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## From the President



Dear Friends,

At 2 pm on Sunday, January 18, we will hold our **Annual General Meeting**. This will take place in the auditorium at Central Library, 600 Soledad Street. **I do hope you will come be with us.** We will be presenting our Best Friends Awards. We also will elect our officers for 2009–10 and new board members—very important business. And we will even serve refreshments! Mark your calendars and plan to be there!

Since this is my last letter as your president, I want to take this opportunity to thank a few people. Thank you to the library staff, especially **Ramiro, Aubrey, Mark, Kendra, Beth, Norma, Andy, Viki**, and the branch managers—for inspiring us to do the work we do. Thank you to all the Foundation folks and to the Library Board of Trustees, especially **John and Jean**—for being our partners in this endeavor. Thank you to our past presidents—**Barbara, Lee, Pat, and Mary**—who have given me many words of wisdom. Thank you to my fellow officers—**Robert, Bruce, Lucy, Sheila, and Nancy**—who have done a superb job of running our group. Thank you to the committee chairmen—**Lyn, Cathy, Alan, Ro, Sheila, Nancy, Aaron, Ronnie, Claudia, Robbi, Judy, Mary, and Sue**—who have worked so hard to help us achieve our goals. Thank you to all the branch presidents—who have made me so very proud of our group. Thank you to our Book Cellar volunteers and to **Monica**—who spread the love of reading and earn money for our library system. And thank you to all of you for being true friends of our library.

I also want to thank our government officials. Thank you to **Mayor Hardberger** and to our **City Council** and to **Sheryl Sculley** for finding money for our library system. I am glad that they agree that all of San Antonio's citizens need the best library possible. And thank you to our **Bexar County Commissioners** for extending these services to the citizens living in the county. I truly believe that the library is one facet of our city services that reaches every person. Whether we are rich, poor, old, young, black, brown, or white, north, south, east or west side, employed, retired, or jobless, educated or not—the library is here for all of us to use and enjoy.

*Your Friend,*  
**Linda Nairn**

## Friends for Life

**Claudia Kohler**

**H**appy New Year to all! If you have not yet sent in your renewal envelope, please do so today so you will continue to receive the *SAPLings* without a break. If you have misplaced the envelope, you can obtain one at your local branch, at the Book Cellar, or even send a regular envelope with your name, address, type of membership, branch choice, and your check to: FOSAPL, P.O. Box 461523, San Antonio, TX 78246.

The FOSAPL Board would like to acknowledge the following Life Members as “Friends for Life” (the list continues on page 10):

Bob & Bea Adams  
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Adams  
Charles Adkisson  
Dr. Felix D. Almaraz, Jr.  
Richard Alvarado  
Mr. & Mrs. M.L. Alwais  
Linda Arronge  
Blanche Ashbrook  
Ms. Jessie Bailey  
Karen Baker  
Mrs. Karen Balcom  
Denise M. Barlow  
Dr. George W. Beddingfield  
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Virginia & Charles Bowden  
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Orville Carr  
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William J. Dick  
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Craig and Pat Donegan  
Deborah Douglas  
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T.R. Fehrenbach  
Sheila G. Figueroa  
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## Annual General Meeting

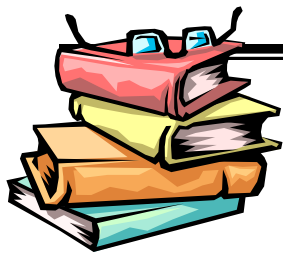
**Sunday, January 18**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Central Library**

600 Soledad Street

All members are encouraged to attend this important event. We will elect new officers and board members for 2009–2010, vote in our newest group, the Landa Friends, and present our “Best Friends” awards. A reception will follow, with refreshments served by the Westfall Friends.



## Friends of the San Antonio Public Library BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 16, 2008

*Submitted by Carol Van Cleave*

*(With regret I was unable to attend this meeting because I was ill. I thank Carol Van Cleave for taking the minutes as reflected below. Sincerely, Sheila Figueroa, Secretary)*

**Call to Order:** Linda Nairn, President, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Linda Nairn called roll.

**Board of Directors and Officers present:** Linda Nairn, Bruce Gill, Nancy Gandara, Linda Arronge, Aaron Konstam, Claudia Kohler, Rowena Rodgers, Robbi Ruppert, Judy Wilson, Shirley Davis, Dorothy Smith, Mary McAfee, Pat Brown, Pat Konstam, Vera Banner

**Branch Representatives:** Carol Van Cleave, Sue Ratliff, Alan Hildreth, Cathy Dean, Kathleen McCloskey, Jackie Fremming, Delores Huber

**Others Present:** Jean Brady, San Antonio Public Library Trustee Chair; Aubrey George, San Antonio Public Library Administration; Sarah Swinney, San Antonio Public Library Foundation; Denise Barlow, President of Great Northwest

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

### REPORTS:

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy Gandara distributed a report as of October 31, 2008. The Treasurer's Report was accepted and filed for audit.

