



NEWSLETTER

MEETING DATES:

November 17, at 1:30 pm in the
Plaza Room of the Library
(650 Main Street).

Annual business meeting with
election of 2012 Board Members
No meetings in December

**President's Message****THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES**

When I began in January as President of the Friends of the Edmonds Library, my goal was to meet all of you. Well, so much for good intentions! I did meet and/or get to know many of you during the year. And, what a great group of individuals we have in our Edmond's group.

As I leave my position at the end of this year, my good memories will stay with me - primarily, the constant effort so many of you give in order to support our group and thus the Edmonds Library.

With total group involvement of the Board, Committee Chairs as well as all of our members, I feel we have had a successful year. Yes, I am writing this a couple of days before the 31st Annual Book Sale but there is no doubt in my mind that we will continue our success this year.

It is a privilege to say a few words about our Board and Committee Chairs: Marianne Zagorski gave me a good start through her coaching and giving me history and backup paperwork.

Mary Monfort is our liaison to the Edmonds Library Board and she is also charged with the huge task of getting the roster of nominations for Board and Committee Chairs ready for the following year.

Toni Chrush and Bonnie Mott were always on top of the Membership details. They were busy year round with hosting each meeting, welcoming new members, and providing new name tags.

Bonnie Howard very successfully mirrored our meetings through the minutes of both the Board and General meetings.

Page Gorud and Judith Works took care of our banking tasks and budgeting.

Laura Spehar continued chairing the On-Going Book Sale with much success.

Darla Lane diligently coordinated the 31st Annual Book Sale.

BOARD MEMBERS

2010

PRESIDENT: KATHY

DAHLSTROM

PRES-ELECT: MARY

MONFORT

VICE-PRES: MEMBERSHIP

TONI CHRUSH

BONNIE MOTT

VICE-PRES: PROGRAMS

RITA MATHEWS

RECORDING SECRETARY:

BONNIE HOWARD

TREASURER: PAGE GORUD

BUDGET & FINANCE CHAIR:

JUDITH WORKS

ANNUAL BOOK SALE :

DARLA LANE

DIRECTOR: CAROL DAVIS

DIRECTOR: LAURA SPEHAR

website:

www.edmondsfriends.org

Newsletter editor: Lynn Daniel

Carol Davis leads a group yearlong through sorting and getting books ready for the Annual Book Sale.

Sharon Benson is a wonder at snapping pictures and keeping the archives updated.

Lynda Hughes' middle name should be "Miss Hospitality". She is always there

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with fresh coffee and goodies as well as advising us when one of our members may need help.

Dale Hoggins has helped FEL doing many different tasks: among them - hauling leftover books and chairing the Memorial Gift Fund Committee.

Diane Stanhope and her committee annually interviews candidates for our U of W Scholarship.

My special thanks go to George and Stefani Priest for setting up the sound system for our general meetings.

Kathy Dahlstrom
2011 FEL President

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: *BONNIE MOTT*

A true “Edmondser”, Bonnie was born and raised here and graduated from Edmonds High School, the one that is now home to Edmonds Center for the Arts. Her first job out of school was a year at the telephone company on Main Street, now the site of Aria Studio. After a year at the telephone company, Bonnie went to work at the Seattle Times in delivery service billing. There she met her husband, who had just returned from the Marines. He eventually enjoyed a career at Standard Oil.

They had five children, two are now in Arlington, oldest son in Ocean Shores, oldest daughter on Harstine Island (near Shelton) and another one in New Jersey who was born on the same day as the Space Needle opened. Bonnie has six grandchildren, only one female. She also has 4 great grandchildren with one more on the way.

For most of her life, Bonnie was a stay-at-home mother who worked a variety of jobs when the children got older. Besides her 5 beloved children, Bonnie’s great accomplishment was becoming a licensed private pilot around her half-century mark. Though she doesn’t pilot anymore, she has very fond memories of having done so.

