



## News from the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

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### *From the President*

Dear Friends,

I don't know which is more satisfying, remembering challenges we met in 2017 or anticipating opportunities for fun that await us in 2018.

To get a taste of both, mark your calendar for **Sunday, Jan. 21**, to attend the Annual Meeting at the **Central Library at 2 p.m.** We'll vote for new and returning board members, get reacquainted with Friends from all over the city, review accomplishments of the past year, and hear about exciting plans for SAPL and its Friends for the year ahead.

You can have a preview of those plans when you look at the 2018 Budget that the board approved on Nov. 19 (see page 11). For example:

- We'll be having a Branch Officers' Workshop—perhaps about using social media to promote a group? use of the Square, to capture credit card sales? fundraisers other than book sales? (Send your suggestions to me at [nancy.gandara@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nancy.gandara@sbcglobal.net)!)
- Branch groups will be receiving signs and brochures to assist them in membership recruitment
- Even more effective marketing of the Arts & Letters Awards program, to attract a larger audience for this unique cultural event

Also note that FOSAPL will be donating \$60,000 to the Library that will be used to support public programs, marketing efforts, and a Transformational Staff Development Day. Purchases and services provided with these funds are designated by the library administration and benefit the employees and library users across Bexar County.

During the coming year, consider adding a volunteer commitment to your calendar—if you enjoy shopping at the BookCellar, you would *love* to volunteer there! Each volunteer who works a four-hour shift is eligible for a 50% discount on items purchased that day, receives free parking in the adjacent garage, and training is provided for the wide variety of tasks that keep our used-book store thriving.

Finally, have you renewed your membership yet? Pay by PayPal or credit card through our website, or send a check in a membership envelope available at any library. Or, bring it with you when you come to the Annual Meeting—I'll see you there!

Cheers,

*Nancy Gandara*



### ANNUAL FOSAPL MEETING

**Sunday, January 21, 2018, at 2 p.m.**

**Central Library Auditorium**

Keynote Speaker: **Ramiro Salazar**, Library Director

Election of Board Members

Be entered to win a **prize**: bring someone with you who joins the Friends that day!

*Free parking in the library garage*

### Nominating Committee Report

**Karen Matson, Chair**

Election of the Board of Directors will be held at the **Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2018**, at the **Central Library at 2 p.m.** The floor will be open for additional nominations. If you want to nominate someone, you must have his or her approval.

Standing for election to the 2018–2020 term are:

Kathy Bee	Delores Huber	Veronica Rouse
Barbara Chavez	Linda Janney	Ann Springer
Shirley Coleman	Mary McAfee	Cheryl Whelan
Jose Duran	David Parsons	Sandra Wilkinson
Fred Garza	Rowena Rodgers	Sylvia Zamarripa

Current board members in the middle of the 2017–2019 term are:

Liz Alves	Pat Konstam	Stephanie Serrata
Bev Duran	Bob Mason	Delia Trimble
Bruce Gill	Patricia Mendiola	
Yolanda Kirkpatrick	Pat Peak	

The Nominating Committee would like to extend a sincere thank you to **Arlene Braswell**, **Antoinette Franklin**, and **Jill Zimmerman**, each of whom has completed three two-year terms on the Board of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library, and to **Beverly Harris** who served for two two-year terms.

Respectfully submitted by the members of the Nominating Committee:  
**Karen Matson, Mike Belisle, Kim Cauthon, Richard Morales, and Mary Esther Valdez.**

### Time to Renew Your Membership

Send your renewal in an envelope with your payment or go online (<https://form.jotform.com/friendsofsapl/fosapl-membership>) to renew using PayPal or your credit card. Everyone who joins or renews their membership for 2018 will receive a coupon that may be redeemed at the BookCellar (see page 5). Join today and bring your family, friends, and neighbors with you!

## Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

Sunday, November 19, 2017 • Schaefer Branch Library

Submitted by **Beth Graham**, Secretary

The Board of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL) met on Sunday, November 19, 2017, at the Schaefer Branch Library. President **Nancy Gandara** called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Secretary **Beth Graham** called the roll and declared that a quorum was present.

Board members present were: **Nancy Gandara, Kim Cauthon, Linda Cheatum, Beth Graham, Karen Matson, Liz Alves, Arline Braswell, Beverly Duran, José Duran, Antoinette Franklin, Beverly Harris, Linda Janney, Pat Konstam, Robert Mason, Mary McAfee, Pat Mendiola, Veronica Rouse, Rowena Rogers, Stephanie Serrata, Delia Trimble, Sandra Wilkinson, and Jill Zimmerman.**

Guests and other Friends members in attendance included **Margarita de León** and **Gloria Malone** (San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees); **Richard Morales** (Chair, BookCellar Committee); **Jo Ann Harris, James E. McNamara, and Gloria Ann Weaver** (Schaefer Branch Friends); **Sylvia Zamarripa** (Bazan Branch Friends); and **Jorge Chavez** (Schaefer Branch Manager).

**Approval of Minutes:** **Jill Zimmerman** asked that the minutes from September 17, 2017, be amended to include the bond funds for improvements at the McCreless Branch Library. **José Durán** moved to approve the minutes with that correction; **Mary McAfee** seconded, and the motion was approved.

