



July • August  
2004

## Henry A. Guerra, Jr. Library to Open July 14, 2:00 p.m.

7978 Military Drive West  
San Antonio, TX 78227



### Library Hours:

Sunday 1:00–5:00 p.m.  
Monday 1:00–9:00 p.m.  
Tues–Weds 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.  
Thur–Sat 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

### LOCATION & COMMUNITY

Formerly known as Southwest, this branch will be located at 7978 Military Drive West (78227) between Shady Grove and Castle Ridge.

### NAMING PROCESS

The Library Board selected the name to honor long-time San Antonio historian, author and broadcast journalist Henry Guerra, who died in 2001. Guerra, a San Antonio native, graduated from Central Catholic High School and attended St. Mary's University. In 1939, he was hired by WOAI Radio as the first Mexican-American announcer to work for a major English-language broadcaster, and he later became the first Mexican-American television announcer, on WOAI-TV (now KMOL). Guerra served in the military in World War II. He was also development director for St. Mary's University and international department liaison for Hem-

## Friends of the San Antonio Public Library 2004 Arts and Letters Award Ceremony Scheduled for Sunday, October 31

The annual Friends of the Library Arts and Letters Award ceremony and reception will be held 2:00–5:00 p.m., Sunday, October 31, in the Central Library Auditorium, 600 Soledad. The free event is open to the public.

First presented by the Friends in 1972, the prestigious award recognizes and celebrates achievements by individuals who have demonstrated notably outstanding accomplishments in the arts and letters. The sixty-six recipients to date include local writers, artists, musicians, educators, publishers, entertainers, and others whose dedication and devotion to their chosen field have served to enrich the literary, artistic, and cultural life of San Antonio.

The committee is now preparing to review nominations for the award as

received, evaluate the nominees, and decide upon winners of an award. More than one award may be presented. Awardees will be notified of their selection and, following their acceptance, will be advised of necessary actions on their part to prepare for the October award ceremony and reception.

Recently appointed members of the Award Committee are Friends **Pat Brown, Bruce Gill, Lou Harris, Lee LaCaff, Lucille Lammert, Pat Mendiola, Dr. Mark Prange, and Ronnie Retzloff.**

Anyone having questions concerning the Awards or the 31 October event, please call Chair Robert LaCaff at (210) 545-6855.

*Robert LaCaff*  
Award Committee Chair

isfair '68. Guerra's wide range of interests included local history, and he was the author of *San Antonio: a Unique History and Pictorial Guide*. Known for his trademark resonant baritone voice, Guerra narrated two video histories of San Antonio, *The Missions of San Antonio*, and *Alamo: from Mission to Fortress*, the latter researched and written by his wife, Mary Ann Noonan Guerra.

Don Counts, former chairman of the Library Board of Trustees said, "Because of his lifelong love affair with the Library and the whole city of San Antonio, Mr. Guerra was a natural selection. It is a privilege for us to honor this San Antonio ambassador to the world." The Board of Trustees approved the name by a vote, after soliciting nominations from the public,

including residents and neighborhood associations in the area where the new Branch is to be built.

### CONSTRUCTION

Construction on the new 15,000-sq-ft Guerra Branch Library continues to be steady and is expected to be completed in time for the opening July 14. The funding of \$2,799,144 for the facility is from the 1999 bond election. This project is also supported with \$1 million in CDBG funds.

### COLLECTION & SERVICES

The new library will offer full services including access to Internet and word-processing computers, computer classes,

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## From the President



Dear Friends

So much has happened in the past few months. We had a HUGE BOOK SALE! With good weather, **Jim Wogstad** and his merry helpers held a great sale. I am sure there will be more news about it this issue of the newsletter.

We are into the summer months, and the Summer Reading Program is in full swing. I regret that I couldn't make it to the Kick Off on June 1. One day I looked at my calendar and it was April 26, and the next time I looked, it was June 15!

You know how life just takes over sometimes? My job (my company merged with another) my family, and my friends have kept me very busy. Unfortunately, I dropped the ball in several areas of the Friends of the Library, and I apologize if I let you down. I now have a new system in place—I will take care of Library business on the weekends. I will be asking other people to attend some meetings in my place. If you can just bear with me for a few more months, I think I will get the hang of my new job and not have to put in so many hours.

