



Newsletter

A Bi-monthly Newsletter

July – August 2020



HAVE A HEALTHY, SAFE SUMMER

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Presidents' Message

We hope this newsletter finds you well and safe as the Covid-19 virus continues to spread throughout the states. There has been dawning recognition that this is not going away soon, and that these are the new normal times. They are indeed trying times with political turmoil thrown into the mix. We are all trying to carry on as best as possible and adjust to the changes.

In our last newsletter, which was published under strict shelter-in-place orders, the PFOL board had voted to suspend renewal requests for membership dues and donations. After our June meeting and budget review, we voted to re-start renew reminder requests with the understanding that not everyone would be able to contribute according to their circumstances. With no book sale in June, and none in the foreseeable future, our main source of income is dues and donations. We apologize for the lateness of our response to those who renewed in March, April, and May as we were unable to access them at the Sharp Park Library. Belated thanks, and we hope for your continued support as we slowly emerge from this phase of re-opening.

After Joan sent out emails soliciting nominations from the members, we elected officers at our June meeting. Due to restrictions, we could not hold our annual meeting and party. The board voted to approve the officers who had agreed to extend their service for another year. The officers are: Co-President. Joan

Putz; Co-President Carl Schwab; Vice President Reba Leon; treasurer Susan Omran; Recording Secretary Laurie Jacobsen.

After reviewing the cost difference between email and USPS for distributing the newsletter, we decided not to renew our bulk mail permit and send hard copies to only those who request it and to those for whom we don't have an email address. If you wish to be included in the hard copy group or if you wish to receive the newsletter by email, please call Caroline at 359-3848.

Susan Omran, our treasurer, reported that Malcom Hall has re-started his Eagle Scout project of little libraries and is working on one to go up on Alicante Dr. We wish him well.

We are going through challenging times and learning new things. With patience and compassion, we can help each other come through to better days.

**Joan Putz & Carl Schwab
Co-presidents PFOL**



Curbside Pick-Up Available

Since early June curbside pick-up has been available at all SMCL libraries including Sharp Park and Linda Mar libraries. In order to provide maximum safety, contact has been eliminated. Once you browse the catalog at www.smcl.org and place an order, an email will be sent to let you know your item is ready. Then you go to www.smcl.org/curbside-pickup to make an appointment to pick up your item. Appointment hours are 3 to 7 pm on Tuesdays and 10 am to 2 pm on Thursdays and Saturdays. You will find your item bagged and on a table outside the library.

Although the Summer Learning Challenge this year will not have the usual performances, the challenge goes on. The PFOL contributed funds for the purchase of books to be given away to local children. Adjacent to the curbside table there is a table of books for children to choose 2 to take home. No appointment necessary.



Volunteer Opportunities



READING GIVES US SOMEPLACE TO GO WHEN WE HAVE TO STAY WHERE WE ARE. -Mason Cool



Don't forget to log onto www.smile.amazon.com every time you want to place an Amazon order. You can choose Pacifica Friends of the Library as your designated charity, and Amazon will donate a percentage of your total to us. It will not charge you for it. The shopping experience is the same, but PFOL benefits. So smile. You're on Amazon.

PFOL's New Address

The PFOL's new mailing address is P.O. Box 1806, Pacifica, CA 94044.

Raquel Espana, volunteer coordinator for the San Mateo Libraries has posted some volunteer opportunities. One is for mask makers. She estimates that the library will need approximately 1,000 masks for staff to get through the social distancing phase. She gave two websites for guidance: Pleated Face Covering (has YouTube video and template) <https://www.deaconess.com/How-to-make-a-Face-Mask/> and Face Covering Pattern with instructions <https://freesewing.org/blog/Facemask-frenzy/>. If you are interested and have some fabric stashed away, email www.volunteer@smcl.org or call (650) 275-5854 for more information.

There are also opportunities for English as a Second Language group facilitators who would guide Zoom discussions of English Learners, and also Adult Literacy Tutors for working one on one with adults. Both require training and are ongoing every week. Check the above sources for more information.

The PFOL has openings for members-at-large on its board of directors. For information call Joan Putz at 355-0698.

Check our website www.pacificafriendsofthelibrary.org for updates on re-scheduled book sales, renewed book donations etc.

Please be a Friend of the Library. Mail a completed form to >> Pacifica Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 1806, Pacifica, CA 94044 (please note the address change)

Membership Application / Donation Form

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am renewing my membership _____

I am a new member _____

Categories of membership:

\$10 Individual _____ \$15 Family _____ \$25 Patron _____

\$50 Sponsor _____ \$100 Benefactor _____ Other _____

Dues and donations are tax deductible.



To A Friend of the Library,
Thank you!

Your renewal date is

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Or Current Resident