



From the President



Dear Friends,

The question that the well-dressed, “professional” lady asked stopped me cold: I had approached her with a Friends of the San Antonio Public Library membership envelope in my hand, and had suggested that she write us a check. She said, “Well, what’s in it for me?”

Many of you may have heard the same question (or may have wondered it yourself, when considering that membership renewal for 2011!), so here are some quick answers:

- A feeling of satisfaction that you are supporting an important community service for all ages and cultures
- News you can use: information in *SAPLings* that will tip you off to book sales, branch openings, etc.
- Opportunities to become involved as a cultural maven (Arts & Letters Awards), a political advocate (speak to City Council!), a bargain shopper (BookCellar), or to speak your opinion (Strategic Plan focus group participation)
- Fun! — you’ll be amazed by the diversity of backgrounds, life experiences, and creativity that Friends bring to raising money — or sharing work!

And, speaking of work, during the coming year, there will be many challenges for the Friends.

- The Board will be forming a Fundraising Committee, to brainstorm and implement ways to augment the revenue that is brought in by the BookCellar.
- We would like to reach the “magic number” of 1,000 members during 2011, so that our voice is heard clearly by politicians
- “Going green” by having many of you go online to read *SAPLings* (with color photos!)
- Support the formation of new groups for the Mission and Parman Branch libraries

Thanks for all that you have done during the past year. **Remember to come to the Central Library on Jan. 16, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., for the Annual Meeting**, to greet your Friends from all over the city, to vote for new officers and Board members, and to celebrate the Best Friends of many branch groups.

Cheers,
Nancy Gandara

It's Time To Elect “The Class Of 2013”

Nancy Gandara

Election of Directors to the Board of the Friends will be conducted at the **Annual Meeting, on January 16, 2011**. As described in Article V of our Bylaws, “The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors,” composed of the officers and at least 16 Friends who are residents of Bexar County. An election is held each year so that the two-year terms of Directors are staggered in order to have an overlap of experienced Board members. Names of all currently serving Board members are listed in the masthead of this publication (see p. 2).

The following persons have accepted nomination for a second term: **Nancy Gandara**, President, and **Judy Wilson** (Treasurer). **Linda Arronge** (who has served as Secretary for the past two years) has accepted nomination as Vice-

President. **Anne Long** has accepted nomination as Secretary.

Nominees for the “class of 2013” include many who are eligible to serve one or two additional two-year terms, as well as some Friends who will be starting their first term. They are: **Evelyn Bonavita, Shirley Coleman, Jackie Fremming, Bruce Gill, Claudia Kohler, Robert La Caff, Karen Matson, Pat Mendiola, Larry Purkey, Ronnie Retzloff, Ann Springer, and Virginia Wong**. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, with approval of the nominee.

We are indebted to the members of the Nominating Committee (**Lucille Teeter, Ann Tobin, Bruce Gill, Pat Mendiola**) and the Chair **Mary McAfee** for having brought together such a strong slate of eager Board members!

SAPL Night with the SPURS!



Friday, January 14 ★ 7:00 p.m. ★ AT&T Center

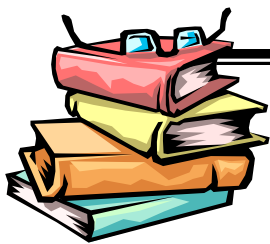
Are you a Library fan AND a Spurs fan? Here’s your chance to support both! **Friday, January 14, 2011**, is San Antonio Public Library Night with the Spurs, and we’re playing the Dallas Mavericks!

A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales for that night will benefit the Library. To pick your seats and order your tickets online, go to https://oss.ticketmaster.com/html/group_corp_start.html?i=EN&team=spurs&owner=15020818 &group=1459&err=&event=&customerID=. Then:

- Enter special promotion code: Library
- Create a new account (or log in to your existing one)
- Pick your seats and location
- Enter your billing information and print tickets at home (with no Ticketmaster fees)

Tickets are available at a variety of prices, so reserve yours now!

Please share the word with your friends and let’s make January 14—Library Night with the Spurs—a great event! (Oh, yeah, this would be a great holiday gift too!)



Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

Board Meeting
November 21, 2010

Submitted by *Linda Arronge*

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, November 21, 2010, at the Johnston Branch Library. President **Nancy Gandara** suggested that since we had many people from the Friends of Johnston who were attending that it would be nice to introduce ourselves. Those present were: **Nancy Gandara, Linda Arronge, Judy Wilson, Linda Nairn, Denise Barlow, Evelyn Bonavita, Jackie Fremming, Dolores Huber, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Claudia Kohler, Aaron Konstam, Pat Konstam, Mary McAfee, Josie Martinez, Robert Mason, Ronnie Retzoff, and Ann Tobin.** A quorum was present.

