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

President's Letter

Progress towards Our Goals

The Winter newsletter identified four goals for 2017. Now that Spring has arrived, it is worth considering whether we are on track to meet them.

Goal 1: Build the membership base to 520. When the dust had settled at the end of 2016, the Friends counted a record 492 memberships. (Note many memberships include more than a single person, so this number represents over 700 individuals.). The challenge is that getting to 520 isn't as simple as adding 28 new members. As many as 25% of a previous year's members will not renew, with the consequence that reaching our goal requires finding roughly 150 new members. Our membership numbers are slightly higher this year than they were at the same point last year, so the trajectory is good. But if you haven't renewed your membership in the Friends for 2017, help us out.

Goal 2: Increase the annual income from book sales by 10 percent. Between March, 2016, when the Friends began organizing to take over the First Saturday Book Sale, and December, 2016, we raised \$13,608, or roughly \$1,360 per month. We took a break from the sale in January, 2017. Our total book sale income for February and March totaled \$3,916 or almost \$2,000 a month! If we can sustain anything close to this momentum, we will smash through our goal.

Goal 3: Provide whatever needs to be done to ensure the completion of the Library renewal project by the end of the year. It's clear now that we were either too ambitious or simply naive. In that an architect has been hired (see "Library Renewal Project" story on page 5), progress towards completion of the project has taken place. But the architect's timeline indicates that actual construction will likely not begin until January 2018. Our timing was off, but we have made our commitment felt. The current best estimate for what needs to be done to achieve the renewal project's vision indicates that funds on hand leave a gap of \$150,000. The Friends and the Foundation have committed to filling this gap.

Goal 4: Make a successful transition to the new Library funding model. In 2016, the Friends and the Foundation set up a three-part structure to support the Library – one part from the activities of the Friends (like memberships and book sales); one part from the income from the investments held by the Foundation; and one part from pooled donations. A subcommittee composed of members of both Boards has been established to develop strategies to increase the last. (See also the story on page 2.)

By my lights, we are not only on track, we are burning it up.

Susan Steele



Business Member Spotlight:

Physical pain is no fun, but Pagrovians don't have to travel far to get relief. In Stride Physical Therapy and Rehab, recently relocated to the corner of Forest and Lighthouse, offers kind, one-on-one care to relieve what hurts. Drop in to check out the expansion of the business's gym facilities and hand therapy stations.





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Friends and Foundation: Working Together

The Friends of the PG Public Library and the PG Public Library Foundation have been developing ways to work together more efficiently and effectively. The most recent developments on this front are:

- ◆ The merger of our websites as www.pglibraryfriends.org. The URL for the former PGPL Foundation homepage—www.pglibraryfoundation.org—will now take users to the Foundation’s homepage within the Friends’ website. Please take a few minutes to explore the new website pages.
- ◆ The establishment of a joint “Fund for the Future” at the Community Foundation for Monterey County (CFMC), to provide a single portal for donations to support our library. The “Donate” buttons on our website will take donors directly to the Fund for the Future on CFMC’s website. Donations can also be made by check and mailed to the Friends or the Foundation. Unless otherwise directed by a donor, the Friends and the Foundation anticipate that all donations will be deposited in the Fund for the Future held by CFMC. Management of this fund will draw on the expertise and experience of CFMC’s outstanding staff.

The Friends and the Foundation have the same overall goal: making sure the Library has the resources it needs to provide excellent service to our community now and in the future. The Friends focus on memberships and events to build a community of Library supporters. The Foundation focuses on investing and managing funds for the long term.

Meet the Author: Cornelia Read

On February 23, Meet the Author aficionados welcomed Cornelia Read. Cornelia didn’t waste any time. Adjusting her skull-printed scarf, she immediately began speaking about the process of writing. While her stories are inspired by her own experiences, her Tuesday-night writers’ group has provided constructive criticism, moral support, and validation. One important lesson she has taken to heart is to prune—leave out anything that doesn’t move the story along.

In an evening dotted with anecdotes about her large, kooky family and events from her life, the audience sat rapt as Ms. Read detailed how these had been incorporated into her “Madeline Dare” mystery series. For example, her first book, *A Field of Darkness*, is based on a story she heard from a relative about two girls murdered in a field in Syracuse, New York, and the dog tags that a piece of farm machinery had dug up. The best part of drawing on your own past, she noted, is that you can change it. “When you write about a true event much later, you get to finally give that great comeback or take revenge for something hurtful.”



Become a Member Today! Invite Your Friends to Join, too!

Yes, I want to join the Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library!

Yes, Please RENEW my membership today!

Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____ Phone(s) _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Individual (\$30) Business (\$50) Benefactor (\$100) Life Member (\$2000 or more)

Family (\$45) Corporate (\$500) Patron (\$250)

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HAPPY SPRING!

We have a new Friends gardening committee, formed as a result of the recent volunteer survey. We plan to weed, mulch, prune, plant....

We welcome more volunteers! We hope you will be willing to work at the garden for an hour or two each month—and feel free to bring a friend! Some volunteers plan to work at the garden on their own schedule. And a couple of us have agreed to meet at the garden on the first Thursday of each month at 1pm.

Also, we would love to receive plant and cutting donations! We are especially interested in plants that blend with what is already there: drought tolerant, native, hardy, deer resistant.

You can reach me by email or phone: sjordan744@yahoo.com or 831-373-3949.

Library Renewal

The Library Renewal Project is actually rolling! The Pacific Grove City Council has approved a contract with Karin Payson Architecture and Design. KP+a+d bills itself as “specialists in spatial thinking,” an attribute that will be essential to our project. The two major sections of the Library—the original 1908 Carnegie core and the 1970s addition fronting the building—have little in common and they are connected by a very unfortunate 1950s transition, featuring a dropped acoustic-tile ceiling and a long, awkward hallway space.

Ms. Payson, who will lead the project, finds the possibilities exciting. Although most who have pondered the problem have felt like throwing up their hands, Ms. Payson dazzled the vetting committee with her ideas about solutions.

As her ideas firm up beginning in late June, design sketches will be featured in the Hawk Gallery.



New Members, Fourth Quarter (sorry we missed you!)

Allison Baguio
Joanne Kelly
Patricia Monahan
Elizabeth Pastore
Nancy Veni McReynolds

New Members, First Quarter

Betsy Buchalter and Barry Adler
Margie Colson
Betsy delaVega & Paul Sarkisian
Doris C. Fields
Karen Key
Janette Loomis
David Mayers
Anthony Peacock
Melissa Taylor
Jessica Vamum

New Business Members, First Quarter

Hensley Travel
The Puzzle Lady

Contributors, Fourth Quarter

Dorothy Abeloe
Betsy Buchalter and Barry Adler in honor of Mary Ann & Ben Whitten's 50th Anniversary
Fran Altbaum
Catherine Bazley
Elizabeth Benjamin
Carolyn Cain
Jil & Robert Danneskiold
Bill & Suzy Derowski
June Duran
Ben and Cheryl Gonzales
Amy and Anne Hauk in memory of Nancy Hauk
Blair Holland
Joan and Wayne Hughes
Anne Kmetovic
Ms. Rosalind Limbaugh
Charlene Lowery in memory of Mary Louise Godfrey
Susan Lueken
Saul Moskowitz
Andrea N. Pearlstein in memory of Connie Pearlstein
Hans Royer
Peggy Schmidt
Marge Simmons
Shirley Sparling
Barbara & Michael Sullivan
Bob Tancel
Torie and George Thacher in memory of Susan Edeen and Margaret Parenti
Crystaline Webster
Anne and Timothy Wheelis
Lynn E. Yaghoubian

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Mark Your Calendars:

Book Sales at the Library: First Saturday of the month, 10 am - 4 pm

Wednesday, April 26	Dine Out with Friends – Petra’s
Thursday, April 27	Meet the Author – PG Library
Saturday, May 6	First Saturday Book Sale – PG Library
Friday, May 12	Steven Silveria’s Retirement Party – PG Library
Wednesday, May 31	Dine Out with Friends – Peppers Mexicali Café
Saturday, June 3	First Saturday Book Sale – PG Library
Thursday, June 22	Meet the Author – PG Library
Saturday, July 1	First Saturday Book Sale – PG Library

Dine Out with Friends!



Petra’s
Wednesday, April 26

Peppers Mexicali Café
Wednesday, May 31

Support the local businesses who support your library:

CORPORATE MEMBERS

Jones Group Real Estate	Foxglove Gardens and Design	Mando’s	Passionfish	Red House Café
Jan Pratt & J.R. Rouse, Sotheby’s	J. Gary Grant, MD	Matteson’s Auto Repair	Pavel’s Backerei	The UPS Store #3441
	Grove Market	Maureen Mason, Sotheby’s International	Peppers MexiCali Cafe	Trotter’s Antiques
BUSINESS MEMBERS	Hauk Fine Arts	Max’s Grill	Petra Restaurant	
Back Porch Fabrics	Hayward Lumber	Michael’s Grill & Taqueria	Seven Gables Inn	
<i>Cedar Street Times</i>	Hensley Travel	Monterey Whale Watching	David Simonsen, DDS	
Diane Grindol Pet Sitting and Services	Il Vecchio	Mum’s Place	St. Vincent de Paul Thrift	
Dority Roofing and Solar	Imagine Art Supplies	Nancy’s Attic	Taste Bistro	
Favazza Plastering	In Stride Physical Therapy	Pacific Grove Cleaners	Tessuti Zoo	
Fifi’s Bistro Cafe	La Mia Cucina	Pacific Grove Hardware	The Bookworks	
Fishwife Restaurant	La Piccola Casa	Pacific Grove Travel	The Grove Laundry	
	Los Amigos Restaurante	Pacific Thai Cuisine, Inc.	The Puzzle Lady	The

