



From the President

Dear Friends,

Isn't it fun to meet other people who share your own passions, sense of humor, and commitment to making our community a better place? This month, we are happy to introduce some new names and applaud some whose contributions have been recognized:

- **2012 Arts & Letters Award Winners:** **Brenda Kingery** (nominated by **Marlene Richardson**), **Florence Byham Weinberg** (nominated by **Aaron Konstam**), **Nancy Glass West** (nominated by **Donald West**), and **Allan and Terri Peña Ross** (nominated by **Edith Speert** and introduced by **Emily Boehm**)
- **2012 Library Champions Awards given by the Library Board of Trustees:** **Madeline Carrola**, **Rick Cavender**, **Kaye Lenox**, **Marvin Novak**, and **Tom Semmes**
- **Outstanding Library Volunteers, awarded by the Library Board of Trustees:** **Gary Martinez**, **Matilda Martinez**, **Pedro López**, **Sarina Hackworth**, and **Megan Dombeck**
- **New Administrative staff members:** **Dale McNeill**, **Ignacio Albarracin**, and **David Cooksey**—and offer a belated welcome to **Ruben Flores**, Interim Asst. Director for Support Services
- **Candidates for FOSAPL offices for 2013-2015:** **Linda Arronge**, **Robert Mason**, **Beverly Duran**, and **Pat Peak** have each been active Friends for many years. I hope that you have marked your calendar to attend the **Annual Meeting** (at which additional nominations may be made from the floor) on **Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013**.

But before that date, feel free to attend the **FOSAPL Board meeting** on **Nov. 18** at the **Igo Branch** (2 p.m.), and get all of your holiday shopping done at the **BookCellar half-price sale** (Nov. 26–Dec. 2).

And finally, it's not too late to celebrate the **21st Birthday** of our very own **BookCellar**—and you don't even have to leave your comfy chair! Use the form on page 10, and mail in a gift of \$21 (or more!?). Acknowledgements will be sent for every gift received.

Cheers,

Nancy Gandara



Arts & Letters Awards Winners

What a delightful afternoon it was when five winners of FOSAPL's 2012 Arts & Letters Awards were honored at a ceremony in the Central Library on Sunday, October 21. From a variety of cultural areas, the talented winners were **Brenda Kingery**, mixed media, who displayed one of her paintings and the needlework of Ugandan students of hers; **Florence Byham Weinberg**, author, who read from an upcoming novel; **Nancy Glass West**, author, who described her career as a writer; and **Allan and Terri Peña Ross**, who, much to the entertainment of the audience, acted a scene from their current production at the Classic Theatre. Committee co-chairs **Evelyn Bonavita** and **Robert Mason** presented plaques to the winners and praised their creativity. (Other members of the committee were **Ronnie Retzliff**, **Bruce Gill**, and **Linda Arronge**.) The afternoon ended with delicious goodies provided by the Maverick FOSAPL group.

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Nominating Committee Report

Mary McAfee

The members of the Nomination Committee met on Thursday, October 18, to complete their final report. The Nominations Committee is **Mary McAfee**, **Arlene Braswell**, **Barbara Celitans**, **Aaron Konstam**, and **Lucille Teeter**.

The following Friends have accepted nominations for 2013–2015:

President. **Linda Arronge**

Vice President **Robert Mason**

Secretary **Patricia Peak**

Treasurer **Beverly Duran**

The Board of Directors nominees are:

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Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

Board Meeting

September 16, 2012

Submitted by *Anne Long*

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, September 16, at 2 p.m. at the Collins Garden Branch Library. Those present were: **Nancy Gandara, Linda Arronge, Anne Long, Linda Nairn, Walter Ague, Pat Bjornson, Evelyn Bonavita, Arline Braswell, Shirley Coleman, Antoinette Franklin, Bruce Gill, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Karen Matson, Mary McAfee, Bob Mason, Pat Mendiola, Patricia Peak, Ronnie Retzlloff, and Jill Zimmerman.**

The Minutes of the July 15, 2012, meeting were printed in the Sept–Oct 2012 *SAPLings*. **Karen Matson** moved and **Jill Zimmerman** seconded the motion that the Minutes be accepted as they appeared in the Newsletter. The motion passed.

Special Guest – Nancy introduced **Rebecca Flores** who is the Education Policy Administrator in the Mayor's office. Rebecca gave the Friends an overview of the Mayor's Pre-K 4 SA initiative. There were many questions from the Friends. Ms. Flores or a representative from the Mayor's office is available to speak to any group about this issue.

President's Report – **Nancy Gandara** relinquished her scheduled report to a Past President, **Linda Nairn**, for a special announcement. Linda announced that she had been appointed by Councilman **Carleton Soules** to represent District 10 and serve on the Library Board of Trustees. FOSAPL, the Library Board, and the Libraries of San Antonio will be greatly served by her presence.

