



FOREWORD

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Members Annual Meeting—2010

- ◆ **Date:** Saturday, November 13, 2010
- ◆ **Time:** 10:45 a.m.
- ◆ **Place:** The patio in back of Mitchell Park Library (for a map, turn the page)
- ◆ **Agenda:** Vote to approve new board members and nominees for officers

Proposed for Re-election to the Board for a Two-Year Term

Jim Schmidt, Enid Pearson, Tom Clark, Gretchen Emmons, Gerry Masteller, Steve Staiger, and Ellen Wyman

Proposed New Board Members

Peter Dehlinger, Ed Walker, and Pat Worthington

Proposed FOPAL Officers

President: Jim Schmidt

Vice President: Tom Wyman

Treasurer: Ed Walker

Assistant Treasurer: Nominee TBD

Secretary: Martha Schmidt

Report from the Treasurer—Enid Pearson

In our last fiscal year, 7/1/2009 to 6/30/2010, FOPAL had gross book sales of \$276,922. Of this gross book sale income, Internet book sales were \$51,486. Our total income, which includes memberships, contributions, and interest earned on our accounts, was \$334,943. Memberships (priced from \$9 per year and up) totaled \$23,628.

Our total assets at year-end were \$896,225 and liabilities \$223,106.

Net Assets are as follows: Endowment Fund \$304,391; Fund for the Future \$71,446; uncommitted General Fund \$295,441.

In the 2009-2010 fiscal year, we awarded the Palo Alto Libraries a total of \$234,000. Included was our second year matching grant of \$67,000 to the City's \$100,000. FOPAL also guaranteed \$57,000 toward the second year of Link+.

In the past six years, FOPAL has granted the Palo Alto City Libraries over \$1,220,000. A big thanks to our dedicated volunteers and all our book donors.

Thanks from FOPAL

Enid Pearson, FOPAL Treasurer since 2007, is retiring as of Jan. 1, 2011. She has done an amazing job managing our funds and keeping us apprised of assets and liabilities. She will continue as a valued board member and consultant to the new Treasurer.

Library Director Diane Jennings, who has served as liaison between the Palo Alto City Library and the FOPAL board, is retiring and moving to Santa Fe. The board will miss Diane's expertise concerning grants to the library and her strong support of FOPAL projects. Enjoy the air in Santa Fe!

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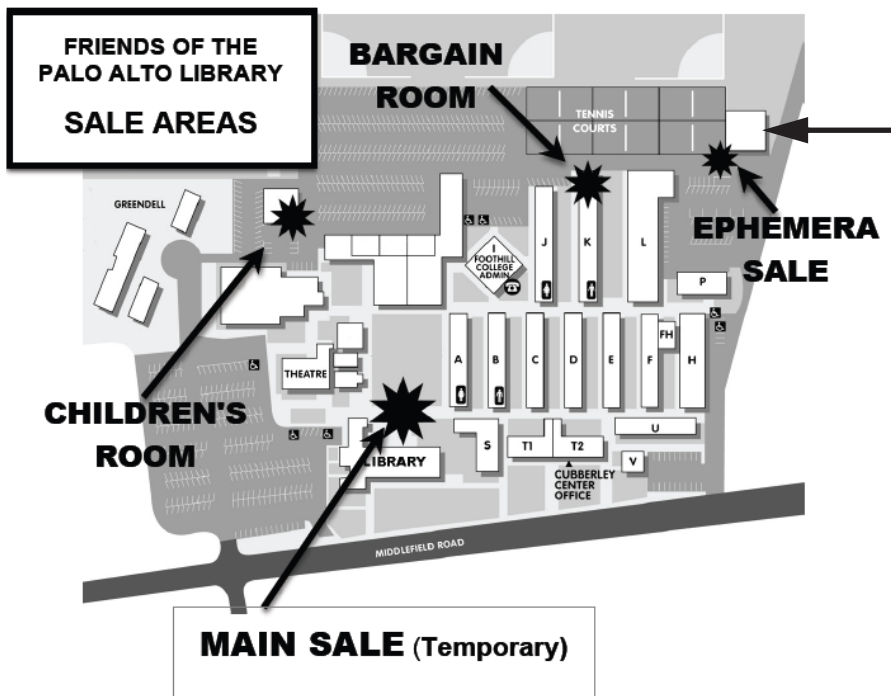
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After the Fire, Where Are We?

As you are no doubt aware, there was a fire in Marty's (Main) Book Room on August 9th. (The local *Daily Post* provided excellent coverage of the story.) The room has been closed to all visitors, save insurance adjusters, fire inspectors, and contractors.

Mobile Modular has agreed to replace the current building (rather than refurbish it). Work should begin shortly after the October sale, and they've estimated a three-week completion time. Thus, we hope to be ready for the **December Main Sale** in the *new building*. For November's sale, the Children's Book Room and the Bargain Room will offer the usual great selection—but there is NO Main Sale on the patio.

2010 Members-Only Early Sale Postponed



A members-only sale will occur in early 2011—exact date to be announced soon. We'll have a second members-only sale in November of 2011.

When the new building is ready, our Main Sale returns to its old space next to the tennis courts.

Good Neighbors!

We are grateful to the **Mitchell Park Library** who donated their patio space for the main sale in September & October.

Also thanks to the **Cubberley Community Center** who let us borrow as many as 50 tables for the main sale.

FOPAL Board of Directors: Jim Schmidt—President; Tom Wyman—Vice President; Martha Schmidt—Secretary; Enid Pearson—Treasurer; Dick Grote—Assistant Treasurer; Betsy Allyn, Tom Clark, Arline Dehlinger, Gretchen Emmons, Gerry Masteller, Gene O'Sullivan, Barbara Silberling, Steven Staiger, Tisa Abshire Walker, Ellen Wyman. Library Director and Representative to the Board—Diane Jennings. Foreword Staff—Arline Dehlinger, Barbara Silberling, Tisa Walker, Scottie Zimmerman. Webmaster—Frank McConnell. Membership—Martha Schmidt