

Celebrating 50 Years Peninsula Friends of the Library

The Peninsula Friends of the Library is an all volunteer membership organization founded in May of 1961 in support of the Palos Verdes Library District.

Early Friends meetings were held at the art gallery at Malaga Cove Library. In August 1961, the Friends asked the Library trustees to include funds in their 1961-62 budget for the purchase of a second library site which became Peninsula Center Library in 1968, the same year a branch was opened in Miraleste.

In 1985, the Friends pledged to raise \$100,000 per year through 1990 to fund the capital investment required to move from the card catalog to an automated system.

Over the years, Peninsula Friends of the Library have continued to support PVLD to cover the shortfall in funding from property taxes. Currently, Peninsula Friends of the Library provides more than \$300,000 to PVLD each year. Membership fees, donations, and funds from book sales, The Library Shop at the Peninsula Center Library, and fundraising events such as the Annual Friends Gala are used to provide ongoing support for many library services and programs.

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Save the Date

Saturday, March 10

The Peninsula Friends of the Library
presents

The Living Library

An annual fundraising event to benefit
The Palos Verdes Library District

**Libations, Good Food, Music, Auction
Meet Secret Authors and their Characters**

Friends Schedule General Meeting

Peninsula Friends of the Library will hold a general member meeting to elect board directors and vote on bylaw changes. PFL members are encouraged to attend this important meeting which will also mark the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Friends.

**Peninsula Friends of the Library
General Meeting & Election of Directors**

**Peninsula Center Library
Community Room**

**Thursday, December 8th
4 pm to 7 pm**

**Business Meeting followed by Wine and
Hors d'Oeuvres Reception & Book Launch**

Election of PFL Directors

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Gene Roeder, has proposed a slate of PFL directors for the one year term beginning January 1, 2012. The list of candidates agreeing to serve can be found on page 2. Nominations will also be taken from the floor prior to the election. All nominated candidates must have agreed to serve prior to being named. Members present at the general meeting will be asked to confirm the nominees.

Vote on Proposed Bylaws Changes

Members at this year's general meeting will also be asked to approve the proposed changes to PFL bylaws. Debby Stegura headed the Bylaws Committee which worked over several months to bring the PFL bylaws into conformity with non-profit regulations and to strip out operating and procedural details which were more appropriate to PFL policies and procedures. Bylaws were last updated in 2007. A summary of the proposed bylaws changes can be found on page 3. Members are encouraged to read the bylaws in full which can be found on the Friends website, pvldfriends.org.

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Other Business

Jane Jones will present her president's report and Alan Kennan, Treasurer, and Richard Lohrer, Investments Chair, will provide updates on PFL's financials and investment accounts.

50th Anniversary Reception & Book Launch

Following the business meeting, members are invited to a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Peninsula Friends of the Library. The Friends was organized in May of 1961 by a group of Peninsula individuals who, in their own words, were, "convinced of the importance of public library services to the life of the community." Within a short three-month period, the group had expanded to 85 members. Today, PFL's membership numbers more than 1100 individuals and businesses committed to support our Palos Verdes Libraries.

Those attending the reception will also be among the first to hear the announcement of the first book launch sponsored by the Friends. In the May newsletter, we announced a new project that has involved Betty Lukas and Marjeanne Blinn for several months. Now, thanks to the financial support of the Peninsula Friends of the Library, the first book being published for the District will be available in time for holiday giving.

Consisting of 31 timeless local history essays written by Docent Betty Lukas and edited by Local History Librarian Marjeanne Blinn, the illustrated collection covers the early development of the Peninsula in the 1920's. Betty's essays were originally published in the *Palos Verdes Peninsula News* between October of 2006 and February of 2011.

At the general meeting on December 8, you'll be able to buy your copy of [Peninsula Past: The Complicated Birth of Paradise](#). Betty and Marjeanne will entertain us with a brief talk about their publishing experience and also be available to answer questions and autograph copies of the book.

