



# FOCUS

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library

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## FTOL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY JIM NELSON, FTOL PRESIDENT

Hello to all our Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library.



We had two great events in December that were sponsored by the Friends. On December 2, 2012 guest author Michael Connelly discussed one of his book characters and answered questions at the Scherr Forum Theater at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Center. He also discussed his latest book, *The Black Box*, and afterwards graciously signed books

for those who either purchased one from the Friends or brought one for him to sign. This event was well attended.

On December 15, 2012, Vice President Carol Weiner organized another successful Cultural Bus Tour to the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana, CA. As always, the tour was very interesting and informative, especially if you like Fabergé eggs and jewelry. The museum also had a special display of former Secretary of State Madeline Albright's brooch collection. Thanks to Carol

for planning this event, and thanks to all those who joined us for the day.

Please mark your calendars for this year's first big semi-annual used book sale on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 at the Newbury Park Branch Library. We will have an Early Bird Sale at 3:00 pm on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, which is only open to members of the Thousand Oaks Friends of the Library. The regular sale is from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm on March 1<sup>st</sup> and from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to volunteer to help out at this sale, please call Eileen Kessler at 805-495-8754. She and Geri Trail, our Book Sales Vice President, will appreciate whatever time you are able to give.

Remember: your contribution of a little time can go a long way in helping make a positive difference at the Thousand Oaks Library!

## FTOL BOARD ELECTIONS

BY BOB COFFEY, FTOL PAST PRESIDENT

The annual election to select the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library (FTOL) will be held later this spring. The one year term, July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, is for the following positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

- Membership VP
- Sales VP

The FTOL Board meets the second Monday of every month except August. If any FTOL member is interested in becoming a candidate for one of these positions or would like more information please call Bob Coffey at 805-498-5550.



## BOOK SALE NEWS

BY GERI TRAIL, VP FTOL BOOK SALES

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Spring Used Book Sale on Friday and Saturday, March 1-2, 2013. The sale will be held in the art gallery at the Newbury Park Branch. As for the past few sales, we will be having the Early Bird Sale for Friends members only on Friday afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.



If you are one of our regular volunteers, you will be receiving a call soon from Eileen Kessler. We have really appreciated your help in the past and hope you will be able to assist us again for this sale. If you would like to be a new volunteer, please call her at 805-495-8754. We have lots of fun and meet very interesting people.

Hope to see you at the sale!

## TO LIBRARY FEATURED PROGRAMS: BY JANA COVELL, LIBRARY PROGRAMS COORDINATOR

### Exciting Programs Coming to the Library!

On Saturday, February 23, at 2:00 pm at the Grant R. Brimhall Library, Jim Tranquada, author of the new book, *The 'Ukulele: A History*, explores all facets of the 'ukulele, placing the 'uke in a broad historical, cultural, and musical context. Drawing on a wealth of previously untapped sources, Tranquada will talk about the surprising story of the obscure four-string Portuguese folk guitar that became the national instrument of Hawaii.

A former newspaper reporter, Jim Tranquada is Director of Communications for Occidental College, and a great-great grandson of 'ukulele pioneer Augusto Dias. Bring your 'ukulele, get ready to strum along and join the kanikapila!

**Fascinating First Ladies** will be presented Saturday, March 9, at 1:00 pm at the Grant R. Brimhall Library. *Who was the First Lady to request that "Hail to the Chief" be played routinely for all Presidential entrances because she was concerned that her husband "was not an impressive figure, so some announcement was necessary to avoid the embarrassment of his entering a crowded room unnoticed"?*

Learn who this First Lady was and more trivia about other ladies who lived in the White House from Friends' President Jim Neilson. He is an active docent at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Museum and Library and is a First Lady History/Trivia buff.

