

The Sea Scribe

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE DANA POINT LIBRARY ✧ WINTER 2015

ELECTION NOTICE

5:00 PM ✧ WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2015

Annual General Meeting & Association Board Elections

The *Friends of the Dana Point Library* will hold its Annual General Meeting in the Community Hall of the Dana Point Library at 33841 Niguel Road on Wednesday 18 February 2015 at 5:00 pm, to elect four new Directors to the Association Board. The three candidates with the highest vote counts will serve for two years (2015 & 2016). The candidate with the fourth-highest vote count will serve for one year (2015).

This edition of the *Sea Scribe* newsletter contains the meeting agenda and the biographies of the six nominated candidates.

If you are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting in person, a voter proxy form is included with this newsletter. Each Association member may vote for a maximum of four candidates.

The votes of members present at the meeting – as well as proxy votes from absent members – will be counted under the supervision of the Association's Election Committee. The members of the Committee are *Lorrie Borgese* (Chair), *Elsie Billy* and *Roseanne DeGraw*.

We invite all members to attend the Annual General Meeting, in order to confirm and renew our dedication to democracy and transparency within the Association.

MEETING AGENDA:

1. Opening and roll call
2. Distribution of election ballots, and vote for four open Director positions on the 2015 Association Board
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 19 February 2014
4. Reports from Board officers:
 - ~ *President's report*
 - ~ *Treasurer's report*
 - ~ *Secretary's report*
5. Reports from Committee chairs:
 - ~ *Bookstore Committee*
 - ~ *Membership Committee*
6. Outcome of 2015 Board election
7. Adjournment

Volunteers Needed

Spend an enjoyable few hours volunteering at the Bookstore each month with delightful colleagues, wonderful patrons and colorful books – some of which are a bit tattered (*take your pick!*).

We regularly hold volunteer training sessions at 10:00 am on the second Tuesday of every month. Please call Betsy Evans at 1 949 661 8832 for more details.

Please remember to vote.

2015 BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATES

The candidate statements are displayed in random order. The order of candidate names on the official voting ballot is different, and was drawn by lot by the Election Committee. Only members who paid their dues by 31 December 2014 are eligible to vote.

Simone Stoeker

PROPOSED BY: *Lucie Lowery*. SECONDED BY:
Paul Strauss, Barbara Anderson & Ann Strauss.

I was recently appointed a manager at the Bookstore. I graduated from Portsmouth High School in New Hampshire after spending a year as an exchange student there, and from the Pestalozzi Gymnasium in Germany. I went on to study German and History at Dortmund University. While at university I started teaching English for seniors, and later founded a private school. I was asked to start teaching English for seniors at the community college, and taught classes that lead to a school degree. I was a lecturer at the Weststadt Akademie in Essen. In 2009 my husband and I moved to California permanently. Since then I have worked at an interior design studio, and have helped a quadriplegic neighbor (concentrating on hand therapy). I enjoy reading, gardening, painting, playing tennis, yoga, and going for walks with our dogs.

Caroline (Cubby) Rayfield

PROPOSED BY: *Helen Evans*. SECONDED BY:
Mary Bott, Susan Watson & Juliette Ravenelle.

My husband Wayne and I are twenty-year residents of Dana Point. I was the Association's Vice President for 2014. I have volunteered at the Bookstore for seven years, and at the Ocean Institute for six years. During the late 1990s, I was President of the Niguel Art Association.

I practiced real estate in Washington DC area from 1972 to 1994, and volunteered at the Urban Service Corps during the late-1960s and early-1970s.

Kat Quinn

PROPOSED BY: *Paul Strauss*. SECONDED BY:
Ann Strauss, Lisa Buchner & Hilary McGrath.

In 2014, I was appointed to Association Board as Treasurer after the resignation of Julie Arnold. I currently volunteer in the Bookstore, with one permanent shift and as a substitute. I enjoy meeting so many people who love to read. I am the gift shop treasurer at Mission Hospital in Laguna Beach, where I have been volunteering for ten years. I worked at Southern California Edison for thirty-five years in budgets and accounting, before retiring in 2007. I have had the pleasure of living in Dana Point since 2001. I believe that honest communication is key to every relationship.

Karla Sanders

PROPOSED BY: *Helen Evans*. SECONDED BY:
Cubby Rayfield, Susan Watson & Mary Bott.

