



BOOKMARK

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." – C.S. Lewis

Dear *Friends*,

I am grateful to be able to wish each and everyone one of you a Happy New Year. I am looking forward to new goals and new dreams in 2016.

We start the New Year with changes in the Board of Directors; we welcome Susan Cravens, Teresa Jenkins and Joy Dibble. They bring their own areas of expertise to the Board. I also want to extend our thanks to Julie Bennett and Jan Roemler for their services to the Board. Although they have stepped down from their Director's jobs, they remain committed to the *Friends*, the library and the community.

Your continued membership and support of *Friends* of the Punta Gorda Library is a gift to yourself, your family, your neighbors and your community. If you have not renewed your 2016 membership, we ask you to fill out the form on page 7 and mail it in or drop it off at the *Friends* Bookstore. Please ask your neighbors and friends to join, too. We appreciate our Business Patrons (page 8) and urge you to take your business needs to them. Please thank them for being important supporters of the *Friends*.

Design Team - Presentation and Community Input Meetings

Over a year ago we celebrated the good news that Charlotte County was moving forward with our dream of a new library in our community. Harvard Jolly Architects of Sarasota has been chosen to design and build the new South County Library and Archives. The current project schedule shows the new facility being open to the public in the summer of 2018! *Friends* Board will have several meetings with Harvard Jolly. This is our opportunity to explore and contribute not only our ideas for the design of the building but also for us to determine how we can offer financial support for the components and the services in the new building. Charlotte County has scheduled meetings with the general public to discover how YOU envision the new library and historical archives (page 5).

Literary Events

The March 15th Literary Luncheon with Mary Alice Monroe is almost sold out. If you have not made your reservation, I urge you to do so immediately (page 4). There are two additional interesting educational Literary Events scheduled this winter. The first is a FREE event featuring the book *Mister Owita's Guide to Gardening*, by Carol Wall and presented by the late author's husband, Dick Wall. The second event is an afternoon literary lecture with author and historian Peter Golden, followed by a



wine and cheese reception. Please see page 4 for further information on these literary events.

For all of you who have been reading this award winning newsletter over the last five years, you know that Martha Kelley and Mary Knowlton have been our wonderful and talented editors and publishers. They took an already good newsletter and with the support of the Board, expanded the content, added color, news stories and new columns. Creating *BOOKMARK* has been a labor of love. Martha and Mary have decided it is time to step down and pass the title and responsibilities of being editors on to others. They have offered to work with the new editors to help them get started. We do not have new editors at this time and would like to hear from you if you are interested in working with the Board to take on this role. *Friends* need your help to keep the *BOOKMARK* alive! In closing, please join me in thanking Martha and Mary for simply being the best!!

See you around the library, Katie

BOOKMARK Editors Say Farewell

March 2011 was the first time the Kelley-Knowlton duo collaborated in editing and publishing *Friends* of the Punta Gorda Library *BOOKMARK*. We are honored to have been able to bring *BOOKMARK* to *Friends*, library patrons and the community. We are grateful for the never waver-ing support and cooperation of our *Friends* Board, who gave us free reign to run with our ideas for a vibrant and informative newsletter. We tried to keep the contents varied and fresh-a forum advocating for the library on issues that affect not only it but the community. Finally, we wish to thank our readers for their praise and loyalty.

Though Punta Gorda is a small city, it has a large and generous heart and is blessed with a tremendous group of involved citizens who consider the Punta Gorda Library an integral part of our community. We are so thankful to have been involved with *BOOKMARK* and know that whoever takes over will continue the tradition of quality which was begun so many years ago.

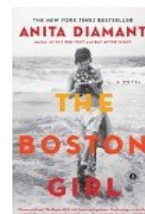
It has been a wonderful five years and as Yogi Berra said, "When you come to a fork in the road, take it" Here we go!

Martha Kelley and Mary Knowlton



The Boston Girl

Reviewed by Martha Kelley. (page 3).