Treasurer's Report – **Judy Wilson** was unable to attend the meeting so the Treasurer's Report will be sent out by

email and will be printed in the Nov–Dec issue of *SAPLings*.

Library Board Report – **Jean Brady** welcomed **Linda Nairn** to the board and said there would also be a new member from District 3. **Grace Sanchez** will be replacing **Debra Guerrero**. **Elda Flores** will be retiring from the board this year, and there will be a replacement in District 4. Jean thanked the Friends for attending budget hearings and their support in all the Districts. The budget results for the libraries of San Antonio were very favorable.

Library Director's Report – **Ruben Flores**, the Interim Assistant Director of Support Services, outlined some of the projects that will be going forward now that the budget had passed: \$250,000 has been added to the budget for books and materials, bringing the total book budget to \$4.1 million. This is a recurring amount, which means it is not a one-time amount. The amount of \$1.4 million goes for Library maintenance, and \$190,000 will be used for upgrading furniture and security cameras. **Dale McNeil** has been hired as the Assistant Director of Public Services and will start in October.

Arts and Letters Awards – **Evelyn Bonavita** reported that the committee has selected four recipients of the awards this year. They are: **Florence Weinberg** and **Nancy Glass West**, writers; **Brenda Kingery**, artist, and **Allan Ross** and **Terri Pena Ross**, actors/theatre. The ceremony will be held on October 21, at the Central Library auditorium.

Friends of Maverick Branch Library have generously agreed to provide refreshments.

BookCellar – **Linda Arronge** reported that the BookCellar

sales are at \$57,000 as of September 6, 2012. We have donated several boxes of duplicate and outdated books to interested non-profit organizations around San Antonio.

Membership – **Christie Smith** reported that we have not only reached our goal of 1000 members in 2012 but have surpassed that goal by 17. We have 303 new members since 2011.

Nominating Committee – **Mary McAfee** and **Arline Braswell** thanked all those who have responded to their calls about serving on the board next year. They encouraged anyone interested in being on the board or serving in an executive position to please contact them.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Process & 2012 Allocation Task Force, and the **By-laws Task Force** – have not met to this date but will do so before our next FOSAPL meeting.

MOU of FOSAPL and SAPL – **Nancy Gandara** called for a motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library and the San Antonio Public Library. **Evelyn Bonavita** made a motion to approve the MOU, and **Walter Ague** seconded the motion. During discussion there was objection to the component that read, "The Friends agree that projects supported by the Branch Friends' support groups will be done in a timely manner, thus ensuring that funds are spent expeditiously." **Mary McAfee** called for question, and the MOU was put to a vote.

The motion was defeated and Nancy called for a wording change. The component was amended to read, "The Friends

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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.

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2012–2014 Term:

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

SAPLINGS

Managing Editor Alana Woods

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

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

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

Article contributions for the newsletter are always welcome!

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agree that projects approved by the Branch Friends' support groups will be done in a timely manner." **Walter Ague** made a motion we accept the MOU as amended. **Karen Matson** seconded the motion, and in a vote of 14 for and 2 against, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

FOSAPL: Budget for 2013 Task Force authorization – This committee will present a 2013 budget to be voted on by the board members. The committee will be **Nancy Gandara**, **Judy Wilson** and **Linda Arronge** representing the BookCellar. Anyone wishing to also serve on this Task Force was asked to contact **Nancy Gandara**.

Nancy thanked **Richard Morales** and the Collins Garden Friends for delicious refreshments and called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Mary McAfee** made a motion we adjourn, and **Yolanda Kirkpatrick** seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

A New Hat for an Old Friend

Our FOSAPL immediate past-president **Linda Nairn** (2004 – 2008) is taking on a new position. City Councilman **Carlton Soules** has appointed her to represent District 10 on the Library Board of Trustees beginning October 1. Linda's area contains the Tobin at Oakwell Branch, the Thousand Oaks Branch and the Julia Semmes Branch.

We wish her well as she continues to support our library system and help maintain it as a vital part of San Antonio.



Forest Hills

On Sept. 29, Forest Hills had a S4E (Space for Everyone) event, where more than 300 kids and their families learned about science, outer space, and NASA. (*Photos of this event are on page 8.*) Southwest Research Institute co-sponsored the event and sent **Greg Fletcher**, who spoke and acted as a judge for our spaceship contest. The Society of Physics students from UTSA built a "spaceship" in the library and took patrons on "spaceship rides," and the Alamo Rocketeers gave presentations and demonstrations of science in action.

The Forest Hills Friends paid the speaker's fee for one of the presenters, **Brian Ewenson**, an aerospace educator, who gave a presentation about "Living and Working in Space: No Shoes, No Shower ... No Problem!" The Texas Institute of Educational Robotics was also here with student-built robots.

