



From the President

Dear Friends,

How could we accomplish anything without a “To Do” list?! I hope that your list for 2013 includes:

- Attend the **Annual Membership Meeting on Jan. 27 at 2 p.m.** at the **Central Library**, with Library Director **Ramiro Salazar** speaking on “**Transforming SAPL, One Year at a Time**” (free parking in the Library Garage).
- **Send in the membership application envelope** (with a check!) so that you can continue to receive email notices about the **SAPLings** newsletter, or receive it in print through the US Postal Service.
- Sign up to **volunteer at the BookCellar**—and earn a discount on your purchases when you work a full 4-hr. shift.
- Plan to **attend** (or **volunteer** to help with) the **Texas Book Festival/San Antonio Edition**, on April 13.

A big part of my own list would consist of saying a heartfelt “Thanks!” to all the Friends who have made my two terms as President of this organization so rewarding, fun, and interesting, including:

♥ The **members of the 23 Branch Friends groups**, whose commitment and enthusiasm is infectious and inspirational

♥ **BookCellar volunteers** working to raise the Big Buck\$ we give to the Library

♥ SAPL Trustee Chair **Jean Brady**, Library Director **Ramiro Salazar**, SAPLF Presidents **Kaye Lenox** and **Tracey Bennett**, and all the **SAPL staff** who have been supportive of Friends’ projects throughout the year

♥ **Judy Wilson** (Treasurer), **Anne Long** (Secretary), **Linda Arronge** (Vice President), and **Linda Nairn** (Past President), who have provided invaluable guidance for the **FOSAPL Board**

♥ **Sheila Figueroa** (Donor Acknowledgment Secretary), who has sent innumerable prompt, appreciative letters (while keeping great records)

♥ **Claudia Kohler** and **Christie Smith** (who took us over the 1,000-member mark!), who each gave over their dining-room tables for sorting hundreds of membership envelopes during membership-renewal months

♥ **Lyn Belisle**, **Alana Woods**, and members of the **SAPLings Committee** who have worked hard to make each newsletter an opportunity for you to be delighted, surprised, or intrigued—and we hope that our (evolving) **website** www.friendsofsapl.com will carry that spirit forward during 2013!

Cheers,
Nancy Gandara



Changes to Bylaws and Standing Rules Recommended

Nancy Gandara

Did you know that we have only one opportunity per year to change the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the Friends? And **your** vote at the Annual Meeting on Jan. 27, 2013, is necessary to do it! You can read the entire Bylaws and Standing Rules at www.friendsofsapl.com. The Board of FOSAPL has recommended the following **revisions to the Bylaws** (shown in italics) for consideration by the membership:

- Section 1. The name of this corporation shall be *...also known as FOSAPL.*
- Section 2. ...the San Antonio Public Library (*also known as SAPL.*)
- New *Section 4. This corporation operates under the Memorandum of Understanding that was approved by the FOSAPL Board on January 16, 2011, and by the SAPL Board of Trustees on January 26, 2011, concerning operation of the BookCellar; and under the Memorandum of Understanding*

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Membership: 1250 in 2013

Christie Smith

Happy New Year, Friends, and if the end of 2012 is any indication of the momentum we’ll have in 2013, it will be a wonderful year! Although the membership renewal letters went out later this year than in the past, as this newsletter goes to press, more than one quarter of our 2012 Friends have renewed their membership. Some of you were so eager to renew, you sent in your renewal even before the reminder letters were mailed! What enthusiasm!

For those Friends who have not yet sent in your renewals—*please* remember to complete your contact information (e.g., zip code, phone number, email address) and specify the branch group(s) with which you want to be affiliated. This effort on your part saves our volunteers from looking up the information, making phone calls, or going on a hunch that your contact information is the same from year to year.

Remember, that for each membership one Friends branch may receive \$5 added to their account but only if you so specify that branch from year to year (an additional \$5 must be submitted for more than the first branch). **Life members**—we still need for you to send in your membership envelope with current contact information and any branch designation you may desire!

If you have not already mailed in your renewal, please do it now! What do you think of a 2013 resolution of 1250 Friends?? We broke the 1,000-member goal this past summer, and, since

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Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

Sunday, November 18, 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by *Anne Long*

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, November 18, at 2:00 p.m. at the John Igo Branch Library. Those present were: **Nancy Gandara, Linda Arronge, Judy Wilson, Anne Long, Pat Bjornson, Evelyn Bonavita, Arline Braswell, Antoinette Franklin, Jackie Fremming, Bruce Gill, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Claudia Kohler, Karen Matson, Mary McAfee, Bob Mason, Pat Mendiola, Patricia Peak, Larry Purkey, Ronnie Retzlloff, and Jill Zimmerman.**

The Minutes of the September 16, 2012, meeting were printed in the November/December 2012 *SAPLings*. **Jackie Fremming** moved and **Robert Mason** seconded the motion that the Minutes be accepted as they appeared in the Newsletter. The motion passed.