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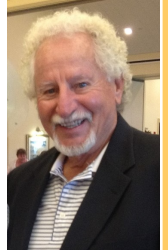
The design team is hard at work on our new library. Until they finish the task we can only speculate as to what it may look like and what programs it may provide:

- The new library will contain a rich collection of books and other printed materials, as well as video and audio recordings;
- There will be free access to high speed internet, including computers and tablets if we don't have our own; there will be help with how to use them effectively.
- There will be designated areas for reading, carrels for study and research, and meeting rooms for group activities. There will be areas set aside for children, youth and adults to enjoy the library separately or together. And there will be experts on hand to help guide and enrich our inquiry.
- There will be a Friends Bookstore.

Without knowing the details, we expect our new library to be an attractive, welcoming place where people of all ages are actively engaged in lifelong learning; and where information and technology are freely available to everyone. It will be a dynamic place with a wide variety of programs to pique our interest and enrich our lives. We are looking forward to dropping in to pick up a book, or use the internet, or attend a presentation, or join an interest group, or... The possibilities are enticing!

Our new library may be all of this, and likely will be much more...

Art Bruning, Board member and former Superintendent of Schools in Hopkins MN



Friends SCENE IN PUNTA GORDA

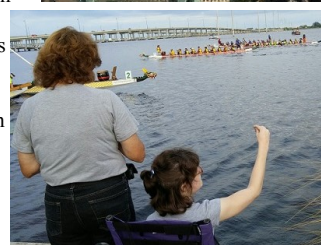
ONE NEVER KNOWS WHO MIGHT BE SEEN AROUND THE CITY!



Above, Dupre's "The Harvesters" re-created as a mural by Visual Arts Center artist Ed Kosiewicz. Left: Judy Stevenson with Gus walk near the site of the new library; below, Steve and Gary Knowlton work out at outdoor fitness center; right, War On The Peace Dragon Boat Races.



Veterans' Day Parade and ground breaking for Viet Nam Wall of SW Florida memorial, right, Jean and Richard Carr, Maj. General, USAF (ret.); below, Laishley Park gazebo, below right, Military Heritage Museum volunteers.



Below, Charlotte High School's Charisma entertains the Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce over breakfast at the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Asso.



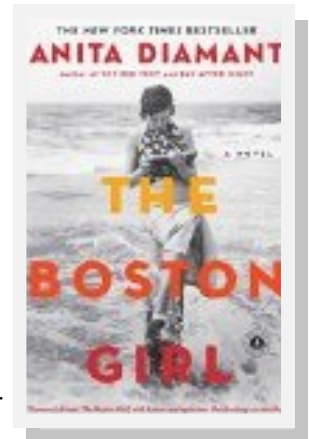


BOOK REVIEW



THE BOSTON GIRL

By Anita Diamant



Eighty five year old Addie Baum was being interviewed and recorded by her “favorite” grandchild, Ava (Addie told all of her grandchildren that they were her “favorite”). Ava wanted to know and understand how her grandmother became the woman she is today, a well known newspaper columnist, social worker and teacher. After telling Ava about her Russian - Jewish parent’s immigration to Boston in 1896, with her two older sisters, independent Betty and beautiful Celia and about her (Addie’s) unexpected birth in 1900, she says, “I’ve lived in Boston my whole life, which anyone can tell the minute I open my mouth.”

The Boston Girl is the dramatic yet delightful story of Addie Baum, her family and friends. Hers was a family torn by a dispirited and depressed mother, who could never relate to living in America, who only spoke Yiddish and who never failed to make her husband pay for his decision to bring his family to the Land of Opportunity. It is a story of the youngest daughter, Addie, who would simply not be put down by the mores of the times or her mother and her venomous attacks against whatever progressive ideas her youngest daughter voiced or practiced.

Addie was an outstanding elementary student with a fervent desire to go on to high school, which was against family traditions. “She reads and she counts – that’s enough,” said her father. Somehow Celia, her frail, loving older sister and her mother’s favorite, persuaded her parents to allow Addie to go on to high school. This was the beginning of her love affair with learning and her determination to grow beyond the family expectations of what a girl’s future ought to be, “get married and have babies.”

