



Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library

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President's Message

Celebrating 45 years of PG Library

Friends! City Librarian Margaret McBride's vision that "the community should be allowed and encouraged to become more involved in library activities..." became a reality with the incorporation of the Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library, Inc. on January 9, 1974. The first Friends book sale was held three months after that! A book delivery program for shut-ins, support for a library bond measure (which sadly missed the critical 2/3 approval by 95 votes) and advocacy for a 1978 library expansion soon followed. Forty-five years later, I think that Mrs McBride and the almost 100 original members would be very proud of all the Friends have accomplished. Onward to 50!



2018 truly was "one for the books" with the Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library.

At the start of the year we committed to maintaining all Friends activities - book sales, Dine Out, Meet the Author, Poetry in the Grove and Friends of PG Library Book Club - plus a fourth PG Library juried art and lecture series, plus leadership and financial support for the Library Renewal Project Capital Campaign with a \$2.5 million goal. Whew!!

With your help and support, we were able to accomplish it all.

Thank you to our outstanding, hardworking, cheerful volunteers and to the always helpful, supportive and welcoming PG library staff. Special thanks to our good humored, accomplished and "get it

done" 2018 Friends Board - Linda Pagnella, Vice President, Judy Wills, Treasurer, Shirley Peake, Secretary, Dennis Mar, Membership Chair, Peggy Hansen, Volunteers, Gail Abeloe, Facilities, Diane Grindol, Newsletter, and Abby Pfeiffer, Director. Everyone of you is just the best!

Now that 2019 has begun, here's what we're looking towards:

- ♦ welcoming newly elected Board Directors Stephanie Herrick and Sonja Millings
- ♦ enjoying our Dine Out partnership with local restaurants on the last Wednesday of each month (you can whet your appetite by previewing locations through June on page 4)
- ♦ continuing our monthly First Saturday book sales at the Library UNTIL it closes for the Renewal Project later this year AND finding a new location for book sales during the 9-12 month closure
- ♦ continuing our funding of summer reading in 2019, thanks to many generous donations and a Monterey County Gives grant for Summer Reading in Pacific Grove Parks
- ♦ promotion of ongoing literary-based programs, including Meet the Author, Poetry in the Grove and the Friends of PG Library Book Club before, during and after the closure
- ♦ encouraging new members to join and new ways of giving to the Friends (do you have the PG Public Library Friends designated on your AmazonSmile? If not, check out page 2)
- ♦ **seeking new ways to connect with our community of readers and learners, to support the PG Library and prepare for a grand reopening of a renewed PG Library in 2020**

We can't wait! Thank you for joining us and being a Friend of the PG Library. Your help and support make everything possible.

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Renewal Project Update

We did it! **The Library Renewal Project Capital Campaign SURPASSED our fundraising goal and raised nearly \$2.6 million!!** We are overwhelmed by the generosity and support of our community. Look for a special newsletter to follow in early March, with a special thank you to everyone who donated, contributed and volunteered.

The architect is completing construction-level drawings, which will become part of a bid packet that the City will use to solicit bids this spring. Following the award of the contract, most likely in late spring of this year, library services will be relocated and construction will begin. **At this point, a 9-12 month closure from mid-summer 2019 is projected, with the renewed Library reopening in mid-2020.**

City and Library staff are continuing to work on library relocation plans. **Currently, use of a portion of the ground floor of the Holman building is under discussion**, rather than multiple locations in PG. Staff have begun preparing for the relocation of Library collections and items, some of which will be in continued use and some of which will be stored until the Project is completed. Staff continue to work with Monterey Public Library to ensure coordination and continuation of this important partnership during the construction closure.

For more information please visit the Pacific Grove Public Library website at www.pacificgrovelibrary.org/about-the-library/library-renewal-project

Business Spotlight: Dority Roofing and Solar



Butterfly House
Eric Stauding Co., Santa Lucia Preserve



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From the Foundation Spring Cleaning and Revising

We're heading toward Spring and that means...tax season! Though estate plans may not affect the current year's tax return, tax season is an ideal time to review—and revise—our wills, trusts, and other important financial documents to ensure that they still reflect our family status and financial goals.