President's Report—**Nancy Gandara** reviewed some of the many meetings she attended and announced that **Ramiro Salazar** will be the keynote speaker at our Annual Meeting in January.

Treasurer's Report—**Judy Wilson** called for questions on the August 31, 2012, Treasurer's Report, which had not been available at our last meeting. There were no questions. **Mary McAfee** made a motion we accept the report for audit.

Bruce Gill seconded the motion and the motion passed. We moved on to the October 31, 2012, Treasurer's report. **Judy** reported that the net assets for FOSAPL use total \$56,216.31. She also mentioned that we paid \$50,000 to SAPL for library support in 2012. There being no questions or further discussion, **Mary McAfee** made the motion we accept the October 31, 2012, Treasurer's report for audit. **Bruce Gill**

seconded the motion, and the motion passed. **Nancy Gandara** highlighted the fact that Branch groups' purchases for and support of branch libraries amounted to \$58,729.35, YTD.

Library Board Report—**Jean Brady** announced three new members of the Board of Trustees: **Grace Sanchez** from District 3, **Andrea Sanchez** from District 4, and **Linda Nairn** from District 10. She reported that the Library Foundation members are taking bus trips to the branches and have brought back to the Foundation meeting how much support is given to libraries with Friends groups, as opposed to libraries without a Friends group.

Library Administration—**Ruben Flores**, Interim Asst. Director of Support Services, introduced **Dale McNeill**, the new Assistant Director of Public Services, who outlined some of the projects that will be going forward now that the budget had passed. A new addition to the library system will be *Express Collections*. These collections of 1,000 to 1,100 current bestsellers or perennially popular books will be available on the shelves but not be part of the books that can be requested. This gives library patrons a better chance to walk into the library and find a popular book on hand without waiting for a request.

Architects have been selected for the new libraries in District 9 and District 2. Facilities improvements will soon begin on four branches (Forest Hills, Brook Hollow, Thousand Oaks and Johnston). **Ruben Flores** introduced the purchase process procedure for branch managers and Friends groups, which is intended to improve the timely acquisition of items and services that branch Friends'

groups have approved for their respective branches.

Library Foundation—**Carol Black** was pleased to announce that the Authors and Illustrators event was a huge success, raising \$50,000 through sponsorship. **Jill Giles** will be the new Chairman of the Board, and there are 18 new board members. The Foundation, in conjunction with the Southwest School of Art, is preparing for the 2013 Texas Book Festival of San Antonio in April of 2013. **Carol** invited FOSAPL to participate with a booth and encouraged Friends to volunteer.

BookCellar—**Linda Arronge** reported that the BookCellar sales are at \$68,000 as of the end of October 2012, and the donation box is doing very well.

Membership—In the absence of **Christie Smith**, **Nancy Gandara** reported that we now have 345 new members, and she reminded everyone that the 2013 membership renewal drive had started.

Nominating committee—**Mary McAfee** and **Arline Braswell** thanked all those who have responded to their calls about serving on the board next year. The nominees for officer for 2013 and 2014 are: President—**Linda Arronge**; Vice President—**Robert Mason**; Secretary—**Pat Peak**; Treasurer—**Beverly Duran**.

The nominees for board member are: **Shirley Coleman, Jackie Fremming, Bruce Gill, Aaron Konstam, Pat Konstam, Elizabeth Lutri, Pat Mendiola, Larry Purkey, Ronnie Retzlloff, Ann Springer, Virginia Wong, and Karen Matson.**

The nominees will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting in January. At that time the floor will be

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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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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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opened for nominations. If you wish to nominate someone, you must have their permission to do so.

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaws Report—Nancy Gandara stated that **Bruce Gill**, **Roy Braswell**, **Jill Zimmerman** and she had reviewed some of the Bylaws and Standing Rules that need revising. Nancy presented a summary of their suggestions. After review of each suggestion, **Evelyn Bonavita** made a motion that the Board present the suggested revisions to the membership at the annual meeting in 2013. **Pat Bjornson** seconded, and the motion passed. The revisions will be printed in the January/February *SAP-Lings* and on the website www.friendsofsapl for the membership to review, and voting on the proposed changes to the bylaws will be at the annual meeting on January 27, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

Bonus Authorization—**Judy Wilson** made a motion to approve a bonus of \$250 for **Alana Woods**, *SAP-Lings* Managing Editor. **Bruce Gill** seconded the motion, and the motion passed. **Judy Wilson** also made a motion to approve a bonus of \$150 for **Monica Hernandez**, BookCellar Manager. **Evelyn Bonavita** seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

FOSAPL Budget for 2013—**Judy Wilson** presented the proposed operating budget for 2013. **Bruce Gill** made a motion to approve the budget as presented, and **Robert Mason** seconded. The motion passed.