The minutes of the July 18, 2010 meeting were presented as they appeared in the Nov/Dec 2010 issue of *SAPLings*. Mary McAfee moved and **Anne Long** seconded the motion that we approve the minutes presented in the *SAPLings*. It passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT—**Judy Wilson** passed out copies of her Income and Expense Report. She reported that Membership has brought in \$5,960. The Budget is currently above \$72,000. She still needs to pay \$600 for the BookCellar volunteer parking and \$174 for the Bond for **Nancy Gandara** and **Judy Wilson**. **Mary McAfee** made a motion and **Anne Long** seconded the motion that we accept the report as presented. It passed.

LIBRARY BOARD REPORT—**Jean Brady** reported that she had worked at the Landa book sale. She said that it was really hard work setting up for the sale. She thanked everyone for all the work they do.

LIBRARY ADMINISTRATOR—**Kathy Donellan** reported that there was an increase of \$900,000 in the Library Budget for 2011 for the 23 branches. It will be used for the assessment work such as the safety systems, ADA compli-

ance, and necessary repairs from leaks. Central Library is still under repairs. She said the weatherization project should be finished by the summer of 2011. There is no money in the current budget for replacing or refreshing the carpet at Central.

She reported that the land next to Johnston Library will be developed into a park, walking trails, and also to add more parking spaces. She introduced **Roberta Sparks**, and said that Sparks will serve as the liaison between SAPL and the Friends of the Library, especially in matters affecting the BookCellar.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION—**Carol Black** said that they had a Hard Hat Tour of Parman Library. The new library is scheduled to open in April of 2011. She announced that **Mike Molak** would serve as the President for 2011.

MEMBERSHIPS—**Claudia Kohler** reported that we have 912 members. Claudia announced that after having served for three years as Membership Chair, she would like to train someone else to take over those duties.

BOOKCELLAR—**Aaron Konstam** announced that on Thursday, November 11, the BookCellar had their Annual Luncheon. This year it was held downtown at Azuca, with 41 volunteers and their guests present. A Memorandum of Understanding will be discussed at the next BookCellar meeting. It is an effort to outline and clarify the responsibilities of the City of San Antonio Library and the BookCellar.

He said the BookCellar will net about \$75,000 for 2010.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—**Mary McAfee**, chairperson, said the committee met and filed a slate for officers and directors. It appeared in the Nov/Dec issue of *SAPLings*.

NEW BUSINESS

Bonuses: Nancy Gandara stated that we pay **Alana**

Woods \$300 six times a year for editing and organizing *SAPLings*. She recommended that we give Woods a bonus of \$250. After a brief discussion, **Aaron Konstam** moved and **Mary McAfee** seconded that we approve the \$250 bonus. It passed.

We also voted on a bonus for **Monica Hernandez**, the Manager for the BookCellar.

It was recommended that Hernandez be given a \$250 bonus. **Anne Long** moved and **Ann Tobin** seconded the motion. It passed.

Budget for 2011: Treasurer **Judy Wilson** thanked the members of the Budget Committee (**Anne Long, Aaron Konstam, Linda Nairn, Nancy Gandara ex-officio**) and presented the proposed budget for 2011. She pointed out that in past years the Friends had a large financial cushion, the bulk of which had been distributed to the Library over the past five years. Operating costs for the BookCellar for one year are approximately \$19,350, and annual costs of the FOSAPL organization are about \$13,000. The amount recommended to be given to the Library for 2011 for Library Support (programming or marketing, as determined by the Library Director) was \$42,000. The motion was made, and seconded, that the budget as proposed be accepted, and the motion carried. **Pat Konstam** made a motion that a Fundraising Committee be formed, to consider ways to augment the budget. The motion was seconded and it carried.

BEST FRIENDS—Gandara reminded everyone that it is time again to nominate Best Friends at each branch. The Best Friends will be recognized at the Annual meeting on Jan. 16, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned by President **Nancy Gandara**.



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
Bruce Gill..... Vice President
Linda Arronge..... Secretary
Judy Wilson..... Treasurer
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Denise Barlow • Evelyn Bonavita • Shirley Coleman • Claudia Kohler • Jackie Fremming • Robert LaCaff • Aaron Konstam • Mary McAfee • Pat Mendiola • Ronnie Retzloff • Evanleen Schmueckle • Ann Tobin

2010–2012 Term

Pat Bjornson • Shirley Davis • Dolores Huber • Yolanda Kirkpatrick • Pat Konstam • Josie Martinez • Bob Mason • Robbi Ruppert • Dorothy Smith

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.