**President's Report:** **Nancy Gandara** reported she had attended meetings of branch Friends groups at Landa, John-

ston, Great Northwest, Schaefer, and Potranco; trained the Schaefer Branch Friends treasurer; and delivered the Potranco Friends' book cart money box. She attended the ceremony to name the Brook Hollow Branch meeting room in honor of long-time Friends and supporters **Neil and Pat Bjornson**. She was a guest at a dinner given by the Carver Branch staff in appreciation of the Carver Friends, and worked at the Landa Branch Library 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. She participated in the Public Relations Society of America Gift of Guidance publicity and public relations workshop for non-profits. She also attended two meetings of the BookCellar committee and two meetings of the Library Board of Trustees.

Nancy was also pleased to announce that she had applied for a grant from Fidelity Investments Charitable Gift Trust Fund, and that the Friends had received a \$500 award. She thanked Library Executive Assistant **Jessica Zurita** for her assistance in completing the necessary documentation for the grant application.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer **Linda Cheatum** presented the Treasurer's Reports for September 30 and October 31, 2017, and noted that the line showing "unidentified income" included Square transactions that had not yet been reported by the locations where they took place. **Mary McAfee** moved that the reports be accepted; **Stephanie Serrata** seconded, and the motion passed without opposition.

### LIAISON REPORTS

**Library Administration:** Library Director **Ramiro Salazar** recognized Library trustee-

tees **Margarita de León** and **Gloria Malone** and thanked them for attending the meeting. He announced that the Schaefer Branch Library had received a \$10,000 grant from Dollar General Stores. He reported that the Landa 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration had been a great success and that Landa would be undergoing a second phase of improvements. He added that additional development would also take place in the Schaefer Branch vicinity to create a connection from the library to a San Antonio Water System easement park. Ramiro noted that the Central Library Latino Collection and Resource Center celebrated its grand opening on September 19 and that the Library Foundation had hosted a Catrina Ball on October 28 in honor of the new resource center. He added that, since the Latino Collection's relocation to the first floor of the Central Library, circulation of Latino resources was up 38%. Ramiro reported that the Library was continuing its initiative to co-locate with other City services and organizations by opening a City Council District 8 field office at Igo Branch Library and reminded the group that there is a virtual District 7 field office at Maverick Branch Library. He invited everyone to attend the Thousand Oaks Branch Library 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on December 9 and the Igo Branch Library 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on December 16. Ramiro noted that the Library was collecting community input on a proposal to name the Mission Branch Library meeting room in honor of long-time branch supporter

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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

Nancy Gandara .....President  
Kim Cauthon ..... Vice President  
Beth Graham ..... Secretary  
Linda Cheatum ..... Treasurer  
Karen Matson ..... Immediate Past Pres

### MEMBERSHIP

**SECRETARY**...Kim Cauthon

### BOARD MEMBERS

#### 2016–2018 Term:

Arline Braswell • Shirley Coleman  
Jose Duran • Antoinette Franklin  
Bruce Gill • Beverly Harris • Linda Janney • Mary McAfee • Rowena Rodgers • Veronica Rouse  
Sandra Wilkinson • Jill Zimmerman

#### 2017–2019 Term:

Liz Alves • Linda Arronge  
Beverly Duran • Yolanda Kirkpatrick  
Pat Konstam • Robert Mason  
Pat Mendiola • Pat Peak  
Stephanie Serrata • Delia Trimble

### SAPLINGS

Managing Editor..... Alana Woods

Newsletter is published every two months and can also be seen at [www.friendsofsapl.org](http://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](mailto: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  
Beth Graham • Angela Ehrenfried  
David Parsons • Stephanie Serrata • Alana Woods  
Nancy Gandara.....Ex Officio

**Roberto Anguiano**, and asked that anyone interested send comments to Library trustee **Linda Nairn**. Finally, he reported that the Library would be closed on Presidents Day, February 19, 2018, for staff development.

**Library Board of Trustees:** No report.

**San Antonio Public Library Foundation:** President **Tracey Bennett** reported that the Library Foundation had donated a total of \$800,000 to the Library in 2017. She noted that the San Antonio Book Festival was soliciting entries in their Teen Fiction Writing Contest for the 2018 festival. She also invited Friends members to attend a Literacy Luncheon featuring author **Tina Brown** at the St. Anthony Hotel on December 5 and noted that the event was a partnership with the City of San Antonio.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**BookCellar:** **Richard Morales** reported that the BookCellar had year-to-date sales of \$72,964 and that the donation box had collected \$879. He reminded attendees that the BookCellar would begin a 50% discount sale the Saturday after Thanksgiving and announced that this year's sale would also include a flea market. He noted that the committee had completed a performance review for manager **Andrea Mason**, and that copies were available for the FOSAPL board to review.