**Library Board:** Jean Brady thanked the Friends for their support. Jean reported that the Staff Development Day held in September was remarkable. There were many

wonderful speakers at that event and Jean thanked the Friends for funding it. Jean stated there would be some construction at the Central Library possibly starting in summer of 2009, but the library would not be closed during that time. She reported that a few people went to Chicago to open the exhibit on the traveling World War I poster exhibit at the Chicago Public Library. Jean reported there will be new libraries built in District 3 and District 9. Dan Parman gave 10 acres for the new library in District 9. Jean thanked Linda Nairn for her four-year term as President of the Friends.

Aubrey George, Library Administration, welcomed everyone to the meeting at the John Igo Branch Library, the newest branch, which is less than one year old. Aubrey stated that the Igo branch would have an anniversary party on December 6. He also stated that the Igo branch was a model for other new libraries "connecting the outside and inside." New benches will be added at Igo as well as some foundation/landscape work. City Council accepted a site for a new branch library in District 9 between Blanco Road and U.S. Highway 281 north of Loop 1604. It is about 10 acres approximately a quarter mile from the intersection of Blanco Road and Wilderness Oak. Part of the acreage will be developed into walking trails, and it will have an outdoor amphitheatre. A meeting with the architects is scheduled for next week. The other new branch library will be built on the site of the old Mission Drive-In on Roose-

velt Avenue on the south side of San Antonio. There will be a public meeting tomorrow at Gilbert Elementary School on Southcross Blvd., with the architects conducting the meeting and listening to the public's input. Aubrey reported that Cody library was closed for renovations and would reopen around December 2. Cody will have a new roof, new paint, new carpet, new lighting and light fixtures, and a new parking lot. It is one of the heaviest used branches. Bazan is closing on December 8 and will reopen on December 14. Bazan will have new lighting and new furniture. Pan American will close December 1 and reopen December 21. Pan American will have a completely new parking lot and new carpet inside. Collins Garden Library will have a new roof. Central Library will have new window seals, roof, and walls will be resealed outside. The Central Library will probably not have to be completely closed. Some areas will be roped off to the public. Aubrey stated that many early voting sites were in branch libraries, and the libraries were also registering voters. Aubrey stated that Viki Ash, children's librarian, thanked us for funding the summer reading program; 33% completion rate; over 20,000 children signed up. Every year we see increases in the number of children reading and participating in the summer program.

Sarah Swinney reported that the Library Foundation's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala was held September 26, and it raised more than \$200,000 for 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 Nairn ..... President  
Bruce Gill ..... Vice President  
Nancy Gandara ..... Treasurer  
Sheila Figueroa ..... Secretary  
Mary McAfee ..... Immediate Past Pres

### BOARD MEMBERS

#### 2007-2009 Term

Linda Arronge • Vera Banner  
Pat Brown • Lou Harris  
Claudia Kohler • Aaron Konstam  
Pat Mendiola • Rowena Rodgers  
Evanleen Schmucke • Judy Wilson

#### 2008-2010 Term

Robbie Ruppert • Pat Konstam  
Dolores Huber • Shirley Davis  
Dorothy Smith • Josie Martinez

### SAPLINGS

Newsletter published every two months for the information of member Friends of the San Antonio Public Library and others supportive of our ideals and activities.

Managing Editor.....Alana Woods  
FOSAPL Editor ..... Cathy Dean  
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### NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Lyn Belisle, Chair • Cathy Dean  
Nancy Gandara • Bruce Gill  
Rowena Rodgers  
Linda Nairn, *Ex Officio*  
Mary McAfee, *Distribution*

**Article contributions for publishing in the newsletter are always welcome!**

The deadline for submitting articles and photos to *SAPLings* is the 15th of the month

(February 15, April 15, June 15, August 15, October 15, and December 15)

Articles to be submitted should be a simple text file or in Word or WordPerfect. Please email files and photos to Alana Woods at <awoods005@satx.rr.com> and Cathy Dean at <ca-dean@sbcglobal.net>. Hard copy articles and photos should be mailed to Alana Woods at Southwest Research Institute, 6220 Culebra Rd., San Antonio, TX 78238.