The best part of the S4E event was when the Alamo Rocketeers did two rocket launches from the school playground next door. **Cheryl Perez**, a science teacher from Villarreal Elementary, worked with the Forest Hills Children's Librarian to coordinate the spaceship contest and to contact NISD schools about the event. **Erik Davila**, a representative of AXA Advisors, donated savings bonds for the winners of the spaceship contest. Moreover, Bill Miller Bar-B-Q donated a \$25 gift card and 13 dozen

brownies! Last but not least, HEB donated bottles of water for everyone.

There were more family-friendly activities scheduled at Forest Hills during the month of October, including a Disabilities Awareness Month art exhibition throughout the month.

Francisco Rodriguez

Maverick

The Maverick Friends are pleased to declare the economy may finally be in recovery mode. Treasurer **Judith Penington** reported the net receipts from our October book sale were up a bit compared to our April sale.

Our members put in many hours to make the sale successful. Some even roped in family members to help! Incredible as it may seem, we finished the after sale clean-up in less than an hour and a half—a new best time for us.

With the book sale behind us, we're looking ahead to our election of officers and holiday dinner. We'll also be working on spending some of that book sale money on equipment and programs for the library.

Maverick Friends wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season and all the best in the coming year.

Sue Ratliff

McCreless

Good things to report from the Friends Group and activities at McCreless Library. August ended on a high note with a lively quarterly meeting with not one, but two, guest speakers. A representative from HEB on New Braunfels came by for a neighborly visit. Her main purpose was to spread news of the HEB-sponsored program, Read to Lead Read3, asking for good clean books to be donated so that every-

one who attends the Feast of Sharing meal leaves with a book. She also offered help with meetings by providing refreshment and advertising the event on the huge store calendar. Then **Susan Albert** of Mitchell Lake Nature Center, sponsored by the Audubon Society, also presented. Through photographs and imagery, she shared the fascinating history of Mitchell Lake, and its relationship to the city of San Antonio, with us. Members were invited to participate in the many outdoor activities available for all age groups at Mitchell Lake.

The September book sale generated \$823.05 additional funds for support of McCreless Library activities. Friends-supported gifts cards from Barnes & Noble were awarded to Adult Summer Reading Program participants, **Cathy Kelley** and **Linda Tardy**. Branch Manager, **Cammie Brantley**, and others are in the process of determining purchases for next year. Cammie has also distributed information about library services at McCreless while attending a National Night Out event on Oct. 2 at Harlandale High School. One new service being tried is a bilingual story time presented by **Katy Brown** with the assistance of Library Aide **Maria Hanysz**. And, not only did McCreless issue 100 voter registration cards in August, but the library was an early voting site beginning Oct. 22.

Jill Zimmerman

Mission

The Mission Friends recently purchased two banner flags. One reads "Join the Friends of the Mission Library." The second touts the words "Book Sale." The colorful six-foot

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banners have been placed in the front entrance of the Mission Library over the past few Fridays. Rubber stamps with the Mission Address were purchased to add Mission's address to the "Join the Friends" envelopes. Two young students were pleased to help during one fun stamping session.

A general meeting was held at the Mission Library on Thursday, Sept. 27. Past issues were on the agenda, the upcoming book sale was discussed, and the group decided to pursue the possibility of purchasing a picnic table for the Mission staff to enjoy. The group also discussed purchasing security mirrors for the library's media area. Signs to be used during future book sales were also discussed. Those would be placed in between genres to make bargain hunting easier for book sale shoppers.

Our next meeting will include a holiday celebration for Friends members and staff.

Have you heard of Mission's Express Collection? When the library receives popular items they often don't make it to the shelves because enthusiastic borrowers have already reserved them before they can be displayed. There are times when a reservation list for a popular title can run well over 300 or 400 holds. Patrons who visit the library never get to see the item until interest has considerably waned. That can often take months.

To remedy this, the Express Collection was created. Items in this collection cannot be reserved. They are meant for the browsing patron. The titles can only be checked out for one week, which allows for a quicker turn around. This allows more people to have access to an item sooner. The collection started with a little more than 1,000 items, and a third of that quickly checked out during the first week. We

are closely monitoring its progress to determine the best course of action to successfully maintain it. Mission is the first in the SAPL system to house this type of collection. More SAPL libraries will be added soon.

Elma Nieto-Rodriguez

Parman

The Parman Friends have been very busy with preparing for our first book sale. The first book sale will be Saturday, Nov. 10, from 10 – 4. We need all Parman Friends to help with the book sale. We are very excited with our increase in membership, and we hope to bring home the gold with the highest Friends membership. All new Parman Friends are encouraged to be very active especially with our first book sale. Anyone who is interested in helping with the book sale should contact **Katherine Lavender** at happykat3@yahoo.com. The Parman Friends donated funds for an obstacle course for National Night Out and a haunted/spooky house for Halloween. We hope to purchase more Wish List items with a successful book sale. The Parman Library always welcomes new friends.

