



# FRIENDS of the SEASIDE LIBRARY

November 2009 –  
January 2010

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Concert was held on Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge in Del Rey Oaks. I am very thankful to Bill at the Moose Lodge for sponsoring our event for the second time. One person wondered why our benefit was not held in Seaside. There are many wonderful places in Seaside, but either they were not available for the evening desired, did not allow outside snacks, or the price would not allow us to make money for the library. The Moose Lodge was available and donated to us for the evening. Many of the patrons of the Seaside Branch do not live in Seaside but appreciate all the wonderful things it provides, particularly the wonderful Staff Members. Our event was attended by people from all over the Peninsula and beyond.

The evening was filled with jazz, blues, standards, ballads and laughter. Ever famous Bob Phillips was on keyboard, Paul Tarantino on sax, Macucho Bonillo on percussion, and last but not least, Erin Gray, a very talented and entertaining vocalist. We are very fortunate to have a new addition to our Fundraising Committee, Leslie Simon. Leslie did an outstanding job seeking donations for our silent auction and raffle as well as working at the event. Lois Breida once again was our top ticket seller and worked at the event too. Sandra Weaver, Lita Dubose, and Alicia O'Neill sold tickets received donated items and also worked at the event. Sharon Freed, Principal Librarian, collected a great silent auction item and introduced her fantastic Staff. Once again, my husband Paul Buczynski contributed by lifting and hauling and understanding the clutter around the house.

Also attending were Seaside City Manager Ray Corpus, Mayor Ralph Rubio, Councilmember Dennis Alexander, and MPUSD Trustee Debra Gramespacher. I presented certificates of appreciation to Abdul Razaak and Lola Henderson for donating their time at the library teaching computer classes to adults. Lola was unable to attend that evening. We had many wonderful items donated to us by local businesses and I hope that you will thank them for supporting us, by shopping with them when possible. Thank you to all of you who attended and made our event successful.

In closing, however you may celebrate the Holiday season, I hope that it is filled with love, joy, and loved ones.

Working Together We DO Make A Difference!  
Nancy M. Amos

THE FRIENDS OF THE SEASIDE LIBRARY WOULD LIKE TO THANK  
THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES FOR THEIR  
GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR 6TH ANNUAL BENEFIT CONCERT.

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Henrietta  
Jennifer Klein Pottery  
Johnny Apodaca Gallery  
Leslie Payne  
Leslie Simon  
Lois Breida  
Lolita DuBose  
Mary Housel  
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Nifty Fifty Cafe  
Olio Vintage Fun  
Pamela Takigawa  
Phat Burger  
Sandra Weaver  
Shari Hastey  
Sharon Freed  
Sweet Elena's Bakery

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### Librarian's Message

Fond New Year wishes to all of you from the Seaside Library staff!

What's new at the library for the New Year? We started a new program called Tween Time. Do you know what a Tween is? A Tween is a kid in between juvenile age and teen age. These regulars are part of our core library users, the ones who frequent the Homework Center every day and ask many reference questions about California Missions, world explorers, and animals of all kinds. (Today I learned about chinchillas—they're born fully furred, eyes open, with all their 20 teeth—ouch, mama!) We know our Tweens by name, they know us by name, they like to hang out at the counter with us and chat. They get bored easily and when I encourage them to read they ask if they can do our work instead. Rather than put them to work we started printing coloring pages but it's difficult to keep up with their demand. These kids love to color, they love to draw. You'll see their artwork in the library and my office is full of their art treasures. Art programming for this demographic was clearly way overdue! Tween Time takes place on Wednesdays at 3:00 and so far it's been a huge success. One boy said, "I'm so glad you're doing this—only the little kids get to make stuff!"

Who better to lead the kids into artistic endeavors than our very own Champion of the Arts, Carol Diggory Shields! Carol, as you know, has written over 20 children's books and has presented grillions of storytimes (yes, grillions!). This January she was honored by the Arts Council for Monterey County as a Champion of the Arts under the Professional category. I was able to attend this event through the generosity of our Friends. It was a touching moment to hear Carol's acceptance speech, thanking her family and fellow writers like Paul Fleishman and letting the crowd at the Embassy Suites know that her books were inspired by her time spent here in Monterey County. Please visit the Arts Council website at [www.culturalmonterey.org](http://www.culturalmonterey.org) to see Carol's video—along with the other Champions who advocate for the arts in our area. Congratulations, Carol!

We are delighted to see some new faces joining Beata and the gang for The Friends' Food for Thought Book Club taking place in the Homework Center. Please visit MCFL's Events Calendar for dates, time, and description of the book club. It's not your ordinary book club, as you'll see on our events calendar located at [www.montereycountyfreelibraries.org](http://www.montereycountyfreelibraries.org).