Along with making provisions for the people in our lives, many of us want to include charitable giving in our plans. There is something very satisfying about knowing that we can help an organization we value even after we're gone. But charitable goals can change. Perhaps a charity we once championed no longer has the same importance to us. Maybe a new organization has gained significance. Or a favorite organization has changed its focus. Or—in Pacific Grove—estate plans may have included the PG Public Library before 2011 when the PGPL **Foundation** began its work as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

There are as many reasons for charitable giving as there are generous donors. The recent (successful!) \$2.5 million PG Public Library Renewal Project fundraising campaign was an outstanding example of our community's generosity and was proof of the value we place on our 110-year-old Carnegie public library building. The Project will soon begin, bringing our library the comprehensive and long-overdue renewal it needs to be an effective 21st-century resource. Whether or not you were able to contribute to the campaign, we hope you will look to the future and help ensure PG Public Library's financial health for the next 110 years through a bequest to the **Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation (Tax ID#45-1738473)**. Your gift to the Foundation is tax-deductible, and our partnership with the Community Foundation for Monterey County ensures the professional management, advice, and assistance of that respected organization.

For more information on how you can leave a lasting legacy, see our website: www.PGLibraryFoundation.org
or email us: foundation4pgpl@gmail.com
or write to us: **P. O. Box 2025, Pacific Grove CA 93950**

Business Member Spotlight: Dority Roofing and Solar

If the winter winds have given you roof worries, or your winter heating bill has gone sky-high, Friends business member Dority Roofing and Solar may have the help you need. A family-owned full-service professional roofing company for 22 years, Dority is a member of "Build it GREEN", received the Green Business Certification Award and the Green Contractor Award, and promotes the use of sustainable products. Visit them online at dorityroofing.com, or at 2106 Sunset Drive in PG. And thank them for being a Friend of the PG Library!

Donations:

January 2019 donations to the Fund for the Future at CFMC (includes online donations to Friends or Foundation)

Lisa Maddalena
(In Honor of Bobbie Morrison)
James and Marilyn Rossen
(In Memory of Jeanne Cavallini)
Mary Vierra
(In Memory of Jeanne Annette Cavallini)

January 2019 donations to PGPL Foundation

Gary and Mary Cary Coughlan
Natasha Doner
Jill Knapp

January 2019 donations to Friends of the Library

In Memory of

Ruth Marion by
Onnette McElroy
Ruth Fortado Vernier by
Nancy Bennett
Jeanne Cavallini by
Patricia Curia
Harriet McGuire
Michael & Melanie McInerney
Deke Sonnichsen

In Honor of

Mrs. Mary Poplin by
Isabel Shillinglaw
Louis Van Tyle by
Scott Van Tyle

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Annual Meeting

Each January the Friends host an annual business meeting, open to all Friends members and special guests. This year's meeting, held on Sunday, January 27th at the PG Library, featured a warm welcome from newly-elected Mayor Bill Peake, an inspirational, heart-filled and humorous talk by award-winning nationally-syndicated author and local treasure Sharon Randall, a special "pop-up" book sale, and a Friends social hour.

President Kim Bui-Burton shared highlights of 2018:

- ♦ well-enjoyed, highly successful monthly fundraisers such as the First Saturday Book Sale and the last Wednesday Dine-out
- ♦ ongoing literary-based programs, including Meet the Author, Poetry in the Grove and the Friends of PG Library Book Club
- ♦ "Built for Books," the 2018 juried art and lecture series, highlighting libraries, learning and philanthropy with partners California Department of State Parks and Asilomar Beach and Conference Center
- ♦ successful Capital Campaign for the Library Renewal Project, led by the Friends Board in partnership with the PG Library Foundation, City and community members, featuring a campaign kick-off in May on the Library's 110th birthday, a charming Secret Garden Party fundraiser, Silent Auction for a Carnegie library replica Little Free Library, a Lend a Hand/ Lend a Paw fundraiser and tabling/art project at the PG Farmer's Market
- ♦ outstanding hardworking volunteer and library staff support, and Friends Board leadership, all year long

Secretary Shirley Peake ably led the ballot count and voting, announcing the re-election of all members of the 2018 Friends Board, and the election of Stephanie Herrick and Sonja Millings to the 2019 Friends Board. Congratulations to all!

