

Friends of Granada Hills Library Newsletter

Fall 2015
Quarterly
Publication

Next Meetings:

General Meeting
Saturday, Sept. 5,
10:30 a.m. at the
Granada Hills Library

General Meeting
Saturday, Oct. 3,
10:30 a.m. at the
Granada Hills Library

General Meeting
Saturday, Nov. 7,
10:30 a.m. at the
Granada Hills Library

Next Book Sales:

Friday, Sept. 25
9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
& Saturday, Sept. 26
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 20
9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
& Saturday, Nov. 21
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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President's Message by Pamela F.

I hope you all are having a good summer with family and friends.

We, as the newly elected Board of the Friends Group, will continue with due diligence to support the library so that the many programs that the community really enjoys can continue.

Pam Rhodes, the Senior Librarian, through hard work, has indeed put our neighborhood library on the map with her innovative programming and up-to-date DVD's and book selection.

Whilst on the subject of programming, a big thank you to Cliff for his Classic Movie afternoons, which the community has enjoyed and will continue to enjoy in the future.

Vice President Donna A., my "What if Lady", has some exciting ideas in store for us and will mention them at the September meeting.

If any of you have any good ideas for an outing or fund-raiser, please let me know.

Hope to see you all in September.

"The meaning of things lies not in the things themselves, but to our attitude towards them."

Pamela F., President

Monthly Classic Film Series Hosted by Cliff

Wednesdays - at 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 9
Oct. 14
Nov. 4

Call the library for details:
(818) 368-5687

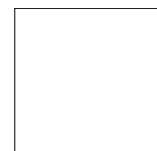
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Librarian's Report – by Pam Rhodes, Senior Librarian

Music & Food were the themes at the Library this summer. We sponsored a harp story telling*; a fiddle & instrument demonstration**; a Japanese Taiko Drum show**; a Bollywood Dance Workshop*; Hula dancers*; Amaral Studio Spanish & Flamenco dancers; smoothie and healthy vegetable wrap demonstrations; Korean Bibimbap healthy food demonstration** and a history of breakfast talk with blueberry muffins galore**! Additionally we hosted movie screenings* and yoga classes. For the gardeners in the group, we had an expert talk** about growing your own food, enriching your garden, and GMOs! We hope that you had a chance to come to at least one of these special programs.



As summer ends, our autumn programming is being developed. Please check out our listing of upcoming programs. We are especially excited to host the last two events in our "To Live and Dine In LA" programs. Guest speaker Lisa Novick**, Director of Outreach from the Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers & Native Plants will be giving a "hands-on, how to" use native plants to support your garden edibles on Sept. 19, 2015 @ 3:30 p.m.! It should be a terrific afternoon of great insights into building a sustainable and productive garden. Dance troop Danza Azteca Xochipilli** will be performing Sept. 23, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy the historical dances and cultural music.



*Programs made possible by the generous support of the Friends of the Granada Hills Library.

Thank you dear Friends!



**A very special thanks to the Los Angeles Library Foundation for their continued grant & support.

The Granada Hills Branch Library where life-long learning thrives!

Calendar of Events for September-October 2015 September is Hispanic Heritage Month:

Film Screenings:

Stand and Deliver	3:30 p.m.	Tues. 9/1/15
Cesar Chavez	3:30 p.m.	Tues. 9/15/15
Spare Parts	3:30 p.m.	Tues. 9/29/15

Classic Movie Screenings:

Touch of Evil	1:30 p.m.	Wed. 9/9/15
Private Lives	1:30 p.m.	Wed. 10/14/15

Book Discussion:

<u>Quiet: The Power of Introverts</u> by Cain	1:30 p.m.	Wed. 9/16/15
<u>The Gravity of Birds</u> by Guzman	1:30 p.m.	Wed. 10/21/15

Guest Speaker:

Lisa Novick talking: Planting Native to Support your Edibles, A Hands-on, How to for the Urban Dwellers	3:30 p.m.	Sat. 9/19/15
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Food Program:

Rainbow Wraps sponsored by Whole Foods	3:30-4:30 p.m.	Fri. 9/18/15 -- call (818) 368-5687 for reservations
Halloween Food history presented by Linda Citivello	3:30 p.m.	Sat. 10/24/15

Music Dance Program:

Danza Azteca Xochipilli Music & Dance	6:30 p.m.	Wed. 9/23/15
Inca Peruvian Ensemble	4:00 p.m.	Sat. 10/17/15

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Library Hours

Mon. & Wed.: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Tues. & Thurs.: 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Fri. & Sat.: 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Closed Sundays & major holidays

(818) 368-5687

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.

