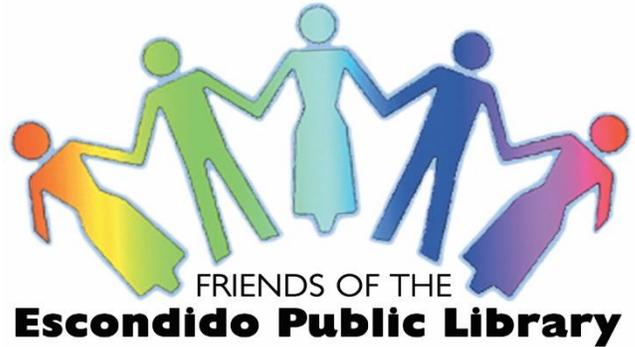


December 2020

*Holiday Greetings
to all our members and
wishing you a Happy and
Healthier New Year!*



The Friends News

The Board of the Friends of the Library of Escondido met via Zoom recently as our 2019-2020 fiscal year was coming to a close and it was time to elect Board Officers and Directors for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Typically we would hold a Public Meeting for the Friends and invite them to vote for a new slate, but the Covid 19 pandemic made that impossible for us. However, we did need to proceed with this process so we can continue funding many of the programs offered by the Escondido Library. We do have several changes to the Board, please see Page 2 for full details.

*One more thing . . . we no longer seem to have sufficient manpower (or right now especially, the ability to meet as a group) to put together our regular 8-page Friends News, which requires buying the special paper required by the Post Office, folding, applying seals, applying address labels and taking them to the US Bulk Mail Office. We are converting to an email format which will save us both in manpower and expense. **PLEASE** send an email to escondidofriends@gmail.com stating your name and email address so you can continue to receive our quarterly Newsletter. If we don't already have it, we'll add it. If it is a change from what we have on file we'll update it. Thanks so much!*

President's Message Linda Parker



Dear Friends,

I think we can all agree that 2020 has been a challenging and unpredictable year. Many of us are anxious to go back to our volunteer duties at the Library, and it is our desire to reopen our Book Shop as soon as we are given permission to do so. Our little Book Shop closed on March 15th, and no volunteers have been permitted back into the Library since then.

It is impressive that our Escondido Library staff has continued to offer programs and events via internet during these past 9 months. They've been creative and imaginative in their efforts to bring content to patrons of all age groups and the online patron participation has been amazing. During this time, the Escondido Friends of the Library has continued to fund various programs and events and will continue to do so.

Our Library was briefly reopened in a limited capacity and then, sadly, just recently has closed to the public again due to the recent surge. Curbside pickup, however is still available.

And as a Thank You for your continued support to the Library through your membership in the Friends we are waiving the membership renewal fees for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Typically membership annual renewal fees were due in October, but this year we have waived the renewal fees and your membership renewal date will be bumped up one year from your last paid year.

REMINDER -- Other great ways to help the Friends . . .



It's holiday shopping time, and more than ever right now people are shopping online. If you're an Amazon shopper please consider using **smile.amazon.com** for your holiday and all future purchases.

The first time you use your smile.amazon account you pick your charity "Friends of Escondido Public Library" which is listed in the eligible charities. FOL will receive .05% donated by Amazon for nearly every dollar you spend on your account. It's your exact same account login/password, but you sign into smile.amazon.com instead.

From the smile.amazon.com website: "How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile? On your first visit to smile.amazon.com, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation."

Thanks, we appreciate all the assistance/contributions our Friends provide! And please spread the word to your Amazon-shopping friends! If you have a question about how to sign up, don't hesitate to email us at escondidofriends@gmail.com. We likely can help you out with that!

And one more way you can contribute ----- **DO YOU SHOP AT MAJOR MARKET?**
Please save your Major Market shopping receipts for the Friends of the Library. Major gives us back 1% of all receipts we collect! Please continue to save them and give them to the Cashier in the Friends Book Shop when we finally re-open and you are able to visit and shop with us again. Thanks!



With a heavy heart we sadly report the passing of our Board Member and Book Shop Manager, Linda Atkinson, in July of this year from health issues unrelated to the coronavirus. Linda was loved and appreciated by so many of us and she is deeply missed.



As mentioned on Page 1, the members shown below have agreed to accept the following Board duties for the 2020-2021 year.

Friends of the Library Board of Directors	
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Directors</u>
Linda Parker, <i>President</i>	Wayne Brown
Georgia Chonko, <i>Vice President</i>	Elmer Cameron
Marlene Hoover, <i>Treasurer</i>	Linda Faulkner
Joy Harper, <i>Secretary</i>	Sharon Fry
Shop Coordinator * (open)	Carol Pennington
	Mary Roy
*appointed by the Board	