

The Sea Scribe

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE DANA POINT LIBRARY & WINTER 2016

MEETING NOTICE

5:00 PM & WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2016

Annual General Meeting & Association Board Appointments

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 10 February 2016 at 5:00 pm, and will appoint four new Directors to the Association Board. 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.

This edition of the *Sea Scribe* newsletter contains the meeting agenda and the biographies of the four nominated candidates. The Election Committee met at the close of nominations on 29 January 2016. There were four openings and four candidates, so there is no need to have an election. Congratulations to the following people on their appointment to the Association Board:

- ~ Karla Sanders: *President*
- ~ Cubby Rayfield: *Vice President*
- ~ Julie Shields: *Secretary*
- ~ Kat Quinn: *Treasurer*
- ~ Juliette Ravenelle: *Bookstore Manager*
- ~ Simone Stoecker: *Facebook Page*
- ~ Kathy Buford: *Amazon Sales*

Your attendance is important.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Opening and roll call
2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 18 February 2015
3. Reports from Board officers:
 - ~ *President: Paul Strauss*
 - ~ *Treasurer: Kat Quinn*
 - ~ *Secretary: Simone Stoecker*
4. Reports from Committee chairs:
 - ~ *Bookstore Committee: Juliette Ravenelle*
 - ~ *Communication Committee: Karla Sanders*
 - ~ *Membership & Development Committee: Karla Sanders*
5. Results of 2016 Board election
 - ~ *Note: All four candidates appointed for two-year terms*
6. Adjournment

Volunteers Needed

Spend a few enjoyable 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.

2016 BOARD CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

The candidate statements are displayed in random order. Please note that since there are only four candidates running for four positions on the Association Board, there is no need to run an election (as per the Association Bylaws).

Julie Shields

PROPOSED BY: *Marion Tresfon*. SECONDED BY:
Juliette Ravenelle, Karla Sanders & Ann Strauss.

I was born and grew up in Long Beach, California. I attended college at Santa Clara University, graduating with a BA (1973) in English Literature. I earned my teaching credential at UCI (1976). My husband and I have lived in Dana Point since 1984. We have two children (John & Katie). I taught in the Saddleback Valley Unified School District for thirty-eight years. While teaching, I held numerous leadership positions and served on many committees. I began volunteering at the Bookstore in January 2015. I have been volunteering several days a month in the store, and am so impressed with all the caring, interesting volunteers I've met. What an amazing group; I am so honored to be a part of it! I love being a member of the *Friends* and would like to help wherever I can be of service.

Juliette Ravenelle

PROPOSED BY: *Julie Shields*. SECONDED BY:
Jayne Boydston, Rodney Ravenelle & Susan Watson.

I have volunteered at the Bookstore for the past ten years, where I have been the Bookstore Manager for the past year, and manager for the Tuesday morning shift. I have served on the Board of the *Friends* for the past two years. I worked in banking and later in corporate travel for thirty years, where I held a number of managerial positions. I have traveled to a number of places around the world, and have been fortunate to experience different cultures and culinary delights.

Kathy Buford

PROPOSED BY: *Juliette Ravenelle*. SECONDED BY:
Cubby Rayfield, Julie Shields & Susan Watson.

I am originally from Arkansas, where I graduated from the University with a degree in Business. I have three children and three grandchildren. I have lived in Arkansas, Florida, Tennessee, Ohio and now Southern California. I have been involved in a number of volunteer organizations, and thanks to my mother, have been an avid reader all my life. In addition to volunteering at the *Friends of the Dana Point Library*, where I work at the online sales desk, I enjoy walking the different beaches of my community and play duplicate bridge.

Simone Stoecker

PROPOSED BY: *Juliette Ravenelle*. SECONDED BY:
Jayne Boydston, Cubby Rayfield & Susan Watson.

I am a manager at the Bookstore and was elected to the Board in 2015 as a one-year member. I filled the position of Secretary to the Board for the past year. I graduated from Portsmouth High School in New Hampshire and from the Pestalozzi Gymnasium, Germany. I studied German and History at Dortmund University. I taught English for seniors at the community college and was a lecturer at the Weststadt Akademie in Essen. In 2009 my husband and I moved to California permanently. I enjoy reading, gardening, painting, playing tennis, yoga and going for walks with our dogs.

FOR MORE ELECTION INFORMATION:
Please contact Karla Sanders at karlajoe@cox.net.