There are some issues to be addressed in the near future, so we need everyone to help us by letting your representative to the Friends Board know what you want done and how we have been doing. Remember, every Friends Group should have a representative at our Board meetings.

**Barbara C. Isner,**  
*President*

# FRIENDS OF THE SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



May 12, 2004

*Ronnie Retzlloff, Secretary*

**Directors Present:** 17 directors were present

**Directors Absent:** 11 directors were absent, 3 for known cause

**Call to Order:** **Barbara Isner** - at 7:13 p.m. - Central Library Auditorium.

**Library Foundation—**  
**Lucy Gale** reported:

Regarding the property on Shook Avenue:

- Foundation has about \$65,000 and is continuing to raise money to restore the property—need about \$200,000
- Have withdrawn the rezoning request—offices will remain downtown
- Property will be renovated and deeded to the city

**Secretary's Report:**

Printed minutes from the previous meeting were approved as corrected. **Sally Cheever**, a life member, passed away.

**Treasurer's Report:** Over-all funds available as of May 12, 2004, were \$102,067.77.

**Membership Report:** We currently have 816 individual members.

**Newsletter Report:** **Cathy Dean** introduced our new editor, **Dr. Donald Norton**.

**Book Cellar Report:** **Jim Wogstad** reported various details:

- Book sale will run 8 days, May 15–22.
- Newly hired Manager **Treva Dickson** is no longer with the Book Cellar.

**Arts and Letters Report:**

**Robert LaCaff** reported that this year's awards will be held on Sunday, October 31, 2004, from 2-5 p.m. in the Central Library Auditorium.

**New Business:**

- We need to purchase a safe for the Book Cellar.
- We need a slate of officers to serve from January 2005–December 2006. October 15 is the deadline for publishing this slate of candidates in the November newsletter.

- Our Yellow Pages ad needs to be renewed at the end of the summer.

**Library Administration:** The Guerra Branch will open at the end of July.

**Library Board:** **Cathy Dean** reported that the next Library Board meeting will renew commissions and liaisons. She is hopeful that someone new will be our liaison person.

**Announcements:**

Various branch activities, which have been or will be published in the newsletter, were announced:

- Thousand Oaks book club meets once a month and was written up in *San Antonio Woman*.
- Summer reading clubs will extend from June 1 through July 31. This year the library is adding an adult book club. There will be prizes for both children and adults.

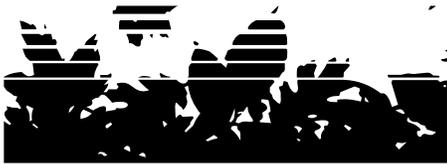
**Adjournment:** 8:35 p.m.

## Don't miss your chance for 5 minutes of fame.

Submit photos or graphics to dress up our newsletter. Next time you go to a meeting or a Friends function, take your camera. If the photos look halfway decent, submit them to **Alana Woods** at the address on the back page. If published, you'll get a photo credit. Who knows? It might be the start of something big. For more information, email [awoods@swri.org](mailto:awoods@swri.org).

# BRANCH LEAVES

(News from Support Groups)



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## Book Cellar

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The annual Book Sale in May was a great success. It raised \$8,862 for Friends of the Library, recycled thousands of books back into the community, and involved more than 40 volunteers.

While running the sale for eight days was a lot of work, it attracted a steady stream of buyers and cleared out a huge backlog of books, making room for new inventory.

Even so, an oversupply of adult hardback fiction and children's nonfiction was left. So the Book Cellar is running two Special Sales during June and July, coinciding with the Library's Summer Reading program. All children's books, except easy readers, are half-price—25 cents for hardbacks, 2-for-25 cents for paperbacks. Easy readers (picture books) remain 50 cents. Hardback novels for adults are 3-for-\$1. Mysteries, large print, westerns, and science fiction remain \$1.

The Book Cellar Committee hired **Monica Hernandez** as interim manager of the store, starting June 11.

