



**PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS**

*Cathy Brant*

**NOTES IN THE DESERT**



Our season is in full swing with many events at the Library. As you know, the Friends sponsor Notes in the Desert, a series of informal concerts that features an eclectic selection of performers. We hope you will join us on Feb. 20, and March 27th. Check the events pages in the newsletter for further details.

**Welwood Murray Memorial Library Reopens**

Over the past year, you may have noticed a lot of work going on at the Welwood Memorial Library. Renovation is almost complete. This project is a truly wonderful partnership between the Palm Springs Historical Society, the Library, and the Palm Springs Visitors and Tourists Bureau. I hope you will all come, and see what the Library will offer.

**Annual Meeting**

We would like to streamline our Annual Meeting this year. According to the FOPSL Bylaws, once a year the Board must present a report to all members and provide an opportunity for them to elect new or returning board members.

This year, the officers and committee chairs are preparing a written Annual Report that will be made available to all members. The meeting will be dedicated to providing time for questions and the election of board members. Immediately following, we will join the Library Board of Trustees and other invited guests for an Awards Party honoring everyone who has donated their time and money to support the Library. Additional information will follow.

**Board Meetings**

I would like to extend an invitation to all members to join us at a Board Meeting. Our next one will be Tuesday, February 10th, at 2 p.m., in the Learning Center of the Library. If you would like more information, please email me at [cpbrant@earthlink.net](mailto:cpbrant@earthlink.net).

Finally, you will notice a new name in this edition. One of our new Friends’ members has volunteered to help me with the newsletter. Marilyn Clement has an extensive background in journalism and we are fortunate to have her expertise. Many thanks, Marilyn!

**Volunteer Needed**

*Are you a computer-savvy person? If so, please email me. We need help maintaining our website at [www.friendsofthepalmspringslibrary.org](http://www.friendsofthepalmspringslibrary.org).*

**DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES**

*Jeannie Kays*

**Welwood Murray Memorial Library Opening Mid-February**



I am excited to report that the Welwood Murray Memorial Library will officially re-open to the public Thurs., Feb. 19, 2015 with a 6:00 p.m., ribbon cutting ceremony. The celebration will take place during VillageFest, with cake and a commemorative gift, while supplies last. I hope that

you can join us for the festivities.

The Welwood Murray Memorial Library opened exactly 74 years ago, on Feb. 19, 1941. A gift of the land at 100 South Palm Canyon Drive by George Welwood Murray ensures that the building bears the name of his father, Welwood Murray,



one of the early pioneers of Palm Springs.

The newly-renovated facility, a branch of the Palm Springs Public Library, will provide space for the Palm Springs Historical Society Research Library and Archive, tourist information bureau, public Internet computers, Wi-Fi, charging stations, and a Community Room available for rental. A selection of newspapers and periodicals will be available for in-library use only. Welwood Murray Memorial Library will be open daily 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



Row 1 (l-r): Sheryl, Judy, Laura, Jeannie, baby Pax, Krystle, Linda, Zach. Row 2 (l-r): Arun, Scott, Jean, Anna, Yrene, Mary, Sharon, Tam, Esteban. Not pictured: Jeff, Julie, Minerva, Nancy, Shelly

## BORN TO READ!

Marilyn Clement

*The Friends are anticipating the birth of this new literacy program.*

Jeannie Kays, Director of Library Services for the Palm Springs Public Library, firmly believes that it's never too early to introduce the love of learning. To her, the Born to Read program is a natural fit. "We think it's important to teach children the love of reading, and what better time to start than when they are born," she said. Not only will they learn to love books, but their parents will be introduced to all the services the library provides.



"The Friends have jumped on board, they think it's a really good idea," Kays said. Given the Desert Regional Auxiliary Board's positive response, Born to Read may be ready for launching spring, 2015.

Jeannie and Julie Warren, Public Relations Manager, are in charge of the project design. Each new mother will receive a complimentary tote bag containing two bi-lingual books, a bib, and a booklet emphasizing the importance of reading to babies, and describing the developmental stages of early childhood.

Because Desert Regional serves families throughout the Coachella Valley, all hospital newborns will be eligible for Born to Read. Approximately, 300 babies are born each month, or 3600 annually. The estimated cost of each Born to Read kit is \$10 or \$3600 per annum. The Friends of the Palm Springs Public Library will provide the seed money. But, securing sponsorships and grants will be critical. Individual donors may be interested in making a more tangible gift underwriting the cost of a kit for one or more babies. Volunteers will also be needed to provide support, assemble the kits and fundraise.

## BOOK SALE COMMITTEE

Richard Ellis

Fall and winter always bring a new crowd of excited book lovers to the library and to our sales. This fall was no different. Our DVD and audiobook sale in December was one of our most successful sales ever! Thanks to all of you who have supported us!

Next on our calendar is the big Annual Book Sale: March 27, 28 & 29. Members preview Fri., March 27, 4 – 7 pm. Open to the public on Sat. the 28th. Sun. the 29th, is Bag Day – everything \$3 a bag.

Special thanks go out to our good friend and loyal book-sorter, George Mucherson, who recently retired from the sorting room! George, we wish you the best. We appreciate your years of devoted help and, most of all, your kindness and friendship!

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## EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chris Seidel, Marie Weigel

### Nixon Library Trip

Perhaps you remember the history-making final departure



of President Nixon and his family from Washington when he stood on the steps of the presidential helicopter on the White House lawn raising his arms in the

v-for-victory sign. Well, thirty-six Friends of the Library and their friends stood on those very steps during their November trip to the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda.

