



From the President

Dear Friends,

It has been an interesting first few weeks. We, the incoming Board, want to thank the members for the support we have received.

I will continue to visit the branches and try to assist in whatever ways your group needs help. I attended an interesting meeting about Egypt at Igo with the Elderberries. I was also able to assist at the book sale at Landa.

Please let me know what is happening at your branch and share any projects that have worked well or maybe did not work at all.

Keep up the hard work, and I hope to see you soon!

Linda Arronge

FOSAPL Membership

Christie Smith

As this issue of *SAPLings* goes to print, the second wave of membership renewal nudging is underway.

Do you know what a great treasure the San Antonio Public Library system is? Do you know the vital role the Friends (YOU!) play in making the SAPL the world class system that it is? You will read a summary of the progress and accomplishments of the Library and its supporters elsewhere in this issue (e.g., our director, **Ramiro Salazar's** presentation at the January Annual Meeting), but suffice it to say that the contributions we make in general through the BookCellar sales and the work of the individual Friends branches are significant.

Membership fees and your participation in FOSAPL activities are an important component of our contributions. We should be pleased with having surpassed the "Thousand Member Mark" in 2012;

if we are to continue this momentum and reach our 2013 goal of 1250 members, we need for each of you to renew your membership.

Though you won't be getting a membership card (we stopped issuing those in 2012) you WILL receive a free book coupon for use at the BookCellar as our way of thanking you for your support.

Remember, we need your designation of branch affiliation each year with your renewal (or Life members, each year when you return the membership envelope) so that we may transfer \$5 to that branch's account for their use.

If you have already renewed for 2013, THANK YOU. If you have not yet done so, please send in your renewal right away so you will continue to get *SAPLings*, stay connected to the SAPL support network, and receive your BookCellar coupon.



The 2013-2015
FOSAPL Officers (left-
right):
Treasurer – **Beverly
Duran**
Vice President –
Robert Mason
President – **Linda
Arronge**
Membership
Secretary – **Christie
Smith**
Secretary – **Patricia
Peak**

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Annual Meeting
photos.

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

Sunday, January 27, 2013, 2:00 p.m.
Submitted by *Anne Long*

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, January 27, at 2:00 PM in the auditorium of the Central Library. Those present were: **Nancy Gandara, Linda Arronge, Judy Wilson, Anne Long, Linda Nairn, Walter Ague, Arline Braswell, Shirley Coleman, Antoinette Franklin, Jackie Fremming, Bruce Gill, Delores Huber, Claudia Kohler, Mary McAfee, Bob Mason, Pat Mendiola, Patricia Peak, Ronnie Retzliff, Robbi Rupert, Ann Springer and Jill Zimmerman.**

Everyone had a chance to meet and greet old friends and new members while enjoying delicious refreshments provided by the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

Our guest speaker for the meeting was Library Director **Ramiro Salazar** who spoke of "Transforming San Antonio Public Library, One Year at a Time." Mr. Salazar applauded the Friends for their help in many of the projects, innovations, upgrades, and initiatives begun and completed since he started at SAPL as director, eight years ago.

Nancy Gandara called the business meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Minutes of the November 18, 2012, meeting were printed in the January/February 2013 *SAPLings*.

Jackie Fremming moved and **Linda Nairn** seconded the motion that the Minutes be accepted as they appeared in the Newsletter. The motion passed.

President's Report - Nancy Gandara reflected on "That was the year that was," saying:

"At our January meeting, mystery writer **Jay Brandon** told us of his adventures in libraries throughout San Antonio, and we welcomed six new

members to the FOSAPL board.

"In May, the citizens of San Antonio passed 'Proposition 4' of the 2012-17 Bond Issue, which will fund improvements to some libraries and will allow the construction of three new branch libraries in the areas that are currently under-served.

"During 2012, FOSAPL contributed \$50,000 to the San Antonio Public Library, which was used to support programs throughout the system. The majority was used to fund the Summer Reading Program for children and teens. The balance of the gift was used to fund other programs throughout the year, such as the library's Life Long Learning programs, Live Well Age Smart, which targets seniors and programs for job-seekers. Some of the Children's programs that benefited from Friends' funding were Dia De Los Niño's, Dinosaur Days, the Jingle Bell Jubilee or Jelly Bean events. Teen programs that we supported included Writing Workshops, Teen Craft Nights, and Science Programming.

"Collectively, our 23 branch Friends' groups contributed more than \$79,000 to their respective branch libraries, for program support and for items that ranged from outdoor seating benches to a Kindle Touch.

"Most of the branch groups have embraced the responsibility of stocking a Book Nook or cart that sells donated books on the honor system – and we thank **Marshall Mundorff** for having built most of the cash boxes that are in use!

"The BookCellar celebrated its 21st year in business, and our dedicated volunteers held both a successful Tent Sale in June and a half-price sale in early December.