# Branch Leaves

News from  
Branch Libraries

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## Brook Hollow

As we wrap up 2008 and begin preparations for 2009, we are reminded of the wonderful library staff our Friends group supports at Brook Hollow. People come to their local library branch for many reasons, among which are the friendly faces and helpful attitudes of the branch employees. Often I will hear comments from neighbors and community members about the helpfulness of the library staff, which our Friends group will recognize with a Staff Appreciation Dinner on Friday, January 30.

This past year has seen a major project (kitchen renovations) completed, along with a number of smaller items provided to the branch, courtesy of the Friends. As we enter 2009, we are hopeful for rain, as that will enable us to again tackle some desired landscape additions, currently on hold because of the local drought conditions. Plans are also under way for our spring book sale, scheduled for Saturday, March 28. Please mark your calendars to stop by and take advantage of the many wonderful book and media selections that will be available.

*Richard Bowser*

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## Cody

In November, Cody went through a major renovation, both inside and out. New

roof, new air conditioning, carpet, fixtures, lighting for the flagpole, exterior paint, and three new book drop boxes. We also added two reading areas: one for teens and one for elementary-age children.

During that time, library services were rendered the old fashioned way with a Bookmobile, which was no vacation for the staff. In addition to walking back and forth from the building to the bookmobile, they worked every day moving books from room to room to clear areas for renovation. We reopened December 1.

In December, there were children's events: a Winter Fun and Crafts Party, a Polar Express Pajama Party, and a Visit from Santa. There was also a party for the staff and volunteers as well as their family and friends. And, the FOSAPL volunteers again gave HEB gift cards to the staff in appreciation for all they do to make us feel at home and to help us.

Finally, we had two Board members step down, and one of the seats has been filled. As they step down, we thank **Ida Blankenship, Dr. Martha Mead, and Alan Cutler** for their time, ideas, and contributions to our fundraising efforts, and we welcome **Cynthia Talboys** to the Board. She's worked long and hard on the last three to five book sales, and we're pleased to have her. I continue to be the president, and our Treasurer continues to be **Anne Susswein. Margaret Lecznar** is still with us in an *emeritus* capacity and continues to help out with book sales.

Our next book sale is currently scheduled for April 18.

*Carol Van Cleave*

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## Collins Garden

WE WON! Collins Garden received First Place in the neighborhood division at National Night Out. Attendance was estimated at 250-300. Collins Garden Friends Vice-President **Lupita Siller-Escobedo** was given an award by Councilwoman **Lourdes Galvan** for her part in organizing this year's National Night Out.

A warm "thank you" to **Linda Nairn** for helping start Collins Garden Friends in early 2008.

Happy New Year from the Collins Garden Friends to the FOSAPL

*Richard Morales*

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## Forest Hills

Friends of Forest Hills purchased a new holiday tree for the branch, and it is up, shining, and beautiful. Educational items for children's groups as well as a child-themed rug to define a play/gathering/listening area for children are among the items the group hopes to fund in the near future to support the strong children's groups.

Established book clubs and children's groups continue to meet regularly.

*Johnnie Spraggins*

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## Igo

The John Igo Branch First Anniversary Party on Saturday, December 6, was a roaring success. The staff did a fabulous job decorating the library with garlands, hanging snowflakes, and HUGE wrapped presents everywhere, plus a balloon tower that greeted attendees at the entrance. They were all dressed in hats and their red Igo Team 07 T-shirts. The Brandeis Theater group started off the day with a

sneak peek at their upcoming presentation of *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*. "JD the Clown" drew the largest and noisiest crowd with his outstanding magic show. Clowns (**Billy Bubbles, Patches, and Clip**) painted faces and made sure everyone went away with a balloon animal or hat. A craft station provided all-day activities for patrons, and the story hour, complete with fairy godmother and puppet princess, gave kids a chance to sit down and listen to stories and hear about Prince Igo. The cake was cut, and a donated photograph of John Igo was officially presented to the library by Mr. William Woller (John's cousin) and Mrs. Woller.

Dignitaries including **John Igo**, library administrators, and Friends, posed for photos, and all celebrated with cake and punch on the back patio. **John Igo** treated an interested group to a history of the area focusing on the Igo tree and answered questions about the library and surrounding property. The day ended with a lively presentation of Christmas music by the Jefferson Middle School Majestix choral group. Congratulations to the staff for hosting another gala event (photos on pages 6 & 7).