Katherine Lavender

Texana Genealogy

The Friends of Texana & Genealogy met on Sept. 29 to discuss business. At the time of the meeting, treasurer **Michael Shafer** reported \$4,083.70 in the group's account. We have approved funds for the Texana and Genealogy Room to purchase a tarp for events, such as Founder's Day on Oct. 20. We have also approved funds to donate a \$200 gift to the National Archives in honor of a guest speaker coming Nov. 3. We have a date set for our next book sale –

Feb. 23, 2013! It's never too early to sign up as a volunteer; if interested please email friendsoftexana@gmail.com.

Our new officer line up for the next 2 years includes **Jennifer Schooley** as President, **Michael Shafer** as Treasurer, and **Gus Martinez** as Secretary. We ended our meeting with a sneak peek at some rare books in the Hertzberg Collection, including an autographed first edition Houdini!

Jennifer Schooley

Tobin at Oakwell

Tobin at Oakwell's Fitness Center was launched on Sept. 8. The fitness center was funded by a federal grant, CPPW-Communities Putting Prevention to Work. The City's Parks and Recreation Department received the grant and partnered with five San Antonio Public Libraries to add fitness center stations. The fitness area is geared for full body workouts with four levels available on each of Tobin's Energi pieces for kids 13+ and adults. The grant's purpose is to offer fitness areas in communities like San Antonio that are working to improve the fitness and prevent health complications of their residents. The installation of a blue canopy covering is still pending along with a bench, trash, and recycling containers and a sign for posting library and City events. These additions are scheduled to be installed after all five centers' construction phases are complete which hopefully should be in October.

Tobin began the school year with lots of teens and tweens playing Just Dance Party with some adults wanting to join the fun. Tobin's new children's librarian, **Kimbra Cook**, comes to us from Oregon and has started up Toddler and Story Time as well. New librarian and assistant manager, **Keri**

Moczygemba, has shifted the entire Juvenile Fiction and, with the Friends' past purchases of shelf adapters, will be helping to move more of the Romance and Sci-Fi books near the adult fiction collection.

Tobin at Oakwell Friends met on Sept. 18 to plan our Annual Meeting on Oct. 13, and our Fall book sale on Nov. 9–10. Our Teen Librarian, **David Gallin-Parisi**, gave us a video presentation showing us choices for new indoor and outdoor seating to be purchased by Friends. We will also purchase furniture for the Children's area and an iPad for use in the computer area.

Tracey Knouse, our Branch Manager, presented a balanced budget based on estimated income from Friends' book sales, book cart, memberships and donations, and estimated expenditures for Friends' supplies (mailings, printing, etc.), library furniture and equipment, programs and program support.

Our Annual Meeting was held Oct. 13. Our guest lecturer, **Susan Toomey Frost**, is the author of *Timeless Mexico: The Photographs of Hugo Brehme* and *Colors on Clay: The San Jose Tile Workshops of San Antonio*. In her lecture, Frost presented a slide show and discussed how books become collections and how collections become books.

Our November Book Sale will be dedicated to **Dagny Darnell**. We'll have 300 of her books donated by her husband, **Howard**. Dagny was a volunteer until 2005, when she had to go on dialysis. She passed away in 2009.

Tobin book sale dates are as follows: Members' preview, Friday, Nov. 9, 4–6 p.m.; public sale, 10–4, Saturday, Nov. 10.

Arline Braswell

San Antonio Public Library Staff Updates

San Antonio Public Library names new Assistant Director

San Antonio Public Library Director **Ramiro S. Salazar** has announced the



appointment of **Dale McNeill** as Assistant Library Director for Public Services. In making the an-

nouncement, Mr. Salazar noted, "We are excited to welcome Dale to San Antonio. He brings a wealth of experience and qualifications to this position. His leadership skills will position the Library to continue to innovate our service efforts."

Dale comes to San Antonio from the Queens (New York) Public Library, where he was Director, Public Library Service. The Queens Public Library is one of the largest in the country, with an annual budget of approximately \$125 million and 62 branches, seven adult learning centers and two family literacy centers serving a population of 2.3 million. As Director, Public Library Service, Dale was responsible for direction and oversight of all public services provided by all 62 locations of the library system. Prior to joining the Queens Library system, he was Public Service Administrator for the Dallas (Texas) Public Library.

As Assistant Director for Public Services for the San Antonio Public Library, Dale will be responsible for all aspects of service to the community. "The San Antonio Public Library is an outstand-

ing system which serves a vibrant, diverse community," said Dale. "I look forward to helping guide it as it enters an era of even greater growth."