"In October, the Arts and Letters Award was given to **Brenda Kingery**, who displayed her paintings and needlecraft; **Florence Byham Weinberg**, who read from a novel in-progress; and **Allan and Teri Pena Ross**, who enacted a scene from a production at the Classic Theatre.

"At our last Board meeting, we agreed to present some revisions to the FOSAPL Bylaws and Standing rules. Some of those revisions, such as the description of an Arts and Letters Committee, and Task Forces to conduct the annual Audit and to propose the operating budget, will clarify existing practices that are already being done. The additional language in Rule 6 that describes a new committee – the Website Committee – should take us in a direction that will enhance our marketing of our organization, improve access to information for our members, and finally allow our members to choose on-line renewal if they want to do that."

Nancy thanked everyone for all their help and hard work in 2012 and for that to come in 2013.

Treasurer's Report – Judy Wilson reported that the net assets for FOSAPL use are \$68,641.29 as of December 31, 2012. The FOSAPL income for 2012 was \$90,149.18 with expenses being \$75,110.39. The branches gave \$79,306.44 for library support and branch activities in 2012. **Mary McAfee** made a motion we accept the Treasurer's Report to file for audit. **David White** seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

BookCellar – Linda Arronge reported that the BookCellar sales are at \$81,000

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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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

2013–2015 Term:

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

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!

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

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as of the end of December 2012. Many duplicate books have been shared with branches for their book sales and everyone is encouraged to sign up and help with the Book Festival on April 13.

Membership – Christie Smith reviewed the process of consolidating and reporting membership information. She explained that all members will receive a postcard that acknowledges their joining or renewal, with a coupon good for a free book at the BookCellar.

OLD BUSINESS

Authorization of Budget Amount for “Library Support” for 2013 – Judy Wilson recommended the amount of \$35,000 for library support in 2013. **Jackie Fremming** made a motion we accept her recommendation. **Jill Zimmerman** seconded the motion, and, after some discussion, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Revision to Bylaws and Standing Rules, recommended by FOSAPL board – Allen Hildreth made a motion to accept the revisions to the Bylaws and Standing Rules as they appeared on the website and in the January/February 2013 issue of the *SAP-Lings*. **Mary McAfee** seconded the motion, and **Nancy Gandara** called for discussion. It was suggested that in Rule 1G under Membership the words “as appointed by the president” be added to clarify how the Membership Secretary is to be chosen. Adding the change was acceptable to Allen and Mary, and their motion passed. The Rule 1G under Membership will read:

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

Election of New Board members for 2013-2015 – **Mary McAfee** and **Arline Braswell** presented the nominees for officers for 2013-2015 and called for nominations from the floor. There being

no nominations from the floor, the slate remained:

- President – **Linda Arronge**
- Vice President – **Robert Mason**
- Secretary – **Patricia Peak**
- Treasurer – **Beverly Duran**

Delores Huber made the motion we accept the nominees for office. **Walter Ague** seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Mary and Arline presented the nominees for Board of Directors for 2013-2015 and called for nominations from the floor. **Ronnie Retzloff** nominated **Beth Graham** and **Mary Ruth Baer**, each of whom accepted nomination.

The list of nominees for 2013-2015:

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

Claudia Kohler made a motion we accept the slate of nominees, and **Joan Hildreth** seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Linda Nairn and **Linda Arronge** presented engraved plaques to **Nancy Gandara**, **Judy Wilson** and **Anne Long** for their service on the Executive Board. **Mary McAfee**, on behalf of the members of FOSAPL, presented an engraved crystal gavel, purchased by **Yolanda Kirkpatrick**, to **Nancy Gandara** in recognition of her service as Treasurer (Jan. 2005-2009) and President (Jan. 2009-2013). **Pat Konstam** made a motion to adopt a Resolution of Appreciation to **Nancy Gandara** for her strong leadership of Friends of the San Antonio Public Library during the four years of her presidency. “We thank Nancy for initiating formal statements spelling out the relationship between FOSAPL and the Library System, for her steadfast support of the work of the BookCellar, for her effective representation of the Friends to the wider community, for her informative

reports in *SAPLings*, for expanding the organization’s communications with members and others, and for all the other work she has done to deepen the Friends’ support of the Library System.” There being unanimous seconds to this motion the motion passed.

Nancy thanked everyone for the help and support she has received during her years as President. She wished the new officers and board well and passed the gavel (the old wooden one) on to **Linda Arronge**. Linda called for a motion to adjourn. **Mary McAfee** made a motion the meeting be adjourned. **Bruce Gill** seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Thanks! to **Pat DePasquale, Ivy Durnell, Nancy Gandara, Christie Smith, and Judy Wilson** of the Semmes Friends for provision of refreshments for the Jan. 27, 2013, Annual Meeting, and to the Igo Friends, who lent their coffee urn for that event.