**Membership Secretary:** Membership Secretary **Kim Cauthon** noted that current membership stood at 870, including 129 life members, with 154 new members added for 2018. She thanked those who had already renewed their memberships. She added that renewing and new members

would receive a coupon for a free book at the BookCellar. She reported that the Membership Task Force (**Kim Cauthon**, **Linda Cheatum**, **Beth Graham**, **Linda Janney**, **Pat Mendiola**, and **Delia Trimble**) met on October 1 at Igo Branch Library, and set a 2018 goal of at least 1,000 total members, with active groups of at least 10 members each at all branches; additionally, the Membership Committee revised the membership application envelope for the 2018 membership campaign. She reminded branch Friends groups to contact the Book Cellar to request additional envelope supplies. Kim reported that other initiatives considered by the Membership Task Force included more recognition for Friends-sponsored events at branches; templates of promotional materials for branches to use for Friends recruiting; more social events for members; more advertising; and partnerships with other organizations. She advised that the task force would wait to see how much was approved for membership activities in the new budget, then meet again to begin planning initiatives.

**Arts & Letters Awards:** Committee Co-chair **Kim Cauthon** reported that the 2017 award ceremony took place on October 22 and that it included presentations or performances by all three recipients: **Bill FitzGibbons** showed a PowerPoint presentation of his installations around the world; **Henry Brun** performed with his trio; and **Laurel Gibson** showed works by both her and her students. Kim thanked the Arts & Letters Committee members, **Bob Mason**, **José Durán**, **Beth Graham**, **Pat Peak**, **Jill Zimmerman**, **Lori González**, **Beverly Harris**, and **Shirley Coleman**; she also

thanked **Beverly Durán** for assisting on the day of the event.

**Nominating Committee:** **Nancy Gandara** announced that **Karen Matson** had agreed to serve as chair of the nominating committee. Karen reported that the following board members had agreed to serve on the 2018 nominating committee to propose names to serve on the new board: **Richard Morales**, **Mike Belisle**, **Mary Valdez**, and **Kim Cauthon**. A slate will be published in the Jan-Feb issue of the newsletter, for the vote at the annual membership meeting in January 2018.

**Budget Committee:** Treasurer **Linda Cheatum** reported that the Budget Committee (**Linda**, **Phil Backhus**, **Antoinette Franklin**, **Nancy Gandara**, **Bruce Gill**, **Beth Graham**, **Richard Morales**, and **Diana Sánchez**) had met on October 13 to develop a proposed budget for consideration by the board.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Ratification of electronic/telephonic vote on purchase of CD:** **Nancy Gandara** asked for a motion to ratify the electronic/telephonic vote taken October 26–29, 2017, to purchase a \$50,000 certificate of deposit from Security Services Federal Credit Union, for a period of 30 months at 2.00% APR. **Mary McAfee** moved to ratify; **Arline Braswell** seconded. In response to a question from **Beverly Durán**, **Linda Cheatum** replied that SSFCU had required that a savings account be initiated, with a deposit of \$5. Nancy advised that, under the bylaws, board approval was not required to select a banking institution and that several elements had influenced the decision by the Treasurer and

President to transfer all funds to SSFCU. **José Durán** expressed concern that the transfer of the checking account would create additional costs for the organization because of the need to order new checks. **Linda Cheatum** replied that no additional costs were incurred because the supply of checks from the old account was almost exhausted, so new checks could be ordered in accordance with the usual procedure. Following this discussion, the motion passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Approval of the revised bylaws of the Friends of the McCreless Branch Library:** **Jill Zimmerman** moved approval of the bylaws; **José Durán** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of revised bylaws of the Schaefer Branch Library:** **Pat Mendiola** moved that the revised bylaws be approved. **Antoinette Franklin** seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

**Request support for new fundraising initiatives:** **Beth Graham** announced that the Friends would participate in Giving Tuesday. She distributed a flyer explaining the initiative and asked all FOSAPL Board members to publicize and support it. She also reported that she was working on registering the Friends of the Library on Amazon Smile so that the organization could receive funds under that project. She said that the membership would be advised when FOSAPL was registered.

**Consider award of bonuses for Alana Woods, Andrea Mason, and Rachel Mayfield:** **Mary McAfee** moved to approve bonuses of \$100 each for newsletter editor/webmaster **Alana Woods**, Book-

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Cellar manager **Andrea Mason**, and accountant **Rachel Mayfield**. **Stephanie Serrata** seconded the motion. During the discussion, **Beverly Durán** said she thought it was inappropriate for contract employees to receive bonuses; additionally, a previous board had directed the executive committee to develop criteria for awarding a bonus to Alana, and this project had never been completed. The original motion was withdrawn.

**José Durán** made a motion to award a \$100 bonus to **Andrea Mason**. **Delia Trimble** seconded. **Sandra Wilkinson** moved to increase the bonus to \$200. **Nancy Gandara** reminded the board that Andrea had received a raise in 2017. The motion died for lack of a second. The motion to award Andrea a \$100 bonus carried by a voice vote.

**Mary McAfee** made a motion to give **Alana Woods** a \$100 bonus. **Veronica Rouse** seconded the motion. **José Durán** spoke against the motion, saying once again that there were no criteria for awarding a bonus to Alana. A show of hands indicated 10 in favor, 11 against, and the motion failed. **Beverly Durán** reminded the executive committee of the need to develop guidelines for awarding a bonus to the newsletter editor/webmaster.

**Review of current fund balances:** Prior to presentation of the budget, **Nancy Gandara** and **Linda Cheatum** presented an overview of the current state of the Friends of the San Antonio Public library exchequer, indicating that reserves were available if necessary to meet proposed expenditures in the 2018 budget.

