



May – July 2015

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends –

I've been looking through the Friends' archival files in preparation for our joint anniversary celebration in November. In 1979 a Seaside Friends of the Library group was formed "to provide continuous adequate support for the operation of the library." Their slogan was "Let's be Friends" and their logo was remarkably similar to our newest version: stacked books and seahorses. With profits from the first book & bake sale, a savings fund was started for a new card catalog – remember card catalogs? – and funds were set aside for the children's summer program treats. Incorporation as a nonprofit followed in 1980 and tax exempt 501(c)(3) status was granted in 1982. So, the Friends are officially 35 years old; truly something to celebrate!

Who were our founders and why did they undertake this labor of love? Because funding for libraries is based on property tax revenue, the passage of Proposition 13 in 1978 severely impacted available revenue and caused library hours and services across the state to be greatly curtailed. A group of local concerned and dedicated citizens went into action. Members of the first executive board were Anne Winner, Constance Lapham, Elizabeth Palmer, Ruby Nightingale, and Jondell Wright.

Over the years the Friends have purchased equipment (such as display racks, files, copy machine, printer, computers, microfilm reader), furnishings (carpet, tables & chairs, blinds), and circulating materials (books, DVDs, digital downloads). We have raised public awareness about local budget deliberations and statewide measures that affect our library, applied for grant funding, and encouraged volunteers to assist staff in the library.

It's easy to become a Friend and show your support for the Seaside Library, one of our community's most valuable resources. Dues are not much more than they were in 1980, and your attendance at meetings is not required. Just fill out a blue membership envelope at the library or download the form from our website, <http://www.thefriendsofseasidelibrary.org>. Together we still have many challenges to face in addressing the unmet needs of our aging building and the changing role of our library in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

You can help. Please join us!

- Sandra Weaver



### MYO Frozen Yogurt Fundraiser for the Library

**Saturday, June 27,**

MYO Frozen Yogurt will sponsor a fundraiser for the Library in its new Seaside location at 840 Broadway Avenue near Fremont Blvd.

Stop by MYO any time on June 27 and mention the Seaside Library when you buy your treat.

They will donate 20% of those purchases back to the Friends for the benefit of the Library.

It's a tasty way to show your support!

Look for us at Laguna Grande for  
**Blues in the Park** on



**Sunday afternoons  
July 12 - August 2.**

Friends will share an information table with members of the Seaside Art & History Commission.

We'll have our new logo items for sale - ceramic mugs, tote bags, thumb drives, and stuffed orca toys.

## **Volunteer Profile**

***Donna Galletti***



Our Friends Newsletter has been in the capable hands of Donna Galletti for the past three years. She has modernized the Newsletter with welcome style updates using graphic design, photos, and color in the online edition. Enjoyment of being features editor for her school newspaper in Hanford CA in eighth grade drew her to this volunteer position.

Donna grew up in the Central Valley and has made the Monterey Peninsula her home for the past 23 years. Like many of us, she is a lifelong reader and has vivid memories of her childhood Carnegie Library. As a result of early exposure . her mother read to her and her grandmother enrolled her in Book-of-the-Month Club . she was reading adult fiction at age 11. She remembers always having enough book reading credits at the library to exchange for free admission to summertime movies.

While researching book club options in 2008, Donna began using the Seaside Library and became aware of MCFL's Book Club to Go and Seaside's Food for Thought Book Club, where she has become a regular participant. She is partial to the mystery genre, both cozies and suspense, and also likes epistolary novels. Favorite authors are Michael Connelly, Donna Leon, and John Sanford. Her all-time favorite titles are *Little Women* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*. She is currently reading M.C. Beaton's *Death of a Policeman*.

Donna is proof of the adage, % you want something done, ask a busy person.+ She is a full-time crime prevention specialist doing community outreach, is active in her professional association, and volunteers as a mentor in the *Pay It Forward* program at CSUMB. When not working or reading, she enjoys letter writing, cooking, calligraphy, and all forms of needlecraft. Donna reads something every day and would like to encourage everyone to keep using books. She worries that real books will someday be replaced completely by digital media.

Thank you, Donna, for your contributions to the Friends and the Seaside Library!

*If you are inspired to become a volunteer, please contact us through the library.*

**-Sandra Weaver**



## **Library News**

### **Saturday Movies at the Seaside Library**

June 27

***The Theory of Everything***

July 11

***Into the Woods***

July 25

***Black Sea***

August 8

***The Boxtrolls***

August 22

***The Hundred Foot Journey***

Sep 5

***Big Hero 6***

Refreshments provided by the Friends

## ***Looking Back Over 85 Years of Seaside Library Service***

### ***In 2015 we will honor and celebrate a year of milestone anniversaries***

- 85 years ago library service to the Seaside community began
- 40 years ago the Seaside branch of Monterey County Free Libraries moved to its current home in the Gordon R. Forrest Memorial Library building
- 35 years ago Friends of the Seaside Library was incorporated as a public benefit nonprofit.

If you have any photos, clippings, or other memorabilia of the early days of Seaside library service or of the Friends, we would love to have them to include in displays and a scrapbook. Library staff can copy items and return the originals to you.



The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

# Celebration

of the

## **Food for Thought Book Club**

was held on  
Saturday Feb. 14



No preparation necessary. Join us and tell us about the books you have recently read.

**Saturdays from 1:30pm to 3pm  
at the Seaside Branch Library**

### **Next Meeting Dates:**

**June 6th**

**July 18th**

**Aug 15**

**Food for Thought** is sponsored by  
Friends of Seaside Library

**Just arrived !!!  
For Sale at the Library**

- Ceramic mugs
- Tote bags
- Thumb drives
- Orca stuffed animal
- Pencils
- Seahorse tattoos



Proceeds benefit the Seaside Library



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**Mission Statement:**

**The Friends of the Seaside Library**, because we value its rich services, support the Seaside Library in meeting the current and future needs of our community, by providing advocacy, funding, resources, and volunteers.

We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public benefit corporation.

**2015-2016 Officers**

<b>President</b>	<b>Sandra Weaver</b>
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**TO:**

<p>Have you mailed in your membership renewal?</p> <p>We have volunteer opportunities in several areas. Do you have special skills we could use?</p>
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