The Igo Elderberries and the UTHSCSA Nursing School present:

- The Igo Health Information Series
- March 4, 2:00 PM—Folk Medicine and Home Remedies
 - March 18, 2:00 PM—CPR Demonstration

Igo Library
 13330 Kyle Seale Parkway
 210-207-9080

The Friends are more than just friends of the Library; we are an extended family with mutual interests and concerns. We share each other’s losses, and we want to send condolences and sympathy to **Mary McAfee, Bruce McGill, and Alana Woods** for losing loved ones. Know that we are thinking of you during this difficult time. And if there are any other members who have suffered a loss, please let us know so that we can include you in our thoughts.



Brook Hollow

Lots of changes are taking place at Brook Hollow. The Library will be undergoing a limited makeover February 25-March 15. This will include interior repainting, replacement of carpet, realignment of office space, new furnishings and other minor changes. Thus, the library will be closed during that period although the drop boxes will continue to be emptied regularly.

Our other major news is that we have a new manager, **Ms. Charity Gallardo**. Charity hails from Florida but has worked at Westfall and other locations in the SAPL system. Welcome Charity!!

The Friends of Brook Hollow have approved more than \$10,000 in improvements, equipment, and supplies. New benches were donated by the **Stampe** family and are in process of being installed on either side of the entryway sidewalk. Everyone is looking forward to having a comfortable place to rest while waiting for rides or just to enjoy the landscaping the Friends provided a few years ago.

In view of the construction that will be taking place, our Spring Book Sale has been cancelled. However, a book cart is being equipped to use as an ongoing opportunity to sell books and generate revenue for the Friends. The next scheduled book sale will be September 21. A regular meeting of the Friends will follow on September 23 at 7:00 PM.

Our annual Staff Appreciation Dinner has been scheduled for April 4 at El Jarro de Arturo restaurant on US 281 at Bitters Rd. This is always a relaxing opportunity to meet staff and Friends and to recognize the

staff for the hard work they do throughout the year.

Bruce Gill

Carver

The Carver Library will celebrate its 40th year. The Carver Library opened in 1973. There have been many changes since the beginning of the jewel of the east side became a public library. You are welcome to come and help celebrate this wonderful time of achievement. The event is scheduled for March 16, from 4 to 6 PM at the Carver Library, 3350 E. Commerce.

The Exceptional Scholars for African American Women 2012 will install their dissertations into the library system. These scholarly works will be used as reference material by the public. These dissertations are usually housed in the scholar's graduating university and may never be seen again; their works along with the Talented Tenth Scholars may be used by the public as reference material.

Antoinetta Franklin

Guerra

Guerra Friends will be having a book sale May 24, 4-6, and May 25, 10-4. No presale preview.

Delores Huber

Igo

Well, well, well, it seems that Halloween was just around the corner yesterday, but it's March, and Easter is just around the corner.

The Friends of Igo Library met Feb. 2 to go over a few leftover items from January and start thinking in terms of the Spring and Summer Programs for the Igo Library. Our winter months are almost behind us so we are gearing up for our first book sale of the year—April 6 and 7; Saturday, 10-5, and Sunday, 1-4 with tear down immediately following the sale. We

will start setting up on Thursday, April 4, at 2-6, and finish up on Friday, April 5, from 10 until the work is done. All members who help with the set up and/or tear down for four hours or more total time can have first choice of books to purchase for half of the sale prices.

The next meeting of the Igo Elderberries Seniors is March 7 at 2:00 PM.

At our last meeting, we commented that the Friends of the Igo Library have in the last five years since our inception funded over \$10,000 for items to enhance the library plus service to the patrons of the Igo Branch Library. Our next meeting will be March 2 at 10:30 AM.

Tom Hill

Landa

The Friends of Landa Library held a book sale on Saturday, Feb. 2. The sale was organized and overseen by **Pat DePasquale**, and it was a great success. The weather was lovely, and the visitors enjoyed the interesting old mansion, gardens, and playground.

The proceeds from the sale will be used to refurbish an enclosed upstairs porch to provide additional seating for patrons.

The Friends of Landa Library will hold an open meeting at 10:30 AM until 12 noon on Saturday, March 23, to offer information to those people interested in joining Landa Friends.

We are looking for individuals who love books, are interested in the upkeep and preservation of our beautiful library, and who would help organize and work with our book sales and other fundraising events.

Diane Prickett

Maverick

The Maverick Friends hit the ground running in the new year.

We started with an election at our January meeting.

Elizabeth Purkey was elected president, succeeding **John Gaddis**. Many thanks to John for four great years!

Mark your calendars for our next book sale on April 6 and 7. Our hours will be 10 AM to 4 PM on both days. In addition to books, DVDs and CDs, we plan to sell chances to win an autographed **Rick Riordan** book.

Librarian **Ben Longoria** has been especially active in bringing Saturday programs to Maverick. Since these usually attract large crowds, we plan to set up an information table to recruit new Friends. **Kaitlyn Henage** volunteered to work at the table.

We hope to see many of you at our sale in April.