The Committee thanks the following volunteers who helped with the sale:

**Ann Ashjian, John Ashjian, Jim Balogh, Jim Balogh Jr., Vera Banner, Pat Brown, Betsy Davis, Cathy Dean, Ruth Galindo, Kathryn Godfrey, Dick Graham, Monica Hernandez, Yolanda Herrera, Barbara Isner, Aaron Konstam, Pat Konstam, Margaret Lecznar, Peggy Mahan, Josie Martinez, Gabriel Mendiola, Pat Mendiola, Jean Molina, Doug Morgan, Don Norton, Jeanne Papa, Mark Prange, Dianne Prickett, Keith Rodgers, Rowena Rodgers, Robbi Ruppert, Norm Sennenschein, Edith Speert, Lucille Teeter, Arturo Titian, Mary Turlow,**

**Jim Wogstad, Kay Wogstad, Eric Wogstad, Carol Wooster, Ruth Yows,** and others who did not sign in.

*Pat Konstam*  
*Book Cellar Correspondent*

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## Brook Hollow

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The Brook Hollow Friends had a very successful book sale in May, raising over \$3,100. Thank you to all the Friends who helped set up, sell, and clean up and who provided sandwiches and snacks to the book sale workers. (*See photos on page 5.*) We have used some of our book sale proceeds to buy a new microwave oven for the staff lounge at the library. We have also bought a new 32" TV, a VCR/DVD player, and stand for the library. These will have many uses at the library, but are especially needed for the summer reading program.

Construction of Brook Hollow renovations is slated to begin in September or October. Planners will try to minimize disruption of library services, but some inconvenience will obviously be necessary. At various times during the process, the library staff will have to pack and move parts of the collection. When the need arises, we will put out a call to Brook Hollow friends to come help with this tedious job.

Mark your calendars now for the next Friends of Brook Hollow Library used book sale, to be held November 6, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Beth Crabb*

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## Oakwell

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Oakwell Friends had their staff appreciation dinner May 7 at Water Street Oyster Bar. A delicious dinner and an opportunity to visit with one another was enjoyed by all.

The staff of Oakwell Library hosted a luncheon at the Library on May 17 for volunteers. This luncheon was for all volunteers including book sales, workers in house, and workers in the Native Plant Garden. The library was beautifully decorated in lavender table covers, flowers, plates, and utensils. Delicious food was

prepared and served by the staff. This was an enjoyable time for everyone. Thanks to the Staff of Oakwell.

Our book sale on May 22 was busy and successful. With volunteers to set up, work book sales, box up, and clean up, it was a large endeavor. It is a good feeling to accomplish a successful book sale to help our library for the summer. Call to find out what is available for you and have a wonderful summer.

Our next book sale will be August 21, 2004. Mark your calendars!

*Fern Burke*  
*President*

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## Texana/Genealogy

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The Friends of Texana/Genealogy's May 3rd program, East is East and West is West and the Stagecoach Ran both Ways, was a great success! Many thanks to our presenters—**Linda Persyn**, past president of the Historical Society of Leon Valley and **Jean Heide**, president of the Selma Historical Foundation for their participation. Each shared tales of preserving their community landmarks—Leon Valley's old Onion House and Selma's historic stage stop. They told of organizing interested residents, seeking public support, doing historical research, and raising needed funds. It was a real class in "Preservation 101!" **Charlotte Kahl** of the Old Spanish Trail Centennial Celebration Association also brought news of her group's work to document and commemorate the OST.

Friends' members voted to spend some of our hard-earned book sale proceeds, approving purchase of two map cases and a computer and scanner for use by staff and patrons. The map cases have arrived and are already in use, and the computer will be here soon. We hope you will pay a visit to the Texana/Genealogy Department this summer and take advantage of this fine community resource. It's a great place to stay cool while doing your long-postponed research project! The staff and volunteers are waiting to help you.

*Maria Watson Pfeiffer*  
*President*

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## Friends' Favorite Summer Reading

- ❖ *The Five People You Will Meet in Heaven* is a great read.
- ❖ Last summer, *The DaVinci Code* was being read by everyone.
- ❖ Now there is a book out called *Cracking the DaVinci Code*
- ❖ *Ten Big Ones* by **Janet Evanovich** will be out June 22. If you haven't read any of her books, start with the first one, *One for the Money*. These are mysteries—and very funny ones—set in New Jersey and starring Stephanie Plum, who works for her sleazy cousin, a bail bondsman. A murder or two, a good-looking, sexy policeman, a gun-toting grandma, lots of action—great entertainment for an evening.
- ❖ *Southtown*, set in San Antonio and written masterfully by **Rick Riordan**.

### Guerra Library (Cont'd)

children's materials and programs (including the annual Summer Reading Program), services for young adults and senior citizens, materials and services in Spanish, and audio, video, and CD collections.