During her first year of high school, Addie discovered The Salem Street Settlement House and began going there after school to take courses in cooking. After cooking classes ended, she went to its library to finish her homework and quickly became an insatiable reader. While at the Settlement House, she met a group of wealthy interdenominational girls, who lived in Boston and who belonged to the “Saturday Club”. They asked Addie to join this venerable society and most became her dearest, lifelong friends. As time went on, they introduced Addie to important and famous individuals who were at the forefront of the fight for social change and women’s rights.

After graduating from high school, Addie went to work for Celia’s husband in his shirt- waist factory. When World War I broke out and he was awarded a huge government contract for Army shirts, he became a wealthy man, eventually entering real estate ventures taking Addie and her business prowess with him. Soon Addie wanted to strike out on her own and found a job at a newspaper as a typist. Before long, she had her own society column. Through contacts made from her dear friends from the Saturday Club, she became a well known journalist advocating liberal, social and women’s movements of the time. In her mid twenties, she met and married her devoted labor-lawyer husband, Aaron Metsky.

Addie’s life, her determination and grit to achieve her positions as a journalist, social worker and teacher is a heart-warming story of one girl’s determination to climb out of the predetermined life that so many girls of that era faced. Anita Diamant, a consummate researcher of the times and happenings about which she writes, has the ability to hurdle the reader from Boston in 1985 back to the Boston of the early 20th century where the reader can feel the terrible bleak chill of the hunger, poverty, moral and economic depression so familiar to the immigrants of that time. *The Boston Girl* makes the reader root for Addie, this brave off-beat child of those long ago Boston days; a girl for whom the words, “can’t”, “shouldn’t” or “it’s really not appropriate” definitely did not apply.

As the devoted grandmother of nine grandchildren, five of whom are granddaughters, this reviewer is a huge fan of multi-generational stories and especially those of grandmothers and grand-daughters sharing secrets of love, relationships and ancestry over a cup of tea!

Reviewed by Martha Kelley

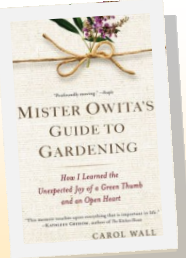
“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.” Winston Churchill



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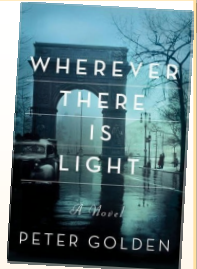
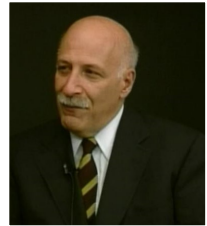
Dick Wall, husband of late author Carol Wall, will talk about her critically acclaimed memoir, *Mister Owita's Guide to Gardening* as well as his late wife's incredible life amid grace and heartbreak.

Free Literary Event Tuesday Feb. 9, 2016 at 10:30 AM

Charlotte Community Foundation 227 Sullivan St. Punta Gorda

Light refreshments served following presentation. Author's book for sale at event.

Peter Golden, is an award-winning journalist, historian, and novelist. He will speak about his newest novel *Wherever There Is Light*, as well as his fascinating life as a cold war journalist who interviewed four U.S. Presidents, various Prime Ministers and Soviet President Gorbachov.



Tuesday Feb. 16, 2016

P.G.I. Civic Association 2001 Shreve St. Punta Gorda

Open Seating Doors open 2 PM Friends remarks 2:45 PM, Lecture 3 PM,

Reception 4 PM, Book Signing Author's Books available for sale at event



Cost: Pre-registration: \$10 At Door: \$15

Make checks to: *Friends of the Punta Gorda Library* Mail checks to: *Friends of the Punta Gorda Library*, 424 West Henry Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. You can also drop the payment off at the *Friends Bookstore* located in the library at the same address.

Email questions to info@friendspg.org or call 941 505-0940

Date: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Number of attendees at \$10: _____

List of people attending: _____

Mary Alice Monroe is the *New York Times* bestselling author of twenty novels and children's books. She explores the parallels between nature and human nature. Her upcoming novel is the final book in a trilogy set in the Low Country of South Carolina: *The Summer Girls*, *The Summer Wind*, *The Summer's End*.