Sue Ratliff

Parman

Parman Friends continue to support the library with the ongoing book sale. A large portion of the monthly sales go to the many children, teen and adult programs that are scheduled each month. One program that is very popular is "Read to a Dog." The program promotes the love of reading and of animals. We have named the ongoing book sale "Parman Friends Booktique." This is the first step to promote more awareness and interest in the wonderful books that we have for sale each day.

We have also started an experimental effort of selling our special books and large groups of paperbacks on ebay. Our seller name is libraryfriends02 if you would like to see what we are doing. It has been very successful. The only limitation is the time it takes to prepare and list the items. We are investigating ways to streamline the process and break down the tasks so more of the members can be part of the fun.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, March 16 at 10:15. Everyone is invited!

Karen Fritzlen

Semmes

Saturday, February 9, may have been a drizzly, dark day, but that did not dampen the spirits of seasoned book sales patrons! We were greeted with a long line and crowded sale room as soon as the library opened. It was a pleasant day for everyone – happy shoppers and happy Friends as we were able to end the sale early with all but about 3 boxes of books left! (See the photos on p. 6)

The SAPL system really is just like a family. Over the years, Semmes staff have come and gone primarily from and to other SAPL locations. It really is a welcoming feeling to go to another branch and see a familiar face. Last month we bid farewell to **Debye Nichol** who now works at Brook Hollow, and we welcomed **Beth Schorlemer** to the Semmes family from Brook Hollow.

Semmes Friends will meet on Wednesday, March 6, at 10:30 in the Semmes Quiet Room.

Christie Smith

Tobin at Oakwell

Tobin at Oakwell Library Friends Annual Meeting was held October 13, 2012. President **Dan Goddard** introduced **Susan Toomey Frost** who gave a delightful video presentation followed by a question and answer session. Ms. Frost's collections over many years resulted in two beautiful books, *Timeless Mexico: The Photographs of Hugo Brehme* and *Colors on Clay: The San Jose Tile Workshops of San Antonio*.

Our November book sale was a success. Book sale Chairman **Janet Goddard** thanked volunteers who helped with the sale. We received a donation from **Edith Speert** in memory of a longtime member, **Roger Sackett**. Many thanks also to those who donated books, money, and time. Our next book sale will be Saturday, May 18, from 10 AM-4 PM; the preview sale for FOSAPL members will be Friday, May 17, from 4-6 PM.

Library Manager **Tracey Knouse** has purchased a new outside bench and table and told Friends that some Foundation members visited our facility and were impressed with the outdoor seating. The canopy over the Fitness Area has been installed. Purchases of additional shelving, indoor seating, and rearrangement of some present seating will improve efficiency of the library. Teen Librarian **David Gallin Parisi** has moved to Cody Library. The teens said goodbye to David with a dance party in the meeting room. We wish David all the best in his new job.

Joan Hildreth again coordinated the purchase of poinsettias from the Lion's Club for holiday decoration of the library. The Tobin Staff Holiday Luncheon was held December 13.

Arline Braswell

Westfall

The Friends of Westfall Library held their annual meet-

ing on Saturday, January 12. An election of officers was held, and the new officers for 2013 will be **Rowena Rodgers**, President; **Pat Cummins**, Vice-President; and **Eddie Patino**, Secretary and Treasurer. **Dale McNeill**, SAPL Assistant Director of Public Services, presented an interesting program on his take of the future public library.

Westfall Friends has recently provided three book trucks, a globe, Gaylord signage, and Logitech speakers to the library.

Sherrie Hardin, Westfall's manager, announced plans for the 50th Anniversary on Sunday, June 2. Look for more information next issue.

A Staff Appreciation luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 13, at 11:30 a.m. Please let me know if you would like to help with the lunch. My phone number is (210) 251-3847.

Pat Cummins

Teen Services at Landa Library

Beatrice Canales

Teen Services at Landa Library has outstanding programs developed and supported by teens.

The Landa Teen Library Leadership Council meets every week with a sense of purpose. The council members look to each other for planning and decision-making skills on the Tutoring for Young Children project, Pen Pal project, and the Teen International Club.

The Tutoring for Young Children is a program that has teen tutors that tutor children 5-11 years old weekly once a week. This program was created by **Maddie Carrola**, 15 years old, and supported by

Bea Canales, Teen Liaison. Some of the council members who are tutors with the children's parents to help them succeed. Maddie was also the 2012 Library Champion.

As an example of leadership qualities in teens, **Maddie Carrola** took the challenge to contact the Toronto, Ontario Public Library teen tutoring program and interviewed the head of that program.

These teens communicate with the parents of these children to help them succeed.

The Council is preparing to have a Pen Pal exchange with the teens who tutor the Toronto Public Library chil-

dren's program. The Landa Teen Council is planning on having a Facebook page and Skype session with the teens in Toronto.

