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Thanks to Cindie Farley who edits much of the material in it. Any faults or omissions, or slip ups in punctuation, are mine!
- Editor Diane Grindol

President's Letter

To Support the Library—A Common Goal

I have devoted at least one of my previous letters to the relationship between the Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation and the Friends, trying to explain that the first is intended to ensure the Library's future and the second to enrich the Library's present. The idea is fundamentally sound; putting it into practice has turned out to be relatively difficult. The basic problem is this: Even if their time horizons are distinct, the perception is that there are two organizations vying for money to support the Library. How does one choose between them?

I think we are slowly working our way toward a reasonable solution. Until a few years ago, the Friends waited for requests from the Library, even though some requests (for the support of children's programs and for the acquisition of books and materials) were made every year. Then, the Friends decided to guarantee the Library an annual baseline of support—\$5,000 for children's programs and \$35,000 for books and materials—and to respond as possible to additional requests (like the newly completed chandeliers as part of the renewal project).

During this period, the Foundation was establishing itself and trying to build its investments, with the goal of being able to fund future Library developments, like capital and infrastructure improvements.

The next stage involves *collaboration* between the Friends and the Foundation on both annual support and future developments. The bedrock of the annual support will come from the money generated by the Friends through memberships, book sales, and fund-raisers (projected at \$40,000, based on recent years) plus a percentage (3–5 percent) of the money held by the Foundation (projected at \$25,000–\$40,000, based on current holdings). Unless otherwise specified by the donor, donations to either the Friends or the Foundation will be pooled in a jointly managed fund—what we are terming "The Fund for the Future"—with the Foundation taking the lead on legacy funding and other donations that can significantly increase the investment principal. This plan is based on a vision of a Library that has both stability in the short term and the ability to create an exciting future.

Susan Steele

That's the Spirit!

You don't have to travel to Rio de Janeiro this summer to experience the competitive spirit and the drive to win. The windows in the children's room at the Library sport the names of over 400 young people who are participating in the summer reading program, *Read for the Win*. The readers each chose an Olympic Sport—basketball, swimming, cycling, track and field, or gymnastics—and received a reading log to keep track of the books they read. Every 10 books read earns a prize. The reader wins a book for the 50th book read.

The summer reading program includes eight performances held on Wednesday afternoons. Puppets, dogs, storytellers, actors, musicians, and magicians add to the summer fun at the Library. The summer reading program ends July 27 and is sponsored by the Friends, with the generous support of the Pebble Beach Company and the Jones Group Real Estate.





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A Wonderful Time of the Year

You may be thinking Christmas, but the Friends are thinking October—October 29th to be precise. That’s the date of the **Read-A-Thon** when we aim to fill the Library from noon to 9:00 p.m. with children doing what they love to do—read!

In September, families, individuals, and local businesses will be asked to buy a sponsorship of \$60.00 an hour. Sponsors may buy as many hours as they wish. Children will sign up for a time to sit in a chair or a pillowed comfy spot and read or be read to. They will earn \$1.00 for the Library for every minute they read.

Throughout the day, there will be stories read by distinctive guests, a table loaded with munchies, and specially made book-marks and certificates. Add a happy energy of kids and grownups alike, and, indeed, the Read-A-Thon promises to be a most wonderful time of the year!

Electronic Support

You know that the Library purchases books and materials for your pleasure and edification. You might also know that the Library’s collection of electronic materials—magazines, video streaming, and digital libraries—has grown. You probably don’t know that these involve two kinds of fees: one for the material itself and a second for the platform that supports access to the material. If the latter comes out of the funds designated for acquisitions, the number and kind of acquisitions are reduced.

So, the Friends has been on the search for money to help defray the platform fees for electronic materials. We just had our first success—a grant from The Pacific Grove Rotary Club. Thank you, Rotarians!

Contributors 2nd Quarter

- Peter Bolton and Marsha Zeitlin
in memory of Helen Zeitlin
- George Hahn
in memory of Lester Gorn
- Valerie and Robert Harder
- Mr. and Mrs. Bill Keland
in honor of Nancy Hauk
- Elizabeth Lobay
in memory of Marcella Stull
- Betty Matterson
in memory of Marcella Stull
- Anthony and Lary Lynn Muller Fund
of the Community Foundation for Monterey County
- Margaret Parenti
- Reese Family Fund
- Daryl and Mandy Salm
- Owen and Emma Smolek
- Torie & George Thacher
in memory of Gene Elmore

Business Member Spotlight: Pacific Grove Travel, 593 Lighthouse Ave

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There’s a jungle in town and it’s right on Lighthouse Avenue. Peer into the window of Pacific Grove Travel and delight in one of the adventures Joe Shammass and his team can book for you.

The office space may be small but the services are huge. Unlike many travel agencies, Pacific Grove Travel is full service, exactly what’s needed in today’s complicated world of travel.

The professional employees handle bookings for all cruise lines, tour operators, and airlines. And once you’ve arrived at your destination, your hotel and car will be waiting for you! Being in business for 37 years has not diminished Joe’s enthusiasm for serving the community with friendly assistance, special prices, and exclusive bonuses. Scroll through the agency’s website and see what adventures lie ahead. Cruise Lake Como, whitewater raft the Snake River, or root for the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame—adventures galore are possible with P.G. Travel.

