

NEWSLETTER

Angelo M. Iacoboni Library, 4990 Clark Ave., Lakewood, CA 90712

Presidential News

Dictionary

serv·ice: 'sərvəs

noun: 1. The action of helping or doing work for someone
2. A system supplying a public need

verb: 1. To provide routine maintenance or work on

Since our last newsletter, FoLL Board members and additional volunteers have executed two large, very successful events, the Taste of Lakewood - a major part of the City Block Party - and our Fall Book Sale.

Every year we sincerely thank all the hard-working volunteers and the community for supporting these main undertakings which contribute significant financial support for Angelo Iacoboni and George Nye Libraries. The hours of many dedicated weekly volunteers that make our Book Store profitable are also considerable as is the income

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This issue our focus is on the service to the community that these efforts provide. There is no way to get an accurate count or even a good estimate of how many diners enjoy the wide selection of delicious food and refreshing beverages consumed during the Block Party, but the City estimates the 2017 crowd size as 25,000, and we can be sure that very large number of them took advantage of the offerings from at least one of the vendors, (who agree that they will NOT make any profit during the event.) The list appears on page 6. Please help thank them by supporting their establishments.

During our October Book Sale the volunteers, especially those who were acting as cashiers, heard many frequent remarks about the amazingly low prices. They also received expressions of gratitude for the opportunity to choose from such wide selections of items in many genres. Watching young children and teens select and buy books for themselves is especially gratifying. For most volunteers this is what inspires them to continue and thrive.

The nearly 100 book sale volunteers varied in age from our youngest, (a ten year old, who



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Celebrate & Volunteer!

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worked with his older brother and mom), to several of us in our 80's. Twenty-four Naval Junior ROTC Cadets were instrumental in preparing for the sale, and one returned to work many hours during and at the end of the sale. Two very faithful and hard working volunteers were current scholarship recipients. Many patrons thanked us for the opportunity to serve you, the community, which means a great deal to us.

Because of our scholarship program for students finishing high school or already enrolled in post high school education, we participated in the City of Lakewood College Fair. To be eligible, students or their immediate family members must have volunteered either with FoLL or directly with the Lakewood Libraries.

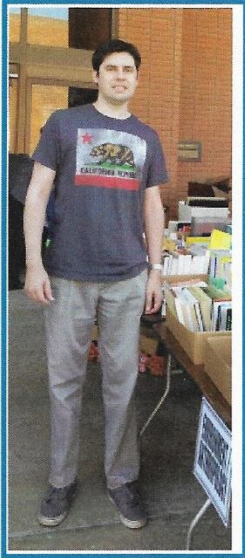
We have one more event that is for your pleasure, our Annual Meeting, Sunday, November 4th. The Board of Directors create favorite foods and beverages for you to enjoy with us while being entertained. Our Western theme gives us an opportunity to hear

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Meet Jeremy Richmond...

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Bookstore Volunteer!



Jeremy has a Bachelor of Arts in Classic Latin and Roman Civilization. He's currently enrolled at San Jose State University working on a Master's Degree in Library Information Science. Also, Jeremy currently works for Professional Tutor of America helping high school students with Math.

Jeremy found the Friends of the Lakewood Libraries after being introduced to the idea of volunteer opportunities at libraries. He met Margene Stevens at Angelo M. Iacoboni Library and started helping behind the scene, sorting books donated to the FoLL bookstore.

Deanna Bloomquist recruited Jeremy to work in the book store. After a brief training, he proved to be an invaluable book store volunteer. Jeremy works a shift and covers numerous shifts for other volunteers when needed. He also volunteers during book sales and Taste of Lakewood.

Music and reading are some of the things Jeremy enjoys. He started playing the piano at an early age. Classical music with some jazz and rock are his preferred type of listening and playing choices. Additionally, Jeremy sings in the choir at the St. Thomas of Canterbury Church.

We are honored Jeremy chose to volunteer with the Friends of the Lakewood Libraries!

Iacoboni Bookstore News!

The FoLL Bookstore is happening! We always stock the bookstore at least twice-weekly with your donations – be sure to check our "new arrivals" and displays for the latest and most current books available! In addition, we have FIVE display carts located outside the Bookstore loaded with "theme" books and items. Current carts are: Cookbooks, Health & Fitness, Teen, Halloween and Christmas. We also are featuring a small display of vinyl records as well as our DVD's and magazine selection.

Our wonderful volunteers graciously staff and run the bookstore most of the hours that the library is open. We have a few new faces among them – Dan Wamba on the Wednesday morning shift, Alexis Gutierrez on the Saturday morning shift, and Gen Clerigo and Caitlin Henriquez as substitutes. Be sure to stop in and say "Hi"!

