

# Friends of Granada Hills Library Newsletter

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## Next Meetings:

General Meeting  
Saturday, March 1,  
10:30 a.m. at the  
Granada Hills Library

General Meeting  
Saturday, April 5,  
10:30 a.m. at the  
Granada Hills Library

General Meeting  
Saturday, May 3,  
10:30 a.m. at the  
Granada Hills Library

## Next Book Sales:

Friday, March 14,  
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
& Saturday, March 15  
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, May 16,  
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
& Saturday, May 17  
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## President's Message by Pamela F.

We waved 2013 goodbye with two wonderful parties. Our annual Holiday Luncheon at the Golden Hunan proved to be a success. The food and service was enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Donna, for the goodies at the tables and Dottie, for the exquisite poinsettia napkin holders that adorned our tables with a blaze of color.

Pam Rhodes, Senior Librarian of GHL and Jene Brown, Manager - Strategic Projects and Partnerships Library Administration at Central Library, were our guests at this event. Pam Rhodes as always was enthusiastic about the coming year and thanked the Friends

Group for all the support they give to the library.

Jene Brown spoke and said that we were a warm, generous and friendly group and that there was definitely a chemistry between our group and the library. Hey, we will take any compliments we can get!!!!

On December 10th, the Friends Group made a surprise buffet Holiday Luncheon for the library staff and it was indeed a well kept secret from them. Donna, Betty, Greer and myself joined the celebration and stayed for a while. The staff thanked us and said how much they appreciated this event.

As we herald in 2014, the Board discussed some exciting events for this year which we will be working on.

I leave you with this quote: "Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday - was it worth it"?

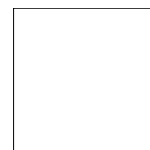
Pamela F. President

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This newsletter was edited by Ellen W.

**FRIENDS OF GRANADA HILLS LIBRARY**  
10641 PETIT AVENUE  
GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344



## It's Happening at the Library!

by Pam Rhodes, Senior Librarian

### What's new in the collection:

The Granada Hills Branch Library has been the recipient of hundreds of additional titles of large print books. We were able to do so through a major donation to Los Angeles Public Library. These additional titles have expanded our Large Print area significantly. If you haven't recently browsed the Large Print section of the library, please wander over and take a look. Most likely you will find something interesting to read.

### What's new at LAPL:

Recently I attended a training session on LAPL's newest pilot program entitled Career Online High School that allows adults to earn an accredited high school diploma and credentialed career certificate. The program is free to a limited number of qualified students who are committed to obtaining a career or preparing to enter the workforce. Students are paired with an academic coach, select an individual career path, obtain guidance and resources to master the courses. It is an exciting initiative that will be accepting enrollment applications in a few weeks. The program is promising in helping the library enrich our residents. This program will be hosted at our neighbor the Mid-Valley Regional Branch Library.

### Thank You, Friends of the Granada Hills Library:

A great big Thank You to our Granada Hills Friends! You purchased supplies to help us store and secure our books on CDs and DVDs. Such assistance allows us to bring more audio visual materials to our community for check out. Yea! And as always... you continue to support our purchase of supplemental monthly materials. Again, such support allows us to keep up to date on new materials, replace missing and damaged materials and to fill in special needed materials. Thank you!

Stop in and visit us at the library. Catch our programming and say hello to our friendly staff. We always want to see you and your family at the Library.

Sincerely,

Pam Rhodes  
Senior Librarian

Saturday, January 25, 2014

Dear Friends of the Granada Hills Library,

On behalf of the Granada Hills Branch staff, we are so appreciative and overjoyed about the holiday luncheon you provided. It was truly lovely with the full sandwich spread and variety of salads, and of course, the conversation with you as we ate. We were absolutely overjoyed and thrilled for this surprise, and some of us "long-time Granada staff" never remember having such appreciation shown to the staff from the Friends group. Thank you all for the thoughtfulness you extended to us, and making our holidays bright. You are always so supportive! Thank you again. Sincerely, the librarians, clerks and messenger clerk staff members.