Judy Wilson pointed out that in 2012 FOSAPL spent 88% of its budget on library support and 12% on the administration of FOSAPL. The amount to be given to SAPL for 2013 will be presented for a vote by the Board members at the Annual meeting.

Nancy thanked the Igo Friends group for the beautiful and delicious refreshments. **Pat Mendiola** made a motion the meeting be adjourned. **Pat Bjornson** seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.



Carver

Carver Library will commemorate Martin Luther King's birthday Jan. 19, 2013, from 4 to 6 p.m. Guest Speaker will be **James Howard**, President of the SAISD Board. Mr. Howard will speak about the importance of education and how Dr. King influenced him as an educator.

The Exceptional Scholars Talented Tenth for African American Women will install their dissertations into the Library for public use. There were 20 African American Women honored in September 2012 at the Carver Community Cultural Center for achieving the status of PhD/Ed. This is the second event of this type; the first was held in 2011 when 16 African American Men were honored, and their dissertations have been cataloged into the library system. In the past, universities kept these scholarly works, but now the public can utilize these scholarly materials.

Antoinette V. Franklin

Great Northwest

The Great Northwest Library Friends have enjoyed a successful year! Our goal for 2012 was to put benches at the library entrance. We did it! Three benches were installed at the end of summer, and they make a wonderful place to sit and read or wait for a ride. We thank SAPL for their guidance as we picked

the style and color. We are very happy with the results.

In August, we had our annual Staff and Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. This event is a special time for us to say thanks to the people who work in the library, the volunteers, and especially our summer program teen volunteers. It has become a tradition to have games and prizes for all who attend. The GNW quilters made another beautiful quilt for us this year. After selling tickets all summer, the winner was drawn at the August party.

We celebrated the holiday with library staff at a dinner on Dec. 13, with a gift exchange and time to visit with each other to talk about goals for the coming year. Our teen program will get particular attention in 2013. The Friends look forward to helping the teen space at the Great Northwest Library evolve to provide a fun safe place for youth to gather.

Our book cart, maintained by the library staff, continues to be our best money maker. We had a traditional book sale in June and will have our next book sale on Saturday, Jan. 12. Come visit us and sit on one of our new benches.

Denise Barlow

Igo

The Igo Branch Library has had a very busy November and December with lots of activities crammed into six weeks so far.

In November, we had the final days of early voting and the actual Presidential election itself. One of the perks of this was our book nook was moved into the lobby where voters could

purchase a book to read while they were standing in line. What a boon for the Friends of the Igo Branch Library—great sales!

The Friends of the Igo Branch Library met Nov. 3 to present a slate of Officers for the next year and to be voted on in December.

The Elderberries Senior Club had their first Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner Nov. 8 with more than 40 members attending. The food was great, the entertainment (Pickin' N Grinnin' band) was toe-tapping GREAT! The best part of the get together was the visiting. We all have a lot to be thankful for.

All of the other groups within the library system met at their usual times and dates. The Genealogy Club was rescheduled for Dec. 11 at its usual time, 2.

On Dec. 1, the Friends of the Igo Branch Library had a Holiday Bake and Book Sale. On Dec 6, the Igo Elderberries Senior Club had a meeting to review the activities of the first year and discuss the possible activities of the upcoming year. On Dec. 5, the Friends met at 10:30 to discuss the afternoon activity and vote for our 2013 officers.

We celebrated the Fifth Birthday of the Igo Branch Library from 2-4 on Dec. 5. Oh what fun we had with cake, punch and coffee and the Bell Ringers of Antonian College Preparatory School (see photo on page 9). And what would a birthday party be without clowns! We had three of them.

Our next Friends meeting is Jan. 5, 2013, won't you join us and discover the joy of volunteering!

Tom Hill

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Landa

The Friends of Hannah Landa Library will be holding a book sale Saturday, Feb. 2 from 10 until 5. There will not be a preview sale for this event. Landa Library is located at 233 Bushnell, San Antonio, 78212. The library is a lovely old mansion with beautiful gardens and an extensive children's playground. Proceeds from the sale will go toward refurbishing an upstairs closed-in porch in the library to provide additional seating space. There is free parking at the library, and extra parking at the church across the street.

