



Ventura Friends of the Library Annual Membership Meeting

took place on October 20 at Hill Road Library. The very brief meeting followed the final event of our 50th anniversary year celebrations.

That Sunday, Friends, their guests, local dignitaries and helpers gathered at Hill Road Library for music, hors d'oeuvres, door prizes and displays. Mark Lager, Library Technology Manager, served as Master of Ceremonies.

The Broadway Juniors, directed by Miriam Arichea, serenaded us with songs chosen for the occasion to honor the Friends, such as "Thank You for Being a Friend" and "You've Got a Friend in Me."

Mayor Matt LaVere spoke about the importance of a vibrant library system to a community. Library Director Schram thanked the Friends for their hard work and dedication, noting that Hill Road Library could not have opened without our financial contribution. She presented the Friends with a plaque commemorating 50 years of service and advocacy. The plaque will be displayed in our bookstore in E.P. Foster Library. Friends' President Mary Olson gave a brief overview of the history of the Friends. She emphasized that libraries are dynamic, offer more services than most people realize, and that everyone is welcome.

Hill Road Café furnished finger food on the patio; Ivor Davis served up sparkling cider and presided over the door prize drawings. Guitarist John Bardi added to the festivities. A Power-Point played on the library's giant flat-screen with photos, documents, letters, newspaper articles from the Friends' archives. The original documents were displayed in scrapbooks that had been lovingly assembled over years. One of the original Friends, Hazel Clymer, was on hand and enjoyed seeing a news photo of herself from the early days. The new Mobile Library/Bookmobile was parked outside for tours and information.*

Following the celebration, our brief annual meeting convened. The Treasurer's end of year report was accepted and the Board of Directors for 2020 was elected.

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| PRESIDENT | Mary Olson |
| VICE PRESIDENT | Joanne Fields |
| TREASURER | Kathy Thomson |
| RECORDING SECRETARY | Ellen Klope |
| CORRESPONDING SECRETARY | Star Soto |

*The account of our 50th Anniversary Celebration was largely excerpted from Jill Forman's reporting for The Breeze.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION

meets in the Topping Room on the first Saturday of the month from 10 am to noon. This group reads a variety of fiction and non-fiction and is always open to new members!

Saturday, February 1:

The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George

This meeting will be in E.P. Foster Rentfrow Room due to book sale in Topping Room.

Saturday, March 7:

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coats

Saturday, April 4:

Poetry Month - share a few favorite poems!

For more information, contact Donna at reader1011@icloud.com

* MEMORIALS *

in memory of Ed Elrod

from

Yvonne Seabold

Ed Elrod was known to many as proprietor of the Ventura Book Store. In addition to his love of books and languages and support of the Friends, he was a supporter of the Ventura Music Festival and the Diversity Collective of Ventura County.

in memory of Bob Swanson

from

Ann Elliott

Bob was a true friend of the Friends of the Library.

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and to those who renewed membership
at the patron level

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