

from the desk of the Treasurer ~

As we approach the one year anniversary of the opening of Hill Road library I cannot overstate the libraries' reliance on the support of Friends of the Library members, volunteers and the Ventura community. At this point in the fiscal year we are assured of meeting the library's intra year budget request of \$26,100 PLUS provide a substantial year end gift for collections, materials and other library needs.

To date the Friends have dispersed funds totaling \$13,362.94 for general programming and collection needs and \$5,500 for 19 Summer Reading Program shows at Ventura's four libraries. Funds were raised through the Foster bookstore, periodic sales, Amazon online sales, memberships, memorials and donations. Record numbers of community members turned out for the Summer Reading Program and Early Literacy Classes (formerly Storytime).

A huge thank you for your hard work and dedication goes out to our volunteer support staff at the Foster Library bookstore and inventory management operations, warehouse operations (who also serve as periodic sales staff), Executive Board and Board Committee chairs and our wonderful and helpful student volunteers.

2019 will mark 50 years the Friends of the Library have been supporting Ventura's libraries. In the early days of the organization membership reached into the 700s. Today we have slightly more than 300 members. We need to grow with our growing community. Can you help the Friends reach the 500 member milestone in time to celebrate our 50th anniversary?

With the holidays around the corner consider gifting a Friends of the Library membership to someone who is not yet a member. Benefits include quarterly newsletter highlighting library and Friends events, monthly email update of current library events, \$1 off a \$5 purchase at the Foster bookstore, early admission to special book sales and special 'members only' pricing and the satisfaction that your membership shows that you support libraries and literacy in the city of Ventura.

We realize many fine organizations request your support and we are grateful that you choose to support the current and future needs of our local community libraries.

Help us sell even more donated books by volunteering to move books at our next periodic sale on Oct 13 (load and set up Oct 12), or help in our bookstore or warehouse.

Leave your contact information at the bookstore, email friends@venturafriendsofthelibrary.org or leave a voice or text message at 805-750-6630.

See you at the Annual Meeting on October 21st!

Kathy Thomson



In the spirit of the surfing life described in **Barbarian Days**, a

Dine out Fundraiser

to benefit Ventura Friends of the Library and Ventura's Libraries

will be held at

**Snapper Jack's Taco Shack
on Telegraph Road in Ventura
Wednesday, October 24th, 2018**

You must present a flyer in order for the Friends of the Library to receive credit.

20% of each order will be contributed to Ventura Friends of the Library.

You can pick up a flyer in the Friends' Bookstore in E.P. Foster Library or at Hill Road Library in the Friends' corner.

The Friends recently received a generous donation of several watercolors and photographic prints from artists Susan and Hank Stoutz.

**On Sunday, November 4th
from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm,
join us for
an Art Show and Sale
at the Museum of Ventura County
in conjunction with Friends of the Library Sunday
at the Museum.**

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Some will also have for cookbooks and art book