



# NEWS EXCHANGE

WINTER 2019



*FOL Board ...  
hard at work  
and having fun!!!*



## WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!



### KIM SHINGLE

Kim Shingle is a retired teacher who spent 31 years working for the Goleta Union School District. Being that Education is what she knows and loves, she now volunteers in various elementary and middle

school Santa Barbara classrooms. Twice a year she helps administer the EL PAC test, a test for second language students, for Goleta Union.

When time allows, you will find her enjoying the outdoors, in the garden cultivating vegetables for her family's meals, or trimming the many native plants that surround her home. With her 3 grandchildren living a stone's throw away, there are always their outside adventures to delight in. A dog walk-a-day, helps keep Kim and her dog, Phinney, happy and healthy, whether it is just through the neighborhood or a romp on Hendry's dog friendly beach. Indoor activities include puzzles of any sort, playing Mah jongg with friends, planning the latest travel excursion with her husband, Peter, or reading, always reading.

Working on The Santa Barbara Friends of the Library Board will continue her strong ties to public libraries for which she has had a life long enthusiasm!

### PATRICIA SAN FILIPPO

Patricia San Filippo is a licensed marriage and family therapist in private practice in Santa Barbara. She is also a Family Custody Mediator with Santa Barbara Superior Court. Patricia has devoted her practice to helping children cope with divorce and helping parents become peaceful and effective co-parents.

Prior to Patricia's decision to change careers, she was a Fire Inspector with Santa Barbara City Fire Department and had also worked as the Fire Chief's assistant at Santa Maria Fire Department. She was one of the first three women to attend the Fire Academy at Allan Hancock College and is a State Certified Firefighter. After she retired from the fire service, Patricia returned to school and earned a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology.

Patricia has always prided herself in being a life-long learner and the love of reading has always been a part of her life from the first day she went to the library at the age of 6 years and received a library card.

Patricia is a past president of Women's Economic Ventures and a member of The Women's Fund. In her leisure time, Patricia enjoys family gatherings, playing Mah jongg and attends Zumba classes.





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Barbara Hershberg

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### *Admin. Secretary*

Linda Love

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

My term as President of the Friends Board of Directors is coming to a close as of the end of December. I am looking forward to my new position as "Past President"! I have served in this capacity before and I can assure you I excel in this position. Barbara Hershberg is starting as our new president on January 1 and she has been an amazing Vice President and head of events. Those of you who have participated in our many events this year know that she is very creative

and full of energy. Our latest event was our Mah jongg event. It was Barb's idea to change from a tournament to an "event" and the result was a super fun time for many different levels of players. We even offered lessons for beginning players.

We are a working Board so if any of you members would like to participate as helpers in any of our events please reach out and we will let you know what is happening and when.

A huge "Shout-Out" to Linda Love, our Administrative Secretary. She is an invaluable member and the glue that keeps Friends working so well. None of us know what we would do without her!

And last but not least, I am thrilled to welcome my friend Patricia San Filippo to the Board. When we met in 1987 she was serving as President of the Board for Women's Economic Ventures and she asked me to sit on her board. Since turnabout is fair play, she had wanted to help out as a board member for FOL for years but with us meeting at 4:00 pm that was not possible. We are now meeting at 5:00 pm so that made it possible for her to join up. She is jumping in with both feet and will be serving for the next two years as our President Elect.

Life is good!!

*Michele Allyn, President FOL*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The library's fiscal year is July 1st to June 30th, and each year we receive a "Wish List" for those twelve months. This year's request is \$65,000. Your gifts to FOL are all spent locally to support literacy and to support an institution that welcomes all who walk through the doors. In addition to the good-hearted generosity of our membership, we have had several fund-raising events. In June, our Sue Grafton Trolley Tour brought in \$10,500, the Spring Appeal brought in \$5900, Catharine Riggs' book signing event brought in \$1100, as did our recent Sunday afternoon of Mah jongg.

A shout-out to our most generous donors is a tradition. Please know that all donations are appreciated, and we hope that you will renew your membership in the coming year.

## THANKS to our most Generous Donors:

Michele Allyn

Anonymous

Paul Ballard

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Barbara and Ken Hershberg

Milton Hess

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# An AMAZING SPRING and FALL!