2017 Honor Book List

ALLISON TUTORING
Starflight

PAULA BAWDEN
Nine Essential Things I've Learned About Life

DEANNA BLOOMQUIST
Dragon Behind the Glass

RICKY CAMPBELL
The Leavers

PAT COHEN
Do Not Say We Have Nothing

DOT & ELIHU GOLDISH
Lab Girl

GARY LARSEN
Phenomenon

BARBARA RICHLEY
A Divided Sky

KATHERINE RUPLEY
Music of the Ghosts

OLIVER & LINDA SEELY
Unshakeable

WANDA THOMPSON
All We Have Left

Thank A Service Member! Campaign

Since the City of Lakewood launched its "Thank a Service member" campaign in late 2014, more than 20,000 postcards and letters of appreciation to our nation's troops have been collected and sent to U.S. soldiers deployed overseas.

This year's campaign was kicked off on Patriot Day, September 11, and there will be eight city locations where you will be able to fill out a Lakewood commemorative postcard (available at those locations) or drop off your own letter or card. The Iacoboni and Nye Libraries are two locations. The city will then collect everything by December 11 and send all submissions to U.S. troops overseas through the military support group, Operation Gratitude.

Want to help? If your school, youth group, church, nonprofit organization or business would like to be a partner in this meaningful project, please join FoLL in encouraging everyone to join in and visit www.lakewoodcity.org/TASPartnerForm, there you can sign up and download an information kit with all the details. If you choose, that will also allow the city to add you to their website as a partner and use the libraries as additional drop-off locations.

THE WEBB FAMILY

American Pharoah

ALBERTSON'S

A Fine Mess

APPLEBEE'S

Climate of Hope

BLACK ANGUS

Spoils

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Meet Our Officer Candidates...

The FoLL Nominating Committee met September 19 and submitted to the board of Directors the following slate of officers:

President – Margene Stevens

Vice President – Winnie Heiss

Secretary – Christina Littrell

Treasurer – Tess Croft

They are currently holding these positions, but in case you're not familiar with them a brief introduction to each follows... The slate was approved by the board of Directors. As stated in the bylaws, "Additional nominations (with qualifying information for each) may be made by members in good standing at the Annual Meeting. Those nominated must also be members in good standing and must consent to their nomination."

Please join us at the Annual Meeting to elect next year's officers and enjoy the company of good friends and the opportunity to meet new ones as you're serenaded with country music and tempted with 'tasty vittles'! (see the flyer on the next page!)

MARGENE STEVENS

Since moving to Lakewood, Margene has served as President of Friends of the Lakewood Libraries, Bellflower Council PTA and three schools, and Phi Delta Kappa (CSULB Chapter). She has also sat as Chairman of the Taste of Lakewood since 2004, Friends of the Norwalk Libraries Book Sales, and Citizens Acting for Responsible Education.

She was a founder of Leaning Tree - an after school program for BUSD), and a volunteer tutor for Operation Jump Start.

Professionally she has been employed as:

- Teacher, Librarian, Reading Specialist, District Administrator – Bellflower U.S.D.
- Instructor – U.C.L.A., National University
- Education Consultant - IBM, San Jose U.S.D., Human Capital Development Corporation



WINNIE HEISS

Winnie Heiss has been with the FoLL since 2006 serving on the board as Vice President and Chairman of the Membership. Winnie was honored as the Lakewood 2012 Woman of the Year by Assembly member Warren Furutani, 55th Assembly District for her work in the community.

Winnie and husband Phil have been residents of Lakewood since 1966. Her community involvement began with Tot Lot at Bolivar Park and continued for decades, including three years as PTA president at Lakewood High School.

As an elementary school teacher, she was the Volunteer Coordinator at Su Casa Family Crisis and Support Center before she founded Domestic Violence Counselor Training to provide education and training for over 1000 professionals and volunteers.

She is now serving on the Lakewood City Recreation and Community Services Commission and as President of the Lakewood Pan American Assoc.



TESS CROFT

Tess and her family have been residents of Lakewood Gardens since 1986. Her work experience in accounting had varied from TV show licensing to metal forge relating to the aerospace industry then working in the corporate offices of a large commercial roofing company. For 18 years, Tess values her experience as a Teacher's Aide at St. Pancratius Parish School.

The Croft family has been active as members of FoLL. Tess served as Secretary, Taste of Lakewood Volunteer Coordinator, Hospitality Chairman, Membership Chairman, Vice President, President, Director at Large and currently as Treasurer.

CHRISTINA LITRELL

Chris has been a resident of Lakewood for over 50 years. She graduated from Cerritos High School in 1976, met and married her husband Steve Littrell seven years later. She worked in office positions until 1984 when she left the work force to raise and homeschool their three children from kindergarten through high school. During those 25 years most of her volunteer hours were devoted to their church and children's school.

Since 2005, Christina has been

**Friends Of
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invite you to our

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Put on yer hat and boots and mosey on over to our Wild West Theme Annual Membership Meeting. We'll tip our hats to the adventure of the Old West- with Country Singers, Tasty Vittles and Juice served at the Watering Hole.



**Mayfair Park Activities Room
5720 Clark Avenue, Lakewood**

KINDLY GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO WINNIE HEISS IF YOU CAN ATTEND
562-425-2784

Prizes To Win!



There's Always Something for Everyone at the Library!

Hello from the Iacoboni Library!