On Saturday, March 16, bring the family and get into the spirit of **St. Patrick's Day** with Irish storyteller Rebecca Martin who will perform at the Newbury Park Branch Library at 11:30 am and the Grant R. Brimhall Library at 2:00 pm *Meet the most famous of the Irish heroes, the brave and clever Finn MacCool, as well as the wild hairy men of the Fianna, and then pay a visit to the world of Fairy in this program that celebrates the rich heritage of the Celts and the Irish.*

**National Library Week** is April 14-20, 2013 and we kick it off in style with the **Sisters in Crime** panel on April 14 and a **musical heritage program** on April 20. Stay tuned for details on these exciting programs and many more at the Library!

For more information on any of these programs, contact the library at 805-449-2660, x 7358.

**A non-profit organization of library supporters dedicated to promoting and enhancing the Thousand Oaks Library System**



### 2012-2013 OFFICERS

President	Jim Neilson
First Vice President	Carol Weiner
Membership VP	Ed Craven
Book Sales VP	Geri Trail
Treasurer	Ken Fidyk
Secretary	Susan Bullard
Past President	Bob Coffey
Members-at-Large	Jean Dolan

### BOARD MEETINGS

Held at 10:30 a.m. the 2nd Monday of each month (except August) in the Friends' office at the Newbury Park Branch Library. Members are welcome to attend.

### FOCUS

A bimonthly newsletter focusing on the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library, the Thousand Oaks Library System and topics supporting literacy. Submit articles to: FOCUS Editor, Friends of the Library, 2331 Borchard Road, Newbury Park, CA 91320.

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## NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS BY ED CRAVEN, MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT

### Life Member Recognition

*In recognition of our Life Members, we now display a polished rosewood plaque with their names engraved on brass plates in the Grant R. Brimhall Library. It's next to the Friends bulletin board, near the coffee station. Check it out the next time you're in the library.*

### New Contributor

Jeanette Hosek

### New Members

Charles Campbell  
Valerie Leahey  
Robert Riordan  
Jeffrey Stith  
John & Beverly Viola  
Todd Wallace  
Robin & Avery Willis  
Gilbert Felix  
Carol Anderson  
Ching Cheung  
Jerry Clein  
Phyllis Fenger  
Sharon Fierstadt

Ellen Garner  
Mary Gilbert  
Russ Goodenough  
Louise Hartsock  
Brian L. King  
Ellen Maves  
Barbara McKay  
William McTaggart  
Peggie Noisette  
Jacqueline Picciano  
Margaret Porterfield  
Jill Powers  
Priscilla Pruitt  
Ed Rouse  
William Sharp  
Gail L. Smith  
Douglas Walker  
Thelma Weltman  
Thomas Wolf

### New Life Member

Ralph Cizmar & Marie Lindren

### Life Member Renewal

Connie Gregory

### New Sponsor

Richard & Rita Caro  
Matt McGee

### Sponsor Renewals

Bob and Patty Biery  
Arlene Bradley  
Jackie Durschinger  
Bonnie and Merrill Goldenberg  
Jill and Ron Lundgren  
Kathleen Pizza  
Tom Pizza  
Melissa Roghani  
Loren and Joanne Stone  
Krisann Thompson  
Kathleen and Robert Vieth  
Bob and Judy Winston

### Patron Renewals

Melanie Ashen  
Donald J. and Ola Barnett  
Nancy Berry  
Virginia Bottorff  
Thomas & Valerie Connell  
Kyu Sun and Peggy Kim

Lou Kirby  
Patricia Kormanik  
John and Nancy Leggat  
Jerry and Diane Mitcham  
Eleanor Moore  
Walter Okon  
Ronald and Susan Poulson  
Ken Smernoff  
Robert Wahl

### Corporate Matches

Sunil Hingorani (Hingorani Charitable Fund)  
Keith and Donna Langley (Amgen)  
Zhixin Tan (Amgen)



## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

### HISTORY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The History Book Discussion Group meets from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on the second Thursday of the month in the Goebel Senior Center, 1385 E. Janss Road (next to the GRB Library). For more information, contact Jack Heller at 805-341-7585.