## A DAY WITH KINSEY - SUE GRAFTON TOUR & TALK

We were delighted with the turnout for our biggest fundraiser of the year. There are clearly many Sue Grafton fans in Santa Barbara. Susan Miles Gulbransen, Melodie Johnson-Howe and Fred Kline talked about their personal relationships with Sue and how she wrote her alphabet mystery series, which has a following around the world. After the panel, the participants boarded trolleys on a gorgeous sunny day to drive around town and stop at locations where Kinsey lived and worked, and even the sites of some murders that occur in her books. The tour was narrated by Irene Macias, former executive director of the library who wrote the script, as well as Anna Lafferty, Betsy

Green and Marsha Barr. While Irene wrote a script for a walking and trolley tour in 2004, she expanded it to include Grafton's later books.

In addition to the panel and tour, people were encouraged to fill out a trivia quiz to compete for prizes when they returned to the library. Friends of the Library board members provided treats including some of Kinsey's favorites, peanut butter and pickle sandwiches, pimento cheese sandwiches and "a better glass of Chardonnay." A special thank you to Marilyn McMahon for writing a pre-event article in the *News Press* and to Susan Miles Gulbransen for writing a follow-up in the *Noozhawk*.

## "WHAT SHE NEVER SAID" BOOK LAUNCH with CATHARINE RIGGS



As she graciously did with her first book, *What She Gave Away*, mystery writer Catharine Riggs partnered with the Santa Barbara Public Library to hold a benefit launch event to support The Friends of the Library. Catharine was interviewed by

Barry Punzal, who is the Sports editor of *Noozhawk*. They both served together on the Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table. As it turns out, Catharine played tennis in college and still runs to tap into her inner muse. In addition to the interview, she did a riveting reading from her book while the audience enjoyed a reception hosted by the Friends. Catharine donated all of the proceeds of the book sale. In addition, she and her husband gave another generous contribution to help support the work of the FOL.

*What She Never Said* is a page turner with well-developed characters that keeps the tension high to the very end. To make it even more enticing, it takes place in our own backyard, Santa Barbara, at an elite retirement community. You won't regret picking up a copy, and if you are an Amazon Prime member, you might consider going to Amazon Smile and making the Santa Barbara Friends of the Library your recipient.



## MAH JONGG AFTERNOON

- ★ Fifty-two players,
- ★ Shuffling colorful tiles
- ★ All supporting a good cause

The consensus of the Friends of the Library Board was that we will definitely repeat this event. We had so much fun playing Mah jongg with old friends and new people, introducing people to the game, making refreshments and creating and collecting prizes. The non-competitive structure eliminated any time constraints and made for a more relaxing afternoon. We look forward to hosting this fundraiser again next Fall. Special thanks to Trader Joe's, South Coast Deli, the Ensemble Theater, the Garvin Theater and authors Neal Graffy, Betsy J. Green and Annie Dahlgren for donating fabulous prizes.



# WHAT WE SUPPORT:

## COME JOIN THE FRIENDS AT THESE LIBRARY PROGRAMS!



### EARLY LITERACY KITS

Friends help support the library by funding programs and special collections like our **Early Literacy Kits**. These kits are “storytimes to go” with 5 books on a favorite theme, character, or developmental skill, plus a toy, costume, game, or other related accessory, plus a list of early literacy tips for caregivers with ideas for other learning activities that focus on the skills kids need to be successful in school.

### PROGRAMMING

Friends donations support programming at the Library. For example, the Library is able to **host guests at Music and Movement classes**, from professional children’s musicians to kids yoga instructors, to even the stars of Mo Willem’s popular children’s books, *Elephant and Piggie*.

### EXPLORATION CLASSES

The Library is also offering a **new early literacy class** this year that is supported by the Friends of the Library. **Exploration Stations** are opportunities for caregivers and children to engage in science, math, engineering, and literacy activities to help build the skills necessary to be ready for school. Each week there are 6-8 stations. Kids might learn about force and motion at the water table, arrange letters on the magnet board, practice fine motor skills with lacing, and explore color mixing at a light table. Each station is paired with recommended read-alouds and prompts for questions and interactions that caregivers can use to extend learning.

## KEEP THE MAGIC GOING! 2019 FALL PROGRAMS & MATERIALS for the Santa Barbara Public Library

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