Another summer has come and gone and as always the Iacoboni Library staff sends a big thank you to the Friends of the Lakewood Libraries for being a part of making our Summer Reading Program so successful! We had something for everyone to keep them reading through the summer months and this was in no small part because of your support. With funds provided by you, we were able to provide additional programs and reading incentives to the members of our community.

The programming doesn't stop just because summer's over! Along with our regular programs such as storytimes, book clubs, and movie showings, we have the following special programs planned:

October 25th – The library will be hosting a **free Medicare 101 workshop** at 2:00 pm.

October 29th – Are you interested in the library's eBook collection? Then come and visit the Digital Bookmobile at Iacoboni Library. The Digital bookmobile offers tablet & computer workstations allowing visitors to browse the library's digital library site and watch tutorial videos to get started.

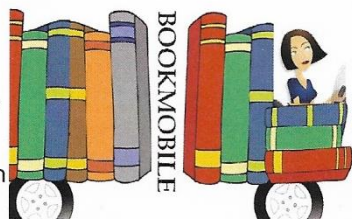
There will also be opportunities for hands-on practice using the Overdrive app on some of the most popular devices.

October 31st – I'm excited to announce that Iacoboni Library will once again be hosting a **free flu shot clinic!** If you, or anyone you know, plan to get the flu shot this year, you can do so free of charge at the Library on October 31, 2017 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

Thank you so much to the Friends of the Lakewood Libraries for your support of all our library programming. Whether by providing the funds, refreshments, or just helping us get the word out, we couldn't do it without you!

For more information about these and other exciting programs please visit the Library's Website (colapublib.org/libraries/iacoboni), Facebook page, or visit us in person – we love to see our Friends!

Sarah Comfort
Manager Angelo Iacoboni Library



News from Nye

Many thanks to the FOLL for helping to sponsor the Summer Discovery Program at the library! There were many fun programs, art experiences and reading incentives to help keep Lakewood reading during the summer vacation. As always we are appreciative of the support of the Friends! Many thanks to all of you!

The library is now busy with the usual fall activities including the Book Mark Contest, In N Out and Disney on Ice Reading Programs and Reading with Dogs. On Fri. Oct. 27th at 4:00pm the great magician Tony Daniels will be bringing the annual Halloween Spooktacular back to the Nye Library! Join us for mysterious tricks and marvelous treats and show off your costume at this frightfully fun event. Halloween fun for the whole family!



We are happy to report that we have been able to hire 2 new pages to replace Jody and Alex who were promoted. We are pleased with our new pages and glad to be fully staffed. Please come in and see us and meet the new pages, we are always happy to see our Friends!

Carol Burke
Manager George Nye Library

From HONOR BOOK pg. 2	PANERA BREAD
CASSIDY'S CORNER	<i>We Will Not Be Silent</i>
<i>The Last Neanderthal</i>	PICKUP STIX
COSTCO	<i>THE RETURN</i>
<i>Killers of the Flower Moon</i>	REVELE GELATO
FIESTA FOODS	<i>Why Won't You Apologize</i>
<i>The Year We Fell Apart</i>	ROUND TABLE PIZZA
GOURMET CHURROS	<i>The Physics of Everyday Things</i>
<i>Hot Milk</i>	STONEFIRE GRILL
JIMMY JOHN'S	<i>All that Man Is</i>
<i>Portrait of Courage</i>	SUGAR FROM THE HEART
PIAZZA FAMILY RESTAURANT, INC.	<i>P.S. I Like You</i>
<i>Hallelujah Anyway</i>	THE LOFT
MR. B'S KETTLE KORN	<i>The Burning World</i>
<i>How to Make a Spaceship</i>	WINGSTOP
OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE	<i>The Diabolic</i>
<i>The Book of Memory</i>	YOGURTLAND
	<i>Option B</i>

Friends of the Lakewood Libraries

All Board Meetings will be held at
6 p.m. in the Community Room at
Iacoboni Library.

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music performed by one of our officer's sister-in-law and to have games with prizes led by our long-time Super Friend and former Manager at Nye Library, Cathy Saldin. We'll be anxiously awaiting your RSVP's and seeing you there. (see pg. 4)

your VERY grateful president,
Margene Stevens

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employed part-time in the Admissions and Records office at Cerritos College. In 2013 she became as a Director at Large for FoLL, has co-chaired the Nye Family Reading Festival and Taste of Lakewood, and is currently the secretary.

Because of her appreciation for the Lakewood libraries and their staffs, she devotes many hours helping them to provide services and remain open for the public to use.

Our Generous Vendors!

Albertsons	McDonald's
Applebee's	Mr. B's Kettle Corn
Black Angus	Outback Steakhouse
Cassidy's Corner	Panera Bread
Café	Pickup Stix
Costco	Revele Whipped Gelato
Fiesta Foods	Round Table Pizza
Foggia Italian Market & Deli	Stone Fire Grill
Gourmet Churros	Sugar from the Heart
Jimmy John's	The Loft
Piazza Family	Wingstop
	Yogurtland

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