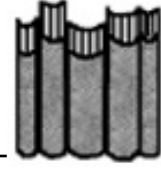


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Newsletter of the San Buenaventura Friends of the Library P.O. Box 403, Ventura CA 93002  
Winter 2014

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Kathy Thomson

The beginning of the new year is a time for reflecting on the good times and friends who graced the year just ended. And to turn our attention to putting our house in order for the coming year. Last year was capped by recognition of SBFOL as Non-Profit Organization of the Year by the Ventura Chamber of Commerce. We have our great volunteers and members to thank for this honor. The Friends Board is thankful to all our periodic sale volunteers for 2013: Bill Aulich, Dave Bayer, Don Belless, John Cole, Peter Thomson, Keith Gordon, Ting Lee Lew, Peter Lourito, Bill and Marcia Wakelee, Bill McNamara, Jeri Nieberding, Renee Robinson, Kay Mendel, Kristen Pena, Joe Niederst, Dan Powers, Russell Richardson, Curtis Routzen, Doug Singletary, Ed Wohlenberg, Michael Williams, and Chuck Carlson for his enduring logistics expertise in coordinating the details and volunteers for periodic sales. We thank Ventura Rentals for use of a delivery truck. We also thank volunteers from City Corps for transporting literally tons of discarded books at our sale last January. We are grateful to the many students from Foothill, Ventura, and Buena High and Anacapa and Cabrillo Middle Schools, for consistently helping at our periodic sales with friendly and helpful attitudes.



Many thanks go to the following volunteers for helping prepare for periodic sales at the warehouse and showing up to set up, cashier and take down after the sales: Merle Oberg, Thelma Piercy, Barbara Paarmann, Doris Tanner, Dottie Gragg, Marsha Agruso, Bill Garner, Susie Williams, Art Marshall, Alberta Word, Linda Palace, Pat Harter, Barb Swanson, Mary Pease, Yvonne Seabold, Marsha Van Diver, Elaine Blackstock, Jean Nickel, Debra Renick, Ellen Roth, Earl Askam, Ellen Klope, Jane Middleton, Judy Dugan, Connie Wiens, Kay Bradfield, Doris Jones, Marianne Coffey, Bill Coffey, Joanne Fields, Berta Steele, Mary Olson, Gary Stephens, Jane Anderson, Tom Harshbarger, and last but not least WOODY BRETZ our faithful, consistent, friendly and very strong book transport expert!

The Friends can keep going year after year only with the power driven by our volunteers. Without you, books would be collecting dust in boxes and bags and on shelves, programs would not exist and outdated materials would be replenished at a lethargic pace. Thank you for your time and dedication. We look forward to an outstanding year when we close out the books in March. Please come celebrate with us at our annual meeting on March 23rd.

## MEMBERSHIP AND MAILING LISTS

Memberships are the lifeblood of any volunteer organization, and San Buenaventura Friends of the Library (SBFOL) is no exception. It is from the membership that we draw volunteers who help the organization run and make possible the great support SBFOL gives to our libraries. Our membership year runs from April 1 through March 31.

Our Bylaws state that membership dues we receive in the last 3 months of the fiscal year will apply to the following fiscal year. Therefore any membership dues we receive after January 1, 2014, will make your membership effective through March 31, 2015.

**In an effort to trim our expenses so that we will have more to donate to our libraries, we have decided to send print newsletters only to those members who are current in their dues.**

This will be **effective with the Spring Newsletter**. So check the label on your newsletter for a membership expiration date. If you do not find one, please consider joining us by sending in your membership dues now!

We will continue to send email newsletters to all those for whom we have an email address.

## SBFOL receives Poinsettia Award for Non-Profit Organization of the Year



On December 12, the San Buenaventura Friends of the Library was honored by the Ventura Chamber of Commerce with this year's Poinsettia Award for Non-Profit Organization of the Year. We dedicate this award to all Friends volunteers and members, past, present and future, because of their tremendous efforts year after year supporting libraries in Ventura.

Kathy Thomson, pres. of SBFOL, front row, second from right. Photo courtesy of Kenny Backer.