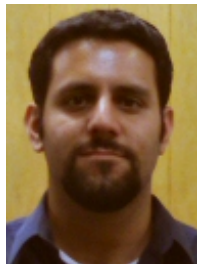
Dale officially assumed the role of Assistant Library Director for Public Services on Monday, October 8, 2012. His office is located in the Administrative Offices on the 4th Floor of Central Library.

Dale holds a Master's Degree in Library Science from Louisiana State University and a Bachelor's Degree from Phillips University.

Appointment of Digital Services Coordinator

Responding to the Library's Strategic Plan call for a more deliberate approach to positioning the Library to strategically integrate new and emerging technologies as part of the Library's service efforts and operations, a national search was conducted for a Digital Services Coordinator. After an extensive search, Library Director **Ramiro Salazar** appointed **Ignacio Albarracin**, Cortez Branch Manager, as SAPL's new Digital Services Coordinator. In this leadership capacity, Ignacio will work with the Library's Management Team to position the Library to take advantage of digital technologies to enhance patron access to digital resources.

Since arriving at SAPL in 2011, Ignacio has served as the Branch Manager of the Cortez Branch. Ignacio also is active in other areas and currently is leading the Celebrate Diversity Committee as Chair.



He has also taken a leadership role in establishing a number of strategic partnerships in our community. Additionally, Ignacio has published various articles in local publications educating the public while also promoting the Library's resources and programming efforts. Ignacio will serve as SAPL's first Digital Services Coordinator for Digitization and Innovation. He will be responsible for providing leadership and management oversight to our Digital Services Team.

Prior to joining SAPL, Ignacio held the position of Branch Manager at the Washington, D.C., Public Library. Ignacio holds a Bachelor's Degree in History/Classical Civilizations from the University of Texas and a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from Catholic University of America.

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Appointment of new Research & Performance Manager

Next steps from the San Antonio Public Library's Strategic Plan include an ongoing program of oversight, resource development, assess-



ment, and adjustment. A key part of this is the review of output and outcome measures

to assess overall progress and identify new areas of strategic focus for the Library. To assist in this process and to manage the Library's performance measurement initiative, Library Director **Ramiro Salazar** recently appointed **David Cooksey** as the Library's new Data, Research & Performance Manager.

David is returning to the City of San Antonio after four years with Bexar County working in the Planning & Resource Management Department on investment management and long-term strategic planning. Previously David was the Research Manager for the San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) where he was responsible for the CVB's performance measurement initiative. As part of this role David managed monthly performance reporting and integration of performance data into strategic planning for the CVB. While at the CVB, he was on the committee that authored the Standard CVB Performance Measure Handbook, published by Destination Marketing Association International. He also had the opportunity to speak at several conferences on integrating performance measurement data into marketing and strategic planning. David has taught tourism management classes at the University of Texas at San Antonio and formerly served on the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Economic Analysis Panel.

David holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Texas Tech University and a Bachelor's Degree and teacher certification from Texas A&M University.

Getting to Know Your Friends

Claudia Kohler

Linda Arronge

Candidate for the Position of President of FOSAPL

Linda grew up in San Marcos, Texas, when it was much smaller than it is today.



She has many fond memories of tubing in the San Marcos River. After graduation from college, she taught 2nd and 5th graders and later wrote bi-

lingual curriculum for the Harlingdale and San Marcos School Districts.

After retiring and moving to San Antonio, she discovered the BookCellar through her husband Steven who was an Assistant City Attorney associated with the library, and began volunteering there – specializing in children's books. She had a concern about the illiteracy problem in San Antonio and saw a real need for the availability of inexpensive books. Soon Linda joined the Cody Friends and the Westfall Friends and delved into used book sales with a flourish. Today, you might find her at many of the branches' used book sales diligently sorting and pricing children's books and foreign language books.

Linda also volunteers for the United Way "Bexar Necessities" program to help those who need extra books and those who have extra books get together for their mutual benefits. She is a member of the Mission group at Saint Mat-

thews Church. This group supports orphanages in Acuña, Mexico, and in Honduras. They send money, clothes, school supplies, books, and even doctors when they are allowed into the countries. Saint Matthews also sponsors refugees from Africa.

Linda feels very fortunate to have been able to travel to China, Greece, and Spain with her husband.

One of Linda's goals for FOSAPL is to see that all the branches have a Book Nook so they are able to have some earnings for extra programs for their branch. She also would like to implement more communication between the branches to share things that work, and don't work!

Robert Mason

Candidate for the Position of Vice President of FOSAPL

Bob was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he graduated from



Duquesne University with an Educational Psychology degree. After he and Andrea were married, they moved to Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, where they raised their three sons. Bob was a liaison between Slippery Rock University and the community and was amazed how little the local people knew of the availability of free resources. They stayed there for 30 years until they

retired and decided to live in a place with no snow!