The Teen International Club was started when a council member wanted to expand the awareness culture and language for teens at the library. **Rubi Jaimes**, 16 years old, has recruited, blogged, and developed an outline of programs that centers on cultural awareness.

The International Club is also planning a Pen Pal exchange program for teens in Japan.

We also have strong teens, on the council, who like to

blog on the SAPL Teen Services Wordpress blog page. Their blog posts range from music reviews to language lessons.

Here are some of their blog posts:

- Celebrate Culture!
<http://210teenlibrary.wordpress.com/2013/02/10/celebrate-culture/>
- Teen Music Blogger
<http://210teenlibrary.wordpress.com/2013/02/09/teen-music-blogger-how-can-you-get-in-trouble-if-there-are-no-lyrics/>
- Teen Tutor Program
<http://210teenlibrary.wordpress.com/2013/01/31/tutoring-at-landa-update/>

Semmes Book Sale a Big Success



From the Library Director The Holocaust



The Holocaust happened more than 60 years ago, but the horrors of Nazi genocide will never be forgotten. In memory of these events, the San

Antonio Public Library, in partnership with the Mazal Holocaust Library and the San Antonio Public Library Foundation, will present an exhibit of haunting photos from this dark era of history.

The Holocaust: Learn and Remember will be on display in the Central Library's second floor gallery through March. We are also honored to present guest speakers who will share some of their experiences as Holocaust survivors.

Please join us at the opening reception of *The Holocaust: Learn and Remember* exhibit on Monday, March 4 from 5:00 to 6:00 PM.

For more information about the exhibit, please visit learnandremember.org.

Ramiro S. Salazar
Library Director



A—Eager shoppers waiting for the library to open. **B**—Tom Suk and Jill Phelps setting up. **C**—A young shopper. **D**—Shoppers checking out. **E**—June Esparza, Carole Anderson, and Thelma Stewart setting up. **F**—You're never too young to buy a book!

Getting to Know Your Friends – Rowena Rodgers

Claudia Kohler

Rowena Rodgers has been a Texan all her life. Born in Houston, she grew up in Crosby, went to the University of Texas for her Liberal Arts Degree, met and married **Keith Rodgers** in 1949, and moved to San Antonio.

They moved to the Dell-view area in 1952 and live there today, although in a different home. Keith worked at Kelly Air Force Base in Civilian Personnel—what we call Human Resources today. Rowena started their family, three boys and one girl, and stayed at home to raise them.

After the children left home, Rowena did some substitute teaching and also helped produce some television shows at KLRN PBS. This interest grew



out of activity with the League of Woman Voters. Rowena was the President of that group from 1975-1977 and is still active with them today. You should find

pamphlets about voting issues at your library branches that are put out by this group.

The Westfall Library was built in 1963 and has been expanded twice—in 1971 and in 1995. The building has more than doubled in size. On June 2, Westfall will celebrate their 50 year anniversary. Staff is busy putting together plans for lots of kids activities, food, and,

of course, the Friends will be there. It's been whispered that they will have a 60's theme, including 60's music. Watch the *SAPLings* for more information as it comes in.

Westfall Friends was formed in 1992, and Rowena was the first President. She had already been volunteering at the BookCellar and was on the BookCellar committee through 2012. Recently, she agreed to be the President of Westfall for 2013. She hopes to bring in some new members and plans to talk at neighborhood association meetings and PTA meetings to let them know what the Friends do for their community. One thing they have done in the past and hope to do again is to bring in local authors to talk at their meetings.

Several years ago, a dealer donated several boxes of comic books that were each encased in plastic covers. As a mother of a comic book collector, this could have meant some real "finds" for some lucky collectors as they only put covers on the good ones.

One time, the Friends found \$200 tucked into a donated book. Of course they had no way of knowing where it came from so considered it a special donation!

Rowena was one of the founders of her neighborhood association and is still involved with them today. She is also active at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Westfall Friends will benefit greatly by all of her volunteer experience.

Memorials and Donations

Sheila Figueroa

Donations

LTC Walter N. Ague
 Karen Baker
 George W. Beddingfield
 Emerson and Jean Besch
 Alethea S. Bugg
 Paul Fitzpatrick
 Manfred and Mary Jane Groth
 George C. Hixon
 Martha James
 Betty Lou Jordan
 Julie Leathers
 LTC Larry W. Luckett
 Oswin P. McCarty
 LTC Richard and Diane Malone
 Daniel B. Markson
 Dennis and Viola Moreno
 Linda Nairn
 Carolyn Petersen
 James and Denise Schneider
 Col. Joanne Seymour
 Mary Allyn Watson
 Virginia Y. Wong

Honorariums

In honor of	By
Jim Frisch	Paul Frisch
Ruth Ann Bonzi	
Robert Frisch	
Peggy Hoyle	

Memorials

In memory of	By
Charles McAfee	Nancy L. Gandara Sheila Figueroa Viki Ash Jean Brady Judy Wilson
Roc Tyler	Nancy L. Gandara
Zula Vizard	Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

Honorariums

Need children's books
for your
branch book sale?
The BookCellar
can give you
some.
See details in
"BookCellar
News" on page 9.



