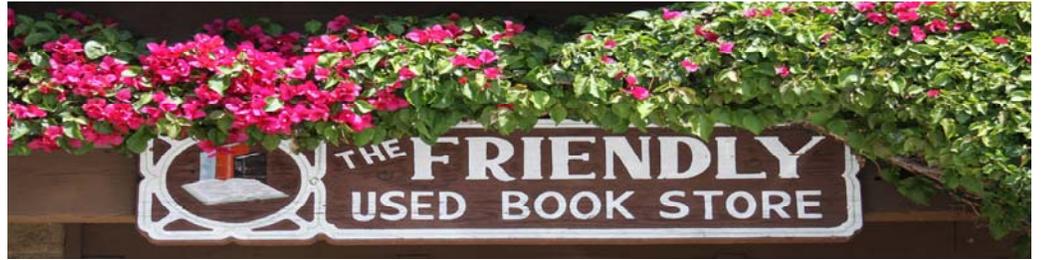


FRIENDS OF THE SANTEE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



October 2017



THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Not much new for me to say. We are again having a "Banner Year" in our Bookstore, and are very pleased about that. All thanks go to Chris Miller and her innovations. Things are getting better all the time, and we continue to raise good money to support our Library. Can't ask for better than that.

As far as getting a "real Library" for our city, it looks a bit more promising than it has in a long time. Some of our City Council are showing signs of being in favor of doing this, and that alone gives us hope. Let your City Councilmen know you are in favor of this, and it will help.

Reading is such a great pastime, and we need to stress that to our kids, and grandkids. We need a dedicated site, and Library. Hold a good thought, and it will come to pass.

Marilynn Fitzpatrick



Membership Drive

From now through December 1st we will be having a Membership Special. Renew your membership or sign up as a new member of Friends of Santee Library and receive membership through the end of 2018 and a coupon for a free book. Bring a friend in to become a member and both of you will receive a coupon for a free book. By becoming a member or continuing your membership you support our Library programs and services. The FOSL needs to be a strong voice in the community as we work toward a new library building. You becoming a member can add to that voice.



From the Library

Greetings Friends,

Santee Library had a fun and busy summer! We had a record 32 programs dedicated to our summer reading theme of Reading By Design. Our most popular youth programs involved teaching new technologies; kids were invited to program little R2D2-type robots called OZObots, use an app to animate their playdough creation and our ever popular 8-week Lego Mindstorm program where teams of 5th & 6th graders are mentored by high school students to design, build, program and test a Lego robot.

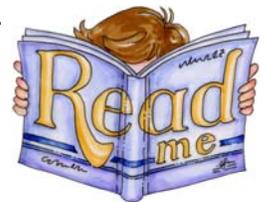
Over 3500 people registered at the Santee Library for summer reading, #1 in registrations in the entire county library! We also had an 18% increase in program attendance while adding just 5% more programs. It is gratifying to know we are providing the types of programs our community members want to see in their library; they trust us to provide educational and entertaining programs and needed services to ensure their children can learn through play.

The Friends of the Santee Library are a critical partnership in our efforts to serve the Santee community. Your time, effort and energy in raising money and advocating for improved library services make our success possible. As we go into the holiday season, I am grateful for a Friends group that provides many levels of support as we strive to improve the literacy and lives of Santee residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Cosart

Branch Manager



There is always room for another volunteer in the Bookstore or at the library and on the New Library Committee. If you are interested in volunteering at the Bookstore or the New Library Committee, contact Chris Miller via the bookstore. Apply at the Library for volunteering there.

We are now e-mailing as many newsletters as we can to save the cost of printing and postage. If you receive a paper copy of this newsletter it means we do not have your e-mail address or we have an incorrect e-mail address. Please contact Nancy Friend at the bookstore on Friday afternoons or e-mail Chris Miller at c.miller@cox.net with your e-mail address so we can update our membership list

Evelyn “Lyn” Rodriguez de Candel

An Cultural Asset to Uur Library

In the summer of 2014, recent retiree Lyn De Candel moved to Santee to be with her son. Within a few days of arriving, Lyn walked into the Santee Library and immediately felt at home. The familiarity of the books and the welcome from staff led her to become a library supporter.

Lyn is at heart a teacher; she graduated from university in San Salvador with a degree in Graphic Design, and taught design development and product development at university for 13 years. Her fondest memories are of students sharing their success at building design careers in the United States.

Lyn married and raised two sons in San Salvador. After her husband’s death, Lyn left her country to find new challenges. She moved to San Francisco to work in the El Salvador Consulate, and after a brief time working in Guatemala, returned to the US to work in the El Salvador Consulate in Los Angeles.