With income from the fall book sale, the Friends of the Igo Branch (Fibbers) were able to provide support for the Anniversary Party and to purchase some signs, book repair supplies, and storage cabinets. We're looking forward to organizing and setting up for our winter book sale. It will be held on Saturday, February 21, from 9-4 with the first hour reserved for FOSAPL members. Since the fall sale was so successful, we will extend the winter

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Foundation. She supplied copies of the Annual Report where there is a full page on the Igo opening, and the top partnership listed in the Annual Report is FOSAPL. The Foundation gave more than \$5 million to the library this past year, which included the land donated by **Mr. Parman** for the new library in District 9, a grant that was received for the Botero statue, and a Tobin Foundation donation of some money for the traveling posters exhibit. Sarah also traveled to Chicago for the "Winds and Words of War: Posters and Prints from the San Antonio Library Collection." This exhibit has been booked solid for the next three years in the United States. She is hoping it will go international to London and Paris. Sarah reported this past week was spent in Dallas at the AT&T Foundation. Sarah is hoping AT&T will donate funds for technology for the library. Also, the Foundation has partnered with Scholastics to target the Latino community in San Antonio.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Arts and Letters:** **Linda Nairn** stated that the Arts and Letters ceremony was wonderful and very well attended. Linda thanked **Sheila Figueroa**, Chair, and committee members **Claudia Kohler** and **Judy Wilson** as well as Thousand Oaks Friends for providing the refreshments at the ceremony.

**Book Cellar:** **Aaron Konstam** gave his report.

**Membership:** **Claudia Kohler** stated that there are 870 members, and new membership cards would be received after the first of the year. Claudia reminded everyone to send in their renewal envelopes as soon as possible.

**Memorials/Donations:** **Sheila Figueroa** was absent.

**Newsletter:** **Cathy Dean** reported that 756 newsletters were mailed. **Alana Woods** will be having knee surgery at the end of October and will return in time for the next newsletter.

**Nominating Committee:** **Sue Ratliff** introduced the committee members. She

welcomes any suggestions of names.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Linda Nairn** stated that the "Show Me the Money" workshop has been postponed until the spring.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Audit Committee:** **Robbi Ruppert** is chair of this committee, and members are **Judy Wilson** and **Pat Peak**, with **Linda Nairn** serving as Ex Officio. They will meet in January before the Annual General Meeting.

**Linda Nairn** reported that **Robert LaCaff** will prepare the certificates for the Best Friends Awards for the Annual General Meeting. The Westfall Friends will provide the refreshments for the Annual General Meeting.

**Aubrey George** stated the library would address the problem with "book sale helpers." Apparently there had been a couple of people attending book sales early stating they were members of the Friends under the guise of helping with the book sales. This couple would purchase books at half price and leave.

Security issues were raised as well. The library will look at various ways to rectify this problem.

**Nancy Gandara** thanked the members of the Budget Committee, composed of **Aaron Konstam**, **Bruce Gill**, **Judy Wilson**, **Virginia Bowden**, and **Linda Nairn**. Nancy presented the proposed 2009 budget, which allocated a total of \$85 thousand for the library (an increase of \$5K over 2008). **Mary McAfee** made a motion to accept the budget as proposed, and the motion was seconded by **Linda Arronge**. Much discussion was had regarding the amount to give the library for staff development and training, as the Library Director's request had been for an additional \$5K. **Cathy Dean** requested that the amount budgeted for the newsletter be increased by \$250. The total budget of \$128,375.00 was presented as the 2009 Budget, which was approved unanimously by the members present.

**Branch News and Announcements:** None recorded.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned.

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sale for another half a day. The second day, Sunday, February 22, the hours will be from 1–4. We appreciated the help of friends from other branches in the fall and welcome them to assist with this sale. If you want to be on our email list to let you know of our "work times," get in touch with our secretary, **Bev Duran**. Our next Fibber meeting will be on January 4 at 10:30 in the library.

Other "Friend-related" activities at Igo included hosting, for the first time, the FOSAPL meeting on Novem-

ber 16. It gave members a chance to refresh their memory about how to get to the library and, for some, to see the library for the first time.

The Igo Library staff are a delight to work with and so very creative; it's no wonder that the library continues to thrive and report high use and rising statistics.

**Kathleen McCloskey**

### McCreless

Welcome aboard to the following new 2008–2009 leadership for the McCreless

Friends of the Library: **Ann Long**, President; **Elizabeth Garcia**, Vice-President; **Barbara Reagan**, Treasurer; **Tom Nemeth**, Secretary; and **Jill Zimmerman**, PR. Our thanks to the outgoing Board for all their work in 2007–2008 on behalf of the McCreless Branch. The year ended with two Friends activities: (1) a successful book sale held in December and, (2) holiday certificates distributed by the Friends group to library staff thanking them for their service and wishing them good holiday cheer. In

addition, poinsettias were donated to decorate the library and then be taken home by library staff. **The next general membership meeting will be Wednesday, February 18, 6:30, in the branch meeting room.** Learn how you can support the mission of the Friends group to promote public use of the San Antonio Public Library and appreciation of its value as a cultural and educational asset to the community, and to encourage the extension and improvement of its services.