2018 Financial Report

Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library, Inc. Annual Meeting – Treasurer's Report for Calendar Year 2018 January 27, 2019	
A. Through your generous support last year, we were able to:	
1. Given to the Library:	
\$4,886 – Children's Programs	
\$1,250 – Teen Project	
2. Transfer to the PG Library Foundation:	
\$362,299 – Library Renewal Project Capital Campaign.	
3. Transfer to the Community Foundation for Monterey County	
\$7,306 – PG Library Fund for the Future	
For a total of: \$375,741	
B. Our operational expenses were \$18,002.	
1. \$710 – supplies and subscriptions	
2. \$4,069 – insurance and services	
3. \$2,426 – newsletter	
4. \$1,058 – postage	
5. \$9,739 – event expenses	
Total expenditures in 2018: \$393,743	
C. Our 2018 Income was: \$356,552.	
1. \$12,628 – Donations	
2. \$23,960 – Memberships	
3. \$18,573 – Book Sales	
4. \$293,044 – Library Renewal Donations and Grants	
5. \$7,307 – Fund Raisers	
6. \$1,000 – Other Grants	
7. \$40 – Interest Income	

Treasurer Judy Wills presented the 2018 Financial Report. Income and Expenditures are presented above.

Sharon Randall then graced the meeting with a heartfelt tribute to libraries, reading and the power of love conveyed through words and deeds. Her stories of reading, illiteracy, writing, growing up in South Carolina, raising her family in PG, moving away and then back home for good held us spellbound - laughing, tearfully wiping our eyes and feeling a part of her "roomful of smiling faces... among friends, in a family of readers." (To experience the magic and delight of Sharon, and catch up with her weekly columns, please visit her website at sharonrandall.com.)

Tea with Friends and a chance to browse a "pop up" Friends book sale completed the Annual Meeting event. Thanks to those who attended, the Board Directors and helpers who set up, prepared and took down the event, and staff who opened the Library on a Sunday afternoon.

Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library Board of Directors

Kim Bui-Burton	President
Linda Pagnella	Vice-President
Judy Wills	Treasurer
Shirley Peake	Secretary
Dennis Mar	Membership
Gail Abeloe	Facilities
Diane Grindol	Newsletter
Peggy Hansen	Volunteers
Stephanie Herrick	Director
Sonja Millings	Director
Abby Pfeiffer	Director

Meet the Author

Barbara Moore

Poetry in the Grove

Poetry in the Grove is a monthly gathering where the works of selected writers are discussed in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. The group helps pick the topic for the next meeting, leading to explorations of popular and lesser known poets.

Everyone is welcome to participate the first Saturday of every month when Poetry in the Grove meets from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Little House in Jewel Park by the Library. We hope to see you as we share the condensed, metaphorical language of poetry that often connects the superficial and the sublime.

For more information, please contact Patrick Flanigan at pflanigan@redshift.com

Estate Planning

Did you know that you can name the Pacific Grove Public Library in your estate plan?

For more information contact foundation4pgpl@gmail.com.

The PGPL Foundation tax ID# is: 45-1738473.

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Mark Your Calendars:

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

- Thursday, February 21** Meet the Author 7:30 – 9:00 pm
Dr. Renee R. Curry on the works of author
Jesmyn Ward
- Saturday, March 2** First Saturday Book Sale – Library Arcade
- Saturday, April 6** First Saturday Book Sale – Library Arcade
- Saturday, May 4** First Saturday Book Sale – Library Arcade
- Saturday, June 1** First Saturday Book Sale – Library Arcade

Annual Meeting Highlights (More on p. 3!)



Annual Meeting January 27, 2019
Speaker Sharon Randall (above)



Crowd listens to speaker Sharon Randall
(above, right)



Dine Out with Friends!



February 27
Victorian Corner
541 Lighthouse Ave

7:45 am – 3:00 pm and
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

- March 27** **Taste Cafe and Bistro**
1199 Forest Ave.; 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- April 24** **Petra Restaurant**
477 Lighthouse Ave.; 11:00 am – 9:30 pm
- May 29** **Pepper’s Mexicali Café**
170 Forest Ave.; 11:30 am - 9:00 pm
- June 26** **The Beach House Restaurant & Bar**
620 Ocean View Blvd; 4:00pm – 9:00pm

Board Members elected at Annual Meeting:
Back row: Diane Grindol-Newsletter, Peggy Hansen-Volunteers, Shirley Peake-Secretary, Kim Bui-Burton-President, Linda Pagnella-Vice President, Stephanie Herrick-Director, Abby Pfeiffer-Director, Sonja Millings-Director, Judy Wills-Treasurer **Front Row:** Sharon Randall, Mayor Bill Peake, Dennis Mar-Membership Chair (Not pictured: Gail Abeloe-Facilities)