

Friends of Granada Hills Library Newsletter

Fall 2013

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Next Meetings:

Holiday Luncheon
Saturday, Dec. 7,
11:30 a.m. at the
Golden Hunan

General Meeting
Saturday, Jan. 4,
10:30 a.m. at the
Granada Hills Library

General Meeting
Saturday, Feb. 2,
10:30 a.m. at the
Granada Hills Library

Next Book Sales:

Friday, Jan. 10
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
& Saturday, Jan. 11
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 14
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
& Saturday, Mar. 15
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

President's Message by Pamela Franklin

Well, the joyful season is upon us and I wish you all a happy and healthy holiday together with friends and family.

Well, we are no longer the "New kids on the block!" The Board has as a team worked diligently on behalf of the Friends of the Library and I would like to personally extend my thanks to each and every one on the Board.

Thanks to Pam Rhodes, our Senior Librarian, the book club group has extended to dining out together, matinee movies and Yoga on Mondays. Thanks, Pam

2014 is upon us and it is my hope with your help, that we have a productive year and as I reiterate that if there are any new ideas, please let me hear from you.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all, and I hope to see you at our Holiday Luncheon at the Golden Hunan on December 7th.

Pamela Franklin, President



New Class at the Library:

Dahn Yoga
Mondays at 11:00 a.m.
All ages invited.

Dahn yoga can help you feel energetic, improve a great variety of health conditions and create an enhanced sense of well being and satisfaction with life. Classes are taught by teachers from the Valley Dahn Yoga Center.

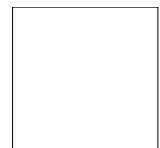
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It's Happening at the Library!

by Pam Rhodes, Senior Librarian



The Granada Hills Library Staff showed Halloween spirit dressing up and celebrating with beautiful potluck delights.

Recently there have been some staffing changes. Kevin Hasely, our half time librarian, has taken a full time job at the Sun Valley Branch of LAPL. He has been a wonderful asset to the branch, working here for 9 months. We are sad he is leaving our Granada Hills family and wish him much success in his new branch at Sun Valley.



Florence Jacinto has joined us as our new Young Adult III Librarian. She has worked in the system 12 years, starting as a Messenger Clerk, promoted to Librarian and Acting Senior Librarian. We are so fortunate to have her as part of our team. Please stop in and say "hello" to Florence.

We are looking forward to a wonderful holiday season. Check our calendar for more events and activities to come.

We want to thank the Friends of the Library for their continual support. The Granada Hills Library thrives on the synergy of the Friends of the Library, Granada Hills community and our awesome staff.

Happy Holidays,

Pam Rhodes
Senior Librarian

Calendar of Events:

Fun for all ages presentation:

Black Holes and the Milky Way: Learn about the wonders of our galaxy in an exciting presentation by Mt. Wilson astronomer Shelley Bonus. **Saturday, 11/23/2013, 1p.m.**

Adult Computer Classes:

- **Introduction to the Internet:** Wednesday, 11/20/2013, 11a.m.
- **E-Media Basics:** Friday, 11/22/2013, 2 p.m.
- **E-Media Basics:** Friday, 12/27/2013, 2 p.m.

Kids' Programs:

Bark Animals Reading with Kids: Bark is an all volunteer program that encourages children to increase their reading skills by reading aloud to certified therapy dogs. **First Saturday of every month at 4 p.m.**

PJ Storytime:

Tuesday Nov. 26, 2013, 6:30 p.m. - Thanksgiving Thankfulness
Tuesday Dec. 3, 2013, 6:30 p.m. - Hanukkah Holiday Celebration
Tuesday Dec. 10, 2013, 6:30 p.m. - Winter Warmth with Soup Stories
Tuesday Dec. 17, 2013, 6:30 p.m. - Stories with Holiday Cheer

Meet the Author:

Sat. Nov. 23, 2013, 4 p.m. - Children's Author Lin Oliver will tell funny stories featuring her characters Hank Zipzer & Daniel Funk.

Family Movie:

Native American spirit warrior tells the story of how lawman became a legend through their first adventure together. Come enjoy this wonder Disney classic. Film rated: PG-13. **Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013, 5:30 p.m.**

Book Club:

Fiction book club meets on the third Wednesday of every month. Next meeting: **January 15, 2013, 1:30 p.m.** Call 818-368-5687 for title selection.

