President’s Message

As we leave the past behind, let us look toward the future of the club with renewed interest as the Nominating Committee presents us with a new slate of officers in February. If you are asked to take a leadership role, please consider the request and let your name be put on the new ballot.

Freida and Sue are always looking for members to staff our bookstore. The shifts are not long, and give you an opportunity to encourage our visitors to browse the store for inexpensive treasures. After all, where can you find a better bargain? As you are doing one of your New Year’s resolutions to clean out, don’t forget that those books you have read can be brought to the front desk and given to the bookstore committee to shelf in our store.

I hope that many of you will be able to attend the Southern Voices Festival this February. The tickets went on sale on January 11th. There will be two venues where the authors will rotate in order to seat more people. Some of the patrons will be in the Library Theatre, while another group of patrons will hear the authors in the Library

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News and Other Important Things

The Friends would like to welcome Hal Humphrey to the Library Board of Trustees. He recently stated, “I think this Library is such a positive face of this city. If you walk through here on any given night, to see the amount of youth in here learning in a positive environment, it’s awesome.” We agree that our Library is awesome and are proud to be a part of it. Birmingham Magazine has chosen Hoover the Best Library in Birmingham!

The nonfiction Department is having an exciting travel program on European Travel Tips. Come hear travel experts Bill and Judy Lewis, as they present three programs on how to have a true European travel experience, as you enjoy tastings from each country. January 22nd will feature Italy, February 5th will feature Greece and Turkey, and February 26th will feature France. Whether you’re an armchair traveler, or a frequent flyer, you won’t want to miss this fun program. Call 444-7840 for more information.

Nominating Committee for 2013-14

Frances Wheeler, Chairman        Sabra Carpenter
Marjorie Bachorik                Cathy Clement
Alice Singleton

Any suggestions of persons for office should be given to one of these committee members.

News From The Friends Bookstore

November and December were good months for the Bookstore. Book donations are always welcome as are volunteers to help out. Sue Simpson schedules our volunteer staff, so give her a call at 979-4835. You are a valued customer as well—see you in the Bookstore!

Plaza. All authors will be in each venue. Lunch will be on our own. Our contributions to the library help to support this wonderful event. This is all happening February 19-23, 2013. Pick up a brochure, if you haven’t already received one in the mail. There are many “good reads” written by the featured authors. Because of the holiday company, added activities, entertaining and cooking, it has left little time to devote to reading. I am looking forward to losing myself in several books that I have stashed away for the cold and dull days of winter. I always enjoy Amanda Bonner’s Wednesday article in the Hoover section of the Birmingham News. She gives great ideas for interesting reads.

Please share any ideas or concerns you have, as your board is always available with a listening ear. Let me close by leaving you with one of my “Thoughts of the Day” – “Each day is God’s gift to you, make it blossom and grow into a thing of beauty.”

Library Art Galleries

Friends Gallery
January—Chip Cooper  February/March—Alexi Torres

Plaza Gallery
January-Drucilla Defalque  February-Chip Cooper  March-Maurice Cook
HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I hope you each got just what you wanted for Christmas and have made your New Year’s resolutions. Let one resolution be to attend each meeting of Friends the remainder of this club year. My resolution is to get more members for our group. So, if you know someone who you think would be a good member, invite them to one of our meetings. Or, let me know and I’ll issue a special invitation. I don’t have as many contacts as some of you do, so I’ll need your help to meet my resolution!

Since we published our yearbook for 2012-2013, the following have joined Friends of the Hoover Public Library or have renewed their membership:
Louise Annino—705 Southdale Circle, Hoover 35244—205-425-2654
Jo Baskerville—717 Kendall Drive, Vestavia 35226—205-822-1739
Cathie Campis—3766 White Lane, Hoover 35226—205-520-4080
Carolyn Dunbar—483 South Sanders Rd., Hoover 35226—205-823-3198
Jeanne Harrelson—2055 Longmeadow Lane, Hoover 35216—205-987-0205
Merry Gordon Jones—479 Russet Hill Road, Hoover 35244—205-428-1331
Preston & Pat Lawley—5414 Trace Ridge Lane, Hoover 35244—205-982-2828
Shirley Lewis—2319 Misty Ridge Circle, Hoover 35226—205-823-1566
Bruce & Trudy Martin—2333 Woodcreek Drive, Hoover 35226—205-823-6708
Charlott Poe-Williams—3077 Whispering Pines Circle, Hoover 35226—205-822-2434
Barbara Smith—2209-B Little Valley Road, Hoover 35216—504-258-1486
Linda Systrom—15 The Oaks Circle, Hoover 35244—205-444-9634
Tom & Nanci Weiderman—1764 Southpoint Drive, Hoover 35244—205-426-8449.
Paul DeMarco, 111 Edgewood Blvd., Birmingham, AL 35209
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Suzanne Brown, 3074 Crossings Dr., Hoover, AL 35242
Linda Henchman, 1917 Mountain Laurel Ln., Hoover, AL 35244
Dee Kanzler, 530 S. Sanders Rd., Hoover, AL 35226

Even with some help proof-reading, I made some errors in our yearbook. Please make the following corrections to your current Yearbook:
Linda Andrews, 628 Preserve Way, Hoover 35226
Elsa Campbell, 3850 Galleria Woods #22, Hoover 35244
Jeanne Frederick—205-822-5514; e-mail: gfrederick1716@yahoo.com
Lorraine Sullivan, 3850 Galleria Woods #127, Hoover 35244
Roberta Warne, 3320 Old Columbia Rd. Hoover 35226
Frances Wheeler, e-mail: franwhe@bellsouth.net
And on page 42, the Bookstore’s number should be 444-7774.

Again, I hope to see each of you at our 2013 meetings with a prospective new member.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Friends Board Dates:
10 am Theater Conference Room