



***FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY  
PRESIDENT'S NOTE***

Yes, Charlie Brown, Easter comes once a year. Yes, it is in the spring. And yes, it is time for the Friends of the Library spring membership meeting.

Spring brings visions of many things, such as a child's Easter basket brimming over with all sorts of goodies. It is the same for adults: our baskets are full and brimming over with projects and responsibilities of all sorts. Have you noticed how the basket of a Friends of the Library member or volunteer always has room for more? No matter how full the basket is, the holder of the basket is always willing to add one more item or responsibility. When one volunteer's basket is over-flowing and absolutely cannot hold anymore, another friend or volunteer is always there to step in, catch the basket before it spills, and help. What a wonderful, giving and helpful group the FOL volunteers are. Thank you, Karen Wallock, for keeping this group going and growing. It cannot be done without folks like you.

Our bookstore is growing and growing. However, there always seems to be room for more. The shelves are full, and in some cases, books are waiting behind others to be placed on the shelves. Contributions that come in weekly are processed by volunteers who do nothing but classify, organize and keep the store neat, orderly and up to date. Thanks go to each of you for the many hours that you contribute every week to accomplish this. Thank you, Linda Williams, for keeping this group going and growing. It cannot be done without folks like you.

Another thanks needs to go out to the Friends of the Library Board members. They are Janet

Wolber, Martha Rinn, Ruth Ander, Stella Ozuna, Dacia Roberts and Sydney Burton. The many hours these members have contributed to making the Friends of the Library a great organization cannot be held in one basket. It takes many. Thank you for making my two years of serving as president so easy.

We have another basket that needs to be mentioned and filled. The basket that holds our membership is never full. There will always be a need for more members. Keep up the recruiting, and Friends will always want to join and will be proud to be a member of the organization.

Our final basket to fill is one that may never be filled, and the Seguin Public Library has just such a basket. This is the wish basket that the library will always have. There is so much out there that the library would like to add to its collections and services, in their efforts to serve the Seguin community. There is no budget that will ever be able to cover all the library resources that staff would like to offer. This is the basket that the Friends of the Library organization has committed to filling, to the best of our abilities. This is where you, the volunteers and members, can make a difference.

Keep up the good work and assure Charlie Brown that spring is here and the basket will be filled. The FOL organization is always in need of more members and volunteers. Keep reaching out to your friends and neighbors. Tell them about the FOL and encourage all to become members of the group or train to become a volunteer.

Thank you,

Danny Vinson

Friends of the Library President



### ***FRIENDS' SPRING MEETING & PROGRAM***

The Friends' spring meeting and program will take place on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 beginning at 6:00 PM in the Community Meeting Room at the Seguin Public Library. The event will begin with a short business meeting, including election of officers. Following the business meeting, Ms. Paula King-Harper will give a presentation about Wilson Pottery. Ms. King-Harper is a fifth generation descendant of the late Reverend Hiram Wilson. Reverend Wilson, who owned and operated H. W. Wilson Pottery in Capote after the Civil War, is credited with being the first African American businessman in Texas after the Emancipation Proclamation. Ms. King-Harper is active in local interests such as Capote Church, Capote Cemetery, the Wilson Pottery Foundation Museum, the Wilson Reunion, and the Seguin community in general. Please join us for this informative program - and bring a friend!



### ***BOOKSTORE REPORT***

Thank you to everyone for donating books and magazines to the bookstore, and to the wonderful volunteers that do all of the work. Sales have increased each year we have been open. We have doubled our retail space by opening the back room and can offer you many more books and a greater variety. Mystery, romance, western, fiction, non-fiction, biography, cooking, gardening, travel, diet, nutrition, religious, self-help, inspirational, quilting, sewing, crocheting, fantasy, art, decorating, crafts, young adult, children, reference, educational, and the classics are available. Sadly, we are unable to accept donations of textbooks, tapes, or CDs.

We always have selected books on sale and gift certificates available. Look forward to receiving your donations and having you shop with us.

Linda Williams,  
Bookstore manager



### ***BOOKSTORE CONTACT AND HOURS***

The Friends Bookstore phone number is 830-386-2204. Bookstore hours are:

Monday-Thursday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
Friday, 10:00 AM -- 4:00 PM  
Saturday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Sunday, Closed



### ***A NOTE OF THANKS***

I continue to be amazed at our wonderful volunteers—those who sign up regularly, and those who fill in during crunch times! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Please ask your friends if they would like to be a volunteer. We can always use more workers! If they are interested, have them fill out a volunteer form (available online or from the library), and I will contact them when their background check is completed.

Karen Wallock





### **ELECTIONS OF FRIENDS OFFICERS**

Every spring the Friends elect officers for the year. A roster of candidates will be presented at the meeting, and nominations from the floor will be accepted, as long as the nominee has agreed to run for office. If you have joined the Friends by paying your annual membership, you are eligible to vote in this election.



### **FRIENDS FINANCIALS**

The Friends fulfilled \$13,420 in funding requests from the library in spring 2019. Expenditures included the following items:

- \$5,000 – EBooks/downloadable audios
- \$750 – Items for large print youth collection
- \$2,000 – Yoga classes (half paid up-front, half to be paid later)
- \$675 – Performance fee for Women's Essence Choir
- \$350 – Various adult programming, supplies and other expenses
- \$490 – Gaming console
- \$300 – Programming/coding tools
- \$855 – Mobile planetarium event
- \$3,000 – Interns for summer reading program prep and program

A detailed Treasurer's report will be given at the business meeting on April 16.



### **COMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY**

April 13, 2019, 5:30 PM – The library will host a special presentation by Essence Women's Choir. The choir will perform "Love Can Build a Bridge." A suggested donation of \$10 will be welcomed at the door, with all proceeds going to the Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter. Funds for this event were provided by the Friends of the Library.

April 22, 2019, 6:00 PM – In honor of Earth Day 2019, a free screening of *Living in the Future's Past* will be presented. This film addresses environmental challenges in the world today. Paul Martin from Siempre Sustainable Network will be providing introductory remarks.

April 26, 2019, 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM – We invite you to come listen to the compelling story of Holocaust survivor, author and inspirational speaker Dr. Inge Auerbacher, who will bring history to life by sharing her personal experiences as a young child in the Terezin (Theresienstadt) concentration camp in Czechoslovakia. Dr. Auerbacher recently shared her story during the United Nations Holocaust Memorial Ceremony. Please note that there will be two sessions, one at 10:00 AM and one at 2:00 PM. **Tickets are required.** Tickets will be available starting Tuesday, April 16 while supplies last. Maximum two tickets per person.