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NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Lyn Belisle, Chair • Cathy Dean • Nancy Gandara, *Ex Officio* • Bruce Gill • Pat Mendiola • Linda Nairn, *Distribution*

Article contributions for 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 or Word file. Please email files and photos to Alana Woods, alana005@yahoo.com. Printed articles and original photos should be mailed to Alana Woods at Southwest Research Institute, 6220 Culebra Rd., San Antonio, TX 78238.



Brook Hollow

The Brook Hollow Friends' last book sale resulted in receipts of slightly over \$4,200—the second highest in our history. Twenty-seven (over half) of the members of the group volunteered during this sale. Our next sale is scheduled for March 12, 2011.

At the last meeting of the Friends, approval was granted for the manager to purchase a CD Cabinet, six book carts to replace old worn out carts, and several easels.

We will be honoring the Brook Hollow staff during a Staff Appreciation dinner in January, (exact date not yet determined).

Brook Hollow Friends continue to monitor the landscaping installed last year and have agreed to be responsible for its maintenance including the irrigation system. The Library will continue to maintain the trees and other landscaping that was already in place.

Bruce Gill

Cortez

The Friends of the Cortez Branch Library purchased chess sets for the Cortez Chess Club, which meets every Thursday after school. Between five and ten local students from the area meet to learn how to play chess from local chess champion and Texas A&M in San Antonio student **Jesse Lozano**.

Former Cortez Branch manager **Rebecca Johnson** has

been selected as the new branch manager of Pan American Branch Library. She will be greatly missed by library patrons and by her staff. **Jerry Madrigal** will serve as interim branch manager for Cortez until a new manager is chosen.

The teen programming theme for the fall was *Zombie Survival*. Teen Services Liaison **Stephanie Vazquez** presented teen activities, which included zombie board and Wii games. **Stephanie Vazquez** was pleased to report that the Halloween weekend screening of the movie *Paranormal* had very good attendance. The Cortez Friends provided refreshments and snacks for a donation during the film. A frighteningly good time was had by all.

The Cortez Book Club met on November 4 to discuss Stephen King's *The Shining*.

Cortez Friends are planning a holiday party for staff on December 22.

Rebecca Johnson

Igo

Activity for the Friends of the Igo Branch (FIB) will pick up with an Appreciation Day Celebration on January 22, 2011. We'll join library staff for heavy-duty hors d'oeuvres and our traditional sherbet and 7-Up punch, served in the library's new punch bowl. Hopefully our City Council representative and other dignitaries will attend. All Fibbers and other friends are invited.

In November, we initiated a new book sale option for patrons. Books for sale during library hours will now be available at our Book Nook. We contracted with **Marshall Mundorff** to make a lock box that was on display at our last meeting. The lock box will be attached to a book display piece of some kind, and books there will be for sale on a do-

nation basis. Many thanks, Marshall.

Our next book sale date has been set for March 26, 10-5, and 27, 10-4. Set up days will be March 24 in the evening and 25. Please feel free to join us. Call any FIBBER to learn the times for set up. Volunteers are welcome.

Anne Wagner will be presented at the FOSAPL Best Friend Award ceremony in January. We congratulated her at the December meeting. All agreed that Anne has made beyond-the-call volunteer efforts this year. Kudos, Anne, for all your hard work.

We meet again January 5 at 7:00. Note that this is a day and time change for us.

Kathleen McCloskey

Landa Friends

On November 6, the Friends of the Hannah Landa Memorial Branch Library held their inaugural book sale. Group president, **Dru Van Steenberg**, marshalled her forces, an energetic group of eager volunteers who were ready to work and learn, which they did alongside **Linda Arronge** and her team. We could not have done it without them. Their experience and judgment was invaluable to our fledgling group, and we are very grateful to them for showing us the ropes.

The weather was great and we were able to set up outside on the terrace as well as in the library meeting room. Dru worked a little marketing magic and managed to provide us with a steady flow of shoppers over the course of Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. Over the last 18 months, the community donated plenty of choice used books, which manager **Michael Kaminski** and library assistant **Caroline Kirby** stored away in the hidden recesses of the Landa mansion. In the end, the hard

work and great spirits of the entire team paid off as we garnered more than \$2,100 to be used toward materials, facilities, and services at Landa Library.

Earlier in the year, Friends support provided the staff work/break room (the old kitchen) with new Venetian blinds as well as honorariums for a select group of Irish dance performers from the McTeggart School of Dance, who performed at Landa's Summer Fest event, and for professional classical and jazz guitarist **Luis Berrios** who performed during Hispanic Heritage Month.