Boarding a charter bus, we drove back in time considering the changes wrought during the Nixon era. It was our organization's first "field trip", and we did it in style: comfortable bus, private group tour, delicious lunch in a replica White House room, and then free time to linger through exhibits and gift shops.

Thanks to the members of the committee for organizing this, and, a big thanks to all of you who came. Keep an eye out for future day trips! We'd love to have you aboard!



## MEMBERSHIP

Barbara Stanford

As you will note in the quarterly membership statistics, we recently gained a number of new members. Quite a few of you joined during National Friends of the Library week in October. A warm welcome to you all! We are so pleased that you have chosen to join our group to help fund programs and materials for our Library. We will also provide you with volunteer opportunities throughout the year. As a new member, you have access to our "Members Only" night at our annual March book sale. You will receive an invitation to our Annual Meeting which is always engaging, and an opportunity to meet with Friends.

Changes in how the Friends process membership renewals are on the horizon. As you know, since our inception in 1971, each membership has had its own renewal date, i.e. 12 months from the date joined. Your Friends Board of Directors recently voted to switch to an annual "one date for all" renewal date. Your officers will be meeting with other organizations that have made this change to obtain their input, advice and guidance on this transition.

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### Welcome to our New Members!

#### Patron (\$100):

Erickson, Rosemary

#### Individual (\$20):

Brickell, Ira

Burgess, Annita

Clement, Marilyn

Hansen, Dee

Hargrave, Marian

Hart, Thomas

Ivins, Sandra

Lively, Patti

Longoria, Shelly

Marks, Mary

Parsons, Carolyn

Tanzer, Harry

Weaver, Irene

Wolf, Pat

### Thank you for your Renewals at Patron and Above:

#### Platinum (\$1,000):

Pollock, Robert and Eileen

#### Gold (\$500)

Kahn, Michael and Sheila Weiner-Kahn

Nelson, Pete and McEntee, Patrick

#### Silver (\$250)

Santora, Ernest

#### Patron (\$100):

Bastow, Thomas

Bushore, Lynne

Cone, Mary

Fey, Robert and Cheryl

## UPCOMING PALM SPRINGS LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Julie Warren

**Thanks to all of the Friends who help support many of the following Palm Springs Library programs!**

### FEBRUARY 2015

**Wed., Feb. 4th**, Nature Lecture: Exploring Route 66 Through the Mojave at the Palm Springs Public Library. Steve Brown, publisher of the Sun Runner magazine, creator, host, writer, and producer of The Real Desert, with Steve Brown, airing since September, 2013, will be joining Jim Conkle to document the famed Route 66. The lecture will begin at 6:30 p.m., in The Learning Center (TLC). *This program is presented in partnership with the Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park.*

**Sat., Feb. 7th**, "A Guide to Familysearch.org and Other Community Generated Databases". A presentation by the Palm Springs Genealogical Society with guest speaker Larry Naukam. This FREE program will be from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., in The Learning Center (TLC). *This program is presented supported in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.*

**Wed. Feb. 11th**, Book Talks with Native American Authors: Featuring Tim Tingle at the Palm Springs Public Library. An Oklahoma Choctaw and an award-winning author and storyteller, Tim Tingle's fourth book House of Purple Cedar, his first adult novel, was released in Jan., 2014. The lecture will begin at 6:30 p.m., in The Learning Center (TLC). *This program is presented in partnership with the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum.*

**Wed., Feb. 18th**, A Night With Oscar Presented by Robert Kline at the Palm Springs Public Library. Producer and Director Robert Kline, former Executive Vice President of 20th Century Fox, will discuss the Oscar nominated films and share behind the scenes insights into this year's selections. Cast your ballot, win a prize, it will be a fun evening to celebrate the movies! The program will begin at 6:30 p.m., in The Learning Center (TLC).

**Fri, Feb. 27th**, Notes in the Desert Concert Series featuring Calé at the Palm Springs Public Library. This guitar trio plays a mixture of Latin and Flamenco rhythms with pop/rock/funk and electronic elements that create a wide musical range. The free concert will begin at 6:30 p.m., in the main atrium of the Library, Seating is limited, first-come, first-seated, no reservations. *This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Palm Springs Library.*

### MARCH 2015

**Fri., March 20th**, Notes in the Desert Concert Series featuring Michael Kollwitz on the Chapman Stick at the Palm Springs Public Library. Hear this fascinating instrument and learn about its true American origins. Combining elements of guitar, bass, piano and percussion, there are only several dozen professional 'Stickists' worldwide who play this new 21st century instrument. The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m., in the main atrium of the Library. It is FREE but seating is limited, first-come, first-seated, no reservations. *This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Palm Springs Library.*

**Wed., March 25th**, Family Fun Festival--Celebrating Spring! Come to this event in the Palm Springs Stadium (across from the Library) to learn more about all the wonderful resources and activities available to families. Participating organizations will have a booth, each with a craft or game, plus there will be special demonstrations and giveaways. The FREE event is from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Wed., March 25th**, Film Screening: Gashole. The film provides a detailed examination of our continued dependence on foreign oil and examines why Americans are reluctant to consider alternative fuels and explores various potential solutions. The film will begin at 6:30 p.m., in The Learning Center (TLC). *This program is presented in partnership with the City of Palm Springs Sustainability Commission.*

### APRIL 2015

**Wed., April 22nd**, Special Lecture: Celebrate Earth Day with Photographer and Author Jamie Kowal at the Palm Springs Public Library. Resident and business owner, Jamie Kowal, will talk about her book "Waking Up the West Coast: Healers and Visionaries". The program will begin at 6:30 p.m., in The Learning Center (TLC). *This program is presented in partnership with the City of Palm Springs Office of Sustainability.*



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Membership Level** (mark your choice):

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