Tuesday March 15, 2016

Isles Yacht Club 1780 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda

Doors Open 11 AM, Friends Remarks 11:45 AM, Luncheon Noon

Presentation & Questions 1 PM, Book Signing, Author's Books available for sale at event.



To reserve your seats, submit this form along with check to *Friends of the Punta Gorda Library*. You may drop off your form & check at the *Friends Bookstore* located inside the Library or you can mail your form & check to: *Friends of the Punta Gorda Library* 424 W. Henry Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950 *Friends* Member: \$40 per ticket, Non-Member \$45 per ticket. Seating at tables of 8 is assigned on a first come-first served basis when your form and check are received. There are no tickets. You will be given your table assignments at "Check-in."

Date: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of tickets _____ @ \$40 each. Number of tickets _____ @ \$45 each.

When purchasing multiple tickets, please list the names of persons attending on the back of this form.

For any questions, either email ticketspgf@gmail.com or call 941-575-8333.



Meet & Greet . . . Sip & Eat

Please join *Friends* on Thursday, January 21, from 5-8 PM at Gallery Walk in Downtown Punta Gorda, in front of Serendipity Salon, next to River City Grill on Marion Ave. This is your chance to **purchase Literary Event reservations for Peter Golden and Mary Alice Monroe.**

Friends Membership Committee will be at all Literary Events: Dick Wall on Feb. 9, Peter Golden on February 16, and Mary Alice Monroe on March 15 to greet you and explain the benefits of *Friends* Membership.

Interim Librarian - Bill MacDonald

Dear *Friends*,

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Punta Gorda Library as Interim Librarian Supervisor. It is a joy to discover what an active and committed *Friends* group this library branch has. I am impressed with everyone's skills and commitment. You have so many wonderful programs scheduled! So wonderful, in fact, that I have been inspired to create a series of music and performance programs so I can make a contribution as well. All of these performances will be held at the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, 2001 Shreve St. All shows start at 6:00 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

Wild Carrot, eclectic roots music group, Friday, January 15

Janina Birtolo portrays Abigail Adams, Friday, February 5

Ann Martindale and Richard Busch perform Jazz standards from the great American songbook, Friday, February 19.

Janina Birtolo returns as Mary Todd Lincoln, Friday, March 4,

If you like discussing the hard sciences, then check out **David Martin's book discussion on QED: The Strange Theory of Light and Matter**. The discussion will be on January 20 at 4:00 p.m. at the Punta Gorda Library. We will have 5 complimentary copies available starting January 2. Everyone have a joyful New Year.

Support *Friends* through AmazonSmile

Each time you make a purchase thru Amazon, first go to the <http://smile.amazon.com/>. Sign into your account or create an Amazon account. *Friends* of the Punta Gorda Library will receive a donation of 0.5% of your purchase with no increase in cost to you! We appreciate your support.

ATTENTION

Charlotte County/City of Punta Gorda/Harvard Jolly Design Team - Presentation and Community Input Meetings

This is **your** open forum, **your** opportunity to express **your** goals and dreams for our new Punta Gorda Community Library

Charlotte County has scheduled meetings with the general public to discover how they envision our new Library and Historical Archives. During the meeting the design team will make a presentation of the building program, display aerial shots of the site and boundaries and solicit **YOUR** ideas regarding desired features and amenities.

Public Meeting #2

March 17, 2016

**Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center
Myakka River Meeting Rooms AB**



Site of New Library on Shreve St.,
north of History Park

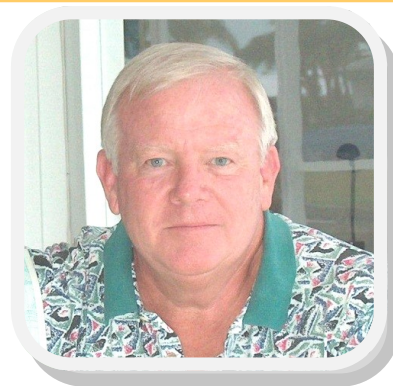
Bookmark Feature - Bill Albers, Former Punta Gorda Mayor

Our friend Bill Albers wears many hats. He and Kate, his wife of 21 years, are parents of a son and daughter and grandparents of four. He retired, after 30 years in management with AT&T and moved from Atlanta to Punta Gorda in 1996, after he completed his last assignment with AT&T...that of being on loan to the Atlanta Olympic committee, where he was responsible for the connectivity of all of the various technologies. After retirement he was then asked to assist the Salt Lake City Olympic committee in establishing their technology division.