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## Bookmobile

**W**hat's 32 feet long, purple, and full of books? It's the library's brand new bookmobile, and it's coming to a neighborhood near you!



Our new vehicle, acquired at the end of September, made its first run October 1 and has been galavanting around the county ever since, popping up at the Dellview Neighborhood Association's National Night Out on October 7, City Hall on October 23, the Spurs 5K Run on October 25, and Housing & Neighborhood Services' Community Fair on November 8.

And then there are our regular runs. Once every three weeks or so, the bookmobile delivers its 2,500-plus books to the Compass Bank parking lot at IH10W and Boerne Stage Road, Southside Independent School District, Helotes Hills United Methodist Church, John Calvin Presbyterian Church, the HEB parking lot at Blanco and West Ave., John Glenn Elementary School, Somerset School District, and Encino Park Community Center.

For Bexar County residents who aren't close by a SAPL branch, the bookmobile may be just the answer. Anyone with a SAPL library card in good standing can check out items from the bookmobile, and items from other branches can be placed on hold to be picked up at any of the bookmobile stops.

For more information about the bookmobile, contact the Outreach Office at Central. Our office is brand new, too, so we don't have a phone yet, but you can email us: [ramona.lucius@sanantonio.gov](mailto:ramona.lucius@sanantonio.gov).

**Ramona Lucius**

## Book Cellar-bration!

**W**hen most people think of a golden wedding anniversary party, they think of a big event in an elegant hotel or maybe that long-awaited cruise for two. But for **Pat Hammond**, the idea took another turn. Pat threw a surprise fiftieth wedding anniversary party for her husband, **Hall**, in the library, and more specifically, in the Book Cellar. The



idea makes more sense when you consider that Hall took Pat to the library on their first date. While Pat thought this was a very refreshing idea for a date, Hall, as Pat found out later, was just thinking that the library would make for a cheap evening. Hall asked Pat recently what she would like to do for their anniversary, but she was secretly entertaining the idea of a party

for friends and family in the Book Cellar. As Pat commented, "I think entertaining an idea is the best kind of entertaining." When Pat told one of her children about her idea, he said, "That is SO bizarre . . . I think you should do



it!" Hall was told that they were attending a fundraiser for the Book Cellar, and when he walked in to see more than 65 friends and family members, he exclaimed, "Pat, did we buy the Book Cellar?"

## Book Cellar News

**T**he Book Cellar is on track to reach **\$79,000** in sales in 2008. The final total won't be known until after the deadline for this edition. Store profits are a large share of the \$85,000 that FOSAPL gave the Library System in 2008 for system-wide programming and staff development. Many thanks go to Book Cellar Manager **Monica Hernandez** and the 40 volunteers who keep the Book Cellar running every day.

The buy-one-get-one-free special in January is hard cover adult fiction – novels and mysteries. During February, in a month-long celebration of Valentine's Day, lovers of romance novels can buy 10 of them for \$1.

The Book Cellar will observe Black History Month in February with a special display of adult and children's books on African-American history, including biographies, along with fiction and poetry by African-American authors. These books will be sold at the store's regular prices.

**Pat Konstam**

Many thanks to the Book Cellar volunteers who worked eagerly to set up, serve, and help with clean up. Pat has been a loyal Book Cellar supporter since the Hertzberg days, and everyone was thrilled that she would think of the Book Cellar as the location for her special event. Also, we send out a big thank you to all the guests who bought books, gift certificates, and made cash donations totaling more than \$150. We would love to see more events like this in the Book Cellar.

**Lucille Teeter**



Membership in the Friends group costs only \$15 and participation has a beneficial effect on the entire community. Think about starting your New Year with us!

*Jill Zimmerman*

## Semmes

Like the rest of you, the Semmes Friends have had a busy fall. On November 8, we hosted the Semmes third birthday party. Though it was a simple affair this year, its highlight was the Friends' presentation of a certificate of appreciation to our library maintenance staff member **Monica de la Cruz**. Not only does Monica perform her duties proactively and with diligence, she is a friend of the Friends and makes sure the library is cleaned up after all special events (e.g., voting) so that the Friends can move right in and set up for our book sales and other events. She is always standing by and moving out to make sure Friends' functions are fully supported and efficient.

On December 6, the Friends co-hosted the third Christmas Tree Decorating Party. As the pictures on page 10 show, this was the coolest intergenerational activity of the year and included a rare visit from Santa's sage elf Ivy and her violin.

2008 has been an active and exciting year for the staff and Friends, but we end the year on a bittersweet note.