FROM THE EDITOR

How to Write a Book Report

Book reports help evaluate a student's reading comprehension and ability to express their thoughts in writing. Depending on the grade level and the teacher's assignment, a book report can be from one paragraph to a few pages long. No matter the length, book reports need to include the following essential elements:

- ~ Title & Author
- ~ Summary
 - ~ *If the book is fiction, make a list of the story's elements (e.g. setting, characters and story plot). Use this information to write a summary.*
 - ~ *If the book is non-fiction, use a graphic organizer or thinking map to outline the most important facts and other information. Use this as a basis for a summary.*
- ~ Analysis
 - ~ *What you think about the book, and why?*

Here are some important questions to consider when writing a book report:

- ~ Did you like the book?
- ~ Could you relate to something in the character's life?
- ~ Did the book teach you anything?
- ~ What made the book difficult or interesting to read?
- ~ What surprised you, and why?
- ~ What do you now know that you didn't know before?
- ~ Would you read another book by this author?
- ~ What motivated the main character?
- ~ How did the characters change throughout the story?
- ~ What did you think about the author's writing ability?
- ~ What wisdom did characters impart to one another?
- ~ Did the book have any symbolism, and was there a moral to the story?

Karla Sanders (vicepresident@friendsdanapoint.org)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I have been president of the *Friends of the Dana Point Library* for the past two years. This is my last report.

We can celebrate the past year as one of achievement for all the members and volunteers, by the positive impact the Association has had on the library. Other than our regular donations to the library to help buy books and fund programs, we have also purchased new furniture and equipment this year. The dollar amount (\$113 500) was substantial, but the improvements to the quality of the library made it a worthwhile investment.

Together with our 2014 contribution to the replace the library's skylights and donations to refurbish the gardens (with the help of the *Niguel Shores Garden Club*), the library is now a much more attractive place to spend a few hours. I believe that all of our hard work has been a positive impact on the community, and has played a important part in the County's decision to renovate the exterior of the Dana Point Library in 2016.

My thanks go to our Bookstore volunteers and members of the Board for helping us achieve a gain in income of more than thirty-five percent during 2015. Special mention goes to Bookstore Manager Juliette Ravenelle, business bookstand volunteers Lorrie Borgese and Elsie Billy, and online sale volunteers Jim Shields and Kathy Buford. I would also like to thank our branch librarian Susan Piña, with whom it has been pleasure to work towards our common goals. Finally, thanks to Karla Sanders for editing the *Sea Scribe*, and to Andrew Strauss who devotes hours of his time and his great expertise towards the production of our newsletter, other print materials, and for his help maintaining our computer systems.

Paul Strauss (president@friendsdanapoint.org)

RECOMMENDED READING:
The Guilty (David Baldacci)
Warriors of the Storm (Bernard Cornwell)

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.

Whenever You Shop at Amazon

WHAT IS AMAZONSMILE?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support the *Friends* every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at *smile.amazon.com*, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as *www.amazon.com*, and Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization.

HOW DO I SHOP AT AMAZONSMILE?

Simply go to *smile.amazon.com* using a web browser on your computer or mobile device. Your experience will be exactly like using the regular *www.amazon.com* website.

CAN I USE MY EXISTING AMAZON ACCOUNT?

Yes. On your first visit to *smile.amazon.com*, you will need to select the *Friends of the Dana Point Library* as your charitable organization. Then simply continue shopping as usual, and Amazon will take care of the rest.

COMPETITION

We need your help to recruit new association members, so we're holding a competition. We have recently introduced new bookmarks that also function as membership application forms: they are available in both the Bookstore and the Dana Point Library.

When recruiting new members, make sure that they write your name in the *Referred by* section of the form. We'll be awarding a monetary prize to whomever recruits the most new members – the winner will be announced at the *Volunteers' Luncheon* this spring.

ONLINE BOOK SALES

Our online book sales continue to prosper: we earned \$9409 in extra income during 2015 to help fund programs, book purchases and improvements at the Dana Point Library. Here are some comments from some of our customers all around the United States:

'It was obvious this seller takes care when sending products. Item [I purchased] was used and still arrived in packaging and wrap to assure safe travels. Very happy.'

'Excellent service.'

'Fast shipping, great condition of book. The plastic wrap was a great idea! My postman does leave packages in the rain and snow.'

'Ordered on November 12th; got on the 16th. Estimated delivery was November 19th to December 7th. Great service; book is in excellent condition – exactly as described. I could have lucked out with post office shipping since we are both located in SoCal and it is before the holidays. Regardless – I am happy with the purchase. Will look towards the Friends of Dana Point Library for future literature needs.'

