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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FRIENDS OF LAKES REGIONAL LIBRARY

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Use my alternative address from _____ to _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

- I would like to volunteer in the Nook. Please call me.
 I would like to help the Friends group. Please contact me if you need help with _____

Please mail application and check to: Friends of Lakes Regional Library
 15290 Bass Road
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Please check membership category:
 Student \$5 Family \$25
 Individual \$10 Lifetime \$250

Or drop off at the Library's main desk TOTAL amount enclosed \$ _____

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a very happy Thanksgiving. Now we can get ready for the holiday season. Our annual Holiday Luncheon will be at Kelly Greens on Dec. 11. Kelly Greens Golf and Country Club is located at 12300 Kelly Greens Blvd. This is off Summerlin Road (look for the big American Flag on your right if headed west). The gate will be open from 11am to 12:15pm. Come through the gate on the right and follow the road to the clubhouse and parking on the left. The menu this year sounds delicious. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the lunch. The menu selections are in the Focus. Please make your reservations early.

We have a new secretary. Don Long has volunteered to fill the position. Thank you to the members who also volunteered.

Do you know how we spend the money raised in the Nook and at the Book Sale? We have a budget of \$2,000 for programs for adults and youth, summer reading program for youth and teens of \$1,800, magazine and newspapers of \$2,000, the Story Garden Maintenance of \$1,510, Book Page expense of \$1,500, Reading Festival contribution of \$2,000 and an additional \$10,000 for requests throughout the year as needed by our library. There are other administrative expenses that we must pay, such as sales tax, Friends Focus printing and mailing and other miscellaneous expenses. Everyone works hard to raise this money to help Lakes Regional Library. If you have any questions please get in touch with me.

Have a very good Holiday season and a Happy New Year. 2016 promises to be a good year for our Friends group.

Jane Ann Kennedy, President

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

It is almost the end of the year and time for many of us to renew our membership in the Friends of Lakes Library. If you will look on your address on your Friends Focus you will see something like Exp 12/2015 written after your name. That means that as of Dec. 31, 2015 your membership will expire. Checks or cash can be dropped off at the Library at the main desk or in the Book Nook along with your membership application/renewal slip. There will also be a membership table at the Book Sale on Saturday, January 23 and your renewal will be accepted then. On your application please include your email address. Thank you.

Pat Davidson, Membership

MESSAGE FROM THE BRANCH MANAGER

Happy Holidays! Welcome back to our winter residents. We've made some changes in the library building. We were fortunate to receive three new check out machines. One is a standalone and the others are tabletop versions. These machines replace the three v-cradle check out machines. The machines are now on the same side of the library, allowing the staff to provide a better customer service interaction. Please let us know what you think, we are always working to improve your library experience. The staff of the Lakes Regional Library wishes you and yours a safe and happy holiday season! See you in the New Year.

Jill Horrom, Branch Manager

BOOKS STILL NEEDED

THANK YOU so much for your generous donations of Used Books.
 Please keep them coming!! We still need them to restock the Nook.

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MEETINGS
September thru May
2nd Friday of the Month
Lakes Regional Library

11:30 AM Meeting
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 PM Guest Author

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Marie Horecky

Don Long

FRIENDS OF LAKES REGIONAL LIBRARY HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

AT KELLY GREENS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2015

Gather at 11:30 - Lunch Will Be Served at Noon
\$20.00 (Cash or Check made out to Friends of Lakes Regional Library)

Hot bread and butter. • House Salad

Choice of Chicken Marsala or Bourbon Salmon

Both entrees served with: Roasted Potatoes and Chef Vegetable

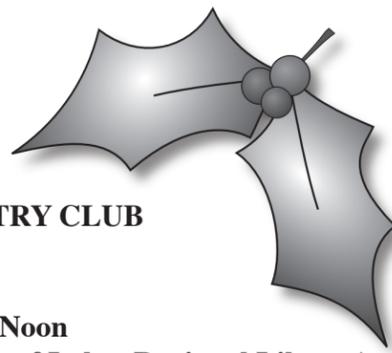
Assorted mini holiday deserts • Coffee or Tea
Vegetarian available

All are welcome.

Feel free to bring a spouse or a friend.