Michael Kaminski

Maverick

We hope your holidays were full of everything that makes the season a time of joy.

The Maverick Friends had another successful book sale on October 16 and 17. Thanks to generous donations from the Friends of the Tobin at Oakwell and Cody libraries, we had plenty of books to tempt our buyers. We even managed to get the leftovers packed up and the room cleared on the 17th—just in time for election officials to set up for early voting.

At our November meeting, we did some preliminary work on scheduling for our next sale and finalized the plans our annual holiday dinner.

This year, we chose Mimi's Café for our dinner on December 7. Everyone enjoyed a bit of time before dinner to visit and play games. We were especially glad to have three members of the Maverick staff and their guests join us for the evening.

Maverick Friends wish everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Sue Ratliff

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McCreless

Congratulations and a big thank you go out to our newly elected officers for 2011 – President **Anne Long**, Vice President **Elizabeth Garcia**, Secretary **Gail Long**, Treasurer **Mary Gallagher**, Members at Large **Tom Nemeth** and **Barbara Reagan**, and *Ex Officio* **Evanleen Schmueckel**. It will be an exciting year so plan on attending McCreless Friends of the Library activities.

The book sale was a wonderful success and we thank everyone who supported it by either staffing the sale or through purchasing and/or donating items. The almost \$1200 in sales and donations allows us to support the work of the library. The Friends group voted to fund Cammie's wish list, which includes purchasing new step stools for the library, a new cleaner for DVDs, a stand for the foyer to put out free magazines, as well as a new wooden display shelf for CDs and DVDs. In addition to the Friends funding, an additional \$45 donation from **Barbara Scribner** in honor of the contributions of **Tom Nemeth**, went to the purchase of an additional DVD cleaner. All fans of Books on CD benefit from her generosity and thoughtfulness.

As usual at this time of the year, the Friends Group gives gift cards to the library staff in recognition for their year-long contributions to the success of the library. The Friends also gave \$50 toward the staff Christmas party and two beautiful, decorative poinsettias for library. It has been a year of change, challenges, and construction at the library and through it all the library staff have provided outstanding information services.

An unusual donation from a library patron brought additional funding for our Friends group. Library Manager **Cammie Gunter**, received a gift of an elephant collection from a library patron. The elephant collection display was made up mostly of ceramic elephants with some possibly onyx or soapstone, some whimsical and some more ornamental. The smallest was about 3" tall and the largest 7" or 8". Reaction from the display was so positive that Cammie decided to raffle them off to the library patrons and donate the money to the Friends. The raffle brought in an additional \$100 to support the group's activities.

Please join us in McCreless Friends of the Library activities. Our next board meeting will be Monday, Feb. 7 at 2:00 at McCreless Library. Our next general meeting will be Monday, Feb. 14 at 5:30 pm at McCreless library. We hope to have a Valentine program and refreshments. Looking forward to seeing you in 2011!

Jill Zimmerman

Semmes

Semmes Friends put the spirit of Christmas into the library December 2 with full decorations. We will be changing our decorations for the 2011 season, and so this coming year we will be looking for a new home for our 12-ft pre-lit Christmas tree that has served us so joyously for the past five years. If you are interested in this tree for your library please contact **Judy Wilson** at 210-789-9409.

The next Friends meeting will be February 2 at 10:00. Our next book sale will be on Saturday, February 11, with the Friends' preview sale on Friday, February 10, from 11-

12:30. Happy and safe holidays to you all!

Christie Smith

Thousand Oaks

The TO Friends opened the holiday season with cheer and a cheer. On a Friday work day, after setting up for the following day's Book Sale, we brought a cheerful note to the library with wreaths, a trimmed tree, and colorful decorations.

The cheers go to **Barbara Kwiatkowsky's** Teen Group for the signs they made to advertise our sale. We credit the signs for bringing in a steady stream of shoppers and a new record for sales. We took advantage of the opportunity to advertise the Friends by placing bookmarks explaining our purpose in the shoppers' bags. We hope this will attract more people to our group, which has been growing. Cheers and thanks to all who worked, especially to some of the newer members for joining in, and to **Ginger Hobbs**, our very capable organizer.

The Friends gathered at Los Patios for a lovely holiday luncheon. Thanks to **Ivy Durnell** and **Celina Dewberry** for arranging the event.

We send more cheers to our library staff for the "Excellent" rating they received from the City of San Antonio's Secret Shopper. The report cited the neatness of outside and inside and "pleasant and helpful staff who greeted (visitors) warmly and were attentive to shoppers' needs." Congratulations everyone!