Above: The 2013-2015 Board and officers (left-right): **Ann Springer, Pat Mendiola, Shirley Coleman, Mary Ruth Baer, Pat Konstam, Elizabeth Purkey, Aaron Konstam, Bruce Gill, Jackie Fremming, Bev Duran, Robert Mason, and Linda Arronge**

Right: **Nancy Gandara, with Mary McAfee's assistance, opens a gift in appreciation for her four years as president.**

Monsignor Balthasar Janacek Memorial

Linda Arronge

February 16 started out as a cold morning, but many people showed up to honor **Monsignor Balthasar Janacek**. We met at Mission Library to bless and dedicate the Memorial Court Yard in his name.

Father David Garcia, Director of the Old Spanish Missions, introduced **Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller**. He lead us in prayer and blessed the Court Yard. The Archdiocese of San Antonio joined with the San Antonio Public Library in this project. Monsignor Janacek served as Director for the Spanish Missions. He was in charge of restoring, repairing, and painting the Missions. The spokesperson for the family said that it was very appropriate that the Court Yard faced Mission San Jose because the mission was so important to him.

Refreshments were served and people shared stories about his life. It was a beautiful day!

1st Texas Book Festival/San Antonio Edition April 13, 2013, 10-4

The first annual Texas Book Festival/San Antonio Edition (TBF/SAE) will take place in the Alamo City Saturday, April 13, 2013. "We are thrilled to be working with the Library Foundation to expand Texas Book Festival into San Antonio," says Interim Executive Director **Heidi Marquez Smith**. "As with our signature event held in Austin every October, this 'new edition' will celebrate the culture of literacy, ideas, and imagination and will be free and open to the public."

A Unique Opportunity for Readers and Writers to Unite

This free day of literary happenings, held at the Central Library and the neighboring Southwest School of Art (SSA), will offer book lovers up-close encounters with about 50 of their favorite Texas and national authors at readings, panel discussions and signings. Visitors of every age and interest will get the chance to celebrate all that is wonderful about the printed word in an open, fun and friendly setting. There will be topics for everyone, from politics and fiction to poetry and cookbooks. Special tents will feature a variety of food, cooking demonstrations, and musical entertainment while story telling and learning activities will be offered for younger festival goers.

City- and State-wide Partnerships

The Texas Book Festival, one of the premier literary events in the country that presented its first Austin festival at the Capitol in November 1996, brings extensive experience and expertise to the TBFSAE. The valuable collaboration between SAPLF, TBF, the Library and the SSA—and the opportunity for more important partnerships with local non-profits—represents a steadfast commitment to reading, writing, books and libraries, which, in turn, enhances the entire San Antonio community.

Library Foundation Presents

Carol Black

Holocaust: Learn and Remember Exhibit and Programming

A collection of approximately 100 photographs from the Mazal Library will be presented from March 4 through April 7 at the Public Library as a means of remembering events of the Holocaust. In addition, the Public Library will host a number of lectures, readings and performances that help the public reflect on the Holocaust and explore tolerance. The exhibit will close with a celebration on April 7, 2013 – National Holocaust Remembrance Day. The photos are a way of teaching and informing others about the horrors of the Holocaust and further attempting to fight against ignorance with education. Besides the Central Library, the collection will be on display throughout the 25-member branch network.

Medicine and Poetry: The Muse Meets Caduceus

Voices de Luna, a quarterly poetry and arts magazine, and the Latino Leadership for the Library Committee of The San Antonio Public Library Foundation honor San Antonio Poet Laureate Carmen Tafolla and physicians and artists of San Antonio, Wednesday, April 17, 2013, at the Bright Shawl, 819 August St.

Patrons and sponsors are invited to a private reception with Carmen Tafolla and the Physician-Writers. Wine, music, and a silent auction will be held from 6:30 until 7:00. Dinner and the program begin at 7:00.

Sponsorship levels are available:

\$2,500—Patron: VIP Table for 10: private reception; 10 signed copies of *Rebozos* by Carmen Tafolla; and a listing in the program and *Voices* magazine.

\$1,500—Sponsor: Table for 10; private reception; 5 signed copies of *Rebozos* by Carmen Tafolla; and a listing in the program and *Voices* magazine.

\$100—Individual Ticket: General admission to the event.

BookCellar News

Pat Konstam

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



BookCellar sales totaled \$82,127 in 2012. That was an 11 percent increase from 2011, and the store's highest annual sales figure since 2008 in what may reflect an improving local economy. It's also better than the troubled book retailing industry as a whole did in 2012, when sales at brick-and-mortar bookstores fell 3 percent and sales of print books – including online sales – dropped 9 percent, according to the *Wall Street Journal*.

