, 10-4. |
| April 5-6 | Igo Friends book sale |

Note: Each branch Friends group has a designated representative to the Board. However, these Board meetings are open to the general membership. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Brook Hollow Library
530 Heimer Road, 78232
210-496-6315

Carver Library
3350 E. Commerce St, 78220
210-225-7801

Central Library
600 Soledad Street, 78205
210-207-2500

Great Northwest
9050 Wellwood, 78250
210-207-9210

Igo Library
13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy, 78249
210-561-6113 (also TTY)

Landa Library
233 Bushnell, 78212
210-732-8369

Maverick Library
8700 Mystic Park, 78254
210-680-9346

Memorial Library
3222 Culebra, 78228
210-432-6783