**Kate Gray**, our library manager for the three years that Semmes has been operating, has transferred to the position of branch coordinator. We shall miss the frequent interactions with Kate, who has been an advocate for the library, its staff, patrons, and Friends. We wish her well in

her new work and are consoled that Semmes is one of her branches for "coordination." As the new year starts, we also welcome **Jaime Flowers** as the new Semmes branch manager.

*Christie Smith*

## Texana/Genealogy

At its November meeting, the Texana/Genealogy Friends elected **Tim Draves** as President. Outgoing president **Maria Pfeiffer**, who served in that role 14 years, will chair the book sale committee.

The Texana/Genealogy Friends will hold its annual book sale Saturday, February 14, in the auditorium of the Central Library.

*Tim Draves*

## Tobin Library at Oakwell

We held our annual membership meeting on Saturday, October 18. Guest speakers were **Nancy Gandara**, treasurer of FOSAPL, **Jean Brady**, president of the Library Board, and **Kaye Lenox**, president of the Library Foundation. They each explained the special functions of their organization and how they work together to enhance the San Antonio Public Library System. Their program was most informative, and they graciously stayed to answer questions from the floor.

We also held our election of officers at this time. Our 2009 officers are: President, **Joan Hildreth** Vice President, **Janet Goddard** Secretary, **Arline Braswell** Treasurer, **Edward Sagebiel**

At our November meeting, we selected **Pat DePasquale** to be our **Best Friend** for 2009. Pat has served as book

sale chairperson for the past three years and also volunteered many hours helping Tobin/Oakwell install the new RFID in many of its books.

*Joan Hildreth*

## Westfall

Westfall Library Friends held a fall book sale on Saturday, November 8. The sale was very successful because of the wonderful volunteers and many patrons.

**Jamie Flowers**, branch manager of Westfall, was honored with a farewell party with cake provided by the staff and pizza provided by the Friends on her last day at Westfall. Jamie started her new position, branch manager of Semmes Library on Sunday, December 14. The Friends wish her good luck in her new position.

At this time, candidates are being interviewed for the branch manager position at Westfall. Look for this announcement in the next issue of the *SAPLings*.

*Pat Cummins*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## Many Thanks, J.O. Wallace!

**J.O. Wallace's** recent retirement as treasurer of the Friends of Texana/Genealogy was certainly deserved and well earned! J.O. and his wife, **Lillie Ruth**, were among the first members of Texana/Genealogy and faithful attendees at our meetings.

Along with Lillie Ruth, J.O. could always be counted on to do whatever was asked. This included his long service as the group's treasurer. Each year, he manned the cash box at the annual Texana/Genealogy book sale and kept track of funds down to the penny. J.O. patiently waited for me to make good on my two-year promise that we would retire together. With **Tim Draves'** election in November as the new president of Texana/Genealogy, J.O. finally got to turn over the books. Of course, they were in impeccable order.

Many thanks and much gratitude to J.O. and Lillie Ruth for their unflagging support.

*Maria Watson Pfeiffer,  
past president, Friends  
of Texana/Genealogy*

## Igo Celebrates 1st Anniversary



## Nominating Committee Report

**O**n November 16, the nominating committee met at John Igo Branch Library. Committee members are **Cathy Dean, Richard Morales, Dorothy Smith, Judy Wilson,** and **Sue Ratliff**, chair.

The nominating committee wishes to thank the following members who have agreed to be candidates for the upcoming election:

### Executive Board 2009–2011

President – **Nancy Gandara**

Vice President – **Bruce Gill**

Secretary – **Linda Arronge**

Treasurer – **Judy Wilson**

### Board of Directors 2009–2011

**Denise Barlow**

**Shirley Coleman**

**Jackie Fremming**

**Claudia Kohler**

**Aaron Konstam**

**Mary McAfee**

**Pat Mendiola**

**Ronnie Retzliff**

**Evanleen Schmueckle**

**Ann Tobin**

The election will be held during the **Annual Meeting on January 18, in the Central Library Auditorium.** At that time the floor will be open for additional nominations from the membership. Please remember that you must have permission from the prospective nominee before putting his or her name into contention.

*Sue Ratliff*

## Johnston Library Flag Pole Dedication Ceremony

*Photos by Raul Olvedo*



*L-R: Marshall & Jeanne Mundorff, Councilman Philip Cortez, Jean Barlow, and Linda Nairn*



*A photograph of John Igo was presented to the library by Mr. and Mrs. William Woller (left of John). (L-R) Ramiro Salazar and Jean Brady joined in the presentation.*



## Arts & Letters Awards Ceremony Was a Wild Success!

The Arts & Letters event of October 26, 2008, was held, as usual, at the Central Library Auditorium, and the house was packed. This year's honorees were **Cary Clack**, columnist

for the *San Antonio Express-News*, and **Terry Muska**, classical guitarist. **Olga Samples Davis** presented Clack's award, and **Madalyn Blanchett** presented Muska's award.