Toll Free Renewal: (888) 557-5275

www.lapl.org

Markets' Community Programs by Renee



Please re-enroll in Ralphs' community program after September 1st, either online or in person at a Ralphs market. A percentage of your purchases from Ralphs will then be donated to the Friends of the Granada Hills Library. **The Friends have received a total of \$966.16 from Ralphs so far this fiscal year!**

Registration instructions for online registration in Ralphs' community program are shown below; you may also register in person at any Ralphs market by having the checker scan the bar code shown below along with your Ralphs card.

****WEBSITE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS****

IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED YOUR REWARDS CARD ONLINE:

1. Log in to www.ralphps.com
2. Click on 'No Account? Register' (top right hand corner)
3. Follow the easy steps to create an online account
4. You will be instructed to go to your email inbox to confirm your account
5. After you confirm your online account by clicking on the link in your email, return to www.ralphps.com and click your name (you may have to sign in first).
6. View all your information and edit as necessary
7. Link your card to your organization by clicking on:
 - a. Community Rewards – Enroll
 - b. Type your NPO number or name of organization
 - c. Remember to click on the circle to the left of your organization's name
 - d. Click on ENROLL to finish your enrollment process

- OR -

IF YOU ARE ALREADY AN ONLINE CUSTOMER:

1. Log in to www.ralphps.com
2. Click Sign In
3. Enter your email address and password
4. Click on your name (In the top right hand corner under 'Welcome Back')
5. View all your information and edit as necessary
6. Link your card to your organization by clicking on:
 - a. Community Rewards – Re-enroll
 - b. Type your NPO number or name of organization
 - c. Remember to click on the circle to the left of your organization's name
 - d. Click on ENROLL to finish your enrollment process



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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"

OR

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

Membership News

Welcome to our new members: Barry S., Della C., Marilyn M. and Sharon K. We hope to see you at the September meeting!

Our annual dues are coming up in September. The Board of Directors has voted to raise the dues from \$10 per year to \$15 per year for individual dues and \$20 per year for family dues. We hope this doesn't inconvenience anyone, but it is necessary.

Dues will be collected at the September meeting. Please put your check or cash in an envelope along with your name, address, telephone number, and email address. This way, you will be sure to get credit for paying your dues. We have been asked not to leave money in the box at the library, so be sure and pay your dues at the September meeting. If you are paying as a patron, the dues remain the same.

Thanks -- Betty F., Membership Chair

Recent Donations by the Friends:

- \$599 for book and DVD purchases in May
- \$300 for a Korean dance program and \$370 for other library programs

Calling All Friends

As many of you know, we did not receive any grant money this year and as a result we are looking for ways to cut costs. One suggestion is to ask Friends to help with our refreshments and supplies. Margaret K. has offered to bring the refreshments for the September and October meetings (there's a rumor she will be baking). Judi Vi. will be bringing a large can of coffee and I will bring the paper goods. As these supplies run low, we will ask our Friends for help replenishing them and hope you will volunteer to bring refreshments at future meetings.

Thank you,
Greer

Friends of Granada Hills Library's Officers

Elected Officers:

Pamela F.	- President
Donna A.	- 1 st Vice President
Greer R.	- 2nd Vice President - Book Sales
Betty F.	- 3rd Vice President - Membership
Judi V.	- Secretary
Joan D.	- Treasurer

Volunteer Chairs:

Donna A.	- Hospitality
Ellen W.	- Newsletter
Open	- Publicity
Sandy J.	- Webmaster/Brochures
Dorothy O.	- Consultant

"My two favourite things in life are libraries and bicycles. They both move people forward without wasting anything. The perfect day: riding a bike to the library."

-- Peter Golkin

"For one who reads, there is no limit to the number of lives that may be lived, for fiction, biography, and history offer an inexhaustible number of lives in many parts of the world, in all periods of time."

-- Louis L'Amour

"I, on the other hand, believe that books, maps, scissors, and Scotch tape dispensers are all unreliable vagrants, likely to take off for parts unknown unless strictly confined to quarters."

-- Anne Fadiman,
Ex Libris: Confessions of a Common Reader

"Libraries are always bigger on the inside because every book has an entire world inside of it."

-- Robert Arger

"The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can ever take it away from you."