LIBRARY PURCHASES

These books have recently been bought by the librarians at the Dana Point Library using funds donated by our Association:

PICTURE BOOKS

~ Surf's Up (*Kwame Alexander & Daniel Mirayes*)

EARLY READERS

~ How to Hug an Elephant (*Henry Winkler*)

CHILDREN'S FICTION

~ Tru & Nelle (*Greg Neri*)

~ Crystal Cadets (*Anne Toole*)

~ My Name is Not Friday (*Jon Walter*)

TEEN FICTION

~ Glass Sword (*Victoria Aveyard*)

ADULT FICTION

~ The Dogs of Littlefield (*Suzanne Berne*)

~ A Few of the Girls (*Maeve Binchy*)

~ The Tomb in Turkey (*Simon Brett*)

~ Wedding Cake Murder (*Joanne Fluke*)

~ The Ancient Minstrel (*Jim Harrison*)

~ Real Tigers (*Mick Herron*)

~ Flight of Dreams (*Ariel Lawhon*)

~ The Portable Veblen (*Elizabeth McKenzie*)

~ The Silence of the Sea (*Yrsa Sigurðardóttir*)

~ Noah's Wife (*Lindsay Starck*)

ADULT NON-FICTION

~ Pirate Hunters (*Robert Kurson*)

~ My Heart is a Drunken Compass (*Domingo Martinez*)

~ Welcome to Subirdia (*John Marzluff*)

~ Sympathy for the Devil (*Michael Mewshaw*)

~ Culture Smart! Vietnam (*Geoffrey Murray*)

~ Storm Surge (*Adam Sobel*)

~ The Best of Spain (*Rick Steves*)

~ Island on Fire (*Alexandra Witze*)

BOOKSTORE NEWS

This year, we have increased our treasury by adding services that bring in more money. This gave the *Friends* the opportunity to make improvements in the library. When you visit the library, you will see a brand new look. The furniture and computer stations have been replaced. The children's section is bright, with new seating; the community room has new tables and chairs that can be moved around to accommodate after-school tutoring, book groups, and board meetings.

Donation of books that are in good condition are put into our Bookstore and offsite book kiosks at businesses around Dana Point. We have lots of near-new books on many varied subjects at reasonable prices. What we cannot use is donated to the Veterans, the Senior Center, schools, and other organizations.

The Friends had a successful holiday sale in late October. The sale committee put in many hours to display special books, puzzles, and other items that were suitable as gifts.

Our sales on the internet are done by dedicated volunteers. They research, select and sell books on Amazon's website at higher prices than we could earn in the Bookstore. Selling both locally and online allows us to earn more money for the Dana Point Library.

We are always looking for new Bookstore volunteers. The Bookstore is open every day except Sunday; choose from two shifts: from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm, or from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Please visit us at the Bookstore for more information.

Juliette Ravenelle (bookstore@friendsdanapoint.org)

RECOMMENDED READING:

The Force Awakens (*Alan Dean Foster*)

Rogue Lawyer (*John Grisham*)

Fates & Furies (*Lauren Groff*)

The Nightingale (*Kristin Hannah*)

The Bitter Season (*Tami Hoag*)

SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS

BONJOUR CAFÉ & BISTRO

24633 Del Prado – Dana Point – CA 92629
Tel 1 949 496 6368 – www.bonjourcafe.com

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

THE HARBOR GRILL RESTAURANT

34499 Street of the Golden Lantern – Dana Point
Tel 1 949 240 1416 – www.harborgrill.com

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24462 Del Prado – Dana Point – CA 92629
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34085 Pacific Coast Highway – Suite 116 – Dana Point
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JOIN THE FRIENDS

Help your library and community: join our Association.
We offer both annual and lifetime memberships:

- ~ \$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*)

Thank you to all of our existing members who have already renewed their memberships for 2016.

PRODUCTION

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Thank you to all of our authors and other contributors. We welcome your feedback and comments – please send any correspondence to the editor.