Renee Hermanson

Tobin Library at Oakwell

The Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell raised more

than \$8,400 with three book sales during 2010, while approving almost \$15,000 for library improvements and activities, ranging from new shelving to bringing in a comic book artist to conduct a Teen Program.

Major library purchases included metal display shelves for the periodical room where archived magazines can be kept, shelves and seating for an enlarged young adult reading area, stools for the circulation counter librarians, book repair materials, a CD-DVD resurfacing machine, and a bench for the Tobin's foyer.

Dianna Morganti, branch manager, also notes that the library now has new, brighter outside lights, roof repairs have been made, and alterations have been made to address a leak in the Conference Room. And wiring has been installed to make it easier for library visitors to use their laptops, which now also can be checked out for use at the Tobin.

Rita Corey, the volunteer coordinator for the book sales, is our Volunteer of the Year.

About 5,000 books are featured at each of the Tobin's sales, and this year most of the 2,000 or so leftovers from each sale have gone to other branches for their sales, keeping the donated books and library discards within the library's fund-raising system. Any branch that is interested in picking up books after one of our sales is welcome to them.

The next book sale is set for February 4–5, 2011. A preview, open to All FOSAPL members, will be 1–3 p.m., Friday, February 4. Regular book sale hours are 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5.

Dan Goddard

Secret closet reveals Library treasures at the Dolph & Janie Briscoe Western Art Museum (former San Antonio Public Library/Hertzberg Circus Collection) 210 W. Market Street

Construction workers retrofitting the former San Antonio Public Library and Hertzberg Circus Museum into the National Western Art Foundation's Dolph & Janie Briscoe Western Art Museum were recently able to access an abandoned and forgotten room on the third floor of the building. When they did they uncovered a cache of previously unknown and uncataloged library items, including an early-edition King James Bible, dated 1615, and a Civil War-era photo album.

Judging by dates on magazines found in the old closet, staff at the San Antonio Public Library, which owns the building and is leasing it to the National Western Art Foundation, estimate that the area was walled off sometime around 1952 and then forgotten. Why the books, photographs and other articles were left in the sealed room is unknown.

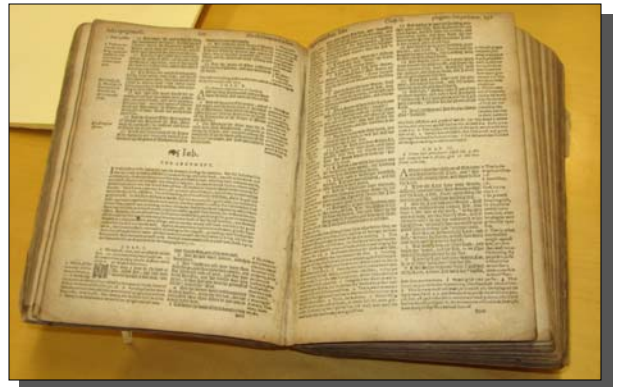
A partial listing of items found in the closet includes:

- World War II posters from Canada, the Free French, the Philippines and the United States, and an extremely rare group of Japanese posters
- An 1861 proclamation from the Governor of the Territory of New Mexico calling out the militia to repel Confederate troops invading from Texas
- General Orders by Confederate Major General J. Bankhead Magruder outlining strategies to export Texas cotton past the Union blockade
- A photo album belonging to Union officer Colonel Town—containing not only family pictures, but also photographs of the Union commanders, including General Ulysses S. Grant; General Philip Sheridan; and General George Gordon Meade, who was the Union commander during the Battle of Gettysburg.

- Engravings and photographs, including scenes from old San Antonio

The building at 210 W. Market Street most recently housed the Harry Hertzberg Collection and Circus Museum, which Mr. Hertzberg bequeathed to the San Antonio Public Library. It originally opened in 1930 as the San Antonio Public Library, replacing the original Carnegie Library, which had been damaged in the great 1921 flood. It became the Hertzberg Collection and Circus Museum in 1968 when a newer Main Library opened at 203 S. St. Mary's Street. Because the building's deteriorating physical condition presented a danger to the collection, it was closed in 2001 and the circus memorabilia transferred to the Witte Museum, the secondary beneficiary in Mr. Hertzberg's will. The books and similar items from Mr. Hertzberg's gift were moved to the Central Library.

In 2006 the building was leased to the National Western Art Foundation, which is conducting a renovation process to convert it to the Dolph and Janie Briscoe Western Art Museum. Through both permanent and traveling exhibits, the museum will showcase art and artifacts depicting the Old West and the lives of cowboys and vaqueros. The museum will also house a History Center Portal operated by the San Antonio Public Library, featuring both electronic and static displays of the Library's historical resources. Next to the museum will be a pavilion with a meeting facility, galleries and a sculpture garden. The Briscoe Western Art Museum is tentatively scheduled to open December 2011 or January 2012. Zachry Companies is the general contractor for the project.