In 2013, over 80 active volunteers contributed more than 6,000 hours to staff and stock the Friends bookstore at Foster Library, manage the online book sale site, prepare books for periodic sales, publicize Friends and library events through a quarterly newsletter, website and other social media and manage the operations of the organization. We are honored that the Chamber of Commerce selected the friends for the Poinsettia Award.

### SBFOL Volunteer of the Year

**Teddy Wood** (on right in photo) was recently honored by the SBFOL Board as Volunteer of the Year for her amazing devotion to sales on the Amazon website as well as working on sorting, pricing, and collecting donated merchandise at the Foster Library. Teddy spends countless hours to successfully promote both endeavors! Please join us in congratulating and thanking Teddy.

And thanks to all the bookstore volunteers:

Margaret Agruso, Bill Aulich, Marilyn Batelaan, Phyllis Beck, Marianna Blackstock, Lorna Buck, Annette Clark, Marianne Coffey, Joann Cunningham, Diane Ellis, Lenora Engeldrum, Jerry Fletcher, Jean Forsyth, Edie Fowkes, Ruth Gallagher, India Gonzales, Dottie Gragg, Ellen Harrison, Tom Hashbarger, Deborah Hill, Pat Hofmann, Gloria Kraft, Isabel Levitt, Barbara Lewis, Fran Lull, Nicole Martin-Ward, GayleyMcConica, Debbie McKay, Mary Ann Memmer, Anne Morrison, Diz Mullins, Barbara Niles, Marietta O'Farrell, Rachel Okum, Linda Palace, Virginia Pesola, Donna Polan, Mary Anne Powers, Elizabeth Rinnander, Shelba Robison, Sandra Sanders, Bill & Georgia Scarlott, Mary Alice Schaltinat, Bob & Barbara Swanson, Connie Taft, Marge Towery, Edith Wald, Jeanine Walker, Lynn Weitzel, Dotty Whiteman, Connie Wiens, and, expecially, book store manager Colleen Gallo.



### \* MEMORIALS \*

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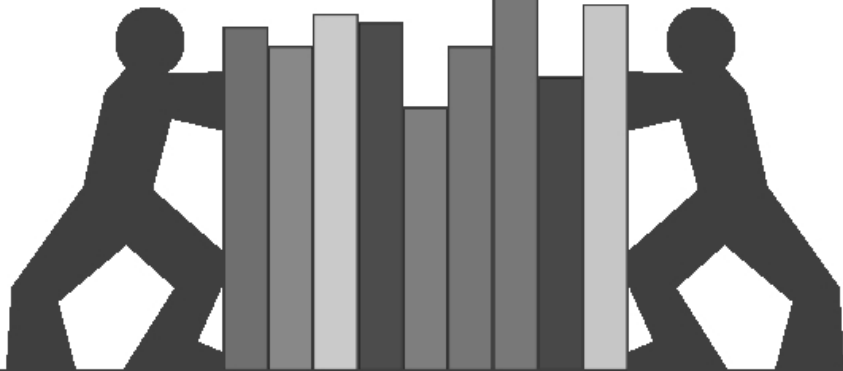
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*in honor of Gary & Barbara*  
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### *Thank you for your generous donation*

Pauline Biesecker  
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Susan & Edward Lacey  
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Ellen & Earl Roth  
Bill & Marcia Wakelee



## **SBFOL JANUARY TIDYING UP BOOK SALE**

**Saturday, January 25, 2014  
E.P. Foster Library Topping Room**

**SBFOL members will be admitted at 10:00 a.m.  
General public will be admitted at 1:00 p.m.  
Sale ends at 4:00 p.m.**

**HISTORY, MYSTERY, CURRENT FICTION, COOKING, ART,  
HEALTH & LIFESTYLE,  
AUDIOBOOKS, DVDs,  
LIKE-NEW PAPERBACKS**

Volunteers are always welcome for set-up (Friday afternoon, January 24 and Saturday morning) Please email [info@sbfol.org](mailto:info@sbfol.org) if you can help.

### **COMING IN MARCH THE BIG READ**

**The Things They Carried  
by Tim O'Brien**

**The Things They Carried** explores the experience of young soldiers at war and their adjustment difficulties upon returning home.