Funding for the facility included \$400,000 for books, magazines, newspapers, videos, DVDs, and CDs. An additional \$400,000 is being raised by the San Antonio Public Library Foundation to complete the opening-day collection. Approximately one-third of the Branch materials will be for children.

Staffing will include four full-time professional librarians, five other full-time staff and nine part-time staff members. There will be a community meeting room, a small conference room/quiet study room, and comfortable reading areas.

Source: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/library/branch/guerra.asp>

### Branch Leaves (Cont'd)

## Writer Friends

The third annual Writer Friends celebration of Texas Writers Month was held at the Fiesta Trails Barnes and Noble Book Store on May 11, 2004. Writers who read from their work were: **Patricia Spears Bigalow, Steven G. Kellman, Pamela Morse, Felix Almaraz, Jr., Jay Brandon, Olga Samples Davis, and Ginger Purdy**. After the readings, they and other local authors stayed for a book signing. A percentage of sales went to the Friends of the Library Foundation's Born to Read Program.

The next Writer Friends meeting will be the second Tuesday in September at the Central Library, speaker will be **Kathleen LeStrange**.

*Junette Kirkham Woller,  
Secretary*

## San Antonio Public Library 2004 Gallery Calendar

*The Gallery is located in Central Library*

Viewing Dates	Show
July 1–August 1	Positive Exposure/Smithsonian Photos
August 6–29	Captain Cook
September 2–October 3	Bruni/Calvert Photographs
October 11–31	Friends of Dard Hunter/Paper & Book Arts
November 9–December 7	Fall of the Berlin Wall Anniversary Exhibit

## Memorials and Donations

### IN HONOR OF

**Syble Walker** by **Pat Hammond**  
**Mary Locke Croft's** cousin, **Donna**, by **Pat Hammond**

### IN MEMORY OF

**Bonnie Garcia** by **June Wier**



## Calling All Libros Heroes!

Best-selling mystery book author and lawyer **Jay**

**Brandon** was at the Barnes & Noble Fiesta Trail at 12635 W IH-10 Thursday, July 1, to help kick off the "Libros Heroes" Book Drive for the San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) system. Representatives from the SAPL and also the SAPL Foundation will also be on hand for a brief press conference to help celebrate this endeavor.

**Be a Libros Hero!** From July 1 through August 15, the five San Antonio

Barnes & Noble locations will hold a book drive to benefit the SAPL.

To participate in this program, stop by any of the Barnes & Noble locations in San Antonio. Purchase a book to donate to the library. Barnes & Noble will give you a 20% discount off that item, and deliver it to the library.

Every day 10,000 people visit San Antonio's Public Libraries. Your donation will be checked out many times by some of the many readers that visit the libraries each day, and it's tax deductible. The libraries are looking for a variety of

books to help stock their shelves. The Barnes & Noble booksellers can help you select something from a great variety of bestsellers, children's books, audio books, and much more.

The mission of the SAPL Foundation is to support the Public Library and to increase the awareness and use of the Library through financial support and programmatic efforts, thereby enhancing the community's appreciation and utilization of the Library as a cultural and educational institution. For more information about the book drive please call Caren Creech at (210) 561-0205.

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## Brook Hollow Book Sale a Great Success

The Brook Hollow Friends held our semi-annual book sale May 15. It was a big success, not just because of the money we raised, but also because more than 20 of our members helped with the sale! We had a great time.



*By late morning, we had sold hundreds of books, but even after the big morning rush was over, people still found lots of great bargains.*



**Charles Pesek and Dick Bowser** load boxes of sorted books onto the dolly to take them to the meeting room.



**Nelson Allen**, our teenage friend, gets all our table signs set up and tapes up all the wall signs the day before we bring the books out. Nelson has been helping with several of our book sales.

