

HERMOSA BEACH FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

November 15, 1960

Dear Member of the Hermosa Beach Friends of the Library:

Many of you have asked why we don't send these little Newsettes out more frequently -- good question. Good answer -- it costs money to mail them to all of our membership. We do appreciate your asking though, and so do the Librarians; it shows you are interested.

On Thursday, December 1, we are having a Christmas party at the Library. We will have our tree up; we will have the drawing for the G.E. transistor radio; we shall have Miss Augusta Fink and Miss Margaret Marshall of the Shorebird, that delightful bookstore in the Plaza in Palos Verdes. They will bring along lots of brand new books -- fiction and non, recipe, art, and lovely new children's books -- all suitable for Christmas giving. Miss Fink will give us a thumbnail sketch of each as she goes along and possibly you will find that some of the names on your Christmas list would just love one of these books! Then we will have coffee and Christmas cookies and chatter. If you would like to furnish some of the Christmas cookies for the party, will you please call Mrs. Robert Mason at FR-4-1885.

At the party, the new membership cards for 1961 will be available -- \$1 for adults and 25¢ for children. It would be a good time to rejoin for the bright new year.

It doesn't seem too long ago that we had our first election of officers for Friends of the Library. Now it is almost that time again. The Nominating Committee is working on the slate of candidates which will be presented during the month of January. The Nominating Committee consists of Mrs. James Edgerton, Mrs. Vincent Bordelon, Mrs. Thomas Fredericks, Mrs. Shu Miho, Mrs. Rolland Pontius and Mrs. David Burt. All persons who have joined the Friends of the Library for 1961 will receive a ballot. We appreciate the effort the Nominating Committee will make in choosing a suitable slate.

About 225 books have been donated to the Hermosa Library this past year through the Friends and this does not include the beautiful set of the Harvard Classics which was purchased with funds from last year's membership drive. Several coffees and a children's party have been given this year by the Friends. We staffed a children's reading program one day a week during the summer with volunteer readers. We have furnished flowers and holiday decorations to brighten the Library. Altogether, we have made a good start. We would like to mention that we allow our Harvard Classics to be checked out -- in this way, they become much more valuable to students who have used them.

Possibly your children have read Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry -- a most delightful horse story. "Misty" has had a colt, born last April, and until now it has no name. Rand McNally, publishers, are sponsoring a contest through the libraries to have a child name the colt. The Library who wins will receive \$1,000 to purchase children's books! Tell all the children you know to submit a name to Mrs. Olney -- maybe Hermosa will win! Contest ends November 23.

The back patio of the Library is quite a sun trap and an ideal place to rest and chat. We need a few patio tables, umbrellas and chairs and that is what we plan to do with the proceeds of the transistor drawing. We want to make this a pleasant, garden-like spot. It cannot be used for children since there will be no supervision, but it will be ideal for our senior group. If you approve, then we need your cooperation.

Write it down -- December 1, Thursday, 10:30 AM, at the Library -- it isn't a meeting -- just a holiday party! Support the drawing -- remember to renew your membership for 1961 -- and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

*Helen Tracy*

Helen Tracy, President

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The Friends of the Library will have a drawing December 1 for a beautiful G.E. transistor radio with accessories. Tickets are being distributed now -- donation 50¢. The radio can be seen at Hermosa Electric Co., 1034 Hermosa Avenue. You can get your tickets at Hermosa Electric or call Ginny Falvey at FR-2-7668 for books of 10. With the proceeds we plan to furnish the back patio of the Library so it can be used as a Senior Citizens' Patio. During our coffees, many of our older citizens have told us they like to walk to the village but that they would also like a rest before the return trip home. In Our Town there is no place to rest except the bus bench which in summer is crowded with beach goers and in winter it is often too cold.