The Big Read is designed to encourage whole communities to read for pleasure and enlightenment and so revitalize the role of literature in American culture. This will be the third year the City of Ventura has sponsored a Big Read.

To participate in The Big Read, Read the book and Watch for related events in March on the city, Ventura County Library and SBFOL websites.

The next SBFOL board meeting will be held on

**Thursday, January 23 at 2:00 p.m.  
in the Topping Room  
All members are invited!**

Join us at our monthly meeting to learn how we financially support our libraries. We're looking for YOUR fresh ideas!

#### **OFFICERS**

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Kathy Thomson
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Berta Steele
<b>RECORDING SECRETARY</b>	Joanne Fields
<b>CORRESPONDING SECRETARY</b>	Dixie Adeniran
<b>TREASURER</b>	Gary Stephens
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	Mary Olson

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
*San Buenaventura  
Friends of the Library  
Annual Membership Meeting*

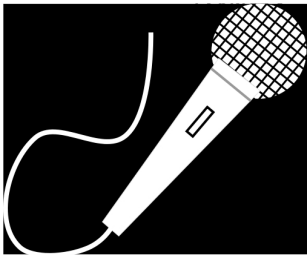
**Sunday, March 23  
2:00 p.m  
Topping Room**

#### **COFFEE HOUSE LIVE! AT THE LIBRARY**

Join us at our annual meeting and enjoy live performances, refreshments and lively company.

Catch up on all the news from the Friends and your library.

Socializing and entertainment will be followed by a **brief** business meeting for SBFOL members to elect officers for the coming year. The slate of officers will be posted on the SBFOL website, facebook page and emailed to the membership prior to the annual meeting.



**OPEN MIC NIGHT**  
 Thursdays  
 January 2, 9, 16, & 30  
 7:30-9 p.m.  
 Come be inspired and  
 inspire others.



**COMPUTER CLASSES**  
 are now one-on-one  
 sessions.  
 Call the library for  
 more information.  
 648-2716

**TEENS STILL TEACH TECH**  
 Saturdays, Jan. 11 & 18, 10:00 am to noon  
 Bring your new gadgets to the library for  
 tech support from local teens.



**TAG: TEEN ACTIVITY GROUP**

Thursday, January 23, 4 p.m.  
 Teens ages 13-18 meet at the library to  
 work on various community projects.



**TAG GAME NIGHT**  
 Friday, January 31  
 5:30-8:30

Teens ages 13-18 are welcome to take part in  
 game night.  
 Games will take place in the Topping Room.

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**Heart Print**  
*word of mouth on paper*

**Mentoring in writing and performance for teens.**  
 Experience a variety of performers and artists. Students  
 will build a portfolio of their work and be encouraged to  
 enter writing contests. Co-sponsored by Askew Poetry  
 Journal. E.P. Foster Library, 1st and 3rd Mondays, 4 - 6 pm.

**Find Your New Year's Inspiration  
 at the Library!**



Tuesdays  
 in the Topping Room.  
 Create cool stuff with local "makers". Open to all ages.

Jan. 7 & 21: 8 to 10 pm.  
 Jan. 14: Media Night -- GoPro Hero cameras: overview  
 and basic ingest/editing., 7:30 to 9:30 pm.  
 Jan. 28: Make! Family Night 6:30-8 p.m. Drop in to  
 create fun stuff. Family-friendly and free!  
 Call 648-2716 for more info.



**E.P. Foster Storytimes**

**Lap Sit**

Mondays, January 13 & 27  
 10:30 a.m.  
 Story interaction for ages 0-18 months.

**Preschool Storytime**

Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28.  
 10:30 a.m.  
 A pocketful of stories and crafts for ages 5  
 and under.

**Wednesday Wonder**

Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29,  
 3:30 p.m.  
 Stories, games and activities for ages 5 to 12.

**Paws for Reading**

Saturdays, January 11, 18 & 25  
 noon-1:00  
 Read aloud to a registered service dog.  
 (sign-up required)

**Coming in February: Read to Me**

An early literacy workshop for parents and caregivers of  
 children ages 0 - 5. Parents will learn early literary skills,  
 how to make a story come alive and to extend stories into  
 activities that the whole family will enjoy.  
 Advance registration will be required. Inquire at the  
 library.

