



## 40TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING ON HORIZON FOR FRIENDS

### -Bob Lerner

The Friends of the Valley Center Library will reach a remarkable moment in its history this Spring when the organization celebrates its 40th Annual Meeting.

Founded in 1978, the Friends has held an annual meeting each year over the past four decades to mark the progress of the all-volunteer group. A committee is currently considering events to celebrate the 40th anniversary meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019. Options include a well-known guest speaker or an entertainment program.

Over the years, the annual meeting has featured famous authors, among them Ray Bradbury in 1990, to the 2016 premiere of a vintage silent film depicting Valley Center in the 1950's, with a pianist accompanying the film. Last year's meeting welcomed a full house for a trio of singers who captured the style and harmonies of the famed Andrews Sisters.

The Friends of the Valley Center Library held its first meeting on January 26, 1978, when 27 persons gathered to discuss fund-raising and the collection of local historic data. One month later, the new group had grown to 40 members. The following year, Articles of Incorporation were approved by the Secretary of State and the Friends had grown to 88 members. By 1981, the number reached 151. The IRS later

declared the Friends as a tax-exempt non-profit organization.

President Marian Klein will preside at the meeting for the final time, stepping down after leading the ever-growing organization for seven years.

### VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION WITH THREE ROMANCE WRITERS

#### -Linda Thomas-Sundstrom

Whether you've never read a romance novel, or read plenty of them, you'll want to join us at the library for this free fireside discussion with three published romance writers.... who will chat about love, the business of writing for New York publishers, and the history of romance in fiction. It is, after all, the month for love.... or cupid... or something. Right? Snacks will be served. New books will be for sale for just \$2.00 each, with all proceeds going to the library.

When: Saturday, February 9, at 10:30 am.

Where: Valley Center County Library,  
29200 Cole Grade Road

*Free program. Don't miss it!*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we begin the new year 2019, I am happy to report that all the programs that we funded for this fiscal year have so far been successes. And there are many more to come before the fiscal year ends in April. The bookstore is doing well, and membership dues so far exceed the amount at this time last year. Special thanks go to the members of our yoga classes. Their memberships and donations have ensured that the classes will be held next year. Their generosity is much appreciated.

More good news! We have added two new members to our Board. Eva Rosa is our new Bibliophile editor and Melinda Smiley is our new membership chair. Eva taught math at Valley Center High School from 2006 until she retired in 2017. She has two children and four grandchildren. She grows organic avocados. Melinda is a paralegal who has two children and a two-year-old grandson. I'm sure most of you knew her late father, John Smiley, and his late wife, Charlene. They were longtime supporters of the Friends and John was a member of our Board for several years. We welcome Eva and Melinda and thank them for volunteering for these two important positions.

We wish our members a New Year filled with health, happiness and peace. *Marian*

## JANUARY 2019 BOOK REVIEWS

Two authors you might want to check out in the new year: Belinda Bauer and Naomi Novik. Bauer writes detective-thrillers and has a substantial back list. Her latest is "**Snap**," set in Wales, with the protagonist 14-year-old Jack. His mother has been murdered; his father is distraught to the

point of abandoning his three children. Jack figures it's up to him to take care of his little sisters and to avenge his mother's death. His resourcefulness in doing this, while never out-of-character for a teenager, is one of the joys of the novel. There are real detectives involved in the case: thoroughly conventional and uptight DS Reynolds and his slovenly, chain-smoking, fond-of-booze boss, DCI Marvel. If you like this novel, try Bauer's earlier "**Rubbernecker**," in which the main character has Aspergers.



Naomi Novik writes fantasy. Her long Temeraire series features a 19th century England (and China and Australia) in which battling dragons are a major part of military strategy. Napoleon (who has his own dragons) is the major villain. However, "**Spinning Silver**," Novik's recent stand-alone fantasy novel, is a highly imaginative re-telling of the fairy tale about a girl ordered to spin straw into gold. Novik changes the gold to silver and invents not one but three young women in desperate circumstances. The pleasure here is the spirited resistance and cleverness of the women, who do not waste time looking around for a Prince Charming, but who prepare to rescue themselves. And do.

If you have a fondness for libraries in general, you will want to read Susan Orlean's non-fiction "**The Library Book**." It is ostensibly about the horrific fire in 1986 that nearly destroyed the Los Angeles main library, but Orlean also describes the hunt for the arsonist, the history of the library, the problem of the homeless in libraries, library programs and how they evolved, library architecture, and too many more topics to list. The result is a fascinating read.

You may have to order these books--they may not appear on the new-books kiosk. Ask any library staff person to help you.

*Happy reading! J.S. Rudolf*

## REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY:

As we welcome 2019, the Valley Center Library family sends you and your loved ones our best wishes for the New Year! We send our heartfelt thanks to the Friends of the Valley Center Library for their ongoing support and sponsorship of our monthly programs and events!

### Looking Back

Looking back, 2018 was an amazing year filled with programs and events. While there are too many to list, here are just a few photos that highlight our winter programs.

Pumpkin Carving & Crafts



Gingerbread Houses



Creative Arts Class for Adults – Holiday Floral Design is a Valley Center Tradition! Three Generations of Beautiful Ladies



### Looking Forward

This year is going to be packed with amazing programs and events and paid for by the Friends of the Valley Center Library!

Here is quick list of our ongoing, monthly programs supported by the VCFOL:

Mondays: Gentle Yoga: 12:00-1:00 pm,  
Kid's Yoga: 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Tuesdays: Twisted Knitters 12:00-3:00 pm,  
Gentle Yoga 4:45-5:45 pm  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday: Creative Arts for Adults 6:00-7:30 pm

Wednesdays: Healthy Aging Program, 10:00 am,  
After School Story Time & Crafts 3:00 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday: Valley Center Book Club, 6:30-8:00 pm

Thursdays: Valley Center Art Assoc. Painting Sessions, 10:00-1:00 pm,  
Gentle Yoga, 4:45-5:45 pm

Saturdays: Qigong 10:00 – Noon, Gentle Yoga 10:00-11:30 am

Here is a list of special programs supported by the VC FOL for the coming months. You can always view the complete calendars through the County webpage at [www.sdcl.org](http://www.sdcl.org).

### January 2019

- Senior Card & Game Club, Saturdays, 3:00 – 5:00 pm
- Financial Wellness Wednesday-10 Steps to Financial Wellness, January 16, 6:00 pm

### February

- History of Romance Program with Guest Authors, February 9, 10:30 am
- Financial Wellness Wednesdays- Teens and Money, February 13, 3:30 pm
- Mountain Lion Wildlife & Safety Program, February 16, 10:00 am
- Financial Wellness Wednesdays- Raising a Smart Money Kid, February 20, 3:30 pm

**BUCK-A-BAG BOOK SALE  
DATES**

January 25  
February 22  
March 29  
April 26  
May 31  
June 28

Hours: 9:30 to 2:30

**Bookstore Hours**

**Mon 10:30 - 6:30**

**Tues 10:30 - 4:30**

**Wed 10:30 - 4:30**

**Thurs 10:30 - 4:30**

**Fri 10:00 - 4:00**

**Sat 10:00 - 3:00**

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