*Holiday luncheon for the Granada Hills Library staff at the Library on December 10, 2013.*

*Left to right:*

*Pam Rhodes, Senior Librarian  
Florence Jacinto, Young Adult Librarian  
Pamela, Friends' President  
Betty, Friends' Membership Chair  
Donna, Friends' 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*

**Calendar of Events:**

Dahn Yoga Classes - Mondays, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Bring your own mat and a large towel.

B.A.R.K - First Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m. Kids read to therapy dogs.

Free Movie Screenings - Matinee and evening screenings. Please call (818) 368-5689 for movie titles.

Obama Care - Mar. 5, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. Valley Community Clinic hosts an informational meeting on the new healthcare law.

Book Club - Feb. 19, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.: *Second Honeymoon* by J. Trollope  
- Mar. 19, 2014 at 1:30p.m.: *On Gold Mountain* by L. See

Astrology, Alchemy & Healing - Mar. 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.  
Speaker Bob Campbell discusses astrology and alchemy in our lives.

Prof. Sefton's Book Club – Mar. 27, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. Read any biography (Military, Political, or Diplomatic) on a WWII figure (American, British, German, Japanese or Russian).

**Library Hours**

Mon. & Wed.: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Tues. & Thurs.: 12:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Fri. & Sat.: 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Closed Sundays & major holidays

**LAPL Policies**

Loan Periods: 3 weeks, may be renewed 2 times.

Fines charged for material returned after the due date.

Placing a "hold" is free, BUT a \$1.00 fee per item will be charged if not picked up.

**(818) 368-5687**

**Toll Free Renewal: (888) 557-5275**

**[www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org)**

**Nine city libraries are now open on Sundays!**

Effective January 12, 2014, nine city libraries are once again open on Sundays, from 1 to 5 p.m., including the Central Library downtown and the following three libraries in the San Fernando Valley:

- Mid-Valley Regional Library, located at 16244 Nordhoff Street, North Hills
- North Hollywood Amelia Earhart Regional Library, located at 5211 Tujunga Avenue, North Hollywood
- West Valley Regional Library, located at 19036 Vanowen Street, Reseda

**Puzzle - Provided by Dottie O.**

Given a number and a letter, rearrange the letters to form a word. Example: one + x = oxen.

1. one + v = \_\_\_\_\_
2. two + n = \_\_\_\_\_
3. three + l = \_\_\_\_\_
4. four + m = \_\_\_\_\_
5. five + ry = \_\_\_\_\_
6. six + a = \_\_\_\_\_
7. seven + u = \_\_\_\_\_
8. eight + o = \_\_\_\_\_
9. nine + l = \_\_\_\_\_
10. ten + x = \_\_\_\_\_

Good luck.

(See page 6 for answers.)

