



THE BOOK REPORT

FRIENDS OF LAKEWOOD LIBRARIES NEWSLETTER

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4990 Clark Ave.
Lakewood CA 90712
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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FoLL Annual Membership Meeting
November 17, 2024 | 2:00 - 4:00PM
Mayfair Park Swim Pavilion

Join us on Sunday, November 17, 2024, as we celebrate our Friends of Lakewood Libraries members and elect the 2025 FoLL Officers.

Entertainment will be provided by a lovely double quartet from the Lakewood Women's Club Golden Sands Chorus. Delicious refreshments will be provided. The public is cordially invited. See you there!

About the Golden Sands Chorus: The Golden Sands Chorus is a vibrant community of female singers from diverse backgrounds and all age groups, united by their passion for music. As a dynamic and award-winning women's chorus, they are dedicated to the art of 4-part harmony in the barbershop style. For over 70 years, they have brought joy and harmony to audiences across the region.



2025 FOLL OFFICER NOMINEES

We are excited to announce that the election of our 2025 Officers will take place at the upcoming annual membership meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity for members to participate in shaping our organization and supporting FoLL's mission.

We encourage members to attend the meeting, where you will have the chance to vote for our new officers. The FoLL Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of nominees for the 2025 term. Additionally, please note that nominations can still be made from the floor during the meeting, ensuring that every voice can be heard.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: GET TO KNOW YOUR 2025 OFFICER NOMINEES

These candidates are already outstanding FoLL volunteers, and our volunteers are amazing - the very best. Please come meet them and celebrate their installation as our 2025 leaders. The music and food will also be terrific!!!

Margene Stevens
FoLL President

NOMINEES

President

Vita Thomas retired from Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in April 2021, after 35 years of employment in various capacities. In December 2022, she joined FoLL as a bookstore volunteer and in June 2023, she became the Bookstore Coordinator.

Vita enjoys gardening, reading, traveling and working with various homemade craft projects. She and her husband, Larry, have been residents of Lakewood since 1987. They share their passion for life with their Yorkiepoo, Bailey, which they take on adventurous walks through the streets of Lakewood on a daily basis.

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Vice President

Carol Burke is a retired LA County Library Manager. She has worked in Lakewood since 1999. She has enjoyed collaborating with FoLL in various capacities since 2015. Carol's most recent position is Secretary. Her 3 year stint as a volunteer in the bookstore has been a special highlight in her spare time. She enjoys reading, traveling, theater and playing with grandchildren. She's excited for another fantastic year of FoLL!

Secretary

JoAnn Angeli moved from New Jersey to California back in 1996, and she has been part of the Lakewood community since 2000. She is currently the Director of Events & Engagement at an insurance brokerage firm in Torrance, where she is responsible for managing the company's Corporate Social Responsibility initiative, so she has lots of experience working with nonprofits and volunteers.

JoAnn was also a former FoLL Board Member, and she is excited to rejoin the group!

Treasurer

Fatima Castaneda-Gutierrez began her relationship with libraries as a young girl when her mother would take her and her sisters to the local library because it was within walking distance, a quiet environment, and free of charge. She continued this family tradition by taking her sons to the library when they were young, and having them volunteer with the FoLL as soon as they could and most recently at the Book Sale. She has volunteered with the FoLL since 2009, most recently as the Treasurer. Fatima has worked in education since 1997, and is currently a first grade teacher in Watts. Her hobbies (besides reading) include print making, watching K-dramas, and keeping up with her new favorite comedian, Nate Bargatze.

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