San Antonio was one the cities they checked out. While here, Bob asked where the old book stores were, and the person asked didn't know of any, but told him about the BookCellar in the Central Library. Bob was excited because he'd been aware of the art of **Dale Chihuly** and wanted to see his large piece of art. They visited the BookCellar and met **Richard Morales** who told them how it was run by volunteers.

Upon moving here, they promptly joined the Friends and began to volunteer at the BookCellar and eventually at the Cody branch near their home.

Bob and Andrea both volunteer at the Barshop Jewish Center by mentoring elementary children. Bob also teaches guitar through the Adult Learning in Retirement program at the Barshop, and sometimes teaches sing-a-long to children too.

Bob has been on the Board of FOSAPL two years. He likes the format of Board meetings being held at different branches.

As Vice President, he hopes for a lot of open communication between the Board and the branches. He wants each group to share ideas and opportunities. He would like to personally visit all the branch Managers to see what they would like from the Friends.

Beverly Duran

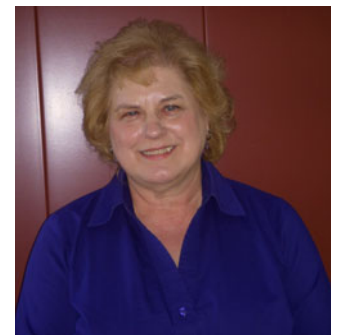
Candidate for the Position of Treasurer of FOSAPL

Bev was born and raised in Kansas City, Kansas, where as a child, she read almost every book in her small

library. She met her husband, Jose when both of them were serving in the Army Reserves.

Bev became a CPA and Auditor for the Department of Defense while Jose worked for Kraft Foods after his stint in the Army, as a food Quality Control Inspector (see *SAPLings* vol. 21, issue 5). They retired at the same time and moved to San Antonio where Jose now inspects plants worldwide for the National Science Foundation, and Bev keeps busy with the library and local VFW.

While living in Grayslake, Illinois, Bev and Jose were



very active with the Friends of the Library with Bev serving as Secretary for more than 10 years. She was also elected to the Board and served in that position.

When the Igo Library opened in 2008, the Durans were there, and Bev became both Secretary and Treasurer and holds that position today. Bev feels the reason for the success of Igo's book sales is due to the advertising they do with signs outside and in the library itself, plus their Teens and Seniors groups are involved, and these groups help spread the word about sales.

Bev is excited about the challenge of learning her new job with FOSAPL and hopes to find ways of improving book sales.

From the Library Director

New Budget Includes SAPL Increases



We are pleased to report that the recently adopted budget for the City's Fiscal Year 2013 includes an additional \$250,000 for books and other materials. While the overall

budget will increase slightly from FY 2012, the most important thing to remember is that, in this climate where libraries across the country are cutting hours, the San Antonio Public library will not.

Some of the first things that get cut as a result of budgetary shortfalls are services to the community. We are lucky that this has not been the case in San Antonio, and we are especially lucky that this has not been the case for the San Antonio Public Library. We can take pride in the fact that we are in a strong position. In fact, we're planning to build two additional branch libraries! Combine this with the opportunity we have to expand services, improve technology, and provide better support, and we can be proud of the work that we do and the place of esteem in which we are held by our city leaders and the citizens of San Antonio.

Increasing services and programs for patrons is always our top priority. We want our guests who visit any neighborhood branch library to know that it is a warm and inviting place. We want them to identify the library instantly as the place to go to not only to do homework and research, but also as a place to connect with others in their community and socialize.

An interested community is an engaged community. Our commitment to the citizens of San Antonio must match their commitment to the Library. By demonstrating excellence in all that we do—whether it's when we serve our patrons on the front line at the circulation desk, on the phone, on the Bookmobile, or even online—we are thanking our fellow citizens for their support and we're helping them become more enlightened and informed.

Ramiro S. Salazar

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The Arts & Letters Award Winners were (l-r): **Florence Byham Weinberg**, **Brenda Kingery**, **Allan and Terri Peña Ross**, and **Nancy Glass West**.



Brenda Kingery, shown above with **Evelyn Bonavita**, was nominated by **Marlene Richardson**. Brenda displayed one of her paintings and the needlework of Ugandan students of hers.



Author **Nancy Glass West** was introduced by her husband, **Donald West**. Nancy described her career as a writer.



More photos on pages 8 & 9.

Forest Hills S4E (Space for Everyone) Event



Arts & Letters, from p 7.

Aaron Konstam
introduced
Florence Byham Weinberg
who read
from an
upcoming
novel.



Maverick Holds Successful Book Sale



Allan and Terri Peña Ross shown above with **Ramiro Salazar**, was introduced by **Emily Boehm**. They presented a scene from their current production at the Classic Theatre.



Thanks!



Save the Date

Annual FOSAPL Meeting Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013

- Election of new Officers and Board Members
- Vote on Bylaws Revisions
- Special Speaker:
Ramiro S. Salazar,
Library Director

Need Some Help, Please!