<p>Friends' President Pamela F.'s closing thoughts from recent general meetings:</p> <p><b>For January 2014:</b> "Our minds are like parachutes: They work best when open."</p> <p><b>For February 2014:</b> "When in doubt, mumble. When in trouble, delegate. When in charge, ponder." -- James H. Boren</p> <p>"Neighborhood libraries are a great equalizer that can provide pathways to success and play a critical role in whether our workforce and economy are prepared for the jobs of tomorrow." -- Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, quoted in the <u>Daily News</u> on 9/21/13</p> <p>"No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading, or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance." -- Confucius</p> <p>"A library in the middle of a community is a cross between an emergency exit, a life raft and a festival. They are cathedrals of the mind; hospitals of the soul; theme parks of the imagination." -- Caitlin Moran</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Membership News</h2> <p>Welcome to our new members: Bill B., Dorri R., and Andrew and Liz M. We hope to see you at our next meeting!</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>APRIL SPECIAL EVENT CANCELLED</b></p> <p><b>The Friends' special event planned for April – a tour of the Central Library – has been cancelled. We hope to reschedule at a later date.</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>The Friends' website is linked to the Los Angeles Public Library's website and can be accessed as follows:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Go to the Los Angeles Public Library's website: <a href="http://www.lapl.org">www.lapl.org</a></li> <li>- Select "Locations &amp; Hours"</li> <li>- Scroll down the page and select "Granada Hills"</li> <li>- Scroll down the page and to the right: Select "Friends of Library Group"</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Go to the website <a href="http://google.com">google.com</a> and search for "Friends of Granada Hills Library"</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friends of Granada Hills Library's Officers</b></p> <p><b>Elected Officers:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Pamela F.</td><td>-</td><td>President</td></tr> <tr><td>Donna A.</td><td>-</td><td>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</td></tr> <tr><td>Greer R.</td><td>-</td><td>2nd Vice President - Book Sales</td></tr> <tr><td>Betty F.</td><td>-</td><td>3rd Vice President - Membership</td></tr> <tr><td>Judi V.</td><td>-</td><td>Secretary</td></tr> <tr><td>Anne S.</td><td>-</td><td>Treasurer</td></tr> </table> <p><b>Volunteer Chairs:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Renee</td><td>-</td><td>Hospitality</td></tr> <tr><td>Ellen W.</td><td>-</td><td>Newsletter</td></tr> <tr><td>Carol M.</td><td>-</td><td>Publicity</td></tr> <tr><td>Sandy J.</td><td>-</td><td>Webmaster/Brochures</td></tr> <tr><td>Dorothy O.</td><td>-</td><td>Consultant</td></tr> </table>	Pamela F.	-	President	Donna A.	-	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Greer R.	-	2nd Vice President - Book Sales	Betty F.	-	3rd Vice President - Membership	Judi V.	-	Secretary	Anne S.	-	Treasurer	Renee	-	Hospitality	Ellen W.	-	Newsletter	Carol M.	-	Publicity	Sandy J.	-	Webmaster/Brochures	Dorothy O.	-	Consultant
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<p><b>Recent donations by the Friends:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A musical program at the library in January 2014: A tribute to Johnny Cash.</li> <li>• A speaker in honor of Black History Month: On February 8, author Erich Hicks discussed his novel "Rescue at Pine Ridge," the story of the 9<sup>th</sup> Calvary, Buffalo Soldiers.</li> <li>• \$1,042 was donated in January 2014 to purchase books for the library.</li> </ul>																																		

**Book Review by Sandy J.:**  
**“Outliers” by Malcolm Gladwell, 2008, Little, Brown and Company**

“Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good,” Gladwell explains in “Outliers.” Pointing out that Bill Gates (Microsoft), Steve Jobs (Apple), and Bill Joy (Unix, Sun, Java) all had more than 10,000 hours of practice with computer programming. And these three were all born within a year of each other (1955). They were thus uniquely primed to change the computer industry forever. Gladwell analyzes those incredibly successful people and groups who are at the outside edge of the bell curve, the statistical outliers. He delves into explanations for these successes which are all different for each different individuals and groups he analyzes. Read this book to find out what Korean Air did to remedy the spate of airline crashes that nearly brought the company to its knees. Think you can guess? Think again!

**Markets' Community Programs**  
**By Renee**

As of January 2014, 56 households were registered for Ralphs' Community Partners program, through which Ralphs donates a portion of participants' purchases to the Friends of the Granada Hills Library. The Friends received a quarterly check from Ralphs/Kroger for \$247.84 in January 2014, which the Friends used to continue their contributions to the library for programs, books, DVDs, and CDs.

Please be sure to register/reregister for Ralphs' Community Partners program by scanning the bar code (which you will find in this newsletter) along with your Ralphs card at one of the market's checkout lanes once each year; a new period starts on September 1<sup>st</sup> each year and all participants must reregister after that date. Or, for those Friends with a smart phone, email Sandy ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ [friendsGHL@gmail.com](mailto:friendsGHL@gmail.com) and have her email you an image of the bar code. Capture this image on your smart phone and use it when you make purchases at Ralphs. You won't have to take a printed copy of this bar code to Ralphs ever again!

If you need a printed version of the bar code, the Friends' website has a link at the top of each web page to a printable PDF file.



*The Friends' Holiday Luncheon at Golden Hunan Restaurant on December 7, 2013: Guest Jene Brown from the Central Library (L) and Friends President Pamela F. (R).*



*The Friends' Holiday Luncheon at Golden Hunan Restaurant on December 7, 2013. Left to right: Betty, Arline, Renee.*

## Book Sales

### BOOK SALE REPORT

By Greer R.



