

# Newsletter

A Bi-monthly Newsletter March /April 2019



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## Message from the Co-Presidents

A break in the rain is bringing notice that Spring is just around the corner. Soon, daylight savings time will give us longer daylight hours and warmer days.

A recent article in the Feb. issue of NARFE magazine caught our eye. Here is an excerpt from the article:

"Reading is a great source of new ideas and a fine way to understand other people and their points of view. Reading is vital to developing your mind. It enhances your vocabulary and allows you to communicate precisely. It improves your thinking and speaking skills by showing you ways to express yourself more clearly and with flair."

The trick is, in this age of screens demanding attention, schedules, and commitments, to find the time for yourself to read.

April is the month for library appreciation. Along with the cultural programs, entertainment, and hands-on activities, the library offers a wide variety of reading material. Give yourself the present of a good read by checking out a favorite author, an interest or hobby, or one of the new arrivals in the "In Luck"

section.

We hope you are able to take advantage of the many programs coming up in March and April. Check the schedule at smcl.org/events.

Happy Reading,

Joan Putz Caroline Barba

Co-presidents

#### **New Library Update**

Volunteers from the Library Advisory Committee are currently meeting with established groups in the community in an effort to educate the community on the need for a new library as the planning has reached the conceptual design stage. The City Council held a study session on Feb. 25 to look at the top two design choices. The process will continue through April when a final choice will be made and next steps begin.

The current plan calls for renovation of the Sanchez Library with some space for community use, and an open access plan that would allow patrons to access the library seven days a week, with regular hours. It also provides for a complete rebuild of the Sharp Park

Library at the current site with underground parking. Pacifica has the smallest footprint (about 11,000 sq. ft. for both) in the SMCL system which doesn't square with the fact that Pacifica is the largest city in the system. Other libraries in the system are remodeling to include a maker space. We have no space for that. Our lack of space and cramped work space make it harder for our staff to keep providing the great service that they do. A good example is the new, more compact sorting system at the new Half Moon Bay library versus our antiquated slot in the wall that dumps the books on the floor. The books go in the slot one at a time and are sent down a conveyor belt to the proper bin for easy restocking. You can watch the action through the window from the sidewalk.



New Half Moon Bay Library Sorting Room



Sharp Park Library Book Drop

#### **HELP WANTED**

<u>Current Needs:</u> We are looking for a Publicity Chair who would be responsible for advertising our book sales and other events and a Media Maven to monitor and update our website and keep our Facebook page current..

<u>Future Needs:</u> Elections are coming in late May and we will need a new treasurer. Excel is required and QuickBooks experience is desirable. Duties include keeping track of finances, collecting book nook monies, reporting membership income, monthly reports to the Board of Directors and reporting annually to the IRS and FTB via a simplified online function. Training is available. We will also be recruiting a new president or co-presidents.

Contact Caroline 359-3848 or Joan 355-0698 if interested.



#### **Upcoming Events**

Adult drop in ukulele Sanchez 6:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the month

<u>March 9:</u> Family Movie Night, Ralph Breaks the Internet, Sanchez 7:00pm

March 16: Birdwalk Sanchez 9:00 am

March 17: Women's Self Defense Class, RSVP Sharp Park 6pm

March 30: Bel Canto Flute Concert Sanchez 3:30

April 9: Jazz Saxophonist Kristen Strom Sharp Park 6pm

April 13: Docent Program Early Rubens from the Legion of Honor Sharp Park 2:00pm

<u>April 27:</u> Earth Day of Action and Ecofest at Linda Mar Beach; Visit the library booth.

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