Thursday, January 10, 2013

*The Great Partition: the Making of India and Pakistan*  
by Yasmin Khan

Thursday, February 14, 2013

*Paris 1919: Six Months that Changed the World*  
by Margaret MacMillan

Thursday, March 14, 2013

*Rise and Fall of Alexandria: Birthplace of the Modern World*  
by Justin Pollard and Howard Reid

Thursday, April 11, 2013

*The Perfect Summer: England 1911, Just Before the Storm*  
by Juliet Nicolson

Thursday, May 09, 2013

*Basilica, The Splendor and the Scandal: Building St. Peter's*  
by R.A. Scotti

Thursday, June 13, 2013

*The Mind and the Market: Capitalism in Western Thought*  
by Jerry Z. Muller

### FRIENDLY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Friendly Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 pm on the first Thursday of the month in the Grant R. Brimhall Library Technology Training Room. For more information, contact Sai Chandavarkar at 805-367-0571 or 805-241-5205.

Thursday, February 07, 2013

*Death by Violin*  
by J.T. Ledbetter

Thursday, March 07, 2013

*Voice of Conscience*  
by Ben Kaya

Thursday, April 04, 2013

*Better: A Surgeon's Notes*  
by Atul Gawande

Thursday, May 02, 2013

*The Bourne Identity*  
by Robert Ludlum

Thursday, June 06, 2013

*Working: People Talk*  
by Studs Terkel

## CULTURAL BUS TOUR

### Save the Date!

Cultural Bus Tour May 11, 2013

Rancho Los Alamitos in Long Beach—Tour the restored barn and house, have a lovely buffet lunch made just for our group, then tour the beautiful gardens at this wonderfully restored piece of California history.

Watch for more information in the next *Focus*.  
Carol Weiner 805-480-1450.

Renew and pay your dues online at

<http://www.ftol.org/membership>

OR

Complete and mail the application below

### Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library Membership Application

(Please print)

New member  Renewal  Gift membership

Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

Last name \_\_\_\_\_

First name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

If you provide an email address, the *Focus* and renewal notices will be sent by email.

#### Membership Level:

Life \$500+  Sponsor \$100  Patron \$50

Family \$20  Individual \$15  Senior (60+) \$10

Student \$10

I want to get involved! Please contact me about current Friends volunteer opportunities

#### Make check payable and mail to:

Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library

Attn: Membership Vice-President

2331 Borchard Rd., Newbury Park CA 91320

*The Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Check to see if there is a matching gift program where you work.*

### Shop at Ralphs for the Friends!

Register your Ralphs card at [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com) and select Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library as your organization for the Community Contribution Program. This will earn the Friends from 1% to 4% of your Ralphs purchases! This program started its new year on September 1, 2012—all past participants must re-register at <http://www.ralphs.com>.





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Is it time to renew? Your membership expiration date is printed on your mailing label.

## Clean Your Attic and Basement— Donate Your Used Books!

The Thousand Oaks Library welcomes donations of used books, books on tape, CDs, VHS videos, and DVDs.

Donations from the public are what make our book sales a success and help raise funds for ongoing FTOL programs and library materials.

Often donated books can be used to replenish worn or lost books in the library's permanent collection.

Donations are accepted at the Grant R. Brimhall Library and the Newbury Park Branch Library during regular library hours.

### THOUSAND OAKS LIBRARY SYSTEM [www.toaks.org/library](http://www.toaks.org/library)

Grant R. Brimhall Library  
1401 E. Janss Road  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362  
(805) 449-2660

Newbury Park Branch Library  
2331 Borchard Road  
Newbury Park, CA 91320  
(805) 498-2139

#### SCHEDULE OF HOURS

##### Grant R. Brimhall Library

Monday—Thursday	11 a.m.—8 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m.—6 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m.—5 p.m.
Sunday	12 p.m.—5 p.m.

##### Newbury Park Branch Library

Monday—Wednesday	Noon—8 p.m.
Thursday—Friday	10 a.m.—6 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m.—5 p.m.
Sunday	Closed