The 1615 King James Bible, coverless and missing the first 17 chapters of Genesis that we found.



A photo album that belonged to Union officer Colonel Town—contains family pictures and photographs of the Union commanders, including General Ulysses S. Grant; General Philip Sheridan; and General George Gordon Meade;



Letter dated February 1861—from a Joseph Wood to his sister, and it was written just before Texas seceded from the union. Wood described the surrender of the U.S. arsenal in San Antonio to Confederate sympathizers. The men "saw the Star Spangled hauled down and the Lone Star raised, and they were in tears," he wrote. He feared bloodshed.

Maverick Friends have another successful Book Sale in October



Maverick Friends hold Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Mimi's Café ★ December 7





Brook Hollow Book Sale

Two mother-daughter teams volunteered at the Brook Hollow book sale. One book sale shopper brought his piggy bank to the sale.

Semmes Friends Decorate the Library Christmas Tree

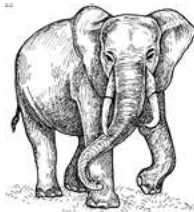


Tom Anderson (not pictured), **Judy Wilson** (left), and **Christie Smith** decorate the very large Christmas tree at Semmes Library.

Igo Friends Celebrate Christmas



John Igo unwraps his white elephant gift.



An elephant never forgets . . . will you?

Claudia Kohler

Your Friends Membership packet is in the mail. If you forget to send it in, we'll have to use another envelope, another stamp, and another letter to remind you, using funds that could be used to help our libraries. On that same note, your 2011 membership card will be mailed after the first of the year to take advantage of bulk rates for postage.

Please be sure to fill out your Membership envelope completely. Did you move and forget to let us know? Did you change your email address? Do you have time to volunteer for specific committees? The branch presidents are very pleased to know of your interests and all help will be welcome.

Please remember to designate a branch, as this will keep you on that branch list and they will get \$5 for you. Do you

want to join more than one branch? Easy—send an extra \$5 for each additional branch, per person. Are you a Life member? We still need to have updated information, and you must choose your branch each year.

If you do not want your phone number in our next directory, be sure to check that box. We will NEVER share your email address with anyone except your branch officers.

If you have questions about your membership, please call the Treasurer, Judy Wilson at 210-789-9404 or Membership Chair Claudia Kohler at 210-372-0241, or email mytexas-room@satx.rr.com.

We are so grateful for our wonderful Friends. Each of you has your unique offering to your library, your town, and your community. Thank you!

From the Library Director



Happy New Year!

It's 2011, a brand new year, and it promises to be a busy one for the San Antonio Public Library.

First, we will be creating the Library's new strategic plan, which will help position the San Antonio Public Library as a relevant service institution for the future. The new Strategic Plan will serve as a dynamic tool for the next five years to help guide the Library Board of Trustees in formulating effective public policy. The plan will also guide Library staff in developing appropriate service strategies and will help determine how best to reach underserved areas of the city and county. You may be contacted to participate in this process in some way, and we ask that you please take advantage of this opportunity to help set the course for your public library. We want to hear the opinions and ideas of our stakeholders – more, that information is essential to help us create a comprehensive, viable, useful strategic plan.

We also look forward to opening not one but two new branch libraries, the Mission Branch Library at 3100 Roosevelt Boulevard (on the site of the old Mission Drive-In Theater) and the Parman Branch Library at Stone Oak, 20735 Wilderness Oak. What is significant about these two new libraries is that they will both serve currently underserved areas of the City, extending the Library's reach into new neighborhoods. The other important point to note is that both branch libraries were made possible by City bond initiatives, and would not now be under construction without the support of the citizens, and the advocacy of our shareholders.

Exciting new programming initiatives are also underway, and you will find more information about them elsewhere in this edition of SAPLings.

As we look forward to 2011, we thank you for your continued support of the San Antonio Public Library and wish you a prosperous and happy year to come.

Ramiro Salazar

Your work matters!

Kathy Donellan, Assistant Library Director for Support Services

Your support of the library is critical to our success. As the year comes to a close, we want to recognize the generosity of the individual branch Friends groups. Between September 2009 and October 2010, the branch Friends groups gave more than \$20,000 in cash to benefit the library system.

Most of the funding was used to purchase critical equipment and furniture that the branch managers had re-

quested of their Friends. These items included children's area book display furniture, meeting room chairs and tables, storage units, and book carts.