**Peggy Wolf and Noreen Barsh** finish sorting the last book donations two days before the sale.



## Treasurer's Report as of June 13, 2004

### FOSAPL

Net Worth

Account	Balance
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#### ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Guaranty Checking	47,781.21
Guaranty MM	50,644.48
MM–Life Members	24,776.09
MM–Other	52,575.38
<b>TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b>175,777.16</b>

<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>175,777.16</b>
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#### LIABILITIES

Other Liabilities	
Branch Funds	63,016.47
<b>TOTAL Other Liabilities</b>	<b>63,016.47</b>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>63,016.47</b>
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<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>112,760.69</b>
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### BRANCHES

Account	Balance
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#### ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Brookhollow	16,742.49
Carver	1,487.23
Cody	9,159.48
Johnston	1,021.73
McCreless	2,212.84
Oakwell	8,833.31
Teens	55.89
Texana-Geneology	13,470.33
Thousand Oaks	2,777.04
Westafall	3,902.58
Writers	3,353.55

<b>TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b>63,016.47</b>
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## Telephone Guide

Book Cellar .....	227-9519
Central Library Administration.....	207-2630
Central Library Information .....	207-2500
Central Library Volunteer Office .....	207-2502
<b>Friends of the San Antonio Public Library</b>	
President, Barbara Isner .....	533-1867
Vice President, Lucy Gale.....	402-4021
Secretary, Ronnie Retzloff .....	490-4337
Treasurer, Pat Cummins .....	737-7863
San Antonio Public Library Foundation.....	225-4728

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## Form for Gifts, Donations, and Memorials

Honor a loved one with a remembrance for birthdays, anniversaries, or "just because." It can also be a wonderful, thoughtful, and lasting way to honor the memory of a relative or friend.

If you do not want to make a contribution at this time, clip this form and save it for the appropriate occasion.

I would like to make the following donation:

- In honor of     In memory of
- Special event (birthday, graduation, etc.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (All donations are tax deductible.)

### Acknowledgement to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### My Name and Address:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out in full, make your check payable to:

*Friends of the San Antonio Public Library*  
and mail to:        Sheila Figueroa, Chair  
                         Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL)  
                         P.O. Box 831174  
                         San Antonio, Texas 78283-1174



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## FRIENDS of the SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Individual (Adult)            \$ 10  
\_\_\_ Dual (Adult)                 \$ 20  
\_\_\_ Individual (Teen, Ages 13-18) \$ 5  
\_\_\_ Patron (Per Person)         \$ 50  
\_\_\_ Contributing (Per Person)   \$100  
\_\_\_ Life (Per Person)             \$250

\_\_\_ New Member  
\_\_\_ Renewal

Branch Group \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Do not include my phone number in the Friends' directory.

\_\_\_ I'd like to volunteer at the Book Cellar (used book store).

\_\_\_ Please call me: I'd like to be an active participant.

**MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (or FOSAPL).**  
**Your contribution is tax deductible.**

*and mail to:*

*Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL)*

*P.O. Box 831174*

*San Antonio, Texas 78283-1174*

(Note: Membership is from Jan. 1—Dec. 31. Members receive a renewal notice in early Dec.)



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## CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

*Please refer to the Branch Leaves for support group meetings. It's a good idea to call and verify information before setting out for a meeting or program. Sometimes dates or times change after newsletter publication.*

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| July 16      | Board Meeting at Cody, 7 p.m.   |
| August 16    | Oakwell Book Sale, 11 AM-3:30 p.m.  |
| August 25    | Brook Hollow Friends meeting at 7 p.m.  |
| September 4  | Dinner and reading by Sandra Cisneros of her poetry<br>Tickets for this Library Foundation Fundraiser are \$100 |
| September 14 | Writer Friends meeting featuring <b>Kathleen Lestrangle</b> , at the Central Library Auditorium,<br>7 p.m.      |
| September 14 | Writers and Illustrators Book Fair, Central Library   |
| October 2    | Cody Friends Book Sale  |

Brook Hollow Library  
530 Heimer Road, 78232  
(210) 496-6315

Cody Library  
11441 Vance Jackson, 78230  
(210) 696-6396

Central Library  
600 Soledad Street, 78205  
(210) 207-2534

Oakwell Library  
4134 Harry Wurzbach, 78209  
(210) 828-2569

Westfall Library  
6111 Rosedale Court, 78201  
(210) 344-2373

Note: Each branch Friends group has a designated representative to the Board. However, these Board meetings are open to the general membership. All members are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings.

## DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER COPY IS JUNE 15, 2004

Articles to be submitted should be a simple text file or in Word or WordPerfect. Please email files and photos to [awoods@swri.org](mailto:awoods@swri.org). Hard copy articles and photos should be mailed to Alana Woods at Southwest Research Institute, 6220 Culebra Rd., San Antonio, Texas 78238.