I take a keen interest in community affairs, and feel strongly about giving back. I was Membership Chair on the Board of the San Clemente Friends of the Library. I have lived in Niguel Shores community since 1976, and held many volunteer positions over the years. I was born and raised in Utah. I received a BS in Education from the University of Utah, and an MBA in marketing from the University of California, Irvine. I worked in marketing for a medical device company. When a Friends board member moved away I was appointed to the Board where I have been newsletter editor, sent out press releases, and am liaison between the Niguel Shores Garden Club and our Board for the patio planting.

2015 CANDIDATES

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Donna Huff

PROPOSED BY: *Joan Beyer*. SECONDED BY:
Cheryl Czyn, Carol Kuhn & Margaret Brugger.

Donna has been a volunteer at the Friends of the Library for eight years. She now works the Saturday shift from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Donna has had many come ask for her advice on books and authors. She is also bilingual. We are fortunate to have a manager as knowledgeable as she is. She would be an asset on the Association Board.

Joanna Schroeder

PROPOSED BY: *Helen Evans*. SECONDED BY:
Susan Watson, Cubby Rayfield & Mary Bott.

I have now been working at the *Friends of the Dana Point Library* Bookstore for almost a year as a substitute, and have recently trained to help with the Association's online book sales. I previously volunteered at the Long Beach Veteran's Hospital. I was born in Jacksonville, Florida. My father was in the Navy, so we traveled and moved around extensively. I reside in Dana Point and I love living here. I graduated from California State University, Fullerton with a BA in Business. I am retired now, but during my business career I worked in the insurance industry in different aspects for forty-four years. I love being retired: I love books, computers, my friends and family, and have a true love for dogs and all animals. I love to help people, consider myself very kind, am hard-working, and very loyal.

BOOKSTORE NEWS

With a great group of managers and new volunteers at the bookstore, things are going well. We started selling books online. We opened bookstands in three businesses in town: *J C Beans*, *Tutor & Spunky's Deli*, and *Dana Wharf Sportfishing*. We have also just added a new book kiosk in the *Niguel Shores Community Association* clubhouse lobby at the start of 2015.

At the beginning of 2014, the *Friends of the Dana Point Library* donated \$70 000 towards replacing the library's skylights. We learned in spring that the library was to be closed for the summer, while new skylights were being installed. That meant moving the Bookstore.

Thanks to business members *Tavern on the Coast* (owned by Joe and Vicki Scala): they donated a temporary location for the Bookstore on Pacific Coast Highway in downtown Dana Point. This allowed us to stay in operation from June to August 2014.

We had an opportunity to thoroughly clean the Bookstore, build new shelving and reorganize books before the library reopened. After the County raised insurance concerns about selling books from carts at the library entrance, we converted our storage room into an extension of the bookstore. We also built new book displays.

We also made space for a computer workstation to manage our new online sales on Amazon. Thank you to Rodney and Juliette Ravenelle, who donated a computer for this purpose.

We decided to hold a Christmas book sale in November 2014. It was a success, and we plan on making this an annual event.

Cubby Rayfield (vicepresident@friendsdanapoint.org)

RECOMMENDED NON-FICTION READING:

Penguin by Design (Phil Baines)
The Anglo Files (Sarah Lyall)
The Examined Life (Robert Nozick)
The Signal & the Noise (Nate Silver)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Most of the activity in the Association takes place in and around the Bookstore. Please read the *Bookstore News* section on page 3 for more information.

The Board has met monthly during the year. Its agendas and minutes are posted on our website at www.friendsdanapoint.org.

In 2014 the Board promoted its major donation of \$70 000 towards the installation of the new skylights in the library. Our biggest challenge was to manage the late announcement that the whole library building was to close for an undetermined number of months during summer to complete the project.

With the help of Cubby Rayfield we found a rent-free space. Foreseeing a substantial loss of income during the library's closure, we sought alternate means of income. This was achieved by establishing book sale points at a couple of businesses, and starting online sales through Amazon. Both have proven very successful: we have made \$ 3430.55 in profits from sales on Amazon since June 2014.

Our distributable income in 2014 has been good, considering the loss of months of regular sales and the

cost of utilities at our temporary location. Please see the *Financial Report for 2014* on page 8 for more details.

We lost three Board members this year: Julie Arnold and Lionel Simons moved out of town, and Bill Shepherd needed to devote more time to his business. Their replacements are Karla Sanders (*Director-at-Large*) and Kat Quinn (*Treasurer*).

Director-at-Large and Bookstore Manager Barbara Anderson has been unwell. Her Bookstore responsibilities have been mostly borne by Juliette Ravenelle. We thank Juliette, and wish Barbara well in the coming months.