### Call for volunteers!

#### The library received a grant from Cal Vet to open a Veterans Resource Center in E.P. Foster Library

The California Department of Veterans Affairs and the California State Library are joining forces to help California veterans get connected to the benefits and services they've earned through military service.

We need some volunteers to open the center. You set the hours!

Training will be provided by CalVet to prepare volunteers to answer basic benefits-related questions, to offer CalVet and other appropriate veterans benefits resources and to provide a checklist of documents and information needed when applying for benefits.

Contact Sara Roberts if you are interested - 641-4414.



The City of Ventura, in partnership with E.P. Foster Library, is sponsoring the Sixth Annual Art Tales contest. Writers of all ages are invited to compose a short story or poem (500 words maximum) inspired by one of the artworks currently on exhibit at the library.

**In Praise of Shadows** is the inspiration for the six works selected from the Municipal Art Collection. The hidden or shadowy aspects of these featured artworks will offer rich opportunities for authors to "bring to write" personal and cultural landscapes as poems and stories. Entries accepted until March 1, 2014.

Prizes will be awarded in three age divisions: **Youth** (grades 2 - 8) **High School** (grades 9 - 12) and **Adult** (age 18 and up). Visit the library or see [www.cityofventura.net/arttales](http://www.cityofventura.net/arttales) for all the details.

### The Place to Go

2013 has been a dynamic year at the library. New programs and community partnerships are making the library, more than ever, "The Place to Go When You Want to Know!"

Aspiring writers have learned from successful local writers, including a graphic novelist who shared his craft at the first ever FosterCon in October. Sounds of Second Sunday showcases local performers and brought us that most trendy of instruments, the ukulele. CSU Channel Islands faculty have enlightened us on a variety of subjects in their Library Lecture Series in the Topping Room. E.P. Foster became a stop on the Westside Art Walk. And the library and SBFOL joined in holiday festivities with the Downtown Ventura organization.

The library continues to be the place to go when you want to know things online with expanded Ebook, Eaudiobook, downloadable magazines and free and legal music databases. The eLibrary provides all manner of information with the use of your library card, no credit card required.

We would like to express our thanks to our city librarian, Sara Roberts, for so ably and enthusiastically realizing this vision of the library in the 21st century! We would also like to express our thanks to Star Soto, who continues to nurture all the youngest readers, and to Jane Middleton, whose energy and creativity foster the teen activities.

The Friends of the Library have been a partner in providing substantial support to the book budget and to the costs of programs. When an exciting opportunity arises that is not already in the library's budget, the Friends of the Library can step in to provide immediate financial assistance. In the current fast paced environment, we find the immediacy of email communication and Facebook and website postings to be, not just convenient, but a necessity. Beginning with the Spring Newsletter, we are trimming our print mailing list to current SBFOL members only. We will continue to send eNewsletters to all for whom we have an email address. Anyone can sign on to our email list at our website: [www.sanbuenaventurafriendsofthelibrary.org](http://www.sanbuenaventurafriendsofthelibrary.org)



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Join **San Buenaventura Friends of the Library** and help make our libraries even **BETTER!**

SBFOL supports the public libraries of the City of Ventura in delivering library services, including:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase of library materials and equipment, e.g. books, CDs, DVDs, books on tape</li> <li>• Summer programs for children and youth</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase public awareness of legislation and other events that may affect the delivery of library services</li> <li>• Special programs, receptions, speakers, &amp; field trips</li> </ul> |
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*Your membership at any of the levels below helps make all this possible.*

(Make checks payable to: SBFOL, and mail to P.O. Box 403, Ventura, CA 93002.)

Lifetime \$1000	Business \$250	Sponsor \$100	Family \$30	Individual \$20	Student \$10
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We need **YOUR** help! SBFOL is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization run entirely by **VOLUNTEERS**. Please consider volunteering in any of the following areas. Just check the boxes. We'll contact you.

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