**Consider approval of the 2018 budget as proposed by the Budget Committee:** **Mary**

**McAfee** moved to approve the proposed budget. The motion was seconded by **Stephanie Serrata**. **Beverly Durán** questioned why estimated insurance costs were less than the previous year, and **Linda Cheatum** replied that she had received estimates from all insuring agencies, and that was the total for 2018. The motion to approve the budget carried.

**José Durán** moved that all future budgets' expenditures balance with revenues anticipated for that specific budget year. **Beverly Durán** seconded the motion. A show of hands indicated 10 in favor, 8 against, and the motion carried.

## ADJOURNMENT

President **Nancy Gandara** expressed appreciation to the Friends of Schaefer Branch Library for providing the refreshments, and requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Linda Janney** made the motion, **Antoinette Franklin** seconded, and it was passed without discussion.



## Brook Hollow

Brook Hollow was a busy place on Halloween, with 166 people (including many in costumes!) attending our Halloween party. Councilman **John Courage** and members of his staff came to the party, as well as **Marcie Ince**, our Representative on the SAPL Board of Trustees. Councilman Courage participated in a story-telling segment with **Rachael Barrera**, Children's Librarian—a big hit with both the children and the adults.

The Brook Hollow Friends held their quarterly meeting on Saturday, Dec. 2, and re-elected their current officers by acclamation. The officers (**Pat Finley**, **Sue Bowser**, **Neal Bjornson**, and **Veronica Rouse**) will serve until Dec. 31, 2019.

Brook Hollow Library offered Beginning Yoga classes (funded by the Friends) for a six-week period during November and December. Branch Manager **Heidi Novotny** advised us that the class was popular and well attended.

The Brook Hollow Friends also helped to fund two special events in December: a release party for "Star Wars—the Last Jedi" on Saturday, Dec. 16, and a "Winter Wonderland Party" on Tuesday, Dec. 19. The Star Wars party was for all ages, and featured Star Wars-themed cake and cookies, a showing of "Star Wars: the Force Awakens," as well as crafts for all age levels.

**Pat Bjornson**, our long-term book sale chairperson, is eager to hand over the reins to a new chairperson. She has created a detailed, multi-page description of the tasks that need to be completed for each phase of the sale (preparation, conducting the sale, and clean-up). Pat will be a hard act to follow, but she's made it easier for those of us who may try!

Our next meeting will be held Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018, at 1:00. Hope to see you there!

**Pat Finley**

## Encino

The Friends of the Encino Library met on Nov. 12, to plan the next book sale scheduled for Mar. 24, 2018. Some of the proceeds from the Encino Library Friends October book sale were used for the craft supplies, refreshments

and honorariums for December Holiday events.

The next Friends of the Encino Library meeting will be Sunday, Jan. 21, at 2:00 at the Encino Library to discuss more fundraising ideas.

**Carla Pomager**

## Forest Hills

The Friends are scheduled to meet on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018, at 2:00 at the Forest Hills Library.

**Diane Duesterhoeft**

## Las Palmas

The Día de Los Muertos event Nov. 1 was a success, and we're already thinking about a combined Halloween/Día de Los Muertos event next year with our adjacent YWCA.

The Veterans Day event on Nov. 8, "Women in the Military, Honoring Women Veterans," drew good attendance, including a number of Veterans groups. Participation by the Color Guard from Gus Garcia Middle School LOTC (Edgewood ISD), all girls, added to the evening's ceremonies. Friends and the Edgewood Veterans Association recognized the young ladies at their school in early December. Students from the Ambassadors Program at Holy Cross High School also helped with hosting duties. Donations from sponsors took care of expenses and also allowed our Friends group to give each of the schools a donation for their respective programs. Friends members **Gloria Almaraz**, and **Robert Ramirez** did a great job coordinating the observance.

Friends helped support some of the programming events during the Library's holiday season when days seemed even busier than usual.

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The Holiday Appreciation Luncheon on Dec. 18 was a welcome chance for Friends to spend some “good cheer” time with staff (almost half the staff members are new to Las Palmas this year) and to present each one with a small gift.

*Delia Ramirez Trimble*

## Maverick

The end of one year and the beginning of another are busy times for most of us, and the Maverick Library and its Friends are no exception.

Friends kicked off our library holidays with a dinner on Dec. 4 at the Olive Garden at Alamo Ranch. Sixteen Friends and library staff members enjoyed an evening of camaraderie and food. A good time was had by all.

Dec. 9 brought the holiday spirit to Maverick as several staff members planned and hosted entertainment and craft programs for library patrons.

Perennial favorites Piggie and Elephant and their friend Pigeon came to entertain, thanks to pup-peteers **Laura Lopez** (Piggie), **Elise Garcia** (Elephant) and **Justin Bisignano** (Pigeon). Elise, Justin, Laura, and **Katy Camacho** also helped the children write letters to Santa and served refreshments. The Friends provided the supplies—construction paper, markers, and stickers—for the letters, and refreshments for the participants.

About 50 guests enjoyed holiday music that filled the library thanks to **Benjamin Longoria**, who organized an appearance by a harp and flute duo. The Friends covered the cost of the performers and provided refreshments.