The BookCellar Committee has elected **Tom Nemeth** as its chair, succeeding **Linda Arronge**, who has stepped up to the bigger job of FOSAPL president. Linda, who headed the committee for the past year, will continue to serve on the committee as an *ex-officio* member and to work as a BookCellar volunteer. Tom has worked at the BookCellar since 1991, run dozens of branch book sales, and operated a used bookstore at McCreless Mall. He also is current president of Friends of McCreless and Friends of Memorial.

The BookCellar currently has a surplus of children's and young adult books and is able to donate some to branch sales. There's enough for each branch to take one or two boxes. Branch sale representatives should call BookCellar Manager **Monica Hernandez** at (210) 227-9519 to arrange a convenient time to pick them up. In addition, the BookCellar continues to have plenty of adult fiction and non-fiction available for branch sales to take.

The buy-one-get-one special for March is regularly priced adult hardback fiction, including novels, mysteries, science fiction, westerns and large print. In April, the BOGO will be regularly priced adult and children's Dewey Decimal 700s. This classification includes art, music, TV, movies, dance, theater, games and sports.

Rowena Rodgers has resigned from the BookCellar Committee to focus on her job as president of Friends of Westfall. She has served on the committee for the past 10 years, and her participation will be missed. She is continuing as a BookCellar volunteer.

A Popular Program at Parman is "Read to a Dog"



~ ~ Honor, 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>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>Please send a Memorial Friends Acknowledgement to:</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State, ZIP: _____</p>
<p>Please fill out the form, make your check payable to</p> <p align="center">Friends of the San Antonio Public Library and mail the form with check to:</p> <p align="center">Friends of the San Antonio Public Library ATTN: Honor, 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">~ All Donations Are Tax Deductible ~</p>

BookCellar Closed Mar 24- Apr 15

The BookCellar is scheduled to be closed from March 24 through April 15 because of construction on the new Central Library Tech Corridor.

The BookCellar is directly below the new computer center, and the wiring must go through the store ceiling.

To make up for lost revenue, the Book-Cellar Committee is planning a half-price Construction Sale, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 9 through Sunday, March 24. Check with the Book-Cellar at (210) 227-9519 to confirm the dates. All books and media, including premium books, will be half-price.

Friend Nancy West Finalist for the Lefty Award

Lyn Belisle

Nancy G. West's Aggie Mundeen mystery, *Fit to Be Dead*, has been nominated for the Lefty Award, which has been given annually since 1996 for the best humorous mystery novel of the year.

Fit to Be Dead was shortlisted along with five others for the prize, whose winner will be announced at the Left Coast Crime Conference in Colorado Springs in March. The conference is held annually in Western North American cities and on the west coast of England (Bristol) and Hawaii (Waikoloa).

The nomination is decided on by voting from approximately 1,200 conference attendees, which include some of the most enthusiastic readers of crime fiction in the country.

"I'm thrilled to be a finalist for this award because it's voted on by mystery fans," said West, a resident of San Antonio and Seguin.

West previously wrote the biography of San Antonio artist, **Jose Vives-Atsara**. Her suspense novel, *Nine Days to Evil*, received the Bletcher Gold Award, and West was honored by Friends of the San Antonio Public Library with their 2012 Arts and Letters Award for her contribution to writing.

Past winners of the Lefty include **Janet Evanovich** and **Elaine Viets**.

The press release from the Left Coast Crime Awards Committee is at http://www.leftcoastcrime.org/2013/LCC-2013_Award_Nominations.pdf.

Audit Committee Report

Beverly Duran

The Audit Committee, consisting of Past President **Linda Nairn**, President **Linda Arronge**, Treasurer **Beverly Duran**, **Robbi Ruppert**, and **Yolanda Kirkpatrick** met on Friday, February 22, 2013, to review the books and supporting documentation provided by past Treasurer **Judy Wilson**. A review was conducted of the bank statements for three accounts for the twelve-month period, January through December 2012, deposits, check ledgers, supporting checks from the bank, and supporting documentation from request for funds from the Branch Friends groups. No irregularities were noted.

Based on the review of the supporting documentation from the Branch Friends groups, the Committee recommends that FOSAPL and its Branch groups follow the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rule (Code Sec. 274(b)(1); Reg. § 1.274-3), which states that "Deductions for business gifts, whether made directly or indirectly, are limited to \$25 per recipient per year." This includes the use of gift certificates given to Library staff and Friends members.