This type of support is indispensable for two reasons: first, the Library has little or no operating budget for on-going replacement of furniture or upgrades to equipment; and second, the branch manager has the best and most specific idea of what the most significant needs

are at each branch. The direct relationship between the branch manager and his or her Friends is the most expeditious route to getting the items needed to make a significant improvement to service for the patrons of that branch. Thank you for your dues, your volunteer efforts at branch book sales and all that you do to support your branch's Friends group. We look forward to continuing our partnership to serve the community in 2011.

Thousand Oaks Book Sale

Barbara Kwiatkowsky's Teen Group made signs for the sale. Cheers and thanks to all who worked to make the sale a success.



BookCellar News

Pat Konstam

Seven volunteers received their first purple aprons – representing their initial 50 hours or more of work in the BookCellar – at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch at Azuca Nuevo Latino Restaurant on Nov. 11. They are: **Robert “Bo” Brown, Ana Murillo, Tom Nemeth, Sara Riggs, Rachel Sanchez, Milinda Schwab, and Carlos Valdes.** Forty-two volunteers and guests attended the lunch.

Jim Wogstad, who tracks volunteer hours, reported that 9,586 hours of service were put in by 45 regular and 40 occasional volunteers during the 2009-2010

year. Since the BookCellar moved to Central Library in 1998, a total of 58,100 volunteer hours have been donated, 73 percent of which were put in by people who currently work in the store – reflecting a highly dedicated and loyal volunteer corps. During those 11 years, 85 aprons have been awarded with 1,121 patches – each representing 50 hours and every one sewn on by **Kay Wogstad.**

All regularly priced adult hardcover fiction is on buy-one-get-one-free sale now through February. Included are novels, mysteries, science fiction, westerns and large print. An additional buy-one-


The BookCellar
Booklovers' Bargain Basement

get-one sale during January is all regularly priced adult and children's books in the 300 Dewey Decimal system. This category ranges from personal finance, human relationships, social issues and politics to military history, true crime, education, and etiquette. And for inexpensive assistance in keeping New Year's resolutions, an array of diet, exercise, time management and self-improvement books is available at marked down prices.

Thousand Oaks Friends gather at Los Patios for a holiday luncheon



Donations and Memorials

Submitted by **Sheila Figueroa**

In Memory of By

Austin W. Betts Roberta W. Betts

Donations

The History Club of San Antonio
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wilson
Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Valdez
Mr. John J. Seidenfeld and Ms. Mary B. Barad
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Babbitt
Mr. and Mrs. Ramiro S. Salazar
Mr. and Mrs. James Higdon
Mr. Patrick Swearingen, Jr.
Ms. Karen E. Baker
Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Groth
Mr. C. E. Cheever, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Malone
Highlands Southeast Optimist Club #1338
Ms. Carol A. Myers
Ms. Melissa Shepherd
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ratliff
Ms. Patricia J. Jordt
Mrs. Virginia M. Bowden
Mr. Daniel B. Markson
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clark
Mrs. Janice Cayton
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Whitacre
Ms. Necia Wolff and Mr. Michael Koets
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lammert


HAPPY NEW YEAR

~~ 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.

<p align="center">I would like to make the following donation of</p> <p align="center">\$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In honor of <input type="checkbox"/> A special event <small>Birthday, Anniversary Graduation, a Gift, etc.</small> <input type="checkbox"/> In memory of</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State, ZIP: _____</p>	<p align="center">Please send a Memorial Friends Acknowledgement to:</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State, ZIP: _____</p>
<p align="center">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</p>	<p align="center">My name and address is:</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State, ZIP: _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p> <p align="center"><i>~ All Donations Are Tax Deductible ~</i></p>

Friends Membership Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ UNLISTED DO NOT PUBLISH

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

I'M INTERESTED IN:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> BOOKSALES
<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
<small>(Volunteers receive a discount on their purchases when working a full 4 hour shift.)</small> |
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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 |

STATUS/PAYMENT:

- NEW MEMBER**
- RENEWAL**
- BRANCH GROUP:** _____
- ADDITIONAL DONATION:** _____
- How would you like your additional donation applied? _____

The **BookCellar** is located in the basement of the Central Library and is open Friday - Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Thursday from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM (when the Library is open).