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RECOMMENDED READING:

Feverborn (Karen Marie Moning)

Even Dogs in the Wild (Ian Rankin)

See Me (Nicholas Sparks)

My Name is Lucy Barton (Elizabeth Strout)

LIBRARY CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2016

LIBRARY HOURS

- ~ 10:00 am to 9:00 pm – Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
- ~ 10:00 am to 6:00 pm – Thursday
- ~ 10:00 am to 5:00 pm – Friday & Saturday
- ~ 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm – Sunday

PROGRAMS FOR ALL CHILDREN

- ~ Saturday 20 February at 10:30 am (1 hour):
Pancakes & PJs
- ~ Saturday 27 February at 11:00 am (1 hour):
Special Fairy Tale Storytime
- ~ Sunday 28 February at 7:00 pm (1 hour):
PJ Storytime

PROGRAMS FOR TODDLERS & PRESCHOOL

- ~ Every Tuesday at 10:00 am (1 hour):
Toddler Storytime
- ~ Every Tuesday at 11:00 am (1 hour):
Preschool Storytime

PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

- ~ Every Monday at 3:30 pm (1½ hours)
& Every Wednesday at 3:30 pm (1½ hours):
Homework Help
- ~ Wednesday 3 February at 3:00 pm (1 hour):
Read to a Dog
- ~ Thursday 11 February at 4:00 pm (1 hour):
Kids' Club

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

- ~ Friday 12 February 2016:
Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- ~ Monday 15 February 2016:
Susan B Anthony Day & Presidents' Day

PROGRAMS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

- ~ Monday 1 February at 6:00 pm (1 hour):
Teen Advisory Board
- ~ Monday 8 February at 6:00 pm (1 hour):
Teen Time
- ~ Saturday 13 February at 2:00 pm (2 hours):
Teen Fandom Party
- ~ Thursday 18 February at 4:00 pm (1 hour):
Tween Scene
- ~ Monday 22 February at 6:00 pm (1 hour):
Teen Time

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

- ~ Friday 19 February at 10:00 am (until 4:15 pm):
Blood Donation Drive
- ~ Saturday 20 February at 1:00 pm (1 hour):
Meet the Author
- ~ Monday 22 February at 10:30 am (1 hour):
Tea Time Book Club

QUESTIONS?

- ~ Please telephone the Library at 1 949 496 5517.

DONATIONS & ESTATE PLANNING

We'd like to thank Phyllis Girvetz for her generous donation of \$200. We welcome all direct donations: your contributions will support our library and its programs. Please post donations to the *Friends of the Dana Point Library*, 33841 Niguel Road, Dana Point, CA 92629.

Our library is an essential resource for our community. If you've never done your estate plan or if you are planning revisions, please consider a bequest to the *Friends of the Dana Point Library*. Please contact us with any questions about how to make the necessary arrangements.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2015

Balance Sheet

Expenses Statement

CASH BASIS 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015

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ASSETS

Wells Fargo (<i>Checking: General</i>)	30 493.19
Wells Fargo (<i>Checking: Online Sales</i>)	11 776.14
Wells Fargo (<i>Savings: General</i>)	300.03

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 42 569.36

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

EQUITY

Retained Earnings	95 907.52
Net Income	(53 338.16)
TOTAL EQUITY	\$ 42 569.36

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY \$ 42 569.36

Income Statement

CASH BASIS 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015

Book Sales	60 352.44
Donations (<i>Directed</i>)	1800.00
Donations (<i>General</i>)	3547.78
Donations (<i>Total</i>)	5347.78
Interest Income	23.87
Membership Dues	2650.00
Miscellaneous Income	387.57
Refunds	1.00

TOTAL INCOME \$ 68 762.66

LIBRARY DONATIONS

Donation to Library for New Furniture	83 961.47
Books (<i>Adult, Periodicals & Reference</i>)	9226.08
Books (<i>Children</i>)	7623.20
Books (<i>Teen</i>)	3463.00
Books (<i>Total</i>)	20 312.28
Library Equipment, Expenses & Supplies	915.69
Programs (<i>Adult</i>)	911.03
Programs (<i>Children</i>)	5380.38
Programs (<i>Teen</i>)	2017.77
Programs (<i>Total</i>)	8309.18

TOTAL LIBRARY DONATIONS \$ 113 498.62

ASSOCIATION OPERATIONS

Accounting Fees & Bank Charges	522.50
Association Expenses (<i>Equipment & Supplies</i>)	140.61
Association Expenses (<i>Stationery & Postage</i>)	1250.78
Association Expenses (<i>Recognition</i>)	968.40
Association Expenses (<i>Website</i>)	225.43
Association Expenses (<i>Total</i>)	2585.22
Bookstore Expenses	1608.35
Insurance	2354.00
Newsletter & Roster	417.05
Taxes, Fees & Other Expenses	189.93
Public Relations	925.15

TOTAL ASSOCIATION OPERATIONS \$ 8 602.20

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 122 100.82

NET INCOME (\$ 53 338.16)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

If you have any questions about this financial statement, contact Kat Quinn at treasurer@friendsdanapoint.org.