It was during this time in LA that her son introduced her to the public library. Lyn visited weekly and met so many like-minded bibliophiles she started a monthly Spanish language book club. Lyn continues to participate each month to reinforce the bonds of friendship over a good book discussion.

Lyn holds a special position in the Santee Library. She is a trainee with a program called SER-National, a federally funded program to assist older adults to train for new skills and find employment. Her work at the library involves shelving, emptying and processing book drop items, and other duties that strengthen her clerical skills. Lyn also has unique language skills that allow the Library to offer Conversation Café, spoken language practice for English language learners. Twice a month, Lyn also teaches a Spanish-language class for beginners.

Lyn became a naturalized citizen on September 20, 2017. It has been our honor to be a part of her seven-year effort to become a US citizen.

By Cheryl Cosart



Kathy Kimsey and Lyn after they completed their Day of the Dead display last October.



Friends of Santee Library Board

President	Marilynn Fitzpatrick
1st Vice President	Chris Miller
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Secretary	Kay Thornburg
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The Board of FOSL meets the second Wednesday of each month (except July & August) at 10 am in the Bookstore. Members are welcome

Nominating Committee

If you have nominations for positions on the FOSL Board or are interested in a position, please contact Chris Miller at c.miller@cox.net or at the Bookstore on Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays.

From the Bookstore



The Bookstore is doing great! Our sales through the summer have been record breaking, our volunteers have been awesome and the donations have been unbelievable! Without donations we do not have a business, so thank you to all of you who have been generous enough to share your treasured books with us. The whole bookstore team has worked hard through the summer to get those donations on the shelf and available to everyone else. If you haven't been by the bookstore lately come visit us. There is always someone up for a conversation and we have lots of books, DVDs and CDs to choose from.

Chris Miller ~ Bookstore Chair

Volunteers Make the World Go Round

That statement is totally true about the FOSL volunteers. We have over 40 volunteers who work at the Bookstore, some occasionally, some once a week and some several days a week. The New Library Committee has 14 active members that meet once a month and attend outreach events building awareness in our community. They are also sewing and knitting to support our craft sale in December. We have wonderful volunteers who work directly in the Library, shelving, listening to kids read, helping put on events and doing many other things that support our Library staff. There are 17 adult volunteers and 14 teen volunteers. We really want you to meet some of these dedicated people. They make the Santee Library go round!

Lorraine Perricone — A Kid's Best Friend at the Bookstore



Before becoming a Friends of the Santee Library Bookstore volunteer, Lorraine Perricone, (no she is NOT related to the skin care specialist Dr. Perricone — she said if she was she would probably be rich) was a retired New Jersey elementary school teacher, where she taught for 30 and was even named New Jersey's teacher of the year in 2005.

The push to move to California was not hard. Good friends of her and her husband of 31 years, Frank, had moved here years before. After a couple visits to see them in Lakeside and a traumatic fall on the ice, resulting in surgery for a broken arm, involving titanium plates, the decision was made. They packed up everything, including their dog Dexter and made the 10 day drive in April 2015. Good fortune was on their side as they avoided every hurricane and rainstorm on the trip. Six months later their now 26 year old daughter followed.

Lorraine first noticed our bookstore when she visited her dentist next door. She then dropped off a book donation and completed a volunteer application. Her elementary school teaching experience came in handy as she undertook the challenge of reorganizing the Children's Corner. Books can now be found by genre and category which makes it a lot more pleasant shopping experience for both children and parents. Lorraine takes great pleasure and pride in selecting the books she puts on display. The cry of "I loved this book!" resounds on a regular basis through her working day.

Her favorite part about volunteering is the hearing the excitement of the kids as they find the books they are looking for. It brings back fond memories of her teaching days. And by the way, her favorite children's book is Charlotte's Web, because of all the good life lessons it teaches. Come on in on a Thursday afternoon and say Hi to Lorraine.

By Nancy Friend



Members Only Sales: Second Monday of the month, **November 13 & December 11**. Please mark your calendar. Monday hours are noon to 7pm.

End of the Month Sale dates are **October 27, 28 & 29** and **November 24, 25 & 26**,

End of Year Sale is **December 26 thru 31**

The Bookstore will be closed **November 23 and December 25**.

New Library Committee

The Committee is still meeting the third Monday of each month at 7pm in the Highlands Club-house. New members are always welcome. The committee has had a busy planning season over the summer. We have several events on line for the rest of the year.