After retiring from All State Insurance, Bonnie joined FEL in 1994. A passionate book lover, especially of mysteries, Bonnie’s favorite authors include Donna Leon, Catherine Coulter, JA Jance, David Baldacci and she enjoys sharing books with her daughter.

Bonnie has been part of the FEL dedicated on-going book sale staff and loves doing this. Working the same weekly shift for quite some time she enjoys seeing her regular customers. She also works in the children’s room during the annual book sale and was at the check-in desk for the pre-sale this year. Her dream for FEL is continued growth of the young and mature members.

Besides loving to shop locally, exercising at Curves, and walking the town, Bonnie also has a weekly shift at the Edmonds Visitors Center.

Samantha Saether

**LIBRARIAN'S CORNER**

As winter arrives I've been reflecting on the past year. During 2011 Sno-Isle implemented a new Library computer system, added many new important databases to aid in information gathering, increased the number and types of downloads such as books for Kindle readers via the Sno-Isle website. This year Sno-Isle was the recipient of a Paul G. Allen Family Foundation grant to produce a series of classes aimed at teaching information literacy to adults. Our own librarian Lisa Castrogiovanni, is one of the presenters for this grant project. Her program on medical resources will be presented at Edmonds Library December 10 at 2 pm. Keep your eyes open for other exciting topical programs that feature Library resources and more in 2012: Myth Busting Science Information, Smart Investing Resources, Travel and Languages, Be a Smart Consumer, Life Plan, plus two different Genealogy resource classes. They are all free two hour classes packed with exciting information to help you make the most of the Library.

Need some extra help? We offer free appointments, 30 to 60 minutes long, called "Book a Librarian", to give tailored assistance to customers who want help finding information or using technology. If you want some coaching on basic computer skills or want to sign up for an email, this is a great place to start. Our librarians are trained information professionals eager to meet face to face to help customers. Come to the information desk and we will set up an appointment for you.

I was approached by several different people in the community to look at some literary arts programming for the coming year. We're planning to work with Edmonds Community College, Edmonds Arts Commission, plus a representative from the Arts Committee at Swedish Hospital to bring some authors and readings to the Library from January through April. It should be a great opportunity to bring more book centered offerings to our program roster.

Staff provided treats for the Friends as they worked on the annual book sale this year. We thank you for all the great fundraising and help you give to the Library. It has made a tremendous difference in enhancing our Library programs for all ages, in addition to some wonderful new chairs and two new tables with electrical connections. Friends of the Edmonds make a tremendous contribution, and we appreciate your support.

Lesly Kaplan, Managing Librarian



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FRIENDS OF THE EDMONDS LIBRARY
650 Main Street
Edmonds, WA 98020

MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2011-2012

website: www.edmondsfriends.org

FEL membership year begins October 1, 2011 and ends September 30, 2012. You can renew or become a member by filling out and returning the form below together with your dues.

Our general meetings are held every *fourth Thursday of the month starting at 1:00 pm, program at 1:30 pm.
*Subject to change regarding availability of the meeting site, the Plaza Room ...check our website for current information.

Please print clearly and fill in COMPLETELY

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

DUES

Single \$6 Each additional family member \$4 Cats \$1 (must like books)

Cat Name(s) _____

Business/Sponsor \$100 (includes logo in membership directory, newsletters and at sales)

Business Name _____ Total Amount paid: _____

Please notify me for each meeting by: EMAIL PHONE (circle 1)

You **MAY** publish my email in the members-only directory : YES NO (circle 1)

If you wish to help FEL in other ways, please check off the items that appeal to you. Once notified, the appropriate committee chairperson will contact you.

Annual Book Sale/____/ On-going Book Sale/____/ Membership/____/ Programs/____/
Events/____/ Bridge Club/____/ Marketing/____/ Evening Meetings/____/ As Needed/____/

Remember the Friends when making your estate plan by making a specific bequest to the Friends in your Will or Living Trust.