ACA/Obamacare Covered California Informational Class: Confused about the new healthcare law? Not sure about what coverage to get for you and your family? Come to this free class and get your questions answered. **First Wednesday of the month through March. Call 818-368-5687.**

Dahn Yoga:

Dahn yoga can help you feel energetic, improve a great variety of health conditions and create an enhanced sense of well being and satisfaction with life. Classes are taught by teachers from the Valley Dahn Yoga Center. **All ages invited. Mondays, 11a.m.**



Library Hours

Mon. & Wed.: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 Tues. & Thurs.: 12:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 Fri. & Sat.: 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
 Closed Sundays & major holidays

LAPL Policies

Loan Periods: 3 weeks, may be renewed 2 times.
 Fines charged for material returned after the due date.
 Placing a "hold" is free, BUT a \$1.00 fee per item will be charged if not picked up.

(818) 368-5687

Toll Free Renewal: (888) 557-5275

www.lapl.org

"Show me a family of readers, and I will show you the people who move the world."
-- Napoleon Bonaparte

"Good friends make great libraries."

"Literacy is inseparable from opportunity, and opportunity is inseparable from freedom. The freedom promised by literacy is both freedom from – from ignorance, oppression, poverty – and freedom to – to do new things, to make choices, to learn."
-- Koichiro Matsuura

"I really had a lot of dreams when I was a kid, and I think a great deal of that grew out of the fact that I had a chance to read a lot."
-- Bill Gates

"The contents of a library can take you further than your own imagination could begin to imagine. To open a book is to open your mind."
-- Amberle Cianne

"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need."
-- Marcus Tullius Cicero

Membership News

Welcome to our new members:

Holly Grover, Lucille Clements, Jo Powells,
Cliff O'Connell, Sylvia Kasparian, and Linda Spangler

We hope to see you at our next meeting!

The Friends' website is linked to the Los Angeles Public Library's website and can be accessed as follows:

- Go to the Los Angeles Public Library's website: www.lapl.org
- Select "Locations & Hours"
- Scroll down the page and select "Granada Hills"
- Scroll down the page and to the right: Select "Friends of Library Group"
- Scroll down the page and select "Branch Library Support Groups Sites"
- Select "Granada Hills" to reach the Friends' website

OR

Go to the website google.com and search for "Friends of Granada Hills Library"

Friends of Granada Hills Library's Officers

Elected Officers:

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| Pamela Franklin | - President |
| Donna Antrim | - 1 st Vice President |
| Greer Rice | - 2nd Vice President - Book Sales |
| Betty Fougner | - 3rd Vice President - Membership |
| Judi Vitacco | - Secretary |
| Anne Singer | - Treasurer |

Volunteer Chairs:

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| Rene Zepezauer | - Hospitality |
| Ellen Weinstein | - Newsletter |
| Carol Mandelberg | - Publicity |
| Sandy Jewett | - Webmaster/Brochures |

Special Thanks to our Patron Members

*Pamela Franklin
Joyce and Eric Goldman
Sandra Jewett
Mary and Joe Slotnick
Joan Vitale*

Annual Meeting of Friends Groups at the Central Library on November 2, 2013

By Pamela Franklin, President

Pam Rhodes, Greer and I went to a meeting for the Friends of the Library at the downtown library on November 2nd. I had never been there before and was just amazed by the different murals which are magnificent, and the architecture and statues are indeed a sight to see.

We started the event with a lavish breakfast buffet, followed by John F. Szabo, City Librarian, welcoming us and thanking us for all the work we do, then followed Jené Brown, who is now Liaison to all the Friends groups. Jené was at our installation last June and I invited her to be our guest for the Holiday Luncheon.

The last speaker was Susan Orlean, who is an author and has written many books, The Orchid Thief being one of her recent books. Her animation was indeed catching and one could not help but get caught up in her experiences. An amazing vibrant lady!

It was amazing to see so many "Friends" groups there who wanted to share their ideas. A day to remember!



Left to right:
Jené Brown and
Pamela Franklin



Left to right:
Greer Rice,
Pamela Franklin,
and Pam Rhodes.

Markets' Community Programs

By Renee Zepezauer

Please remember to reregister/resubscribe your Ralphs' Community Partners card by scanning the bar code (which you will find in this newsletter) along with your Ralphs card so that the Friends of the Granada Hills Library are able to continue their contributions to the library for programs, books, DVDs, and CDs. The new period began on September 1, 2013.

Thank you!!