Diane Prickett

Maverick

The November meeting of the Maverick Friends was a busy one. We began with a moment of silence for our Friend, **Donna Hogan**. The Friends will plant a tree at the library and install a plaque nearby as a memorial to Donna.

Branch Manager **Jef Martin** circulated a detailed report **Audrey McPherson** prepared about recent activities and plans for the Teen Program. The program has expanded to include gaming and craft nights as well as book discussions. Attendance is up since the change was made. Audrey also met with Marshall High School librarians to discuss ways Maverick Library can support students with materials that may be needed throughout the school year and coordinating summer reading lists.

Jef presented a suggested budget for the coming year. The Friends agreed to help fund programs for three age groups, Children, Teens, and Adults. We will also purchase a Dell all-in-one printer, scanner and fax for the librarians to use.

Plans were finalized for our annual holiday party at the Two-Step restaurant on Dec 4. As always, we enjoyed a great evening of Friendship and food. Photos, courtesy of **Judith Penington**, are included on page 8.

We hope everyone enjoyed a safe and happy holiday season. We're looking forward to great things in the coming year.

Sue Ratliff

McCreless

The Friends of McCreless Library look forward with anticipation to 2013 while wrapping up a great 2012. Our great officers agreed to serve again so we have President – **Tom Nemeth**; Vice-President – **Paul Frisch**; and Treasurer – **Mary Gallagher**. The position of Secretary remains unfilled, and we are looking for a member to step up to the challenge. It is with appreciation and gratitude we give a big SHOUT OUT to all the officers for their leadership. The last vote of the year was to provide funding for Christmas celebration at the library. The Friends approved gift cards for the staff, poinsettias for decorating the library, and donating to the staff's holiday party.

The Friends Group had a wonderful surprise from the library staff as well. Someone got into the storage closet and rearranged our group's stuff, organizing it all and arranging it neatly on shelves. What a nice surprise!

Our next general meeting will be in February and we will be setting dates for the next book sales.

We wish everyone a most Happy New Year and look forward to seeing everyone involved in the McCreless Friends Group in 2013.

Jill Zimmerman

Mission

The Mission Friends of the Library held a membership drive through the month of November. **Mr. Anguiano**, President of the Friends Group, posted a membership drive flag every Friday by the library's entryway to encourage visitors to join. He also invited community leaders to visit the facility for a tour. The successful tours included the manager pointing out the newly opened children's playground, which is located behind the library.

On Dec. 13, the Friends hosted a festive cookie party for Mission staff members.

Mr. Anguiano and the branch manager met to schedule Friends events for the upcoming year. A spending plan to address library improvements for 2013 was also slated.

*Elma Nieto-Rodriguez
and Josie Martinez*

Parman

The Parman Friends thank all of the Friends, teens, and volunteers who were instrumental with making our first book sale very successful (photos on page 8). We especially thank **Marisa Debow**, our book sale chair, and all the charter officers (**Katherine Lavender**, **Linda Janney**, **Rashmi Sarlashkar**, and **Adrienne Becnel**) for their hard work and dedication. Please continue to support our ongoing book sale at the Book Nook.

All Parman Friends should have received a renewal envelope in the mail. Please indicate Parman as your branch and return the envelope. Congratulations to our new officers! Our new President is **Karen Fritzlen**. **Meghann Dibrell** is the new Vice Presi-

dent. **Molly Warns** is the new Secretary and **Shirley Fritzlen** is the new Treasurer. We look forward to working with our new board of officers. Please check your email for upcoming meetings and projects. The Parman Library always welcomes new friends. Please join us and help us to support the Parman Library. Please see pictures from the book sale.

Adrienne Becnel

Semmes

Semmes Friends decorated the library for the Christmas holidays on Friday, Nov. 30, and Saturday, Dec. 1. We had a special treat when **Judy Wilson** brought her collection of handmade Christmas stockings to put in the library foyer glass cabinets (photo on page 9). Judy has made each one of these stockings in memory of dear pets. What a tribute and what workmanship!

The next meeting will be Saturday, Feb. 9, and our next Semmes book sale will be Wednesday, Mar. 6, at 10:30.

Christie Smith

Thanks for Celebrating the BookCellar 21st Birthday!

- Grace Banks
- Evelyn Bonavita
- Nancy Gandara
- Pat & Aaron Konstam
- Anne & Charlie Long
- Andrea & Bob Mason
- Mary McAfee
- Jill Zimmerman

Join the party! See page 10 for the form to send with your check!