This is a very important meeting for the Friends and we encourage members to attend. We look forward to seeing you on December 8th beginning at 4 pm for the business meeting.

Peninsula Friends of the Library
Proposed Slate of Directors
To Serve January 1 to December 31, 2012

Glenous Absmeier
Lisa Augustine
Kathryn Forte
Jane Jones
Alan Kennan
Richard Lohrer
Nancy Mahr
Marion Martelli
Cynthia Miller
Ted Paulson
Frances Pullara
Gene Roeder
Cecilia Yu

Proposed Peninsula Friends of the Library bylaws allow for a board of thirteen to nineteen directors serving one year terms with no term limits. Any PFL member in good standing may nominate or be nominated to serve on the board. Any member so named must have agreed to serve prior to being nominated. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the general meeting on Thursday, December 8.

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The Friends have provided summer reading programs, Sunday hours at the Peninsula Center Library, volunteer recognition programs, special purchases for library collections, furnishings and equipment, and internet access and needed renovations at all three libraries.

Come to the general meeting on December 8 and help celebrate 50 years of Peninsula Friends of the Library.

American libraries have always depended on strong citizen initiatives and support. In 1937, the American Library Association recognized this need and formed a Friends Committee to assist in the organization of such groups. In May 1961, Peninsula Friends of the Library was organized and held its first meetings.

Summary of Proposed PFL Bylaws Changes

Bylaw Provision	Current Bylaws	Proposed Bylaws
Article III	Contains six different statements of purpose	Replace with PFL mission statement: "to raise funds to support the PVLD and to build community awareness of and enthusiasm for PVLD programs, services and needs".
Article VI Section 6.02	Board includes voting and non-voting members	Make all board members elected and voting directors
Section 6.02	States 5 officers and 4 directors are elected from membership at large	Authorize between 13 and 19 directors elected from the membership at large
Section 6.02	Requires officers be elected by the membership at large	Allow the elected directors in January to select officers from among those board directors elected by the membership at large from a slate prepared by the Nominating Committee (new Section 7.03(d)), and move this provision to Section 6.03
Section 6.02	Lists <i>ex officio</i> members are appointees plus the PVLD District Director	Add the president of PVLD Board of Library Trustees or his/her designee as an <i>ex officio</i> member
Section 6.03	Named officers are president, VP operations, VP major gifts, secretary and treasurer	Officers to be president, one vice president, a secretary and a treasurer
Section 6.03	Lists duties of the president	New to 6.03(a), add the duty of supervision of PFL employees and contractors, if any
Section 6.03(d)	Treasurer ensures two-signature check from authorized persons	Treasurer ensures PFL funds paid only pursuant to current PFL policies and procedures
Section 6.04	Officers serve a two year term beginning in January	Officers selected from among all elected directors with a one year term beginning in January
Section 6.04	Directors serve two year terms	Directors serve one year terms with no term limits
Section 6.04	Successors to those leaving board elected at biennial meeting	All current directors and others wishing to serve on the PFL board are proposed as the slate of directors for approval of the membership-at-large annually
Article VII Section 7.01		Added language to existing paragraph requiring that any action taken by a committee be pursuant to current PFL policies and procedures
Section 7.03	Standing committees include Executive, Operations, Major Gifts/Endowment, Investment, and Audit	Standing committees to include Executive, Nominating (new), Governance (new), Investment, and Audit. Members of Executive committee are the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer
Article VIII Section 8.01	Call for a biennial general meeting	Requires annual general meeting
Section 8.04 (new)		Add new provision permitting president or any group of five directors to call a special meeting of the board with at least five days notice to all directors
Section 8.05 (new)		Add new provision permitting action by the board without a meeting providing all directors have been notified and two-thirds have consented in writing
Section 8.06 (new)		Add a new provision allowing notices to board members to be provided electronically to those members who designate an electronic method to receive such notices
Article IX Section 9.05	Many sections of this article contain details which are relevant to operating procedures and should not be included in bylaws	Remove procedural descriptions from bylaws and insert in PFL policies and procedures manual
Section 9.05 (new)		Add new provision to allow for and define PFL endowment fund; renumber subsequent Sections
Article XV (new)		Add new provision to prohibit voting by proxy at any meeting and limiting votes to one vote per member present
Article XVI	Provides for amendment of bylaws only by the membership at large at a general meeting	Allow amendment of bylaws by a two-thirds vote of board of directors, with specific exceptions that limit the power of the board

