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President's Letter

Dear Friends:

It's really happening! The Library Renewal Project is finally more than just a glimmer on the horizon!

Incubation has taken much longer than anticipated. When Steven Silveria took over permanent leadership of the Library in the spring of 2014, he was committed to bringing back the former glory of the Library's core. In 2015, the Friends funded the creation of what is now the Hawk Gallery as a demonstration project for his vision and a few months later, to continue the momentum, we paid for the construction of three replicas of the Library's original chandeliers. We hoped at that point that the value of this project would be self-evident and that construction would begin immediately.

We were wildly over-optimistic and naively ignorant of what is required to get a project like this off the ground. However, things are finally starting to roll. An architect has been hired by the City and is actively developing plans. Once the details have been agreed to – hopefully, by late 2017 – the cost of the project can be computed. This could be the tricky part.

Although the City's public works department will provide project management, the project is otherwise funded entirely by donations – some from bequests directly to the Library; some from donations now held by the Foundation for a proposed expansion that didn't happen. Money from these two sources totals around \$850,000. This is probably enough to do what has to be done; it may not be enough to do everything we'd like. Should funding run short, the Friends and the Foundation have pledged to close the gap. We are confident that the community will want this project to be a smashing success.

In the meantime, drop by the Hawk Gallery to view the exhibit on the Library. When the architect's drawings are available, they will be added to the exhibit.

Susan Steele

Business Member Spotlight: Mum's Place

Is your couch looking a little shabby? What are you going to do about that chair that the cat uses to sharpen her claws? Mum's Place in downtown Pacific Grove can help. Its surprisingly large selection means you don't have to leave town to spiff up your home – although you'll probably have to train your pets to be better behaved. And, if Mum's Place doesn't have what you want in stock, the staff will figure out how to get it for you or have it built to your specifications.





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The Friends and Local Businesses

In 2014 the Friends decided to emphasize how essential both a vibrant library and a thriving business community are to the health of Pacific Grove. Three years on it is worth reflecting on the status of this strategy.

We created Dine Out with Friends, a monthly event where Friends and community members are encouraged to patronize a local restaurant and the restaurant in turn donates a portion of its proceeds to the Friends. The last Wednesday of the month has become an institution. Most restaurants that have participated are first surprised at the size of the turnout and then are eager to sign up again. Many members of the community never pass up the chance to enjoy a meal, while supporting the Library.

We also decided to actively seek business memberships in the Friends. We highlight business members in our newsletter and on our website and we actively encourage Friends to support them. Our current business members number 49. In 2015 we added a special category of corporate memberships for those businesses that want to sponsor children’s programs or Meet the Author. Two local businesses stepped forward.

In short, we have made clear our commitment to this community and we are pleased that the community has responded. We are eager to expand to new business members. If you have a favorite local business, let one of the Board members know. We will reach out to them.



Library Garden

Have you noticed how beautiful the garden around the Library looks these days? Trees have been pruned; weeds have been removed; and new plants have been added – a succulent garden on the bay side of the Library, geraniums for color, and lavender for the scent. Improvements are due to the dedicated work of a group of volunteers headed by Sandy Jordan.

If you have any kind of a thumb, you’re welcome to help. Contact Sandy at sjordan744@yahoo.com for information.

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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Making a Difference Through Planned Giving

As a Friend of the Pacific Grove Public Library, you are already making a difference. Your annual membership helps provide library programs, materials, and services. Each year brings higher circulation of library materials, more use of physical and virtual library resources, more events and programs. Each year we depend on Friends' memberships and donations to meet those growing annual needs.

But what about the future? How can you help ensure that our library will continue to thrive and meet the information needs of tomorrow and beyond?

One person who found an answer to that question and made a huge difference was Erna Morris, whose substantial bequest to the Friends allowed us to establish the Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation in 2011. Her generous gift continues to grow and provide a reliable funding source for our library's present and future. Other bequests and donations have further increased that initial fund and continue to do so.

You, too, can provide lasting support for the Pacific Grove Public Library through planned giving. As you make your estate plans, consider including a bequest to the PGPL Foundation. Such legacies may be large or small, but each one makes a significant difference.

There are many ways to leave a legacy, such as making a bequest in your will or designating the PGPL Foundation as a beneficiary in your retirement account or insurance policy. We would be happy to discuss options with you. Through planned giving, you can leave a lasting legacy without giving up assets now.

If you would like more information, please email the Foundation at:

foundation4pgpl@gmail.com

or write to us at:

PGPL Foundation
P.O. Box 2025
Pacific Grove CA 93950

If you have already named the Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation in your estate plans, please let us know. Our newly formed Legacy Society is a way for us to recognize your generosity and include you in special events.

