



The Book Report

Special Invitation Edition

Annual Membership Meeting

Please join us on Sunday November 6 at Mayfair Park on Clark Avenue in the Swim Pavilion for food and fun as we elect our officers for the upcoming year. If you plan on attending, please RSVP with Sharon Roder at (424) 338-3635. The nominating committee is offering the following candidates:

Tess Croft - Treasurer

Tess and her family have been residents of Lakewood Gardens since 1986. Her job experience includes working at a TV show licensing company, estimating costs of metal rings for a metal forge company in the aerospace industry, and cost accounting for a commercial roofing company. Tess values her 18 years' experience as a Teacher's Aide at St. Pancratius Parish School.

The Croft family have been continually active members of FoLL. Tess has served in various capacities on the FoLL Board. She enjoys working in her garden tending her not so ordinary collection of plants, vegetables and fruit trees.

Derek Fowler - Vice President

Derek Fowler has been a volunteer for FoLL for many years. He has spend 10+ years working shifts in the book store and is a substitute for the evenings when needed. Derek was the secretary of the FoLL board for three years and enjoys working the Taste of Lakewood event and supporting the bi-annual book sales. Giving back to the community is something he enjoys and is proud to have had a home in Lakewood for the past 13 years.

Fatima Castaneda-Gutierrez - Secretary

Fatima Castaneda-Gutierrez and her family have lived in Lakewood for fifteen years. She works as a literacy teacher with the Los Angeles school district and is actively involved in the community with the boy scouts and heads the Academic Decathlon team at St. John Bosco. She and her teen sons have volunteered with the FoLL since 2009. She collects rubber stamps and pretty papers and enjoys reading books about motivation, watching K dramas, and playing pickleball with her family.

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Margene Stevens - President

Since moving to Lakewood, Margene has served FoLL as Taste of Lakewood Chairman and President. Professionally, before retiring she was employed as a teacher, librarian, reading specialist, and district administrator in the Bellflower Unified School District. Margene was an instructor at UCLA, and Southwest and National Universities. She worked in the western states as an educational consultant for IBM, San Jose Unified School District and Human Capitol Development Corporation. While her two sons were attending BUSD schools, Margene served as PTA President at each of their schools and BUSD Council PTA. She is now enjoying her two grandchildren's activities in Fullerton.

WebMasters Corner

Dan Wamba - Webmaster

With our FoLL annual meeting and officer elections coming soon, please allow me to report a behind the scenes look at the work of the nominating committee.

Nominations are needed when our nonprofit has openings for officer positions, which is the case this year. Most officers are returning, which is a good thing for the stability of our organization. We only had to fill the office of Vice President. One major hurdle to the committee was scheduling a meeting. The nominating committee spent some time exploring our diverse schedules before we realized that we couldn't meet with everyone in person. So we instead used email as the tool to connect electronically. The predictable email came around asking the question "Please list your nominations for Vice President".

There are some talented volunteers within our organization, and for the name I proposed, they declined to go for that position. Then some phone calls were made and fortunately, a willing and skilled volunteer was proposed and accepted by the committee.

That is the report about the workings of the nominating committee and success for our officer slate to support our elections. All the candidates in the previous section have been ratified by the FoLL board of directors.

Iacoboni & Nye Libraries express thanks

The Iacoboni & Nye Libraries would like to extend our thanks to everyone who helped with the book sale. We appreciate all the hard work, time, and effort that goes into the set up, breakdown, and running of this huge undertaking. Your time and energy benefits the library and the community as a whole! As we near the end of the year, we hope you find time to stop by either of our libraries to see what we have going on and all we have to offer - we always love to see our Friends!

Volunteers are Magic

The theme of our membership meeting this year will be "Volunteers are Magic" and we will be featuring "Minh the Magician"

Minh Tran grew up in a traveling circus along with 9 acrobat brothers and sisters. He has been performing since the age of 8.

Please join us Sunday November 6 for food, entertainment and welcoming our new board.



Thank You from Margene

Thank you FoLL Volunteers! Thank you!

The Friends of the Lakewood Libraries just held our fall book sale with the biggest number of books ever. We set up on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It took a huge number of volunteers to get the task completed. We'd like to thank the 4 Key Club members who alone handled an amazing number of boxes of books and 28 NJROTC cadets who each worked three hours Wednesday carrying and setting up tables and all the rest of the boxes of books on Thursday. They are all from Lakewood High School. Without their help, the book sale would not have been possible. All of these Lakewood High students were so very efficient in moving lots of boxes of books. They worked together very well at all times. It was amazing to watch them working.

We thank our 37 FoLL members/volunteers for their untiring effort to get the book sales started, going, and cleaned up, including the removal of all the unsold books, which took several days. The total number of recorded volunteer hours was over 86! We certainly hope that we will be able to continue having regular spring and fall sales to better serve the community members who express their gratitude for being able to peruse the large selection of donated books and buy at the grate prices offered. Watch for the Spring Sale!

Margene Stevens
President - FoLL



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