Later the same day, approximately 35 children and adults created glitter ornaments with direction from **Mary Lou Bleichwehl**. The Friends were hap-

py to donate much of the materials needed for the project.

Our first meeting of the new year, Jan. 2, 7:00, will have an ambitious agenda. We'll be planning our next book sale and electing officers.

Maverick Friends hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season, and we wish all of you all the best in the coming year.

*Sue Ratliff*

## McCreless

McCreless librarians report an enthusiastic response to the first (of many, we hope) Latino Art Show called Dia De Los Artistas on Oct. 21. The show focused on arts and crafts from Dia De Los Muertos and included three talented artists:

**Israel Rico**, **Karen Faye**, and **Lorraine San Miguel**. During the show, refreshments were offered as well as crafts for the children and an hour of urban legend storytelling by **Israel Rico**. The McCreless Friends are proud to have played a small part in that event.

The librarians have also heard many appreciative comments about our “book nook,” which has averaged more than \$30 in income per month in the final quarter of 2017.

We applaud our 2017 officers for their service and thank

them for agreeing to serve again in 2018. They are President **Jill Zimmerman**, Vice President **Christel Villarreal**, Secretary **Lucy Duncan** and Treasurer **Mary Gallagher**.

At our last meeting, we scheduled a book and media sale for Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018, 10:00 to 5:45. We plan to make it a bargain sale by cutting our usual prices in half, hoping to get as many books as possible to as many people as possible. Our next meeting has been set for Monday, Mar. 19, 2018, 6:00, at McCreless Library. Happy New Year!

*Paula Massengale*

## Memorial

Here is a summary of what the Memorial Amigos purchased in 2017:

- Welcome reception refreshments for new manager, **Maria Gonzales** and for an educational program about the 2017 City of San Antonio Bond election, which included \$2 million for the Memorial Library renovation
- Refreshments for volunteers and staff
- Craft supplies for children's programming
- Refreshments for the para-normal adult program

• Refreshments for a program with author **Barbara Renaud Gonzales**, whose 2017 book, *Las Nalgas de JLo/JLo's Booty: The Best & Most Notorious Calumnias & Other Writing by the First Chicana Columnist in Texas 1995–2005*, was favorably reviewed in *Lone Star Literary Life*


- Refreshments and supplies for National Night Out in October
  - Craft supplies for Halloween mask project
  - Craft supplies for Halloween jewelry program
  - Items for Halloween programming
  - Memorial Library staff appreciation meals and recognition
- The Amigos will meet on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018, at 6:30 at Memorial Library.

*Diane Duesterhoeft*

## Tobin Library at Oakwell

Thanks to the generous funding of the Friends of Tobin Library at Oakwell, each employee received a Lands End Professional shirt like those of the staffs of some newer branches. The shirts can be worn any work week day as the

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## FIDELITY CHARITABLE Donations a Welcome Gift

Nancy Gandara

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[www.fidelitycharitable.org](http://www.fidelitycharitable.org).

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library’s logo and name are printed on them.

Tobin Friends also provided a significant amount of funds for supplies and refreshments for programs during November and December. Teens created edible gingerbread houses with lots of goodies for decorations on Dec. 7. After-school snacks for teens and 9–12 year olds are purchased with Friends money usually once or twice a month, which encourages and increases participation.

Four adult craft holiday and gift programs were offered in December by **Rhonda Woolhouse**, with all supplies purchased with Friends money.

The branch hosted a wonderful Winter Wonderland family program for all ages to enjoy on Dec. 16, with supplies and nearly all snacks funded by the Friends. The family event celebrated all things winter—snow, ice palaces, snowflakes, mittens, snowmen, ice fishing—with crafts, hot chocolate, cookies, and Wii winter sports.

The Tobin Library Friends will hold its Spring book sale on the weekend of Mar. 23–25.

*Tracey Knouse*

## Getting to Know Your Friends Richard Garcia

Edited by Angela Ehrenfried



Born and raised in San Antonio, I was the eldest of five children (two brothers and two sisters). Our parents taught us the value of hard work and that “all work is honorable.” My parents had very limited formal education and were very strict about their children’s formal education continuing beyond secondary school. I distinctly remember hearing my parents tell us, “education is the key out of living a life of poverty; continue your education; it will pay off in the long run.” As taught and valued by our parents, a formal education has been very significant in our family.

I attended schools in the Edgewood Independent School District and am very proud to say I graduated from Edgewood High School in 1972. I attended San Antonio College part-time due to my work schedule and received an Associate of Arts degree in 1976. I continued my education at Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU) and received my Bachelor Degree in 1980 in the field of social work. As an undergraduate student I worked as a substitute teacher with the Edgewood ISD, and in 1982 Edgewood ISD hired me as a social worker. In 1987 I returned to OLLU to continue my education in the field of social work and obtained a Master’s Degree in 1989. My spouse, Rosario P. Garcia, has a degree in education, and we are very proud of our son, Matthew, and siblings,

nieces and nephew who have pursued their education beyond high school.