December will be a busy month for us with a Craft Sale the first weekend, a Bookfair with Barnes and Noble the 9th through the 16th and gift wrapping from 2 to 6 on Christmas Eve at Barnes and Noble. Please plan to participate in these events because the proceeds will go towards our New Library Fund. Our fund is now over \$131,000, but we have a long way to go.

Doug Curlee has agreed to be our spokesperson and we look forward to developing some advertising with him. Stephen Houlahan has joined our team and we are looking for other like minded people in our community to help with our effort.

We will send out information on up-coming events by email and on Facebook, Nextdoor and our web page.

Chris Miller



Friends of Santee Library

Holiday Craft Sale



Items will include kitchen items, Holiday items, ornaments and other surprises. If you have craft items you would like to donate please contact Chris at the Bookstore. 619-596-1525

Date: Saturday December 2nd

Time: 10 am to 2 pm

Place: In front of the Library
9225 Carlton Hills Blvd, Santee

Proceeds to go to the New Library Building Fund

SAVE
THE DATE

Friends of Santee Library Barnes & Noble Bookfair



Saturday, December 9 - 16
All Day
Barnes & Noble
9938 Mission Gorge Rd

On Saturday we will have the Ozobots
And Sunday afternoon visit the Ladies
that provide our Read to the Dogs program
Other activities will be added as we get
closer to the date.

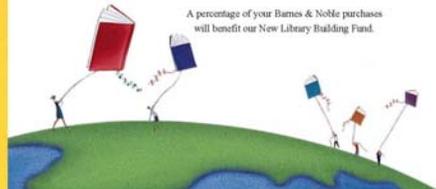
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Joan Walsh-Szott— A Dynamo on the New Library Committee



Her Philly accent is unmistakable as is her zest for life.

Joan Walsh-Szott, a volunteer with the Santee New Library Committee from the group's beginning in 2015, was talking about the recent hurricanes--Harvey and Irma. "I can't watch it anymore. It gets to me," she says. Who could blame her? After all she survived Hurricane Sandy in 2011 when she lived on the Jersey Shore near Atlantic City. Although her home didn't sustain significant damage because it was located at a slightly higher elevation, the devastation to the community left an indelible scar. "People lost every single thing they owned because they lived in little two-bedroom houses that were only one floor and had four, five, six feet of water in the house....It was horrible."

Joan and husband Ron were already thinking of moving to a nicer climate but Sandy was the kicker. They had been spending vacations at Pacific Beach, and decided they found their new home. Except not in PB. That was not their style. Friends who lived in The Highlands Mobile Park connected them to a seller, and they struck a deal in 2013. "We love it. I can see El Cajon Mountain from our front window."

As a newbie, Joan did what she usually does when making new connections---visit the local library. It was okay, but it was also lacking in space, she said. "I'd see kids sitting on the floor doing their homework (because they didn't have enough tables and chairs)...." "I thought Santee does need a bigger library." To help achieve that goal she joined the New Library Committee, helping at a bunch of fund-raising activities such as Fido Fest and the Book Fair at Barnes & Nobles. While those efforts have borne fruit, the group is still far away from getting to the \$15-\$20 million needed to build a new library, but Joan says she's optimistic. Somewhere down the line, the committee will attract a large donor, and that will spur momentum, she says.

An avid reader and longtime first responder worker, Joan enjoys thrillers and mysteries. "Of course I like cop books, detective books....things where you don't know how it's going to end until you get to the last page." For the bulk of her career Joan was a 911 operator first for the Philadelphia Police, and later for the Brigantine (New Jersey) Police Department." Her very first 911 call was a memorable one. A woman called from a phone booth. "She said, 'I need an ambulance,' and I said, "What's wrong?" And she said, 'I have an ax in my back.'" "The woman was as calm as could be. She was in shock. She lived in a bad area and someone came up behind her and hit her in the back with an ax." Joan turned to her trainer who simply told her, "There you go Joanie." The ambulance got the woman to the hospital and she survived. That incredible ice breaker was the start of a 36-year career in police dispatching. "I loved the job and have many wonderful, funny, sad and happy memories."

Joan said maybe one day she'll write a book about it all.

By Mike Allen

Friends Holiday Party at the Library

The FOSL Holiday Party will be December 8th at 6pm in the Library. It will be a potluck, so bring a dish and join us for a fun time. Please RSVP at the Bookstore (619-596-1525) so we know how many are coming and what you are bringing.



Tax Reminder

If you are looking for a good donation to make before the end of the year keep the Friends in mind. You can make a donation toward the New Library or a specific program you would like to see at the Library. We are a non-profit and can give you a receipt for your donation. Use the attached form, come by the bookstore and pick one up or we can send it to you

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