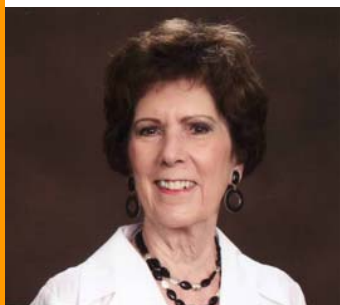


# LIBRARY LEAVES



## FRIENDS OF THE HOOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Libraries allow children to ask questions  
About the world and find the answer. And the  
Wonderful thing is that once a child learns to  
use a*

*Library, the doors to learning are always  
open*

Former First Lady Laura Bush

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There is no lovelier place anywhere than our own Hoover Public Library. The activities are so numerous—something for everyone. We have the adults programs, the Kid Zone, the Teen Spot, the Plaza with all the happenings there (live and free), Coffee-ology, reading rooms, meeting

rooms, and the Library Theatre. Also this summer 4,006 children signed up for the reading program and 1,055 teens plus nearly 148,000 attended other programs. There is nothing lacking in this fantastic facility. The library staff goes over and beyond the call of duty to be accommodating,

friendly, pleasant and patient. I think you will agree, we have an award winning library.

Then, there's our wonderful bookstore on the Plaza. We have dedicated volunteers (approximately 100) who staff the bookstore seven days a week. Sue Simpson

does the scheduling and would like to hear from you if you would like to volunteer some time. We also have the Sorting and Stocking Committee headed by Freida Bearden. Believe me, Sue and Freida work untold hours keeping the bookstore stocked and in good shape.



### Membership Spotlight— Catherine Heinzerling

By Marilyn Janda, Newsletter Editor

Living in an Independent Living Center for Senior Citizens as I do gives me a unique opportunity to know our spotlighted Friends member because she comes to our facility every other month and brings Books-to-You to us. This is a service sponsored by the Hoover Public Library that is available to 12 senior living fa-

cilities here in Hoover. It was begun about three years ago and the first story teller was Margaret Truly. These talented ladies review non-fiction books, and presentations and keep us abreast of what is available to the readers in the Hoover area. This is the only real contact with the library that some have because they no longer

drive. She also speaks in The Plaza at the library three of four times a year. Her subjects have a wide range of both serious and funny topics.

Catherine was born and grew up in Long Island, New York and lived there for the first 22 years of her life. After graduating from

the State University of NY at Stony Point, she moved to Birmingham in the late '70s and has lived here since then. Her parents moved to Lancaster PA in 1989, so she has also spent many weeks there and feels like that is home, too.

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Please visit and take advantage of the great bargains we have to offer. Also, we appreciate your donations of books, CDs, videos, puzzles and audiobooks.

We are proud to announce that our membership now is over 400; however there are some members who have not re-

newed their membership for the upcoming year. Each one of our members is important to us and some plans are being made for us to socialize more and to get to know each other better. This newsletter is being mailed to each person on our membership roster. If we don't hear from you with your renewal, we will assume you no longer wish to belong to The

Friends. I hope this is not the case as we value each one of you.

Pat Bendall, First Vice President, has lined up some great programs for the year. When you come to the meetings on the First Monday of the month, plan to arrive at 9:30 for refreshments and visiting. If you have any suggestions you would like to make for us

to consider, I would love to hear from you.

This newsletter will take us through football season, Thanksgiving, and the Christmas holidays. This is a great time of year. Enjoy it to the fullest.

Jeanne Frederick 

**Bookstore Notes from Freida**

With summer coming to an end, it's time to stock up on books for your inside activities, and our used bookstore is filled with good reading material to tempt you. Please come by and spend some fun time browsing and hopefully, find a few books and various other items - something for everybody!!

Our bookstore sales for June and July 2010 have been very good; in fact, July was financially our best month since September 2008, so things are looking up and our store continues to flourish. All of that is due to the hard work lots of volunteers and our customers who buy the books. Keep up the good work

We continue to solicit your donations and your help in keeping our bookstore looking good. Thanks to all of you.

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She had been living in Southside while working at the Southern Company in Inverness and wanted to be closer to work. She liked the Riverchase area, so she moved to Hoover in 1984.

Prior to the work she is now doing she has basically worked in the engineering and energy fields since the late '70s. For many years, she was in Project Management for the construction of power generating plants in Georgia. After completing her Masters in Business Administration, she turned more to financial forecasting of energy pricing. She spent a couple of years working with the coal industry for

procuring fuel for Southern Company power plants in Florida, Mississippi and Georgia. She then managed a group of people overseeing the \$6 billion annual budget for the generating plants fuel needs. During these years she made numerous presentations to company management, Public Service Commission folks and external natural gas and coal industry experts.