-- B.B. King, quoted in CBSNews.com

**Installation Speech by Norma J.
at the Friends of the Granada Hills Library's 2015 Annual Installation of Officers
June 6, 2015, Mission Hills, California**

So my happy "Friends," here we are again! I really love being invited here, seeing so many familiar faces, and a few new ones. It's always fun to reconnect with my two dear friends & former colleagues, Mary S. and Joan V., and to congratulate co-chairs Joan & Donna A. on chairing today's event ...

Let's begin by recognizing for their jobs well done those of you who have been serving since the last time I was here. I'm told that you and your fellow Board members have conscientiously carried out your assigned duties and most will continue to do so ... For your efforts and dedication won't you please stand now to accept our sincere thanks and applause.

Some of the "old-timers" here may recall watching a similarly-themed ceremony before—my notes tell me it was in 2009—but I hope you'll enjoy a fresh chuckle or two seeing it again! It's always been fun for me, making you smile, so when Joan & Pamela invited me to preside today, they gave me *carte blanche* to select a theme for this year's Installation. Taking my cue from that common French expression and what I suspect is our mutual interest in things eclectic, I won't be using "blank cards" but a variety of tasty sweets as your take-away symbols for today's ceremony.

Why you may ask? Well, the amateur historians among you probably know that during their conquest of Mexico, the Spanish *conquistadores* made a happy discovery; the glorious cacao bean which they brought back to Europe, where it became a symbol of cordial hospitality—especially amongst the nobility, particularly when it was further enhanced by adding warm milk (and the hard-to-come-by cane sugar that sadly led in time to the evils of the slave trade!)

Eventually, America's first chocolate mill was established in early Dorchester, MA. Today, we know well that the chocolate business is simply booming! Nearly every culture has taken chocolate to heart and many new, different and exciting varieties come to use from everywhere. They seduce us with their sweet, seductive flavors and even promise wondrous health benefits, especially if we select our goodies on the "dark side!"

Candy mostly makes folks happy, and so today as I install your Board, each officer will be presented with the sweet treat I've chosen by name to represent her role in the term ahead... That said, as I call your names, will those to be installed please step forward and remain standing until your entire Board has received their sweet n'tasty symbols of office...

First up, **JOAN D.** Joan, as Friends' **Treasurer**, it is your duty to collect member dues, pay your bills, and to bank and maintain accurate records of all receipts and disbursements. I believe this sweet n'crunchy **Pay Day** bar will give you're a quick start on accomplishing the many important tasks so vital to this organization.

Next up would be your **SECRETARY, JUDI V.** In her absence, however, we've asked today's honorary hostess Joan V. to accept Judi's token of office. As Secretary, Judi's duties include accurately recording all business discussed at meetings, preparing and making available these minutes to all concerned. Additionally, she is responsible for handling all internal communications and related correspondence. To further enable her with so many important tasks, and happily representative of their enormous importance to your organization, I've chosen a darkly delicious, yummy coco-nutty **MOUNDS BAR!**

Our **VP/Chair for Book Sales** was a newcomer to the Board when I first installed her in 2011. Though she cannot be here today, I know **GREER R.** has performed admirably in her role and will surely continue to do so, planning and carrying out your **GHFL Book Sales**, a daunting role that demands wisdom, enthusiasm and plenty of stamina! These traits, shared with fellow Board members and your membership-at-large will ensure continued prosperity and growth for this group as well as your well-loved beneficiary, the Granada Hills Library.



Joan, when you present her **BOUNTY BAR** to Greer, please tell her I am confident it will lend her both inspiration and energy for her important role in the term ahead, and may GHFL accrue "bounteous" successful sales with that in mind!



Moving on, let's have your new **MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BETTY F.** step forward. An enthusiastic newcomer to her role, Betty has already agreed to recruit, welcome and orient new GHFL members, hopefully instilling in them her own enthusiasm and support for the goals of this fine organization. Betty, I think I found the perfect sweet memento for you in the year ahead. To prove it, just bring to mind Alexandre Dumas' classic phrase "One for all and all for one," as I hand Betty her token of office, a creamy, ever-so chocolaty **Three Musketeers' Bar!**



I know DONNA A., as both a long-time and dedicated Friends' Board member, now it's your turn now to join us up here. Donna, continuing in your role as **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT** requires that in the absence of the President, you will preside at all meetings, acting on behalf of the President, attending all Board and membership meetings, and assisting your President as required. Somehow, I couldn't think of an actual candy bar to signify your position but instead I'm presenting you with another great snack favorite, this oddly overloaded and delightfully chewy **Cranberry Almond ENERGY BAR!**

Last and most assuredly not least, it's time for your petite but feisty Madame **PRESIDENT, PAMELA F.**, to step forward and join her Board-mates. Pamela, in your continuing role as Friends' leader, there's little more I can suggest for you but to do as many British film stars in leadership roles do when in power, simply, "Carry on!"