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Puzzle - Provided by Dottie O'Mara

Brand Name Anagrams - Puzzle involves brand name foods at the grocery store. Take the name of the brand and rearrange the letters to answer the question. Example: Dole - Rearrange the letters to name an ore deposit. Dole = lode. What anagram does each conceal?

GOYA	– means of meditation
NESTEA	– legislative body
ORE IDA	– one carrying equipment at rock concert
PERDUE	– put through a blender
FOLGERS	– certain sportsmen
YOPLAIT	– child puts sand in at the beach
WHEATIES	– body of water in northwest Russia
PEPSI COLA	– relating to a certain religion
SWEET N LO	– hotel maid puts in bathroom daily
STELLA DORO	– breakfast food served hot

(See page 7 for answers)

Book Sales

BOOK SALE REPORT

By Greer Rice



November Book Sale Results

We had another successful book sale - we took in a total of \$1,147.80 with Julie Cail contributing \$40.50 from her craft table - THANK YOU, Julie - and \$38.80 in contributions from the community. Another big THANK YOU to Debbie K for helping Stormy and me pick up a van load of children's books and a pickup load of paperbacks. We are doing so well with the children's books, they're really bringing the families in. Despite no parking anywhere near the Library, we had a steady turnout on Saturday and took in almost \$500. Staying open until 5:00 is working out for us. We had a great crew all three days, so THANK YOU to Pamela Franklin, Donna Antrim, Betty Fougner, Pat Messina & Alex & Alison, Judi Vitacco, Nick Spencer, Anne Singer, Jo Powells, Marcia Harper, Elaine DiPietro, Luva Coulson, Sandy Jewett, Jackie LePut, Joan Vitale and Ellen Weinstein. A special THANK YOU to our new member Linda Spangler who, when it looked like no one could make it for the load in, just happened to come into the Library and offer to help! As always, THANK YOU to Stormy for putting up the signs, collecting the book donations, setting up the Community Room and hauling all those boxes!

Next Book Sales

Friday, January 10 & Saturday, January 11: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days

Setup: Thursday, January 9, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 14 & Saturday, March 19: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days

Setup: Thursday, March 13, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, May 16 & Saturday, May 17: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days

Setup: Thursday, May 15, starting at 6:00 p.m.

IN MEMORY

"In Loving Remembrance

ELIZABETH (BETTY) ANNE MCILROY

3/24/32 - 10/07/13

Age 81, passed away in Woodland Hills after a long illness. She worked as a legal secretary in the insurance business and for Standard Oil on the east coast. She lived in the San Fernando Valley for more than 50 years.

Betty loved life and put everyone else first and never herself. She was involved with a wonderful group of women in the Red Hats for almost 10 years, they called themselves the "Scarlett Skinnydippers." She also volunteered at the local YMCA and loved water aerobics. Betty joins her husband Frank Sr. and her son John. Betty is survived by her son Frank Jr.

Betty, we hope you know how much you were loved by all."

-- Published in Los Angeles Daily News on Oct. 20, 2013

According to Donna Antrim, Betty McIlroy was a very dedicated member of the Friends for many years. Our deepest sympathy to her family.

GET WELL WISHES

Lotte Van Emden

Best wishes to longtime member Ethel Bliven, who recently moved to Northern California to be closer to her family.



MEET THE BOARD!



The Friends' Board at the Installation of Officers Luncheon on June 8, 2013 at Roma Bistro Restaurant (left to right): Anne Singer, Judi Vitacco, Pamela Franklin, Donna Antrim, Greer Rice, and guest Norma Jacobs.

Pamela Franklin, President:

"I grew up in England, London to be precise, and had a wonderful childhood with doting parents who adored me.

My mother used to insist on putting big bows in my hair and pretty dresses to wear which revealed two scraped bloody knees at all times as I was a tomboy! Of course no one would believe such a thing! I got married at 18 and worked for a short time as a secretary. My first child, Lorraine, was born a year later in 1959 and a second girl, Suzanne, was born in 1961. Unfortunately I lost dear Suzanne as she succumbed to juvenile diabetes and she passed away at the age of 26.

Reading and walking are my favorite regular hobbies which is a daily ritual. Writing to the Editor and getting letters published is another hobby. I really do not have a favorite book; I love a good thriller, what I call a page-turner not an IPAD turner!! For television viewing, I love Masterpiece Playhouse which generally sports English productions such as Jane Eyre, Great Expectations, Downton Abbey and many more too many to list!