Membership numbers have not grown much, except in the Business class, where we gained 15 new members. This is due to the effort of Cubby Rayfield. Please support our business members.

The upcoming election is for three vacant two-year positions, and one one-year position. The Association's strength lies in your involvement. Please attend the *General Meeting & Election* on the 18 February 2015.

Paul Strauss (president@friendsdanapoint.org)

JOIN OUR ASSOCIATION

Membership Types

- ~ \$ 20 – Single (\$ 15 from September to December)
- ~ \$ 35 – Family (\$ 30 from September to December)
- ~ \$ 50 – Patron (\$ 40 from September to December)
- ~ \$ 100 – Business Member
- ~ \$ 250 – Life Member (*one-time payment*)
- ~ \$ 500 – Honorary Life Patron (*one-time payment*)
- ~ \$ 1000 – Distinguished Life Patron (*one-time payment*)

New Members

Thank you to all who have renewed their memberships for 2015. We'd also like to welcome these new members:

- ~ Christina Borgese (Life Member)
- ~ Lorrie Borgese (Life Member)
- ~ Cheryl Czyz (Annual Member)
- ~ Simone Stoeker-Beumer (Annual Member)



ABOVE: Susan Peña and Karla Sanders enjoy the Association's newest donation to the Dana Point Library.

NEW BENCH DONATED TO THE LIBRARY

The bench that was in front of the library was broken, so it had to be removed. Our association Board asked senior branch manager Susan Peña if we could donate a replacement bench. She was delighted with the offer.

We bought a teak bench from Timeless Teak on Del Prado in Dana Point, located a source for the anchor

bolts and had a plaque made by Five Star Trophies in Laguna Niguel. The bench is now securely installed, thanks to our President's masonry skills. Thanks to Andrew Strauss for designing the plaque.

Karla Sanders (*Director-at-Large*)

IN MEMORIAM

We'd like to note the passing of *Jane Moses* (August 2014). Jane was a long-time volunteer at the bookstore.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the *Friends of the Dana Point Library*, 33841 Niguel Road, Dana Point, CA 92629.

DONATIONS

Thank you to Karla Sanders for donating \$100 to the Association in memory of Mary Williams.

We also welcome direct donations. Your generosity will help support our local library and its important public programs. Please post funds to the *Friends of the Dana Point Library*, 33841 Niguel Road, Dana Point, 92629-4010.

ESTATE PLANNING

Make estate planning your 2015 New Year's resolution. If you have never done your estate plan or if you are planning revisions, please consider a bequest to the *Friends of the Dana Point Library*.

RECOMMENDED NON-FICTION READING:

The Human Age (Diane Ackerman)
The Storm & the Tide (Lars Anderson)
The Double Life of Paul de Man (Evelyn Barish)
A Walk in the Woods (Bill Bryson)
Being Mortal (Atul Gawande)
God, Guns, Grits & Gravy (Mike Huckabee)
Pioneer Girl (Laura Ingalls Wilder)
The Reaper (Nicholas Irving)
What if (Randall Munroe)
Writings on an Ethical Life (Peter Singer)

PLEASE HELP US

Every Time You Shop at Ralphs

The Kroger family of stores helps local communities through its *Community Contributions Program*. You can help support the *Friends of the Dana Point Library* every time you shop at Ralphs. All you need to do is link your *Ralphs Reward Card* to our association.

To do so, please visit our Bookstore at the Dana Point Library and ask for a copy of the letter with our linking Ralphs bar code. Take this letter the next time you go to Ralphs, and ask your cashier or the store manager to link your *Ralphs Reward Card* to the *Friends of the Dana Point Library*. A sum from each purchase you make will then be credited to our Association, and Ralphs' *Community Contributions Program* will make a donation to us every three months.

RECOMMENDED FICTION READING:

The Fever (Megan Abbott)
An Unnecessary Woman (Rabih Alameddine)
Song of the Shank (Jeffrey Renard Allen)
The Bones Beneath (Mark Bellingham)
Broken Monsters (Lauren Beukes)
Do or Die (Suzanne Brockman)
Night Heron (Adam Brookes)
The Miniaturist (Jessie Burton)
One Kick (Chelsea Cain)
Curious: True Stories & Loose Connections
(Rebecca Front)
The Spy Game (Georgina Harding)
The Girl on the Train (Paula Hawkins)
Good Behaviour (Molly Keane)
Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk (Nikolai Leskov)
The Mysteries of Udolpho (Ann Radcliffe)
All Quiet on the Western Front
(Erich Maria Remarque)
Before I Go to Sleep (S J Watson)

