

LIBRARY LEAVES

FRIENDS OF THE HOOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Marilyn Janda, Editor

The following article is taken from the Friends Historian's report given at the annual luncheon at the Riverchase Country Club on May 14 written by Barbara Lyons.



Imagine you have been given a beautiful gift tied with a golden ribbon and with a gift tag that reads -- "This 2009-2010 year of volunteer activities is a gift given to the Hoover Public Library and the citizens of Hoover by the Friends of the Hoover Public Library. It is a gift of many hours of support and purpose." Its so exciting to

be given a special gift. The ribbon that holds the gift together is the officers, selected by the Friends as their most capable leaders, Jeanne Frederick the determined President; Delores Wilkinon the creative program First Vice President; Lea Pennington the clever "Blue Card Brigade" membership, Second Vice President;

Sandra Hart the efficient Recording Secretary; Faye Walker, the caring Corresponding Secretary; Roberta Atkinson the precise and accurate Treasurer and Leslie Linthicum have provided the direction we've needed. Appointees artistic Historian, Barbara Lyons and Louise Wasley the correctness Parliamentarian

join in to assist. Joining these leaders are the Standing Committee Chairwomen. Inspirational words of wisdom from Betty Tucker; current art events from Winnie Cooper; dependable telephone chairmen, Eleanor Berry and Jean Butterworth and Bylaws editor, Christine Simonton compliment the ribbon.

2010-2011 Officers Installed in May



These officers were installed for 2010-2011 at the luncheon held at the Riverchase Country Club on May 14.

President	Jeanne Frederick
1st Vice President	Pat Bendall
2nd Vice President	JoEllen Karazim*
Recording Secretary	Barbara Ranieri*
Corresponding Secretary	JoAnn Weber
Treasurer	Roberta Atkinson
Assistant Treasurer	Charla McClain*

*Unable to be there

President’s Letter, continued

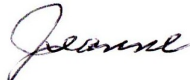
Representing the library is Liaison, Susan Spafford and Trustee, Eloise Martens. The informative newsletter editor, Marilyn Janda and Publicity chair, Joann Roberson have kept our members up to date. The gracious hospitality of Pat Bendall, who organized our best cooks each month, was enjoyed by members and guests alike! Roberta Atkinson published our yearbook, giving us all the information and bylaws we needed to be members in good standing. Together they complete the golden ribbon.

As you frantically rip into the wrapping of your gift, you find the opening page and this dedication,

“Angels without wings are called Friends - Bookstore Co-Chairmen Freida Bearden and Sue Simpson, along with their committee, have given devoted and dependable service. How grateful we are that they are “our angels without wings.” The major focus of the Friends is in these capable hands. Freida, Sue, Sabra Carpenter, Sherry Barrington, Margaret Donaldson, Lisa Lenfant, Margaret Jackson, Zora Puckett, Joann Davis, Dot Marron. Joyce Parrot, and Cathy Clement are angels without wings! They give gazillion hours to provide the library supplemental funds for special programs such as summer reading programs for adults and

children, flowers throughout the library at Christmas, especially selected books given in the name of our program speakers and the magnificent Southern Voices conference. Any special identified needs are all funded by the devotion of almost 100 volunteers. One hundred beautiful volunteers who are angels without wings - Friends of the Hoover Public Library. As we begin another year together, there are a few ideas I would like to hear about from you: What kind of changes would you like to see take place? Do you think we need to have a big social event, a night meeting occasionally, maybe our last meeting

could be a barbecue somewhere. These are things that are going through my head and I would like some input from you. Please call with your suggestions. I would love to talk with you about them. We want more of you to participate in our meetings and especially to be in touch with those of you who work. Let me hear from you. Have a safe, wonderful summer and our first meeting will be September 13. I look forward to seeing you then.


Jeanne

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

GOOD NEWS!! Our wonderful Hoover Public Library now has 400 Friends. The membership has more than doubled in the last two years. Thanks to the dedication of the new membership team’s varied enrollment initiatives.

A membership drive held during the Friends of the Library Week in the Fall over a two-year period brought in approximately 80 new members. These drives were held in the library during times of relatively heavy usage. The lobby and the Plaza were both used for these drives.

This year, the “Blue Card Brigade” made up of 11 active

members brought in 16 new members over a three-month period. Congratulations to all who worked so hard, both in our formal and informal efforts to increase membership and promote and publicize the Friends and their efforts to sustain and strengthen all the exceptional activities that sets the Hoover Public Library apart from city libraries of similar size. Lets continue to press for higher enrollment numbers and more creative ways to utilize our growing membership to enhance in every way possible the mission of the Hoover Public Library. Lea Pennington, 2nd Vice President-Membership

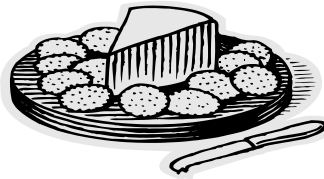
A Word from Our Hospitality Chairperson

It was a pleasure serving as the Hospitality Chairperson for the Friends of the Library for the past two years. I certainly got to put names with those faces of members who so generously brought goodies for the refreshment table. It was not long before everyone recognized that we have some wonderful cooks in the crowd!

This past year we had 58 individuals who offered to bring items for the meetings. I hope that each of you know how much every item was appreciated and enjoyed.

I encourage each of you to make a special effort to arrive by 9:30 a.m. at each meeting date and to enjoy the fellowship with your neighbors and new friends. If you have not signed up before, I am sure that Eleanor Berry will appreciate your help next year.

Pat Bendall
Hospitality Chairperson



Art in the Gardens

The Aldridge Gardens “Art in the Gardens” will be Saturday and Sunday, June 5 & 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 3530 Lorna Road, Hoover. About 70 accomplished artists will be participating.

This is a juried show with regional artists and craftsmen. No admission, handicapped accessible. Come and enjoy the beautiful gardens as well.

The Hoover/Shelby Art Association Show has been cancelled until Fall.

Book Store Notes

Freida Bearden

Complete figures for the June 2009 through May 2010 are not yet complete. We know they promise to be good, thanks to the effort of every individual involved.

We received some excellent donations this past year that sold well, and our customers have loved having the opportunity to purchase puppets, book bags and t-shirts courtesy of the library. Sales of our half-price books in the Plaza continue to improve, and we appreciate the efforts of all who help keep these shelves stocked, and that includes both bookstore and library personnel. CDs, videos, audiobooks and puzzles are popular items, so please continue to remember us when you have

donations.

I would like to end the year with a sincere thanks to Jeanne Frederick, our President, for her excellent leadership and personal interest in the bookstore, and to the members of the Sorting Committee for their hard work and dedication!

If you would like to volunteer some of your time in the bookstore, please call Sue Simpson. No one could perform this job better than or as well as Sue. I am sure all who come in contact with her will agree with that.

Again, many thanks to all of you.

Volunteer Opportunities

We would like to have more members involved in volunteer activities during the coming year. Most of our volunteers are involved in working in the bookstore, but there are other opportunities available.

These opportunities include assisting with Hospitality, recruiting new members, preparing the newsletter, planning programs, publicity, telephone reminders of meetings and other activities. Let us know if you have a special area of interest in helping in one of these areas.

Membership Renewals Due by August 1

Please use the form on the back page to renew your membership in order to be included in next year’s yearbook. **Thanks a million!!**

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