Supporting the Library, 2016

The Friends fiscal year runs January 1 to December 31. So this newsletter comes at the halfway point of the 2016 fiscal year. It is useful to review, then, our contributions to the Library to date.

Books and materials	\$20,000
Children’s programs	4,800
Technology support	2,200
Library renewal project	8,200
Art curation	200
For a GRAND TOTAL of \$35,400	

Your support made this possible!

For Sale

If you’ve spent any time in the Pacific Grove Library this last month, you probably noticed the beer mugs and steins for sale in a display case. Or maybe you bought one, since they have been practically flying out of the Library.

The mug and stein collection, donated by Russell and Reitha Weeks, will generate roughly \$200 in support for the P.G. Library. If you have a collection of interesting and gently used items that can fit in one of the display cases, consider donating them to the Friends so their sale can help keep the Library healthy. It’s definitely a win/win situation.

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Meet the Author: Vanessa Diffenbaugh



On May 26, author Vanessa Diffenbaugh packed the Library with a crowd of 90 eager listeners. She held them spellbound for an hour, discussing her two books of fiction and the non-fiction book she's presently writing about the dichotomy of educational opportunities for wealthy and poor children.

Diffenbaugh's two novels are dense with research. Her first, *The Language of Flowers*, published in 2011, deals with the foster-care system; it was a *New York Times* best seller. *We Never Asked for Wings* followed in 2015 and concerns the complex issue of immigrants, their rights, and struggles.

The format for the evening was interview style led by Dorothy Vriend, co-chair of the Friends' Meet the Author committee. Through her responses and stories, Diffenbaugh revealed herself to be a compassionate woman, unafraid to tackle difficult issues. Her involvement in social justice issues began right after graduating from Stanford, when she mentored and befriended two foster children. In 2010, Vanessa cofounded Camellia Network (now called LifeSet Network). It is the first-of-its-kind social network that connects foster youth to resources, opportunities, and supporters from around the country to help the youth transition into adulthood.

Saying Good-Bye, with much Gratitude



Dorothy Vriend, a mainstay of the Friends' Meet the Author Committee, has decided it's time to turn her talents elsewhere. If you have noticed the spectacular posters around town announcing the next author event at the Pacific Grove Library, you have seen Dorothy's work. If you have marveled at the breadth of the publicity for each author event, you have experienced Dorothy's attention to detail. If you have wondered who keeps pulling in

the talent for our community's enjoyment, you now have the answer—it's been Dorothy.

Thank you, Dorothy, for your years of effort on behalf of the Pacific Grove Library. We wish you the best. And, we hope we can call on you when we need another fantastic poster.

Library Renewal Update

Last spring a storage space in the original Carnegie portion of the Pacific Grove Library was brought back to life as a beautiful meeting room that also houses the Nancy and Steve Hawk Gallery.



This spring the hanging of the first of three chandeliers continues the effort to restore this part of the Library to its original glory.

The design of the chandeliers is as close to those hanging in the Library in the early 20th century as Ken Hinshaw, Robert Huitt, and Lowell Northrup could determine from a photograph of the Library's interior. Evidence of their success is that many Library patrons don't notice the chandelier centered over one of the arches leading to the reading room. But when its presence is pointed out, the response is one of delight at its beauty.

The Friends of the Pacific Grove Library paid for the four lanterns that hang on the chandeliers' crosspieces. Ken Hinshaw donated the material for the crosspieces and, most importantly, his time and skill to construct these works of art.

The other two chandeliers will be hung when the restoration of the space is completed. But, drop by the Library now to get a good sense of what we have to look forward to.

And, while you're there, take a break on the beautiful benches that were commissioned for the gallery by David Forgang, Norma Craig, and Gregory and Moni Kondis and donated to the Library. They will arrive in July after the varnish dries.

Upcoming in the Hawk Gallery

On August 1, a new exhibition composed of photographs by Shelley Nemeth, one of the Library's staff members, will be hanging in the Hawk Gallery. The photographs feature Library patrons over 80 years old. The exhibition, curated by Christine Crozier, will continue until the beginning of October. An opening reception is scheduled for August 5.

Volunteer for The Friends!

If you are interested in volunteering for Friends of the Pacific Grove Library, contact Peggy Hansen at phansen@redshift.com.

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Book Sales at the Library

First Saturday of the month, 10 am - 4 pm

- Wednesday, July 27**, Dine Out with Friends, The Red House Café
Friday, August 5, Opening Reception, Shelley Nemeth Photographs, Hawk Gallery
Wednesday, August 31, Dine Out with Friends, TBD
Thursday, September 22, Meet the Author, Lindsay Hatton McClellan
Wednesday, September 28, Dine Out with Friends, TBD

New Members Second Quarter

Lin Blaskovic	Ben and Cheryl Gonzales	Shirley Sparling
Lana Bryan	Cheri Love	Ken Wanderman and Marsha
Nangui Chang	Adelin McMillin	Morom
Michael Dusek	Sandra S. Morrison	Crystaline Webster
Nancy Enterline	Cindy Norlin	
Andrea Fernandez	Stephen E. Smaby	

Dine Out with Friends!



**The Red House Café
Wednesday, July 27**

Support the local businesses who support your library:

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