Serving on the committee this year were **Sheila Figueroa**, Chair, **Claudia Kohler**, and **Judy Wilson**. The Thousand Oaks Friends provided the lovely refreshments.



Claudia Kohler



Claudia Kohler

(L-R) **Madalyn Blanchett**, **Olga Samples Davis**, **Cary Clack**, **Terry Muska**, and **Sheila Figueroa**.





**Madalyn Blanchett** (above) introduced **Terry Muska**, and **Olga Samples Davis** (below) introduced **Cary Clack**.



Honorees **Terry Muska** and **Cary Clack**

Cathy Dean



Above—Hostesses for the Arts & Letters Ceremony, (left to right) **Pat Howell**, **Leila Hileman**, and **Claudia Kohler**

Left—State Rep. **Mike Villarreal** and daughter **Bella**



Cathy Dean

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**Friends for Life**, *continued from p 3.*

Deliley Gatson  
 Ames Gill  
 Mr. & Mrs. Jack E. Gorman  
 Brazos V. Guido  
 Mr. & Mrs. Cosmo F. Guido  
 Thomas L. Guido  
 Hugh Halff, Jr.  
 Robert E. Harris  
 Jack Hebdon  
 Stacey Lynn Hill  
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 Nancy Holmes  
 John C. Holmgreen  
 John N. Igo, Jr.  
 Sherwood & Bebe Inkley  
 Helen G. Jacobson  
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank W. Jennings  
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Jones  
 Clare Marie Karabasz  
 Betty & Bob Kelso  
 Richard Kleberg III  
 Richard H. Klitch, Jr.  
 Graham & Anne Knight  
 Jade Lamb  
 Jonathan Lamb  
 Richard J. Lamb  
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 Mrs. Robert M. Luby  
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 Caroline Matthews  
 Mrs. Mary McAfee  
 Martha McCabe  
 Mr. & Mrs. John McCamish  
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 Rose Marie McElfresh  
 Dr. Martha M. Mead  
 Cora E. Meskill  
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 John & Judy Mumma  
 Josephine P. Myler  
 Linda Child Nairn  
 John E. Newman, Jr.  
 Gen. Dorr E. Newton  
 Ronald K. Obadal  
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 Mrs. Julius H. Posey  
 Joy G. Price  
 Fonzie Quance-Fitch  
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 Mrs. Laura G. Richmond  
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 Scottish F.M. Rite  
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 Mr. & Mrs. Campbell Smith  
 Sarah Smith  
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 Patrick H. Swearingen, Jr.  
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 Kathryn Vaught  
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 Jo Ann Wigodsky  
 Janet C. Wilke  
 Junette Kirkham Woller  
 I-Tien Yeh  
 Sylvia Zamarripa  
 Betty D. Zinn