Judy Wilson



Life-long Friends

Nancy Gandara (nancy.gandara@sbcglobal.net) and Christie Smith (xts@sbcglobal.net)

We take this opportunity to thank those who joined as “Life” Friends long ago, and welcome those who have recently made that generous donation. When the Membership Chair or any of the officers of the Friends learns that a Life member has passed away, a donation of \$100 is sent to the San Antonio Public Library, for purchase of books in memory of that Friend. Current Life members are listed below; please let us know if you believe there are errors or omissions in the list, so that we may make corrections if necessary.

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Mr. & Mrs. Ben Adams
Charles Adkisson
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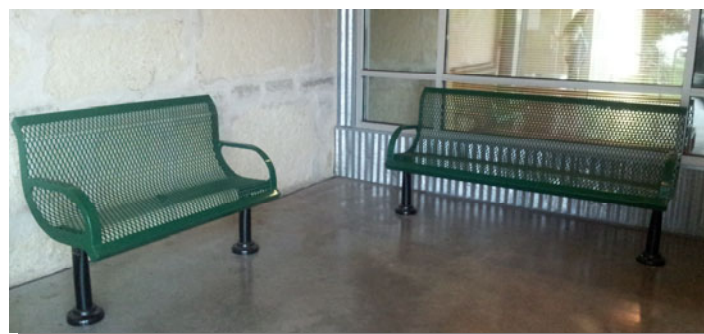
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Because you want to be informed about news of the San Antonio Public Library and its Friends, make sure you receive every issue of *SAPLings*, whether you choose to receive it electronically or by US Postal Service. If you choose the “pixels” option (color photos! Save FOSAPL the cost of postage!), make sure you include a legible email address on your renewal application, or notify **Christie Smith** at xts@sbcglobal.net, of any email address changes. If no email address is on file, the newsletter will be mailed to you.



Great Northwest Friends purchased these great benches for their patrons to enjoy.



Include Your Library in Your Holiday Plans



For many of us, the holiday season is the time of year when we search for the perfect gifts and anticipate what we might receive in return; but more importantly, we get excited about the family and friends we

will to see and with whom we'll celebrate. We may wonder where the year went, and we wait in anticipation of what the coming year will bring.

For those of us at the San Antonio Public Library, this is also a time when we focus on making the library experience extra special for the community. You will find that many of our branch libraries and Central Library will be hosting various seasonal programs including concerts, movie screenings, children's programs, and more. These are just some of the ways that we work to share the magic and joy of the holidays with all of you.

So as you plan your shopping strategies and figure out all of the ways you can make the season special for your families, we hope that you will consider a visit to your neighborhood branch library or the Central Library downtown. Stop in, grab a seat, catch your breath, and enjoy all of the things that your Library has to offer you this holiday season.

Are you getting an eReader for someone in your family? Sign them up for our eReader U, and let us show them how it works and how they can connect with the Library catalog. Are your children just learning to read? Bring them to one of our Baby or Toddler Times. Gather the family and enjoy a movie together with us at the branch library nearest you. It's all fun, festive, and free! Find out more by visiting us online at www.mysapl.org.

Finally, on behalf of the employees of the San Antonio Public Library, I would like to wish each of you a peaceful holiday season filled with family and friends and a happy and prosperous 2013!

Ramiro S. Salazar
Library Director

Bylaws, from p 1.

that was approved by the FOSAPL Board on September 16, 2012, and by the SAPL Board of Trustees on October 24, 2012, concerning mutual responsibilities of the Friends of the Library and of the San Antonio Public Library.

The Board is also recommending the following revisions to the Standing Rules:

- Standing Rule 1E: change "Membership Chair" to *Membership Secretary*.
- New *Standing Rule 1G: The Membership Secretary 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.*
- New *Standing Rule 4G: The board of directors shall authorize the Treasurer to procure and maintain sufficient and appropriate liability coverage for the protection of board members and BookCellar employees and volunteers, the cost of which shall be borne by the Friends.*
- Standing Rule 5D: re-ordered the language to put the Treasurer's duties first, and reference to a substitute Treasurer after that; using the same language as before
- Standing Rule 6A: added *Annually, the President will request that a Task Force of at least five (5) board members other than officers be appointed by the directors to conduct the audit of the prior year's financial records. Annually, the Treasurer will request that a Task Force be appointed by the directors to plan and propose a budget for the next fiscal year.*
- Standing Rule 6C: added *Website* to the list of standing committees, and deleted "Membership"
- Standing Rule 6D, added new *6D2. The Website Committee shall consist of at least five members, to include an officer, a member of the Newsletter Committee, and three (3) other members appointed by the Board of Directors. The purpose of the Website Committee shall be to facilitate the electronic communication tasks of a Webmaster, whose compensation shall be authorized annually as part of the annual FOSAPL budget. The Website Committee shall be responsible for directing and approving both the content and style presented by the FOSAPL web presence.*
- Standing Rule 6D4: currently includes "...Where possible, committee members should include one person from the board of directors (recommended deletion of the following phrase) and not more than two persons from each library branch or support group."
- Standing Rule 6D5: New description of the Arts & Letters Award Committee: *The Arts & Letters Annual Award Committee shall consist of at least five (5) members, and shall be responsible for planning, publicizing, and conducting the Arts & Letters Award program. The Committee shall describe standards of achievement required of nominees, shall solicit nominations, and conduct evaluations in an equitable manner. The Chair of the Committee shall be responsible for ensuring that the established budget is maintained, and for providing the Secretary with minutes of all committee meetings.*