We all know that to assume the Presidency requires both a compassionate and powerful nature. I am convinced by our long acquaintance that you are capable of both these important leadership qualities. Clearly Pamela, your grateful membership has selected you to both represent and guide them for another term. That's their highest honor and you, my dear friend, are their brightest star! Certainly, this creamy classic, an ever-popular and deliciously rich **MILKY WAY** will remind you of that fact, sweetening and shining brightly over your leadership in the year ahead!



It has been my sincere pleasure today to recognize all of you, the devoted Friends of the Granada Hills Library, and to congratulate you on your many years of dedication to this fine organization. I am grateful for the efforts of all those who like yourselves who make it possible for people like myself, devoted readers, audiophiles and dedicated movie & music fans, can avail ourselves of the riches that only a free, public library can offer its community. I want especially to extend my congratulations to Joan and Donna for their *syncopation* in organizing and carrying out today's event. And so, for them to share and enjoy, I've brought along this crisp n' chocolaty **TWIX BAR!**



And, because I want you all to know how sweet this has been for me, I've brought along these mini-**TWIXies** to thank and bless you for allowing me to share in this warm and happy occasion!

Finally, it is with great pleasure I congratulate your new Board on their election and proudly pronounce them each and collectively "duly installed" for the 2015-2016 term! Now, as I turn our meeting over to President Franklin, let me thank you once again for the pleasure of this return invitation. I know you're going to make this term another wonderful "win" for your **Granada Hills Library Community** and yourselves!

NORMA J., Installing Officer

Saturday, June 6th, 2015

**Photos from the Installation of Officers Luncheon
on June 6, 2015
Mission Hills, California**



Left to Right: Guest Speaker Norma J., President Pamela F., 1st Vice President Donna A., 3rd Vice President-Membership Chair Betty F., Joan V. (standing in for Secretary Judi V. and 2nd Vice President-Book Sale Chair Greer R.), Treasurer Joan D.



Left to Right: Jene of LAPL, President Pamela, Senior Librarian Pam.



Treasurer Joan D.

BOOK SALES

BOOK SALE REPORT

by Greer R.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We have scheduled our upcoming book sales and, as always, we need your help. The sales are all held on Fridays, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and on Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Setups are on the Thursday before the sale starting at 3:00 p.m. Here are the dates:

September 25-26

November 20-21

January 22-23

March 18-19

May 20-21

We can always use more paperbacks for our sales. If you have any you can donate or know someone who would like to donate paperbacks, let me know.

Greer

Day Trip on October 8th: Tour of "Auntie Annie's Pretzels"

On October 8th, 2015, we will take a tour of "Auntie Annie's Pretzels" in the Northridge Mall. After the tour, we get to make our own pretzel to take home. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

The tour will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Please call Donna A. to R.S.V.P.

Further details to follow.

Book Review by Lillian M.: The Aviator's Wife by Melanie Benjamin

I am recommending most highly "The Aviator's Wife." Written by Melanie Benjamin, this is a wonderful read. The Aviator in this case is Charles Lindbergh, the flyer who crossed the Atlantic alone in 1927 from New York to Paris and brought the world to its feet. No matter what age you may be, practically everyone has heard of his famous flight on the plane called "The Spirit of St. Louis", now housed at the Smithsonian Institute. However, though of necessity it deals with Lindbergh, the main focus is his wife, Anne Morrow, who writes this in the first person.

She was a young girl, the daughter of the American ambassador to Mexico, when she meets and falls in love with the handsome flyer who has just made history. They marry and through his encouragement she becomes the first licensed female glider pilot in the United States. The two go off on many journeys around the world. The fairy tale life that all thought them to lead turns out to not be as idyllic as all imagined. What happens in between will fascinate and intrigue you and sometimes repel you. There is heartache and hardship, but eventually Anne finds her independence and happiness. Of necessity, Lindbergh plays a big part, but as I have indicated it is written from her point of view.

This book would stand alone even if it were not historical fiction. However, most of the facts are true. I couldn't put this book down. Read it! It can be done in one or two days.