Monterey County Gives! Again

On February 23, the Friends of the Pacific Grove Library was presented with a check for \$8,430.95 for our participation in the 2016 Monterey County Gives! Campaign. These funds will allow the Library to create a Saturday morning pop-up library in Arnett Park to reach a currently underserved segment of Pacific Grove.

Thank you to all who contributed to this effort and to the campaign's sponsors: the Monterey County Weekly, the Community Foundation for Monterey County, and the Monterey Peninsula Foundation.

Monterey County Gives! Donors

Gail Abeloe
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 Judith Sulsona & William Rawson
 Bob & Rosemary Tintle
 Dana Van Horn
 Robin Venuti & Joseph Rock in Honor Of Judy Wills in thanks for teaching our kids and her involvement in the PG Library
 Pamela & David Vescera
 Ximena Waissbluth
 Judith Willis
 Lily Yuen
 Bradley Zeve
 Darryl Zimmerman

Treasurer's Report for Fiscal 2016

January 1, 2016, Beginning Balance		\$161,680
Income		
Donations	\$16,258	
Memberships	\$17,795	
Fund Raisers	\$26,697	
Grants	\$45,116	
Book Sales	\$14,432	
Interest	\$258	
	Total	\$120,556
Expenditures		
Books & materials	\$20,812	
Programming	\$7,439	
Library Renewal	\$8,162	
Operational expenses	\$14,660	
Commitments		
Books & materials	\$40,000	
Volunteer support	\$9,010	
	Total	\$100,083
December 31, 2016, Ending Balance		\$182,153

Steven Silveria to Depart



On May 13, Steven Silveria will retire from his position as Library and Information Services Director. Steven began his four-year stint in an interim capacity, but after six months or so, he was hooked—and so were the Friends.

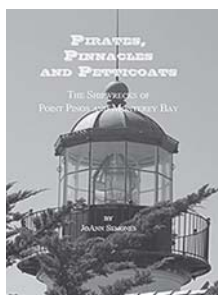
Steven stabilized Library staffing and budget, while expanding hours and services. But he will be most remembered for his efforts to get the Library Renewal Project off the ground. Where others saw a crowded storeroom, he saw a meeting room and gallery. The Nancy and Steve Hauk Gallery is the result of his vision. He unearthed the records of the physical changes in the Library over time, beginning with the 1908 Carnegie core, through additions in the 1920s, 1930s, 1950s, and 1970s, and inspired others to understand how the core could be brought back and the mistakes of the additions could be remedied. As he departs, this part of the Library Renewal Project is finally beginning. The City has hired an architect, plans are under development, and construction should begin in early 2018.

Thank you, Steven, for all you have done to make Pacific Grove a better place. Please mark Friday, May 12, on your calendar and come to Steven's retirement party at the Library, 5:30pm–7:30pm.

Upcoming Meet the Author Events:

April 27 Meet the Author — JoAnn Semones

June 22 Meet the Author — Susan Sherman



Volunteer for The Friends!

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

Welcome, Dennis and Susan; Goodbye, Camille and Dianne

The members of the Friends Board are pleased to welcome Dennis Mar and Susan Stempson to our ranks. Dennis comes to us from the board of the Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation, but he has been active in the Friends since the early 1980s. A retired statistician and computer programmer from the Naval Postgraduate School, he spends his spare time trying to catch up on his reading. After a career in human resource management, Susan stepped up to serve in various local volunteer groups, including the Aquarium and the Gathering for Women. She recently stepped down as president of the MY Museum Board, but couldn't resist the prospect of joining another board.

While we are delighted with the energy Dennis and Susan bring, we are sorry to see two board members depart. In Dianne Busse's four years on the board, she worked constantly to professionalize our presence and she was in charge of making Dine Out with Friends the institution it has become. Camille Liscinsky served on the board in various capacities for eight years, including secretary and vice president. She could always be counted on when something needed to be done. Her kindness and good cheer will be sorely missed at board meetings, but she is still working as a Friends volunteer.

Welcome...



Dennis Mar



Susan Stempson

Goodbye...



Dianne Busse



Camille Liscinsky