Membership from p 1.

October, we have already had 49 new Friends join our ranks. Our membership fees are one of the main sources of the funds that we use to support the San Antonio Public Library, and more members help us keep the fees at the current affordable level. **1250 in 1213 – we can do it!**

Everyone will be getting a USPS-mailed SAPLings newsletter with the Jan-Feb 2013 issue even though many of you have said you'll read the newsletter online. We are doing this to ensure that everyone gets a copy which will contain the proposed changes to the bylaws and that will be voted on in the January annual meeting. This

will also be a good way for you to cross-check that you are getting the electronic notices – and vice versa.

Lastly, look for your FOSAPL membership acknowledgement and appreciation card in early 2013. We sincerely appreciate each and every member and will acknowledge your new or renewed membership with the card which also presents a coupon for one free book at the BookCellar, our used book store in the basement of Central Library.

The San Antonio Public Library is a treasure. Thank you for helping to make it be all that it needs to be.

Getting to Know Your Friends – Pat Peak

Candidate for the Position of Secretary of FOSAPL

Claudia Kohler and Nancy Gandara

Pat Peak came to San Antonio in 1959 with her husband, Bob, and two young children. After the grocery and drug store, the most important find was the nearest public library—and they were all regular patrons of the Landa Branch for many years. Pat, who had attended Butler University in Indianapolis, continued her education in San Antonio as time permitted; she went to work at USAA in 1961 when her children started school and stayed there until 1982, when Bob's job took them to the Dallas/Ft. Worth area.

While working in sales with her husband, Pat met a customer who had just completed a Library Science degree at Texas Women's University, and she

subsequently met a professor there who inspired her and "took me under his wing, signed me up for the Library Science program, gave me a job as a student assistant, and taught me to index the Texas Library Association periodical." Pat graduated with a Master's in Library Science in 1988 and then worked at the DFW Airport Research Library.

When Bob's health declined, they moved back to San Antonio, where Pat was hired to manage the Circulation Department at the Main Library. When Pat transferred to the Thousand Oaks Library, the



Manager asked her to develop a stronger Friends of the Library and a Book Club—which soon became synonymous!

Pat retired from SAPL in 2002 but continued her mem-

bership in the branch Friends, and served as the Branch Treasurer for the Thousand Oaks Friends for the past four years.

In addition to her participation as a member of the FOSAPL Board since 2012, Pat is active in the Harp & Shamrock Society, does vision screening for pre-schoolers through her college sorority alumna group, Delta Gamma, volunteers weekly at the Gift Shop at the Retirement Village at Incarnate Word, and volunteers for several church ministries. She is looking forward to the opportunity to learn more about "the Big Friends," while serving in the position of Secretary for 2013-2015, or longer!



Branch Friends' Purchase Processes Are Clarified

Nancy Gandara

At the FOSAPL Board meeting of Nov. 18, Acting Assistant Director **Ruben Flores** reviewed the processes for Friends' purchases to benefit the branches. Branch Managers—who have increased responsibility to communicate with both the SAPL fiscal staff and their own Friends' officers—received training on the process in early December. The procedures are meant to decrease the time it takes for items or services to be acquired through City vendors, after the Branch Friends group has approved the expense. The recommended process is:

1. Identify Need and Obtain Quote

a. Branch Manager identifies need and obtains approval from the Branch Coordinator. (Technology or facility-related purchases will require additional approvals and processing time.)

b. Manager obtains quote (including shipping/handling charges, if any).

2. Friends Group Approval

a. Manager presents quote to Friends Group for final approval.

b. If approved, Friends Group Treasurer requests check from the FOSAPL Treasurer.

c. FOSAPL Treasurer sends check to Fiscal Office at Central Library.