She took early retirement so she could have more flexibility in her personal schedule. She talked to Susan Spafford from the Hoover Public Library one day about her desire to procure some kind of part-time position that would be totally different from her former work life. One day, Susan called to

say that Margaret Truly, the prior Books-to-You speaker was leaving her position and wondered if Catherine would be interested. The outreach position seemed perfect as it utilizes her presentation skills and experience, and affords her the opportunity to intermingle with the seniors in the community, and allows her to read non-fiction.

Catherine is married to Ray Bailey, who was born in Alabama. She has two stepdaughters and six grandchildren. All of them live in Alabama near Trussville. She says that family dinners are fun and loud!

Catherine likes exploring for antiques and going to art

shows. She is involved in global and outreach ministries through her women's group at church. When she travels she particularly enjoys old architecture and cultural events in the places she visits. Her choice in reading is eclectic, but she particularly likes southern writers like Flannery O'Connor, but she also enjoys heavy reading like Dietrich Bonhoffer.

Again, I feel very fortunate to know her and to enjoy the book talks that she brings to us.

## Programs You Won't Want to Miss

September 13, 2010	Dianna Hansen— owner of WHITE FLOWERS
October 4, 2010	John Archibald— <i>The Birmingham News</i>
November 1, 2010	Teresa White—Coffee-ol-ogy Coffee Café
January 10, 2011	Mayor Tony Petelos—The State of the City
February 7, 2011	Teresa K. Thorne—author of <i>Noah's Wife</i>
March 7, 2011	Storyteller Dolores Hydock— "At Home Between Earth and Sky: Voices from Chandler Mountain"
April 4, 2011	Membership Coffee (TBA)

### ART EVENTS

#### From Winnie Cooper

Japanese Kimono Exhibit currently at the Birmingham Museum of Art.

Watercolor Society of Alabama; Alabama Members' Showcase 2010, Opening Awards Reception, Sunday, September 19, from 3:30

to 5:00 PM. 4th floor Art Gallery, downtown Birmingham Library. Juror Prof. Scott Stephens, Univ. of Montevallo. The public is invited. Annual WSA meeting, at 2:30 prior to reception in the Linn-Henley Bldg. Anyone interested in membership is invited to attend.

Hoover/Shelby Art Association's

Annual Fall Art & Fine Crafts Show. Heardmont Park Senior Center, Cahaba Valley Road, Hwy 119. Saturday, September 25, from 9-4. Indoor & outdoor, handicapped accessible, refreshments available. Approximately 35-40 area artists available.

Bluff Park Annual Fall Show: Sat-

urday, October 2, Bluff Park, Hoover. Art & fine crafts, regional artists

### In Memoriam

Rebecca Olvey

## Celebrate the Season with Coffee and Cakes



As I write, in mid-August, the temperature is 98 degrees and the heat index is 102. At this temperature, it's hard to imagine that we will soon be entering the best season of the year-fall. Autumn with its crisp, cool air, colorful leaves and best of all holiday season, will be here soon. (Maybe not soon enough with the summer heat we have been having!) Isn't it grand that the last months of the year are filled with the fun holidays that bring family and friends together.

These fall holiday events are chock full of nostalgia for me. Remember Trick or Treating back in the day when we children left home at dark all costumed, enthusiastic and unaccompanied by adults? Then the season of family and food began. We had home cooked Thanksgiving meals at each of our grandparent's houses and, even with great-grandparents for a while. Christmas feasting was even better since it was spread out over the course of several days and included extended family. And, wasn't dessert and coffee always the best part of the meal? The percolator was plugged in and the cake domes were lifted. The men drifted off to the living room for conversation while the women chatted at the kitchen

## From Teresa White, Coffee-ol-ogy Café, Library Plaza

table. Homemade cakes were the order of the day and my Dad's mother made the best! She made cakes all the time and you always had a piece when you visited her.

When my son and business partner, Craig, and I were developing the menu for our Coffee-ol-ogy Café at the Hoover Library, we decided to add homemade cakes. And, to use a common phrase, the rest is history. Our customers love our frosted, double layered cakes for the same reasons we do. They are moist, traditional cakes that are baked and frosted one at a time just like the old days. All you need to bring back those great memories is a great cup of coffee and we have that too! Cake by the slice and coffee by the cup are always

waiting for you at the café. We also make whole cakes to order and sell coffee to brew at home for your autumn and holiday gatherings.

We wish you a blessed and happy autumn and holiday season

Warmest regards,

Teresa White

Coffee-ol-ogy Coffee Café

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