Treasurer's Report

December 31, 2012
Submitted by Judy Wilson

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

FOSAPL INCOME	BUDGET	FOSAPL YTD	FOSAPL NOV-DEC
BookCellar sales	75,000.00	82,127.14	14,454.66
BookCellar sales tax withheld		(5,798.86)	(1,086.19)
Donations and memorials	2,000.00	3,445.71	1,535.21
Interest	600.00	395.19	61.21
Membership	8,000.00	9,980.00	4,470.00
FOSAPL INCOME	85,600.00	90,149.18	19,434.89

BUDGET EXPENSES	BUDGET	YTD	NOV-DEC
Accounting	1,500.00	1,210.00	80.00
Arts and Letters program	300.00	394.37	180.17
Bank charges	100.00	18.00	
Directory	2,000.00		
FOSAPL Committee expenses	200.00	313.67	25.00
FOSAPL Insurance	1,000.00	879.28	
Friends recognition	100.00		
Fundraising program	400.00		
Membership recruitment	1,200.00	507.00	332.00
Newsletter prep/editing & printing	4,350.00	3,883.45	550.00
Office supplies	170.00	220.00	67.66
Parking	600.00		
Postage (bulk mail, post office box, postage)	1,180.00	1,314.08	312.82
President's expenses	200.00	250.00	
Seed money for new groups	zero		
BookCellar Expenses			
Advertising	1,000.00	517.44	517.44
Book sale(s) expenses/office supplies	1,500.00	272.20	63.26
Commodities for resale	2,000.00	2,405.89	541.79
Equipment and maintenance	1,500.00	99.99	
BookCellar insurance	1,000.00	976.00	
Printing and copying	200.00	440.60	19.99
Recruitment of volunteer workers	200.00		
Salary and benefits	8,500.00	7,974.14	1,245.02
Twenty Year Anniversary Celebration	1,000.00	800.99	
Volunteer appreciation	1,250.00	990.39	700.98
Library Support			
Public programming & staff development	50,000.00	50,000.00	
Donations from FOSAPL members	no budget amt	642.90	120.00
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members	no budget amt	1,000.00	100.00
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	81,450.00	75,110.39	4,856.13

FOSAPL BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME	NOV-DEC	YTD
Donations	1,736.36	6,382.91
Income from book sales, Book Nook/Cart sales, fundraisers	10,615.95	66,600.36
Memberships	1,865.00	3,595.00
BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME	14,217.31	76,578.27
Branch Friends group operating expenses	1,834.35	7,227.75
Branch group purchases for Library Branch/department	20,577.09	79,306.44

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

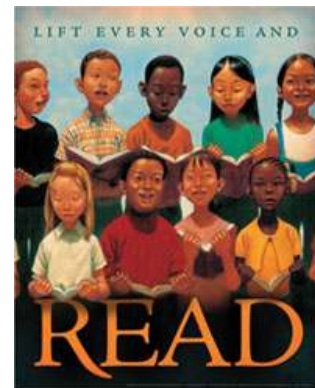
Bank Accounts	
Compass Money Market *****8659	
BookCellar deposits	117,191.43
Compass Money Market Gold ***-***4644	30,039.91
Compass Checking ***-***8736	<u>14,367.95</u>
Total Assets	161,599.29
Branch Designated Funds (-)	(89,967.42)
Branch Designated Funds, unclaimed (-)	(321.91)
Checks outstanding (-)	<u>(2,668.67)</u>
Net Assets for FOSAPL Use	68,641.29

Branch and Support Group Funds Balance of December 31, 2012

Bazan	1,741.32
Brook Hollow	19,046.99
Carver	4,452.14
Central	961.73
Cody	7,265.16
Collins Garden	1,018.36
Cortez	1,223.48
Forest Hills	1,446.58
Great Northwest	3,143.94
Guerra	4,853.25
Igo	7,475.76
Johnston	4,767.46
Landa	4,751.68
Maverick	6,044.20
McCreless	943.25
Memorial	1,367.59
Mission	1,264.27
Parman	2,265.58
Semmes	2,893.91
Texana/genealogy	4,253.42
Thousand Oaks	2,801.02
Tobin at Oakwell	2,145.54
Westfall	3,840.79
Writers (currently inactive)	<u>zero</u>
Total Group Funds	89,967.42

Kadir Nelson

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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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| March 6 | Semmes Friends meeting, 10:30. |
| March 16 | Carver 40th Anniversary celebration, 4-6. |
| March 17 | FOSAPL Board Meeting at Parman, 2 PM |
| March 23 | Friends of Landa open meeting, 10:30-noon |
| April 6-7 | Maverick Friends book sale, 10-4. |
| April 6-7 | Igo Friends book sale, Saturday, 10-5, and Sunday, 1-4 with tear down immediately following the sale. |
| May 18 | Tobin at Oakwell book sale, Saturday, 10-4; the preview sale for FOSAPL members Friday, May 17, 4-6. |
| May 19 | FOSAPL Board Meeting at Forest Hills, 2 PM |
| May 24 | Guerra Friends book sale, 4-6; May 25, 10-4. No presale preview. |
| June 2 | Westfall 50th Anniversary celebration. |

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.

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

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

Forest Hills Library
5245 Ingram Rd., 78228
210-431-2544

Guerra
7978 Military Drive West, 78227
210- 207-9070

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

Landa Library
233 Bushnell, 78212
210-732-8369

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

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

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

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

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