Would your group (Branch Friends? Teens?) be able to take over the folding of the 600 *SAPLings* copies that are mailed out, every other month?

Please contact **Linda Nairn** at linda.nairn@att.net to get an idea of the fun, food, and work involved!

BookCellar News

Pat Konstam

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

It's time for even bigger bargains at the BookCellar. The store will hold its annual half-price clearance sale the week after Thanksgiving. The sale begins Monday, Nov. 26, and continues through Sunday, Dec. 2, during regular store hours: 11–3 every day plus 3–7 on Thursday, Nov. 29. Most books, VHS movies, music CDs, and recent magazines will sell for half their usual price of 50 cents to \$1. The only items not marked down will be easy readers, some premium priced books, and book bags.

For holiday preparations, a wide selection of books on crafts, gifts, cooking and entertaining for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa is available now. The store also has an unusually large stock of art books and craft books available. Because of the half-price sale, there is no buy-one-get-one-free special in November. The December buy-one-get-one special will be adult hard-back fiction.

The BookCellar will open early, at 9:00, on Saturday, Nov. 17, to provide access to the Central Library Tamalada – the annual tamale-making event across the patio in the employee break room.



Weather permitting, some tables of books will be displayed on the patio to attract additional sales for the store.

The annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch for people who keep the store going and their guests is scheduled for Nov. 12, when Central Library and the BookCellar are closed for Veterans' Day. Held at a restaurant and funded by Friends of the Library, this pleasant luncheon is one of the perks awarded to volunteers.

If you would like to explore joining the BookCellar crew and becoming eligible for the benefits and satisfactions working there offers, please call BookCellar Manager **Monica Hernandez** at (210) 227-9519. Volunteers for Saturdays and Sundays are especially needed.

The BookCellar will be closed also on Sunday, Nov. 11, for the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon (which limits access to Central Library). It will close for Thanksgiving on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Nov. 21–23; for Christmas on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24–25; and for New Year's on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 31–Jan. 1.

Donations & Memorials

Submitted by **Sheila Figueroa**

In Memory of

Mary Margaret Rode by the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

Mary Ann Parker by the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

Donations

Paul Fitzpatrick
Peggy Gracy
Michael Phillips
Raul Reyna, Ph.D.
Mary Romeo
Charlotte R. Wenger

Nominees, from p 1.

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

These names will be presented at the **Annual Meeting, January 27, 2013**. The floor will be open for additional nominees. If you want to nominate someone, you must have his or her approval. If you have questions, please call Co-Chairs **Arline Braswell** at (210) 822-6559 or **Mary McAfee** at (210) 694-0505.

HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY, BOOKCELLAR!

To mark the BookCellar's 21st year in business, Friends of the San Antonio Public Library are urged to show their support by sending a one-time gift of \$21 (or more!). Whatever the amount, your gift will say "I applaud what the BookCellar has done and support the Friends' on-going efforts to contribute to literacy and the San Antonio Public Library!"

Send your check with a copy of the slip below; include info so that we can say "Thank You Very Much!"

Yes, I will celebrate the 21 years of BookCellar success with a gift of \$ ____!

☐ Mail a "thank you" note to me at:

or email me at:

Make checks out to FOSAPL

Mail to: Friends of the San Antonio

Public Library

P.O. Box 461523

San Antonio, TX 78246

All gifts are tax-deductible.



11/2012

Friends Membership Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ ☐ UNLISTED ☐ DO NOT PUBLISH ☐

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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

I WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST WITH:

☐ **BOOKSALES**

☐ **COMMITTEES** (Budget, Arts & Letters, etc.)

☐ **FOSAPL Board of Directors**

☐ **HOSPITALITY**

☐ **PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATION**

☐ **STAFF APPRECIATION EVENTS**

☐ **POLITICAL ADVOCACY**

☐ **VOLUNTEERING IN THE BOOKCELLAR**

(Volunteers receive a discount on their purchases when working a full 4 hour shift.)

MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

- | | |
|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL (Adult) | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DUAL (Adult) | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL (Teen, Ages 13-18) | \$5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PATRON (Per Person) | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CONTRIBUTING (Per Person) | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LIFE (Per Person) | \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS | \$25 |

FOSAPL membership year is Jan 1 - Dec 31.

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).