BUSINESS MEMBERS

BONJOUR CAFÉ & BISTRO

24633 Del Prado – Dana Point – CA 92629

Tel 1 949 496 6368 – www.bonjourcafe.com

BRENDA'S HAIR HOUSE

34144 Pacific Coast Highway – Suite C – Dana Point

Tel 1 949 661 8665 – *Brenda Eisenhower*

BRIO TUSCANY GRILLE

24050 Camino del Avion – Monarch Beach – CA 92629

Tel 1 949 443 1476 – www.briorestaurant.com

THE COFFEE IMPORTERS

34531 Street of the Golden Lantern – Dana Point

Tel 1 949 493 7773 – www.coffeeimporters.com

DANA POINT HARDWARE

24422 Del Prado – Dana Point – CA 92629

Tel 1 949 496 4158 – billydpg@gmail.com

DANA POINT NURSERY

34100 Pacific Coast Highway – Dana Point – CA 92629

Tel 1 949 496 5137 – www.danapointnursery.com

DANA WHARF SPORTFISHING

34675 Street of the Golden Lantern – Dana Point

Tel 1 949 496 5794 – www.danawharf.com

THE HARBOR GRILL RESTAURANT

34499 Street of the Golden Lantern – Dana Point

Tel 1 949 240 1416 – www.harborgrill.com

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34515 Street of the Golden Lantern – Dana Point

Tel 1 949 276 2424 – www.harborjeweler.com

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24462 Del Prado – Dana Point – CA 92629

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24462 Del Prado – Suite 1 A – Dana Point

Tel 1 949 240 1545 – www.lanternbaycarpets.com

MCCOOL FLOWERS

31271 Niguel Road – Suite A – Laguna Niguel – CA 92677

Tel 1 949 488 7988 – www.mccoolflowers.com

TAVERN ON THE COAST

34212 Pacific Coast Highway – Suite A – Dana Point

Tel 1 949 415 5888 – www.tavernonthecoast.com

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34085 Pacific Coast Highway – Suite 116 – Dana Point

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PRODUCTION

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2014

Balance Sheet

CASH BASIS 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014

ASSETS

Petty Cash	
Wells Fargo (<i>Certificates of Deposit</i>)	51 036.71
Wells Fargo (<i>Checking: General</i>)	11 761.86
Wells Fargo (<i>Checking: Online Sales</i>)	2590.86
Wells Fargo (<i>Money Market: General</i>)	30 697.66
Wells Fargo (<i>Money Market: Legacy</i>)	(3.85)

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 96 083.24

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

EQUITY	
Retained Earnings	159 049.60
Net Income	(62 966.36)
TOTAL EQUITY	\$ 96 083.24

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY \$ 96 083.24

Income Statement

CASH BASIS 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014

Account at Wells Fargo Bank Opened	18 389.85
Book Sales	41 235.83
Donations (<i>Directed</i>)	2060.00
Donations (<i>General</i>)	2203.75
Donations (<i>Total</i>)	4263.75
Interest Income	192.90
Membership Dues	4940.00
Merchandise Sales	50.95

TOTAL INCOME \$ 69 073.28

Expenses Statement

CASH BASIS 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014

LIBRARY DONATIONS

Building Renovations	70 000.00
Books (<i>Adult</i>)	11 329.00
Books (<i>Children</i>)	12 054.00
Books (<i>AV, Periodicals & Reference</i>)	1531.00
Books (<i>Teen</i>)	5111.00
Books (<i>Total</i>)	30 025.00
Library Equipment & Supplies	691.60
Programs (<i>Adult</i>)	600.00
Programs (<i>Children</i>)	2981.77
Programs (<i>Total</i>)	3581.77

TOTAL LIBRARY DONATIONS \$ 104 298.37

ASSOCIATION OPERATIONS

Account at US Bank Closed	18 472.07
Bank Charges	164.65
Bookstore Expenses & Maintenance	3788.08
Equipment & Supplies	816.41
Insurance	2329.00
Membership Expenses	63.86
Newsletter, Roster & Website	739.78
Postage & Stationery	815.08
Professional Fees (<i>Accounting</i>)	400.00
Public Relations	92.34
Taxes & Fees	60.00

TOTAL ASSOCIATION OPERATIONS \$ 27 741.27

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 132 039.64

NET INCOME (\$ 62 966.36)