Miraleste Celebrates a Grand Re-Imagining & Re-Opening

The interior of the Miraleste Library has been re-*Imagined!* In celebration of the improvements, a grand re-opening was held in October and attendees were introduced to the re-imagined Miraleste Library which boasts of many improvements including:

- A new children’s area has been created specifically for young children. It is decorated and furnished to be attractive to young ones, including the picture book collection, a computer with educational games and child-sized furniture.
- The number of computer work stations has been increased and they are located in three areas.
- Book shelves have been relocated to perimeter areas to create a larger open space for programs and activities.
- New square tables that can easily be folded down, rolled away or configured into a variety of layouts as needed fill the center of the library. Stackable, modern chairs accompany the tables.
- A small quiet study/conference room has been located behind the Circulation Desk.
- The perpetual book sale is on the west wall for easy browsing.
- The Circulation Desk area and other staff work areas have been reorganized to improve efficiency.



What’s Next?

Now that the interior remodel has been completed, we hope to construct an exterior deck with shade, electrical outlets for laptop computers, and access to the library’s wireless network. This will provide a pleasant space for reading and working as well as a space for outdoor programs and events.

We also hope to address safety issues with the existing driveway and parking area, perhaps by connecting the library’s parking to the secondary driveway on the adjacent Miraleste Intermediate School property.

Your tax-deductible gift to the Peninsula Friends of the Library, designated for the Miraleste Library, will support these on-going projects.

Buyers Pursue PVLD Book Sales

Do you know that people come from all over Southern California for our book sales?



Each year Peninsula Friends of the Library receives thousands of donated books, audio tapes, CDs, DVDs and records which we in turn resell to the public at our three libraries.

The Friends host monthly weekend book sales at the main Peninsula Center Library and the Malaga Cove Branch. The Miraleste Branch has used books available for sale inside the library during normal business hours.

Thousands of books are also sold on the Internet. All profits benefit the Library and some books are also donated to schools and non-profit organizations like Books for Troops. Notable books are offered to the collections of the Library.



Used book sales are on the first Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Peninsula Center, and on the third Friday and Saturday of each month at Malaga Cove. You can check the Calendar of Events on the Library website, pvld.org, for sale dates.

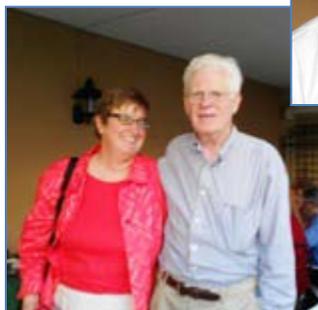
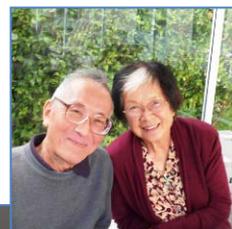


Bring in your used books to any Peninsula library or call 310-377-9584 ext 553 for pick-up. For further information including those items we cannot accept, please check our Friends at pvldfriends.org.

Gene Roeder, Book Sale Chairman

Cookout for Books

For the third year, Belmont Village Assisted Living hosted the Peninsula Friends Cookout for Books in support of the Palos Verdes Libraries. There were more than 75 guests in attendance at the September event that raised over \$1000. Guests mixed and mingled and feasted on gourmet burgers with all the trimmings prepared by the Belmont's chef and accompanied by delicious salads. It was a delightful evening for a very worthy cause.