And last but not least, since we're all Friends here—please be sure to "fan" MCFL on Facebook and most definitely visit The Friends of the Seaside Library's \*new\* Facebook account. Check out our pictures at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and become a fan.

## MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

A big applause for our Sustainers  
Kathie Decker and Judy Parsons

Special thanks to our Supporters  
Jill Anderson, Mary Housel, Francine Morris, Jane Parker,  
Elizabeth Sherard,  
Cath Tandler-Valencia, and Sandra Weaver.

Thank you to Members renewing since August  
Jayanti Addleman, Bruce Albright & Ruiqi Ma, Debbie  
DuBose, Lynda Giammanco, and Mary Wilson

AND - our new members  
Nicholas Hayden & Katharine Stubbendick

Thanks to everyone for being a part of  
***Friends of the Seaside Library***  
Lolita DuBose, Membership Chair

Next time you are in the Library, pick up a  
"Read a Book" bookmark from the FOSL Membership  
Information envelope holder.  
Take one for a friend as well and enjoy.



### Consider the Gift of a Donation to the Library this Season

How does Friends of the Seaside Library use your contribution to support the Library?

When you pay your membership dues, make a donation, attend the benefit concert, or drop off gently used books to be resold, you are helping the Friends to purchase needed equipment, furnishings, and materials that are not included in the Library's budget.

A certificate is available to acknowledge your contribution made to our Library as a holiday or birthday gift or to honor a special person. Just ask when you make your donation.

## Meet Our Seaside Library Staff – Jeff Coronado

We interviewed Jeff Coronado, Library Assistant II, in October at the Library. We hope that patrons will enjoy getting to know our terrific Seaside team better.

Q – What brought you to library work?

A – I’m a lifelong library user and volunteer. When I considered a career change from my boatwright business, I thought about teaching in middle school, but many children don’t really want to be in school. With a library, people come because it has something to offer them and they want to be there. I began in MCFL as a volunteer and have been a staff member for five years, previously at the Buena Vista branch.

Q – Why are libraries important?

A – Libraries are “front door” solutions to difficult economic times. Every dollar invested in libraries saves many dollars over time in preventing unemployment and other social problems.

Q – What is special about our library?

A – The Seaside Library is my favorite in the MCFL system. We’re constantly busy, and I like that. We’re a major resource for all branches, and provide support to our smaller branches. Our Librarian, Sharon Freed, acts promptly on good suggestions. We’ve created a teen nook from our limited space with an area rug, special chairs, and posters. It’s a nice way to reward Young Adults who want to use the library.

Q – What aspects of working with our patrons do you value most, and why?

A – Most of our public are kind and understanding about budget cuts and ultimately they are happy to have us here. If there is a line at the circulation counter or reference desk, people will wait patiently.

Q – You have a special position as the only man on the Seaside Library permanent staff. Do you find that patrons confer the status of expert in ‘guy things’ on you?

A – Yes, and so do the staff (Jeff grins). Primarily it’s about technology issues, but I get questions about sports and auto maintenance too.

Q – What do you enjoy when you aren’t working?

A – I like sailing, rock climbing, mountaineering, snowboarding, fly-fishing, and I’m teaching my sister surfing. For quieter times, I enjoy reading, especially trying out authors who are new to me.

Q – Any reading recommendations?

A – I like a bit of everything, as reflected in my choices for the “Staff Picks” display in the library. Let staff know what you like. As I learn about your reading preference, I can refer you to other authors you may enjoy.

Unabridged audiobooks are great for readers who multitask as well as for early emerging readers, because they train how to be a good listener. I am currently suggesting Hunger Games for Young Adults.

Q – Is there any message you’d like to share with our Newsletter readers?

A – Be library supporters as well as library users. If you can, donate books and other materials that we don’t have. Make requests so that they can be considered. Join the Friends.



Be a **FRIEND** of the Seaside Library  
Join or Renew Today to Support Your Community Library

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There are opportunities to volunteer at the Seaside Library. Do you have talents to share with us?

- Fundraising                       Library Programs                       Community Outreach  
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 Publicity                       Newsletter/Website                       Coordinate Speakers/Events  
 Finance                       Special Projects

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:

**Friends of the Seaside Library (FOSL)**  
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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.*

All gifts are greatly appreciated and acknowledged.

(I  wish,  do not wish to have my name acknowledged in the FOSL Newsletter.)

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**November meeting  
cancelled**

**Next Friends Meeting  
Wednesday  
February 17, 2010**

**PLAN ON BEING  
THERE!**