STATUS/PAYMENT:

☐ **NEW MEMBER**

☐ **RENEWAL**

☐ **BRANCH GROUP:** _____

☐ **ADDITIONAL DONATION:** _____

Donations are always welcome! Please Specify
SAPL _____

FOSAPL _____

Branch Library _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Note: Your Contribution is Tax Deductible

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

Treasurer's Report

August 31, 2012

Submitted by Judy Wilson

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

FOSAPL INCOME	BUDGET	FOSAPL YTD	FOSAPL July-August
BookCellar sales	75,000.00	56,164.03	14,487.85
BookCellar sales tax withheld		(3,878.82)	(1,088.70)
Donations and memorials	2,000.00	1,745.50	719.50
Interest	600.00	303.54	75.32
Membership	8,000.00	4,985.00	535.00
FOSAPL INCOME	85,600.00	59,319.25	14,728.97

BUDGET EXPENSES	BUDGET	YTD	July-August
Accounting	1,500.00	1,130.00	850.00
Arts and Letters program	300.00		
Bank charges	100.00	18.00	6.00
Directory	2,000.00		
FOSAPL Committee expenses, corrected	200.00	288.67	263.91
FOSAPL Insurance	1,000.00	695.00	
Friends recognition	100.00		
Fundraising program	400.00		
Membership recruitment	1,200.00	175.00	
Newsletter prep/editing & printing	4,350.00	2,774.28	445.66
Office supplies	170.00	72.93	
Parking	600.00		
Postage (bulk mail, post office box, postage)	1,180.00	477.68	186.66
President's expenses	200.00	250.00	
Seed money for new groups	zero		

BookCellar Expenses

Advertising	1,000.00		
Book sale(s) expenses/office supplies	1,500.00	210.94	147.26
Commodities for resale	2,000.00	1,502.98	580.47
Equipment and maintenance	1,500.00	99.99	99.99
BookCellar insurance	1,000.00	976.00	
Printing and copying	200.00	393.62	
Recruitment of volunteer workers	200.00		
Salary and benefits	8,500.00	5,248.52	1,480.60
Twenty Year Anniversary Celebration	1,000.00	800.99	
Volunteer appreciation	1,250.00	238.07	

Library Support

Public programming & staff development	50,000.00	33,500.00	17,500.00
Donations from FOSAPL members no budget amt	491.00		
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members no budget amt		900.00	
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	81,450.00	50,243.67	21,560.55

FOSAPL BRANCH AND SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME	July-August	YTD
Donations	2,214.88	4,489.75
Income from book sales, Book Nook/Cart sales, fundraisers	3,407.77	40,700.08
Memberships	170.00	1,520.00
Branch and Support groups total income	5,792.65	46,709.83

FOSAPL BRANCH AND SUPPORT GROUPS EXPENDITURES

Branch Friends group operating expenses	730.20	3,603.88
Branch group purchases for Library Branch/department	10,012.10	48,227.43

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

Bank Accounts

Compass Money Market *****8659	
BookCellar deposits	122,009.61
Compass Money Market Gold ***-***4644	30,025.00
Compass Checking ***-***8736 (as of 9-5-12)	26,596.27
Total Assets	178,630.88

Branch Designated Funds (-)	(93,558.53)
Branch Designated Funds, unclaimed (-)	(122.00)
Checks outstanding (-)	(19,364.13)
Net Assets for FOSAPL Use	65,586.22

Branch and Support Group Funds

Balance of August 31, 2012

Bazan	1,721.32
Brook Hollow	21,923.45
Carver	3,891.35
Central	881.73
Cody	5,797.64
Collins Garden	657.31
Cortez	1,213.48
Forest Hills	1,445.29
Great Northwest	3,086.73
Guerra	4,851.23
Igo	6,190.14
Johnston	4,043.47
Landa	4,969.83
Maverick	5,991.18
McCreless	708.65
Memorial	2,107.09
Mission	846.00
Parman	2,211.34
Semmes	2,503.16
Texana/Genealogy	4,083.74
Thousand Oaks	4,011.13
Tobin at Oakwell	7,009.94
Westfall	3,246.59
Writers (currently inactive)	166.74
Total Group Funds	93,558.53

Save the Date!

**FOSAPL
Annual Meeting
January 27, 2013
2:00**

**Central Library
Auditorium**

All Friends are welcome!



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San Antonio, Texas 78246

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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

- November 9-10 Parman Book Sale (pre-view sale 5-8, sale to public 10-4).
November 10 Tobin Library at Oakwell Book Sale, 10-4; Nov. 9, Friends Preview, 4-6.
November 10-11 Westfall Book Sale, Sat., 10-4:30; Sun., Noon-4:30.
November 17 Thousand Oaks Branch 25th Birthday Celebration, 10-3.
November 18 Board Meeting, Igo Library, 2 p.m.
Nov 26-Dec 2 BookCellar Half-Price Sale.
December 1 Igo Friends' Book Sale.
December 1 Thousand Oaks Friends' Book Sale, 10-3.
December 8 Igo 5th Birthday Party, 2:00 to 4:00
December 11 Igo Christmas Party with staff and Friends of Igo

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.

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

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

Parman Library at Stone Oak
20735 Wilderness Oak
210-207-2703

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

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

Westfall Library
6111 Rosedale Court, 78201
210-344-2373