3. Purchase Initiated by SAPL

a. Manager submits Spending Request Form to Fiscal Office.

b. Upon receipt of check, Fiscal Office will initiate order.

4. Receipt of Purchase

a. Manager receives order.

b. Manager notifies Friends Group and Fiscal Office that order has been received; the bill is paid by SAPL. (Item

may be added to City inventory list, if appropriate.)

For items or services (e.g. pizza for teens, guitar-lessons, puppets) that are not acquired through City vendors and would not be added to the City's inventory, the acquisition process is somewhat simpler: after approval by the Friends group, the Friends group Treasurer submits a Request for Reimbursement or a Request for Payment form to the FOSAPL Treasurer; the bill is paid by FOSAPL. The Branch Manager is responsible for notifying the SAPL Fiscal Office that an expenditure for that branch was made by the Friends.

Maverick Staff Appreciation Party



Parman First Book Sale



Donations & Memorials

Submitted by Sheila Figueroa

Donations

Beverly Allen	John N. Igo
Esperanza Calderon-Jones	Patsy Light
David G. Ennist	David R. Muniz
Mary L. Gallagher	Melissa Shepherd
Nancy Gandara	Dru Van Steenberg
Theresa G. Gold	Patrick H. Swearingen, Jr.
Gloria Hilario	

In Memory of

Carmen Gill by Ann K. Springer, Nancy Gandara and Judy Wilson

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

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



The after-Thanksgiving half-price sale earned \$3,581 for the seven days with a steady stream of customers who bought thousands of books.

The annual volunteer appreciation luncheon and apron award ceremony was held Nov. 12 at Azuca Cocina Latina restaurant, attended by 36 volunteers and guests. **Linda Arronge** handled arrangements.

Six volunteers received purple aprons personalized with their names in recognition of completing at least 50 hours of work in the BookCellar. They are **Mary Chance**, **Cynthia (Cindy) Conley**, **Kelly Crispin**, **Daniel Pena**, **David Stanley**, **Barbara Suk**, and **Tom Suk**. They were among nine people who started working at the store during 2012. **Jim and Kay Wogstad** attached patches signifying 50 hours of work to the new aprons. All 40-plus volunteers combined worked a total of 55,380 recorded hours during the first 10 months of 2012, a contribution that would be worth \$40,150 if they were paid minimum wage.

The BookCellar ended its 21st anniversary year celebration in 2012 with a request to FOSAPL members for a \$21 contribution to the Friends in honor of the store's birthday. The BookCellar Committee thanks those people who responded. Birthday checks are still welcome and should be sent to the FOSAPL Treasurer.

The store made its own contributions in the form of 200 boxes of books donated to 19 nonprofits during 2012. Recipients included a Wounded Warrior Project, Gemini Ink for distribution at Luminaria, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Frank Garrett Community Center, SA Reads, GEO Corrections and Methodist Healthcare Ministries. They also included Friends book sales at Cortez, Great Northwest, Igo, Johnston, Landa, Maverick, McCreless, and Westfall library branches. If you know a nonprofit that needs books, please contact BookCellar Manager **Monica Hernandez**.

The store's buy-one-get-one-free special in January is regularly priced books in the Dewey Decimal 300 classification. This category includes social issues, politics, personal finance, true crime, education, etiquette, and folklore.

February BOGOs will be romance books and regularly priced 600s, a classification that includes diets, fitness, health and medicine, gardening, pets, fashion, child rearing, job hunting, and business management. Both sales include children's as well as adult books.

All FOSAPL members will receive a coupon for one free regularly priced book along with their 2013 membership renewal confirmation, compliments of the BookCellar Committee. So please come in to redeem your freebie and see what other bargains await you.



Judy Wilson shared her collection of handmade Christmas stockings to put in the Semmes Library foyer glass cabinets. Judy has made each one of these stockings in memory of dear pets.



Bell Ringers from Antonian College Preparatory School helped Igo celebrate 5 years.

Help Wanted

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!

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



"Texas Book Festival/ San Antonio Edition" Will Be One for the Books



The Texas Book Festival, considered the premier literary event in the nation, announced that it will partner with the San Antonio Public Library Foundation to present its first-ever major event outside of the city of Austin. The first annual **Texas Book Festival/San Antonio Edition (TBF/SAE)** will take place from 10 a.m.–4p.m. on **Saturday, April 13, 2013**, on the grounds of the Central Library and the neighboring **Southwest School of Art**. Book lovers will enjoy 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. An army of **volunteers** will be needed for a variety of jobs (including directing attendees to the nearby **BookCellar!**), and it's not too early to volunteer: contact **Katy Flato, Director, Texas Book Festival/San Antonio Edition** at katy.flato@saplf.org (210-225-4728, ext. 14).