## Semmes' Celebrations

*Photos by Christie Smith*

### Christmas Party



### 3rd Anniversary Party



*Monica de la Cruz receives a certificate of appreciation.*





# INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

**October 31, 2008**  
Submitted by **Nancy Gandara**

	Budget	Sep/Oct FOSAPL YTD	Groups YTD	
<b>Income</b>				
Book Cellar Sales/Group Book Sales	\$73,000	\$13,947.80	\$74,170.60	\$59,286.08
Donations	\$3,500	\$100.00	\$1,410.00	\$3,174.03
Interest	\$6,450	\$619.45	\$3,798.34	
Membership	\$10,000		\$12,348.00	\$3,467.00
<b>FOSAPL Income</b>	\$92,950	\$14,667.25	\$91,726.94	
<b>Branch/Groups Income</b>				\$65,927.11
Transfer from Savings	\$33,431			
<b>Assets to be Used During 2008</b>	<b>\$126,381</b>			
<b>Expenses</b>				
Accounting	\$2,250	\$100.00	\$350.00	
Arts and Letters	\$400	\$224.10	\$224.10	
Bank Charges	\$150	\$10.00	\$83.40	
Book Cellar Expenses				
Advertising	\$2,000		\$480.00	
Book Sale(s) Expenses	\$500		\$100.27	\$821.16
Commodities for resale	\$600		\$439.00	
Equipment and Maintenance	\$2,500	\$107.69	\$2,456.60	
Internet & software	\$100		\$39.99	
Printing/copying	\$300	\$2.57	\$44.57	
Recruitment of volunteer workers	\$250	\$10.00	\$78.37	
Salary & benefits	\$7,200	\$1,180.00	\$5,900.00	
Volunteer Appreciation	\$500	\$57.24	\$155.94	
Water service	\$456		\$36.75	
Branch/Group Operating Expenses				\$202.65
Bulk Mail	\$1,000	\$380.11	\$833.45	\$106.78
FOLUSA Membership	\$100		\$100.00	
FOSAPL Committee Expenses	\$300	\$46.46	\$363.98	
FOSAPL Donor Recognition	\$1,000			
Friends recognition	\$300			
Insurance (bonding)	\$125			
Library Support				
Equipment To Be Determined	\$5,000		\$3,647.90	\$23,394.49
Programming for public [all year, all ages]	\$40,000	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$5,051.63
Staff development & training	\$40,000	\$5,717.00	\$40,000.00	
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life Members (no funding amt.)			\$100.00	
Various Branch/Group Purchases				\$17,381.31
Mail Box	\$100		\$52.00	
Newsletter Prep/Editing	\$1,800	\$300.00	\$1,500.00	
Newsletter Printing	\$2,800	\$634.39	\$2,737.72	
Office Supplies	\$1,500	\$383.44	\$746.86	
Parking	\$4,000	\$935.25	\$4,207.00	
Postage	\$400	\$67.06	\$288.62	
President's Expenses	\$350		\$145.00	
Sales Tax (Book Cellar and Branches)	\$10,000	\$1,796.73	\$9,656.13	
Seed Money for New Groups	\$400		\$200.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$126,381</b>	<b>\$31,952.04</b>	<b>\$114,967.65</b>	<b>\$46,958.02</b>

## Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

Accounts	Balance
CompassBank Money Market Account	\$106,003.05
Money Market Gold Account	\$37,397.12
Checking Account	\$46,956.47
Total Assets	\$190,356.64
Branch-designated Funds	\$98,799.56
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$98,799.56</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$91,557.08</b>

## Branch & Special-Interest Group Funds 10/31/08

Bazan	\$1,830.16
Brook Hollow	\$8,574.01
Carver	\$3,169.03
Cody	\$10,424.78
Collins Garden	\$451.65
Forest Hills	\$4,000.01
Guerra	\$2,995.37
Igo	\$2,435.21
Johnston	\$1,874.77
Landa (pending official formation)	\$150.00
Maverick	\$5,255.16
McCreless	\$3,206.91
Memorial	\$4,878.05
Tobin-at-Oakwell	\$13,885.66
Semmes	\$5,914.45
Texana/Genealogy	\$17,052.23
Thousand Oaks	\$4,584.15
Westfall	\$4,607.12
Writers (currently inactive)	\$3,510.84
<b>Total Group Funds</b>	<b>\$98,799.56</b>



Nancy Gandara, Jean Brady, and Kaye Lenox were speakers at Tobin Library at Oakwell's Annual Membership meeting October 18.



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## Texas Library Association Legislative Day is February 25, 2009

How about a drive to Austin in February to meet with your legislators and advocate for libraries? The Texas Library Association (TLA) and delegate leaders provide materials and training, and they also schedule appointments for the group you're assigned to. See the TLA web site ([www.txla.org](http://www.txla.org)) for Information on registration; go to the Legislative Issues link to learn about their priorities for the 81'st legislature. These priorities include additional funding for four programs: TexShare, K-12 Databases, Loan Star Libraries, and Texas Library Systems. Two policy initiatives propose legislation to ensure adequate school libraries and to allow community college libraries the same purchasing exemptions as state universities.

If you're unable to make the trip to Austin, please contact your legislators individually before Legislative Day so they know their constituents support libraries and they should pay attention to TLA's delegates. Actually, even if you do go to Austin, it's a good idea to contact your legislators personally at their local offices before then. Now would be good!

## CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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|-------------------|---|
| <b>January 18</b> | <b>FOSAPL Annual General Meeting, 2 p.m., Central Auditorium</b>                |
| February 14       | Texana/Genealogy Friends Book Sale, Central Library Auditorium                  |
| February 21       | Tobin at Oakwell Book Sale, 10 – 4. (Preview for FOSAPL members Feb. 20, 1 - 4) |
| February 21–22    | Igo Book Sale, Saturday, 9–4; Sunday, 1–4                                       |
| March 28          | Brook Hollow Book Sale  |
| April 18          | Cody 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

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

Cody Library  
11441 Vance Jackson, 78230  
210-696-6396

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

Tobin Library at Oakwell Library  
4134 Harry Wurzbach Rd, 78209  
210-828-2569