

New Board, New Agenda for Friends of the Mission Hills-Hillcrest Library

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Local government can cut funding, but it can't put a damper on the enthusiasm of the Friends of the Mission Hills-Hillcrest Branch Library. The Friends have elected a new board with an ambitious agenda for the next fiscal year. After spending most of the past year ded-



New board members are, left to right, Robin Baker, Lee Raibbone, Phyllis Marton and Nancy Carol Carter.

icated to the refurbishing of the small, but very active library, they are poised to launch a campaign to draw in new members. Nancy Carol Carter, the outgoing president and new VP of membership, pointed out that the current dedicated and seasoned board would welcome the fresh ideas rookies bring to the table.

Nancy went on to say that more community involvement is necessary now because the board wants

to focus on making decisions about the new facility that has been selected to house the library in the future. The new building, which will be located on the corner of Front and Washington, just east of the current location, awaits adequate funding to begin construction, and once completed will continue to serve the growing community. For now, the refurbished library, although bursting at the seams, remains a flurry of activity for children, teens, adults and seniors. Parents and other interested adults are encouraged to join the board this year to add their voices to the vision.

Pat Littell, the past VP of membership and new secretary, points out that funding does follow the up and down motion of a roller coaster, and the Friends still need to encourage donations to defray the cost of better materials not supplied by the San Diego Public Library system. One current fundraiser, the

Daphne's Big Fat Greek Fundraiser, will be held at the Daphne's Greek Cafe at 126 Washington Street in

Hillcrest on Thursday, July 17 from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. Library patrons simply need to stop by the Mission Hills Branch Library and pick up a flyer, present the flyer at Daphne's, and a percentage of each dinner purchased will come back to the Friends.

With this fundraiser and the many others to come during the year, the new board looks forward to serving the Mission Hills, Hillcrest, Old Town, Park West, and Bankers Hill communities. Phyllis Marion, past secretary and new president, plans to focus on raising the level of activity of the Friends. Other board members include

Alyce Archuleta, VP of communication, Robin Baker, VP of fundraising, Marion H. Day, essay contest, Lee Raibbone, VP of programs, Maggie Myers, treasurer. Bill Maginn will continue to chair the architectural planning committee to support the library his daughters use. Joe and Abbie Sand and Carol Wilson continue as corresponding secretaries. The chief information officer is Rashmi Gupta, and Carol Moseley is editor of the newsletter. Congratulations and thanks to these dedicated community members who volunteer their time to fill in the holes left by governmental cuts.