My spouse and I are both avid readers and have enjoyed reading Laura Ingalls Wilder’s *Little House on the Prairie*, Truman Capote’s *In Cold Blood*, and Mark Twain’s *Huckleberry Finn*, but our preferred and favorite book is the *Holy Bible* (King James’ version). Our non-denominational church’s Gatherings in Jesus’ Name play a very significant role in our lives. We have been faithful members of our church for 24 years. One of my favorite verses in the Bible is, “Jesus said unto him I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me,” —John 14:6. I have been married to my wife, Rosie, for more than 34 years and consider myself very blessed as the Book of Proverbs 31:10 states, “Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.”

Rosie and I are both animal lovers. We enjoy involvement with our church, social gatherings and attending movies, Dallas Cowboys’ and Spurs’ games. We enjoy traveling to other states as well as, of course, south of the border, specifically the interior of Mexico. A few of the memorable sites we visited were the Biltmore estate in Asheville, North Carolina, Disney World and Grand Canyon.

Another major value instilled by my parents was the importance of being a

registered and informed voter and getting involved with current issues. Community events and politics at all levels were deliberated and discussed at our home, especially around the dinner table. The local and daily newspaper was very significant. My parents both were avid readers, pro-union and strong advocates for the “working class” population. In the late 1960s, my mother was employed on the assembly line at the Sunshine Pecan Factory where she advocated better working conditions, minimum wage, and being unionized. In her mid-60s, while working at OLLU, my mother obtained her G.E.D.

I have volunteered in numerous and varied civic activities, such as political campaigns, food bank for a local church, graffiti wipe-outs, Special Olympic events, and fund-raising events for Friends of SAPL **Memorial Branch Library Amigos**. Currently, I am serving as President of my neighborhood association, Memorial Heights, where I have been an officer since 1968. I work for a city council member.

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## Life Members

Kim Cauthon

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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 the corrections. Changes to this list may be sent by email to Kim Cauthon, Membership Secretary, at [fosaplmembershipchair@gmail.com](mailto:fosaplmembershipchair@gmail.com) All notifications of death are researched on the Internet to locate an Obituary to verify the death when possible.

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## From the Library Director



Greetings Friends,

On behalf of our entire staff of the San Antonio Public Library, I wish you and your families a joyful new year. Your library system celebrated a festive holiday season by offering an array of activities and events like carolers, choirs, soloists and other musical performances at many of our 30 locations. We also hosted some fun winter-themed

crafts and educational activities for all ages and screenings of classic holiday movies. There is always something fun and festive happening at a library near you.

We ended 2016 with two big milestone celebrations. We celebrated the 30th anniversary of Thousand Oaks Branch Library on Saturday, December 9, and the 10th anniversary of Igo Branch Library on Saturday, December 16. Both celebrations featured family-friendly activities, music, refreshments and more. These milestones remind us of the commitment we have made to serve our community. We are proud and honored to be serving you.

In January, we will host our 6th annual The Holocaust: Learn and Remember month-long program. Learn and Remember is a commemoration and remembrance of the atrocities of the Holocaust. San Antonio Public Library hopes to enlighten and educate the community with this important initiative in order to promote tolerance and inspire acceptance. The 2018 theme Art and Survival will focus on artists and works of art that explore the experience of survivors during the war and after liberation. Visit the Central Library Gallery for a moving and powerful exhibition that explores major historical aspects of the Holocaust, beginning with Jewish life in pre-Holocaust Europe and ending with the liberation of Nazi concentration and extermination camps across the continent and the remarkable return to life of the survivors. The panels feature explanatory texts, interspersed with personal stories of the victims, quotes, original photographs and images of relevant artifacts. This exhibition attempts to investigate how survivors reacted to the war and the liberation through art.

Programs and discussions will center on the topic throughout the month. Library visitors will have the opportunity to hear first-hand accounts of the Holocaust from local survivors, and learn more about the experience from local and national presenters and scholars. Visit [learnandremember.org](http://learnandremember.org) for more information. We hope you will help us spread the word about this important and timely program.

In closing, I want to thank you again for your continued support of the San Antonio Public Library. Your year-long contributions are greatly appreciated by the Library staff and the entire San Antonio community.

Sincerely,

**Ramiro Salazar**

*Director, San Antonio Public Library*

## Bank Account Transition to SSFCU Underway

**Nancy Gandara and Linda Cheatum**

By the end of 2017, all FOSAPL funds will be transferred from BBVA CompassBank to accounts in the Security Service Federal Credit Union. New bank deposit ticket books have been issued to Friends group treasurers, as no more deposits to CompassBank are to be made. Benefits to FOSAPL of this change of banking institutions include:

- a “Not for Profit” checking account that has no monthly service fee, requires no minimum balance, and charges no fees for the first 50 checks per month;
- a “Future Builder” savings account that will earn 0.90% interest on a balance of \$50K, and 0.95% interest on a balance of \$100K;
- 18 branches of SSFCU, and another 41 “shared branches” in San Antonio, which will provide greater convenience for Friends Group Treasurers making deposits.

In late Oct., the FOSAPL board authorized investment in a 30-month Certificate of Deposit at SSFCU that will earn 2.00% APY on \$50,000 (i.e., accruing \$1,000 per year, for 2½ years). These funds, known as “the memorial fund,” were begun with funds from Life Members and have grown through donations and investment in CDs over the past several decades.