Library Book Sale Dates	
<u>Peninsula Center</u>	<u>Malaga Cove</u>
Nov 3-6	Nov 18-19
Dec 1-4	Dec 16-17
Jan 5-8	Jan 20-21
Feb 2-5	Feb 17-18
Sales are held during Library operating hours	

Dinner at Sunset

In late September, a progressive dinner was hosted by the Friends at the three libraries to honor major donors. About 30 people, including staff, Trustees and PFL board members attended. Guests gathered at Peninsula Center Library to begin their evening journey, transportation provided.



The first stop was Miraleste Library where a violinist provided soft background music while guests enjoyed mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres, Bellinis and a lovely harbor view. Jennifer Addington, Miraleste Branch Manager, and Charles Crouse, PVL D Facilities Manager, spoke about the many interior changes to this branch's facility during the past year made to better serve the East hill customers.



Next, it was on to Malaga Cove where Kathy Gould and Charles Crouse cited the many updates to this branch due to the support of PFL and the generosity of several major donors. Guests enjoyed a fabulous main course prepared and plated by Christine Brown owner of Restaurant Christine in Torrance and served in the library's lovely Gallery accompanied by a guitarist.



Back on the bus and off to the final stop, the beginning and ending points, the Peninsula Center Library. In the Community Room, dessert was served and guests viewed the video about the Palos Verdes Library District made for the first Friends Gala.



It was a truly memorable evening.



Business Membership

Peninsula Friends of the Library would like to thank our wonderful business members for their continued membership.

Business members enjoy all of the benefits of membership in the Friends, plus recognition as a supporting business on the Peninsula Friends of the Library website, in member publications and announcements at special programs. In addition, business members receive a free Friends window decal to display, showing all of their customers and clients that their business supports our community and our library.

Business members, like all Friends members and PVLD patrons, enjoy free access to the collection and resources of the Zerunyan Center for Business, Entrepreneurship and Community Development.

Studies show that libraries are small-business friendly, and are often the first stop that business people make in learning how to set up and enhance their businesses.

Become a Business Member today! Download an application for membership in the Friends at: pvldfriends.org/join/.

7 Smart and Easy Ways to Leave Gifts to Charity

A conversation on extending your legacy through estate gifts to charities of your choice

with

Edward W. Long

Serious Givers

Helping Charity Donors Boost Their Impact

Saturday, January 21
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Presentation, Discussion, Questions, Handouts

Limited Seating – Reserve Now

RSVP to Judy Hessick
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Thank You to Our Business Member Friends of the Library



Books are the quietest and most constant of friends;
they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and
the most patient of teachers.

Charles W. Eliot



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

The mission of the Peninsula Friends of the Library is to raise funds to support the Palos Verdes Library District and to build community awareness of and enthusiasm for Library services, programs, and needs.

Friends is the newsletter of the Peninsula Friends of the Library. Please send comments and suggestions to Marion Martelli, Editor, at vinmar@cox.net.

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2012 Fundraising Gala**

March 10, 2012

Watch for more details in the next Friends newsletter

**Become our Fan on
Facebook**

David Campbell, Manager of Digital Services and Marketing for the Palos Verdes Library District, invites you to become a PVL D fan on Facebook.

“You can keep up with library happenings, learn valuable skills, and tell us how we can better serve you”, says David.



Just connect to Palos Verdes Library District at pvld.org and “like” us on Facebook or visit us at facebook.com/pvlibrary.

**TREASURES
WANTED!!**

The Library Shop in the Peninsula Center Library welcomes donations of jewelry, gifts, dishes, tools, artwork and other estate treasures. Let your friends know when they move or downsize that we can use their donations. Proceeds from the sale of your donated treasures help to support the Palos Verdes Library District. If you have any questions, call Aileen Hoy 310-373-3125.

Don't forget to shop The Library Shop first for your holiday gifts. The Library Shop has something for everyone on your list. PFL members receive 10% off all purchases of \$5.00 or more.