New Members, Second Quarter

Jenifer Bovey
Denise Castles
Pamela Chrislock
Ruth Donohugh
Michael Dusek
Laura Edeen
Dorothy Enayati
Douglas Holtzman
Jill Hornady
Jenna Jackson
Jerry Loomis
Heidi McNally-Dial
Dave and Patty Parker
Jonathan Schoenbrod
Ms. Sigrid A. Stokes
Gail Sweeney
Steve Thomas
Richard Turner
Ronald Unruh
Rhonda Vierra & Frannie Doud
Linda & Bruce Vogt

New Business Members, Second Quarter

Phill's Barber Shop

Contributors, Second Quarter

Dorothy Abeloe, in honor of Gail Abeloe and Gary Sprader
Joe and Patty Leal
Anthony and Lary Lynn Muller Fund of the Community
Foundation for Monterey County
Dave and Patty Parker
Reese Family Foundation
Inge Waite, In support of the Silveria Bilingual Book Fund

Donations to the Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation, 2017 To Date

Anonymous
Cynthia and Mark Garfield
Barbara Moore
Noreen and Don Nance
Carol O'Meara, in memory of Genie Santini,
for the Children's section

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Mark Your Calendars:

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

- July 26** Dine out with Friends, Max's Grill
- August 5** First Saturday Book Sale
- August 30** Dine out with Friends, Red House
- September 2** First Saturday Book Sale
- September 21** Meet the Author, Zoe Ferraris
- September 27** Dine out with Friends, Pacific Thai
- October 7** First Saturday Book Sale

Dine Out with Friends!



**Max's Grill
Wednesday, July 26**

Support the local businesses who support your library:

CORPORATE MEMBERS

Jones Group Real Estate
Jan Pratt & J.R. Rouse,
Sotheby's

Design
J. Gary Grant, MD
Diane Grindol Pet Sitting
and Services

Mando's
Maureen Mason,
Sotheby's International
Matteson's Auto Repair
Max's Grill

Pacific Thai Cuisine,
Inc.
Passionfish
Pavel's Backerei
Peppers MexiCali Cafe
Petra Restaurant
Phill's Barber Shop

Tessuti Zoo
The Bookworks
The Grove Laundry
The Puzzle Lady
The Red House Cafe
The UPS Store #3441
Trotter's Antiques

BUSINESS MEMBERS

Artisana Gallery
Back Porch Fabrics
Cedar Street Times
Dority Roofing and Solar
Favazza Plastering
Fifi's Bistro Cafe
Fishwife Restaurant
Foxglove Gardens and

Grove Market
Hauk Fine Arts
Hayward Lumber
Hensley Travel
Il Vecchio
Imagine Art Supplies
In Stride Physical Therapy
La Mia Cucina
Los Amigos Restaurante

Monterey Whale Watching
Mum's Place
Nancy's Attic
Pacific Grove Cleaners
Pacific Grove Hardware
Park Place Publications
Pacific Grove Travel

Rose Nails
Seven Gables Inn
David Simonsen, DDS
St. Vincent de Paul
Thrift
Taste Bistro



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Meet the Author: Susan Sherman



Forty-six book lovers gathered on the evening of June 22 at the Pacific Grove Library to hear author Susan Sherman talk about her enthusiastically-reviewed novel *If You Are There*. The evening began with Stacey Wiens of the Library staff providing updates on the Library and its programs. Notable was news that renewal of the library has commenced, with the dual goal of restoring its original beauty and providing 21st century facilities. Then, Barbara Moore, chair of the Meet the Author Committee, introduced Susan Sherman.

Sherman's novel is set in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, when science was making great advances at the same time that belief in spiritualism was considered legitimate by many. The heroine of the novel is a Polish immigrant to Paris who works for Marie and Pierre Curie as they discover new elements and radioactivity by day, and research spiritualism by night. The author read two scenes, one a gripping narration of a seance being observed by the Curies, and another a touching dialogue between Marie Curie and her servant, the two Polish immigrants finding a relationship as Marie described the stellar constellations.

In the question and answer period that followed the author's talk, the depth of Ms. Sherman's knowledge about the 19th Century fin de siècle was obvious. She pointed out that photographs of that era are available and said that she makes extensive use of them for background material of her novels. She also noted that she finds the Baedeker travel guides of that time a rich resource for descriptions of life as it was then lived.

The evening ended with refreshments and a book signing.

Retirement Beckons

The atmosphere at the Pacific Grove Library was bittersweet on Friday, May 12, as friends and associates celebrated Steven Silveria's retirement. The Friends served up their usual elegant sweet and savory tidbits; the wine flowed; and the harpist played. Tributes to Steven emphasized his vision for the Library's role in the community, expressed most clearly in the creation of the Library Renewal Project. He leaves just as the project begins in earnest, but we know where he lives. And, if we need sage advice, we'll be knocking. Thank you, Steven.

In honor of Steven's service, the Friends has pledged \$1000 a year for five years to build the Library's collection of children's bilingual books. Your contribution to the Silveria Bilingual Book Fund would be greatly appreciated.



Farewell, Faye



Faye Mueller resigned from the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Pacific Grove Library as of June 1 – although she's still helping out when and where she can. Faye joined the Board in 2014 and took over membership management responsibilities in 2016. We enjoyed her can-do approach. Thank you, Faye, and keep in touch!



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Who's That at the Desk?

You see their friendly faces every time you go into the Pacific Grove Library – behind the check-out counter; at the reference desk; in the children's section. But do you know their names? See if you can attach a Library staff member name to each of the pictures below – and try to think of the faces that aren't pictured. Answers will be posted at the Library.



Volunteer for The Friends!

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