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Note: Your Contribution is Tax Deductible

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

Treasurer's Report

October 31, 2010
Submitted by **Judy Wilson**

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

FOSAPL INCOME	Budget	FOSAPL Sept-Oct	FOSAPL YTD
Book Cellar sales	75,000.00	10,475.93	63,041.02
Donations and memorials	1,600.00	1,015.00	2,524.00
Interest	1,000.00	62.42	317.94
Membership	10,000.00	1,285.00	5,960.00
FOSAPL Projected Income for 2010	87,600.00	12,838.35	71,842.96

BUDGET EXPENSES			YTD
Accounting	2,400.00		325.00
Arts and Letters	390.00	101.20	101.20
Bank charges	100.00		(46.89)
FOSAPL Committee expenses	100.00		240.24
Friends recognition	100.00		
Insurance	2,500.00		1,639.00
Mayor's Summit	1,000.00		1,000.00
Membership recruitment	800.00	329.00	862.19
Newsletter prep/editing	2,050.00		1,200.00
Newsletter printing	2,300.00		1,314.17
Office supplies	1,000.00		90.68
Parking	6,000.00	1,062.00	5,645.50
Postage (bulk mail, post office box, postage)	1,560.00	44.00	464.98
President's expenses	350.00		
Seed money for new groups	300.00		200.00
"Show me the Money" program	400.00		
TLA Convention	600.00		
BookCellar Expenses			
Advertising	1,000.00		
Book sale(s) expenses/office supplies	300.00		485.90
Commodities for resale	2,000.00	208.44	1,643.28
Equipment and maintenance	2,500.00	534.39	1,106.49
Internet and software	100.00		
Printing and copying	200.00		70.26
Recruitment of volunteer workers	500.00		
Salary and benefits	7,100.00	1,180.00	5,641.25
Volunteer appreciation	1,250.00	501.87	
Library Support			
Programming for public & marketing	65,000.00	25,000.00	66,184.00
Staff development and training	20,000.00		
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members	no fund amt		300.00
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	121,900.00	28,459.03	88,969.12

FOSAPL BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS	Sept-Oct	YTD
Donations	1,532.33	2,664.45
Income from book sales, Book Nook sales, tote sales	16,227.08	50,682.31
Memberships	1,285.00	2,840.00
Branch Friends group operating expenses	856.89	2,942.57
Branch group purchases for Library Branches/departments	7,549.88	40,614.13

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

Bank Accounts	
Compass Money Market *****8659	74,762.91
(BookCellar deposits)	38,116.49
Compass Money Market Gold ***-***4644	59,601.11
Compass Checking ***-***8736	172,480.51
Total Assets	(120,432.13)
Branch Designated Funds (-)	52,048.38
Net Assets for FOSAPL Use	

Branch and Support Group Funds

	Balance of
Bazan	1,433.82
Brook Hollow	18,237.49
Carver	3,930.26
Central	559.00
Cody	3,510.82
Collins Garden	272.66
Cortez	590.34
Forest Hills	4,077.50
Great Northwest	3,924.42
Guerra	4,547.93
Igo	5,749.96
Johnston	2,308.25
Landa	812.50
Maverick	8,113.96
McCreless	3,213.46
Memorial	4,346.65
Pruitt (no group formed)	30.00
Semmes	6,249.51
Texana/Genealogy	18,850.27
Thousand Oaks	5,422.35
Tobin at Oakwell	16,632.29
Westfall	3,972.85
Writers (currently inactive)	3,645.84
Total Group Funds	120,432.13

WANTED: Marketing Advice

The BookCellar Committee is looking for someone with marketing or advertising experience to help develop a marketing plan to increase BookCellar sales. The store's receipts are the primary source of funds FOSAPL donates to the Library System. We need to increase that sum.

Please contact BookCellar Committee Chair **Aaron Konstam** at (210) 656-0355 or akonstam@sbcglobal.net if you can help or suggest someone who can.



P.O. Box 461523
San Antonio, Texas 78246

Address Service Requested

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
San Antonio, Texas
Permit No. 865

CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

- January 5 Igo Friends meeting, 7:00.
- January 14 SAPL Night with the SPURS! 7:00 p.m., AT&T Center
- January 16 Friends Annual Meeting, 2 p.m., Central Library Auditorium**
- January 22 Igo Appreciation Day Celebration
- February 2 Semmes Friends meeting, 10:00
- February 4–5 Tobin book sale; Preview, open to All FOSAPL members, Friday, Feb 4, 1–3
Regular book sale hours are 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5.
- February 5 Tobin Library at Oakwell book sale
- February 7 McCreless board meeting, 2:00
- February 11 Semmes book sale; Preview, Feb. 11, 11–12:30
- February 14 McCreless General meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- March 12 Brook Hollow book sale
- March 26–27 Igo book sale, Saturday, 10-5, and Sunday, 10-4. Set up, March 24 & 25 in the evening.

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

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

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

McCreless Library
1023 Ada Street, 78223
210-532-4254

Semmes Library
15060 Judson Rd., 78247
210-650-9540

Thousand Oaks Library
4618 Thousand Oaks, 78233
210-657-5205

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.