## Donations & Memorials

**Sheila Figueroa**

### *In Memory of*

**Roberto Anguiano** by Josephine Zertuche, Edward and Luz Day, Andrew and Karen De La Cruz, Ami and Saurabh Shah, The Pat Adams Family, Susana Alejandro, Jesus and Aurora Jean Pacheco, Diana G. Juarez-Vasquez, Boy Scouts of America Troop 358, Sarah and Dru Abrego, Paco Felici, Union Pacific Railroad Company, Viola Talamantez, Roger and Martha Gomez, Polly Rangel, Susan Zimmerman, Davidson Troilo Ream & Garza, Yolanda Kirkpatrick

**Oswin (Pat) McCarty**, Life Member, by Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

### *Donations*

**Naomi Brewer**

**Kathann E. El-Amin**

**Chris and Stephanie Wilde**

### *In honor of Landa's 70th Anniversary*

**Frances Smith**

**Dru Van Steenberg**



## BookCellar News

Stephanie Serrata

**The BookCellar  
Central Library Basement  
Open 11–3 every day  
plus 3–7 Thursdays  
(210) 227-9519**

This is breaking news from the BookCellar news desk. The 50% Off Holiday “Thank You” Sale was a great success. Customers filled the lobby and anxiously waited for our doors to open. Several customers made a beeline to items that they had been eyeing for days prior to the sale and took advantage of our drastically reduced prices. Vintage books flew off the shelves and most of the Christmas music CDs were gone before noon. Our coffee table books of paintings by Michelangelo, Diego Rivera, and the French Impressionists were extremely popular, and the art shelves were constantly restocked throughout the day. Cookbooks were another best-seller with customers rifling through boxes of holiday cookbooks in search of the perfect cookie, pie and cake recipe. Craft books were also in high demand by those customers who were interested in adding that special homemade touch to their gift ideas. Juvenile books sold well, as did most of our marked up items. The first day of the sale was super successful and we made almost \$900. The last day of the sale was also busy and we saw many customers returning to the BookCellar for one last look for their favorite books.

This year, the BookCellar held its first holiday flea market. Thank you to all of the volunteers who donated knickknacks and stocking stuffers. We could not have done this without you! Customers enjoyed shopping for Christmas decorations, wrapping paper, bows, and rib-

bons. Display tables were adorned with jewelry, picture frames, Christmas plants, hand made stockings, delicate antique tea cups, and various trinkets.

**\*January Sale:** Select adult paperback fiction priced at 2/25¢ will be back. Regularly priced 000-099, 200-299, and 700s will be priced at 50¢ each or 3/\$1. Customers spending \$3 or more will be entered in a drawing that will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2018. Two names will be drawn. The first prize winner will receive a BookCellar gift certificate in the amount of \$15, and the second prize winner will receive a gift certificate in the amount of \$10. Winners will be called, and their names will be posted in the BookCellar and on our social media sites. Be sure to come to the BookCellar during the month of January to look at our new inventory and register for the drawing!

**\*February Sale:** Regularly priced adult biographies and regularly priced adult large print books will sell for 50¢ each or 3/\$1. From Saturday, February 10, through Saturday, February 17, we will have a romance novel sale. Regularly priced paperback romances will be 10¢ each and regularly priced hardback romances will be 25¢ each. Romances will be located in the romance nook and on the patio. We will also sell sweets (cookies, candy, etc.) throughout this same week.

### Bookmarks

Our volunteer luncheon was held on Friday, November 10, 2017, at Panchito’s Mexican Restaurant. Forty-eight attendees joined us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and traditional Mexican fare. Thank you to BookCellar Chairman



**Richard Morales** for chairing the volunteer luncheon committee and for ordering the delicious Tres Leches cake. Nicely done, Mr. Chairman! Green apron recipients are **Judy Wilson** and **Evelyn Bonavita** in recognition of 2,000 plus volunteer hours. Congratulations, ladies! Thank you for all of your hard work.

A very special thank you goes out to BC volunteer/committee member **Linda Moore** for donating the beautiful Christmas tree. A shout out goes out to BookCellar manager **Andrea Mason** for the lovely Christmas decorations. I’m going to send one last thank you to **Andrea Mason, Bob Mason and Bob Teague** for rigging the extension cords. We all love having twinkle lights this year. Customers constantly comment on our spectacular tree.

This concludes another edition of the BookCellar news. Please join us again for the March-April issue. We’d like to take this opportunity to wish you our best during this holiday season. From the BookCellar family to yours, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy New Year, and Happy Reading. Stay safe, and we’ll see you in 2018.

Until next time...

\*Book sale information is courtesy of **Andrea Mason**.



[www.facebook.com/BookCellarSA](https://www.facebook.com/BookCellarSA)

## SAPL Staff Fills in for Vacancies

**Retirement** – Library Public Services Administrator **Kate Gray** retired from the San Antonio Public Library after more than 20 years of public service. Kate contributed a lot to the

Library system, and we will miss her greatly. Kate’s last day in the office was December 15, 2017. In the coming days, **Tim Johnson**, Branch Manager of the Igo Branch will serve as Interim Public

Services Administrator. An interim Manager for the Igo Branch Library will be named soon.