I came to the U.S.A. in 1979. My mother and brother (Marty Feldman, Igor in Young Frankenstein) lived here and I had always dreamed of coming to America; as a teen, I would walk around in check shirts and denim jeans with a baseball hat and bubble gum pretending I was an American. Having lived in Europe, the U.S.A. is still #1.

I met Stanley in England and subsequently came to the U.S. to live in 1984, where we were married and are nearing our 28th Wedding Anniversary.

I joined the Friends group approximately three years ago, just as a member, gradually volunteering for different activities then I suddenly found myself as Vice-President which led to my now position of President.

I have been in other groups and must add that our particular Friends group has a congenial atmosphere and what a real pleasure it is to be a member."

Donna Antrim, First Vice President:

"I was born on Christmas Day 1942. I grew up in Brooklyn, New York. I have three sons and one daughter. I have Ann Caplan to thank for my membership into the Friends of the Library. I joined the Friends group in 1988. I love the library and through the Friends group, I really have found true friends."

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Answers to Puzzle on page 5: yoga, senate, roadies, pureed, golfers, toy pail, White Sea, Episcopal, new towels, rolled oats

MEET THE BOARD - CONTINUED

Greer Rice, Second Vice President – Book Sales:

"I was born in Escanaba, MI, the first of 3 children. My Dad was with the OSS and then the CIA so we were always moving, Manila, Bangkok, southern Virginia. We finally settled in the D.C. area where I went to high school. I went to Michigan State where I met Stormy (yes, we're college sweethearts). I followed Stormy to LA to pursue his music career while I held an assortment of jobs - receptionist, orchid tender, proofreader, title designer, job placement trainer, word processing manager and mom to our son Christian. I finally landed at the law firm of Loeb & Loeb, where I worked for 22 years, first as word processing manager, then assistant to the firm's Chairman, then music paralegal and finally, as the firm grew, identifying and resolving professional conflicts of interest - which meant saying "no" to 300 men. I flunked retirement the first two times I tried it but when I joined the Friends of the Granada Hills Library, I found a wonderful new "job" and a great group of readers who have truly expanded my knowledge and interests."

Betty Fougner, Third Vice President – Membership:

"I was raised in Arizona, in Phoenix. I went to Arizona State. That's where I met the love of my life. I worked for Arizona public service until moving to California. I raised my two daughters and have lived in Granada Hills since 1965. I love to read and I went to one of the book sales and met Donna Antrim. That's the day I joined the Friends. I love Donna and she has inspired me. This is the first office I have held. I really enjoy all the great friends I have met and I love helping Greer. I am currently reading A Moveable Feast by Ernest Hemmingway. I love mysteries and romances. I joined the Friends about a year ago. I lost my husband and I was very sad and lonely. This group has helped me."

Judi Vitacco, Secretary:

"I was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and was and still am a big fan of the Green Bay Packers! We moved to Santa Barbara in 1973, then to Ames, Iowa, back to Santa Barbara and now reside here in Granada Hills where I have raised my family of three girls. One lives here in the Valley with her two stepchildren, one lives in Seattle with her nine-year-old daughter and the other one lives in Walnut Creek with her 2½-year-old daughter who is the apple of my eye. Oh and of course their husbands. I try to see the kids every few months so travel a lot to Seattle and Walnut Creek. Last year we had a family reunion at a big beach house in Oxnard to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. Five days of fun and laughter.

I joined the Friends about four years ago. I had been to one of the outside book sales and got to talking to one of the members and now here I am. I have worked in a bank, a Jr. High Library and for my daughter's Real Estate Co. I have always been big on volunteering, was president of every PTA and other organizations. Right now I also volunteer in the E. R at Holy Cross Hospital and am also in charge of their fundraising activities which are almost every month. It's fun and I don't know if it keeps me in or out of trouble!!

I absolutely love to read and if I don't have a book ready for me to delve into I panic!! I love Nelson DeMille, Ken Follett and other writers of historical and political fiction. Especially fiction based on fact. Am currently reading The Bean Tree by Barbara Kingsolver for our book club. A book I recently finished that I really enjoyed was Defending Jacob by William Landy, the story of a father defending his own son. I truly enjoy both the Friends of the Library and the Book Club at the library. The library is my go to place for finding comfort among the stacks."

**Special thanks to
the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council
for their \$2,500 grant for book purchases**