For reservations, call **Flo Morris @ 239-481-7680** or
e-mail Floraml@yahoo.com by **noon Sunday, Dec. 6.**

If you need to cancel, please let Flo know as soon
as possible.



NEW STAFF MEMBER



Lakes Regional Library is excited to welcome Antonio Castro, our newest Youth Services Librarian. Antonio was born and raised in Oregon and later spent time in Louisiana, California, and Arizona. He recently completed his Masters in Library and Information Science at Louisiana State University. In his spare time, Antonio enjoys traveling, volunteering, playing sports, and of course, reading. His favorite books include the *Harry Potter* series.

Submitted by **Chrissie Bishop, Youth Services Senior Librarian**

DISPLAY CASE

Silver bells. Angel bells. Crystal bells. Christmas bells of every description. The December exhibit will be a collection of over 40 handbells and tree ornament bells to brighten the season. These bells are being displayed by Denny Fagan, who had another assortment shown earlier this year.



ENGLISH CAFÉ

Mondays, Dec. 7th & 14th at 6:00 PM
Conference Room B

The 90-minute sessions provide adult learners an opportunity to practice speaking English with Native speakers. Topics include everyday situations, current events, and cultural areas.

Participants may start at any time. –
Advance registration is not necessary

PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Friday December 4, 2015 at 2:00 PM
Author Talk: **Luis Carlos Montalván**

Former Army Captain and New York Times bestselling author Luis Carlos Montalván visits the Lakes Regional Library for a book discussion and signing of his work, *Until Tuesday*. The book is a story of how two wounded warriors, who had given so much and suffered the consequences, found salvation in each other. It is a story about war and peace, injury and recovery, psychological wounds and spiritual restoration. But more than that, it is a story about the love between a man and his dog, and how they healed each other's souls.

This event will include an author talk, Q&A session, and book signing.

This program is generously sponsored by Donna Herbst with additional assistance from the Friends of the Lakes Regional Library.

Registration required, 533-4000 option #3

Legal Rights of Long Term Care Residents
Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 2 PM.

Barbara Brayton, Director for the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, will give a presentation on the legal rights of those in nursing homes, assisted living, and adult family care homes.

A Q&A session will follow the presentation.

Registration required, 533-4000 option #3.

QUOTE

“The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.”

- Albert Einstein

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

The Nazi Officer's Wife: How One Jewish Woman Survived the Holocaust
By **Edith Beer**

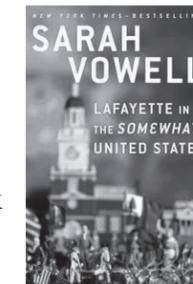


Tuesday December 15, 2015 at 2:00 PM
Jewish Austrian author Edith Beer relates the escalating fear and humiliating indignities she and others endured, as well as the anti-Semitism of friends and neighbors in the Nazi period. Eventually, Edith was deported to work in a labor camp in Germany. Anxious about her mother, she obtained permission to return to Vienna, only to learn that her mother was gone. In despair, Edith tore off her yellow star and went underground. A Christian friend gave Edith her own identity papers, and Edith fled to Munich, where she met Werner Vetter, a Nazi party member. Despite her confession to him that she was Jewish they married. She successfully maintained the facade of a loyal German housewife until the war ended.

Registration required, 533-4000 option #3.

BOOK REVIEW

Lafayette in the Somewhat United States
By **Sarah Vowell**



Sarah Vowell, a journalist and liberal social commentator who previously wrote several books on American history, has written a book on the Marquis de Lafayette's service to the colonies during the Revolutionary War and the complex and at times absurd backdrop of day to day politics of the era. Vowell's irreverent account traces historical events while touching on her experiences in researching Lafayette's trail to and through the United States. Vowell compares the clashes of the founding fathers to current day political disputes, offering some political commentary on the issues of today while reflecting on the past. She humanizes the founders and Lafayette by examining the common difficulties of forming a country of people with at times diametrically opposed views and goals. While Vowell's chatty narrative voice is not for everyone, the book is a light, fast read for people who enjoy hearing about the very human side of historical figures with a dash of commentary and humor.

Submitted by **Marie Sullivan, Reference Librarian**