### Library Managers Temporary Assignments

Library	Temp Manager	Permanent Assignment
Cody	Jorge Chavez	Schaefer, Branch Manager
Schaefer	Samantha Gordano	Schaefer, Assistant Manager
Texana	Ruth Chiego	Public Services Administrator–Central
Encino	Michelle Ricondo	Encino, Assistant Manager

## Las Palmas hosted “Women in the Military, Honoring Women Veterans”



Honorees at Las Palmas Friends' Veterans Day Observance recognition ceremony.

### Potrancı



The Friends of Potrancó had a table at the Boo Bash that was very well attended.

### Brook Hollow



Heidi Novotny (Br Mgr) Pat Finley (Friends), John Courage (Dist 9 Councilman), and Marcie Ince (Dist 9 Rep to SAPL Bd of Trustees); cake for Halloween Party; and "spooky playhouse"

### Maverick

John and Pega Gaddis share the holiday spirit at the Maverick Friends' Holiday Dinner. Teen Time participants enjoyed making chocolate chip pancakes. Friend **Becky Vargas** (left) and library staffer **Brittany Gates** enjoy a moment at the Holiday Dinner. Holiday music welcomed patrons Dec. 9. Piggie (**Laura Lopez**), Pigeon (**Justin Bisignano**) and Elephant Gerald (**Elise Garcia**) take the stage Dec. 9.





# Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

## Approved Budget for 2018

	2018	
<b>FOSAPL INCOME</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	
BookCellar sales	83,000.00	
Donations and memorials	6,200.00	Estimate based on 2017 data
Interest	1,000.00	Estimate based on Sec Savings data
Membership	9,000.00	Estimate based on 2017 data
<b>Anticipated Income</b>	<b>\$ 99,200.00</b>	
<b>FOSAPL EXPENSES</b>		
Accounting/Bookkeeping/CPA services	6,000.00	Tax return/Payroll returns/Contracted services
Arts and Letters program	1,000.00	Marketing, Publicity & Awards
Bank & PayPal charges	50.00	Transaction Fees
FOSAPL Board expenses	200.00	Refreshments \$25 x 5 + \$75 Annual Meeting
FOSAPL Insurance	987.00	Prof. Liability & Accident
Branch Officers Workshop	600.00	
Membership recruitment	5,000.00	Branch Promo Signs, NPR, Member Events
Newsletter prep/editing & printing	3,500.00	SAPLings/Editor/PC Mailing Service
Office supplies	450.00	Envelopes, Folders, Checks
Postage	700.00	Bulk Mail, P.O. Box, Permit, Postage
President's expenses	150.00	
San Antonio Book Festival	100.00	
Seed money for new groups		No new branches for 2018
Website maintenance	800.00	Webmaster, monthly fees
<b>Budgeted Expense Total</b>	<b>\$ 19,537.00</b>	
<b>BOOKCELLAR EXPENSES</b>		
Office supplies	900.00	BookFest Banner; ink, markers, labels etc.
Commodities for resale	3,900.00	Water & Soda, totes
Equipment and maintenance	750.00	iPad, New Cash Register
BookCellar insurance	1,164.00	Bus. Liability, Workers Comp, & Dishonesty
Advertising/Marketing	150.00	Book marks etc.
Salary and benefits	17,700.00	Payroll, Employers tax, etc.
Volunteer appreciation	2,000.00	Aprons, patches, Annual luncheon
<b>Budgeted Expense Total</b>	<b>\$ 26,564.00</b>	
<b>LIBRARY SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Donation to San Antonio Public Library</b>	<b>60,000.00</b>	Public Programming, Marketing & Staff Dev.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 106,101.00</b>	





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## CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

- Jan. 2 San Pedro Friends meeting, 5:30.  
Jan. 2 Maverick Friends meeting, 7 p.m.  
Jan. 11 Memorial Friends meeting, 6:30.  
Jan. 14 Forest Hills Friends meeting, 2 p.m.  
**Jan. 21 FOSAPL Annual Meeting, Central Library, 2 p.m.**  
Jan. 21 Friends of the Encino Library meeting, 2 p.m.  
Feb. 6 Maverick Friends meeting, 7 p.m.  
Feb. 10 Semmes book sale, 10 a.m.  
Feb. 10 McCreless book and media sale, 10 to 5:45.  
Feb. 24 Brook Hollow Friends meeting, 1 p.m.  
Mar. 7 Semmes Friends meeting, 5:30  
Mar. 19 McCreless Library Friends meeting, 6 p.m.  
Mar. 23–25 Tobin Library Friends Spring book sale.  
Mar. 24 Encino Library 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  
210-207-9030  
**Central Library**  
600 Soledad Street, 78205  
210-207-2500  
**Encino Library**  
2515 East Evans Road  
(210) 207-9250  
**Forest Hills Library**  
5245 Ingram Rd., 78228  
210-207-9230  
**Maverick Library**  
8700 Mystic Park, 78254  
210-207-9060  
**McCreless Library**  
1023 Ada Street, 78223  
210-207-9170  
**Memorial Library**  
3222 Culebra, 78228  
210-207-9140  
San Pedro Library  
1315 San Pedro, 78212  
210-207-9050  
Semmes Library  
15060 Judson Rd., 78247  
210-207-9110  
Tobin Library at Oakwell  
4134 Harry Wurzbach Rd, 78209  
210-207-9040