We had another successful book sale in January, officially making \$1,030.85. We had a great crew of book haulers - Nick S., Jeremy H., Jack S., Mike M. & Capt. Storm - who got us set up in 30 minutes & put away in 20! Moms & Grandmoms, please be sure and thank the guys on behalf of all of us. Thank you also to all the book sale volunteers - Pamela, Donna, Anne, Judi, Ellen, Betty, Debbie, Dottie, Mary, Pat, Joan, Marcia, Ann, Jackie, Linda & Sandie.

Mark your calendars, next sale is March 14 & 15, setup on Thursday the 13th at 4:00. See you at the sale!

We always need paperbacks so if you or anyone you know would like to donate, please take your books to the reference desk at the Library. Or call me if you need help with the books.

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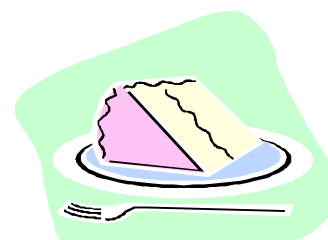
**Friday, July 18 & Saturday, July 19: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days**

**Friday, Sept. 19 & Saturday, Sept. 20: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days**

**Friday, November 14 & Saturday, November 15: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days**

### FRIENDS' LEMON CAKE

1 box of yellow cake mix  
 1 small box of Jell-O (not prepared)  
 4 eggs  
 2/3 cup water  
 2/3 cup of oil  
 1 tsp vanilla



MIX TOGETHER. I USE A BUNDT PAN AND FOLLOW THE TIMING AND TEMPERATURE SUGGESTION ON THE CAKE BOX.

Frosting:

Juice from 2 freshly squeezed lemons  
 1/2 box powdered sugar (or more)

MIX TOGETHER AND POUR OVER WARM CAKE AFTER TAKING CAKE OUT OF BUNDT PAN.

**Answers to Puzzle on page 3:** oven, town, either, forum, verify, axis, venues, hogtie, linen, next

## MEET THE BOARD!

- **TREASURER: Anne S.**
- **THE VOLUNTEER CHAIRS:**  
(left to right)  
**Sandy J., Webmaster**  
**Carol M., Publicity**  
**Ellen W., Newsletter**  
**Renee, Hospitality**



### **Anne S., Treasurer**

"I was born in Detroit, but my parents moved the family to a (then) small community called Livonia, which is west toward Ann Arbor. I went to U of M for awhile and to other schools everywhere we lived. After twenty years I graduated from CSUN.

I started working the summer of my fourteenth birthday and never stopped. The job that mattered was with Hughes Markets; first as a part time checker evenings and weekends so their father could watch the children, then as the in-store book keeper. Next I was the programmer and finally the director of systems and programming. I would still be working if the company hadn't been sold.

I have been a Friend for many years, just as a contributor and customer until now. I read almost everything; novels, short stories, biography, non-fiction, fantasy. Since I buy the books from our book sale I feel OK with not finishing one if I don't like it or it upsets me.

I admire the members of our group and do now and always have wished us well."

### **Renee, Hospitality**

"I grew up in Sylmar and Northridge and moved to Granada Hills after I got married. I am very close with my family and we have traveled together to celebrate some of my mother and father's milestones in life. I have one daughter who has joined the circus part time while attending school.

When I was in fifth grade, my class took a field trip to the Los Angeles Superior Court in Downtown Los Angeles. It was then I decided I wanted to pursue a career in court reporting. I have been a court reporter for 30 years. My hobbies are traveling, bicycling, reading, and attending/visiting theatre and museums.

I joined the Friends of the Granada Hills Library in 2004, I think it was. I was inspired by "Grandma Helen" who once had the position of President of the Friends' group. When my daughter was three or four years old, I would take her to the library and she would sit with "Grandma Helen" and draw pictures while listening to stories being read. It took me a few years to join the group, but I owe it to "Grandma Helen." I have only held complementary positions such as chairperson of snacks and fundraising, but it has been rewarding.

I think mystery is my favorite genre of books. I have joined the book club at the library last year which is another group I thoroughly enjoy. Right now I am reading DEVIL IN THE WHITE CITY by Erik Larsen. I hope to finish it before our next book discussion. I just finished a book recommended by my fifth grade teacher - yes, I am still in contact with her - called RAINWATER by Sandra Brown. This is a different genre from Sandra Brown's usual. I would recommend it."