SAN ANTONIO
PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOUNDATION



Treasurer's Report

October 31, 2012
Submitted by Judy Wilson

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

FOSAPL INCOME	BUDGET	FOSAPL YTD	FOSAPL SEPT-OCT
BookCellar sales	75,000.00	67,672.48	11,508.45
BookCellar sales tax withheld		(4,712.67)	(833.85)
Donations and memorials	2,000.00	1,910.50	165.00
Interest	600.00	333.98	30.44
Membership	8,000.00	5,510.00	525.00
FOSAPL INCOME	85,600.00	70,714.29	11,395.04
BUDGET EXPENSES	BUDGET	YTD	SEPT-OCT
Accounting	1,500.00	1,130.00	
Arts and Letters program	300.00	214.20	214.20
Bank charges	100.00	18.00	
Directory	2,000.00		
FOSAPL Committee expenses	200.00	288.67	
FOSAPL Insurance	1,000.00	879.28	184.28
Friends recognition	100.00		
Fundraising program	400.00		
Membership recruitment	1,200.00	175.00	
Newsletter prep/editing & printing	4,350.00	3,333.45	559.17
Office supplies	170.00	152.34	79.41
Parking	600.00		
Postage (bulk mail, post office box, postage)	1,180.00	1,001.26	523.58
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	
Commodities for resale	2,000.00	1,864.10	361.12
Equipment and maintenance	1,500.00	99.99	
BookCellar insurance	1,000.00	976.00	
Printing and copying	200.00	420.61	26.99
Recruitment of volunteer workers	200.00		
Salary and benefits	8,500.00	6,729.12	1,480.60
Twenty Year Anniversary Celebration	1,000.00	800.99	
Volunteer appreciation	1,250.00	289.41	51.34
Library Support			
Public programming & staff development	50,000.00	50,000.00	16,500.00
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	70,224.36	19,980.69
FOSAPL BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME		SEPT-OCT	YTD
Donations		156.80	4,646.55
Income from book sales, Book Nook/Cart sales, fundraisers		15,284.33	55,984.41
Memberships		210.00	1,730.00
BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME		YTD	SEPT-OCT
Branch Friends group operating expenses		1,921.42	5,525.30
Branch group purchases for Library Branch/department		10,501.92	58,729.35

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

Bank Accounts	
Compass Money Market ****8659	
BookCellar deposits	113,151.57
Compass Money Market Gold ***-***4644	30,029.90
Compass Checking ***-***8736	<u>25,973.40</u>
Total Assets	169,154.87
Branch Designated Funds (-)	(93,394.17)
Branch Designated Funds, unclaimed (-)	(640.11)
Checks outstanding (-)	<u>(18,904.28)</u>
Net Assets for FOSAPL Use	56,216.31

Branch and Support Group Funds Balance of October 31 2012

Bazan	1,721.32
Brook Hollow	19,051.99
Carver	3,305.24
Central	886.73
Cody	5,441.22
Collins Garden	953.25
Cortez	1,213.48
Forest Hills	1,429.25
Great Northwest	2,929.80
Guerra	4,667.83
Igo	8,116.36
Johnston	4,476.97
Landa	5,130.19
Maverick	6,602.39
McCreless	1,315.75
Memorial	2,063.61
Mission	824.27
Parman	1,332.66
Semmes	3,412.06
Texana/Genealogy	3,763.42
Thousand Oaks	4,059.22
Tobin at Oakwell	7,283.83
Westfall	3,246.59
Writers (currently inactive)	<u>166.74</u>
Total Group Funds	93,394.17

Save the Date!

FOSAPL
Annual Meeting
January 27, 2013
2:00

Central Library
Auditorium

All Friends are welcome!



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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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| January 5 | Igo Branch Friends meeting. |
| January 12 | Great Northwest book sale. |
| January 19 | Carver, Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration, 4–6. |
| January 19 | Parman Branch Friends meeting, 10. |
| January 27 | Central, FOSAPL Annual Meeting, 2. |
| February 2 | Landa book sale, 10–5. |
| February 9 | Semmes Branch Friends meeting. |
| March 6 | Semmes book sale, 10:30. |
| April 13 | Texas Book Festival/San Antonio Edition, 10–4, Central Library and Southwest School of Art |

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

Great Northwest
9050 Wellwood, 78250
210-207-9210

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

Landa Library
233 Bushnell, 78212
210-732-8369

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

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