### **Carol M., Publicity**

"I am a lifelong resident of the San Fernando Valley and have lived in Granada Hills most of that time. I am the middle of three children; we grew up in a house with many books, and I have always loved the library.

Most of my work has been in the typing/secretarial field. Some of my favorite books are 19th century fiction, but I enjoy lots of different authors and genres.

I joined the Friends of the Library in 2004, following my mother and a good friend of hers. I have been in charge of publicity since 2007. This library has helped me greatly over the years, and I am pleased to be able to give something back."

## MEET THE BOARD - CONTINUED

### Ellen W., Newsletter

"I grew up in the Valley and the Granada Hills Library was my local library when I was a child, so I am pleased to support the library now. I still live in the neighborhood although I work downtown: I'm the manager's administrative assistant in City National Bank's SBA Department. I graduated from CSUN, and spent my junior year of college in Spain through an international program at the University of Madrid, which was a great adventure. I live with two cats who give me love and laughter every day.

I joined the Friends in 2000 when my employer encouraged all of its employees to become active in their local communities. Given my love of reading, joining the Friends made perfect sense, and I have really enjoyed the group. I've been the Friends' newsletter editor for the past few years and am always looking for a book review to include in the newsletter.

I enjoy reading British mysteries, also tales of explorers and research expeditions, and about life in other countries. I recently read "Still Life" by Louise Penny, a murder mystery set in a small town in Canada. I enjoyed "Shadow Divers" by Robert Kurson, about scuba divers who discovered a German submarine from World War II off the coast of New Jersey in 1991. The author describes the brash East Coast diving culture and also the lives of the individual submariners; you come to know people from two different cultures and eras. "Lunch in Paris" by Elizabeth Bard is an affectionate yet clear-eyed view of France from an American journalist who married a Frenchman; "On Rue Tatin" by Susan Loomis is an excellent older book with a similar theme. "The Road to Ubar" by Nicholas Clapp describes how some creative people combined NASA's high tech with historical research then went exploring to find a lost city buried in the desert sands of Oman. It combines a scientific quest with a humorous travelogue; you meet some fascinating if slightly wacky people while getting a sense of the region's history over many centuries. My favorite magazine is The Week, which contains excerpts from newspapers and magazines from all over the world, covering news, health, business, book and film reviews, and even hotels, restaurants, and recipes. I highly recommend it."

### Sandy J., Webmaster/Brochures

"I became a Friend after a Friends' Open House at the Library in 2009. I maintain a website, brochures (designed with Mary S., a past president), and signs and bookmarks for the used book sales. In 2003, I retired Emeritus Professor of Chemistry from CSUN after 25 years. I was born under Mount Whitney and grew up in the Owens Valley, the source of most of our water for the San Fernando Valley. I often feel like a traitor to my homeland by living here. I volunteer for the Friends and for the San Fernando Valley Quilt Association. I belong to three sewing groups, a science book club, and a dinner club. My hobbies are making quilts, "reading", doing yoga, walking, writing, and eating good food. I say "reading" because mostly I listen to audio books which I can do while I sew, walk, eat, clean house, etc. My favorite genre is the mystery stories of Michael Connelly, Elizabeth George, Harlan Coban, and numerous others. The science book club has forced me to read outside my comfort zone. So if you haven't read this, I highly recommend "Pandora's Lunchbox, How Processed Food took over the American Meal" by Melanie Warner. I am currently reading "And The Mountains Echoed" by Khaled Hosseini, a rich story that will tear at your heartstrings and ultimately lift them up."

*Special thanks to  
Cliff O.  
for his generous  
donation  
to the Friends of  
Granada Hills Library*



*Friends' member Cliff O. presented Friends' President Pamela F. with a donation to the Friends at the general meeting of the Friends of Granada Hills Library on February 1, 2014.*

When presenting the Friends of Granada Hills Library with a donation at the Friends' meeting on February 1, 2014, Friends' member Cliff O. said that he has spent a great deal of time in libraries, from his high school days continuing through to his current profession as an instructor of humanities for the community colleges. He has always visited and supported the local library wherever he has lived, and is pleased to support the Granada Hills Branch Library since he now lives in the community.