Bill and Kate have done extensive boating in SW Florida. They are charter members, and Bill was the first Commodore of the Mariners of PGI. He later became President of the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association. A well-respected member of the Punta Gorda City Council, he served from 2006 -2013, two of these years as Mayor.

Bill is a loyal *Friend* and frequent user of the Punta Gorda Library. He was instrumental several years ago, early on in his tenure as City Counselor, in getting a new library facility for Punta Gorda into the capital improvement plan (CIP) of the county. When the recession hit and all projects were delayed, somehow the library project was inadvertently removed from the CIP. When Bill discovered this, he worked successfully to have it quickly reinstated. At that time, after several meetings with the County Commissioners, he was able to help negotiate an agreement that if the one cent tax vote failed, the new library in Punta Gorda would be funded from other sources. In the meantime, the City of Punta Gorda agreed to donate the land on Shreve Street, next to the History Park, for the new facility. They had also donated the land on which our present library stands. This locked the location of the new library "in the heart of the city where it belongs," said Bill. The design process has begun and Bill has been assured that although this is a county library, the city will be involved in the design/engineering process and the *Friends*, as well as the citizens at large, will have input in the process. "I am pleased that I was able to assist the *Friends* of the Punta Gorda Library and will remain actively involved as the process evolves," said Bill.

All of the *Friends* and library patrons want to take this opportunity to thank Bill Albers for his tireless work. He is indeed a wonderful friend of our Punta Gorda Library and of our community in general. We applaud him and all of his ongoing endeavors that are helping to make our new library a reality. Thank you Bill from us all.



Reader's Advisory Group meets every month on the second Thursday from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at the library. Please join us to "show and tell" a recently read

Reader's Advisory Group at the Punta Gorda Library

FOUR to SCORE, by Janet Evanovich - This is a crime novel with a comic twist. Stephanie Plum is a bounty hunter trying to track down a waitress who has skipped bail. Her unlikely assistants in this task are her smart-mouthed Grandmother, a former hooker, a transvestite musician and her sometimes lover-a handsome policeman. In the course of her investigation to find this bail jumper, Stephanie deals with murder, fire bombs and explosions - all with funny dialogue and wise cracks along the way. This novel is a light read with an entertaining mix of comedy and danger.

THIRD DEGREE, by Greg Iles - In 24 hours, everything Laura Shields believed about her life and marriage to a prominent doctor will be shattered. She starts her day discovering that she is pregnant by her boyfriend, who recently ended their affair. She returns home early from school, where she works to find her husband on the brink of violence. Her husband confronts her with evidence of the affair, which she denies. Later in the day, the police are called by her former lover. Laura tries to conceal his identity, while depending on him to get her and her children out of a dangerous situation. Laura begins the most terrifying day in the history of her marriage. This is a story of survival and the ways that a mother will revert to in order to protect her children.

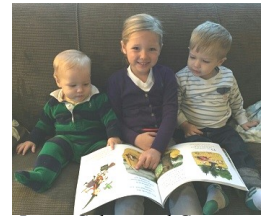
CRIMINAL SEDUCTION, by Darian North - Owen is a farmer from Kansas who is also a writer. He has an agent who is trying to get his novel published, when she presents him with a proposal that he write a true crime book about the trial of Lenore Serian. Lenore is being tried for murdering her artist husband, Bram, and setting fire to his studio in an attempt to cover up the crime. Owen moves to New York, a foreign environment for him and in the course of the trial uncovers the life story of Bram and Lenore. He falls in love with Lenore, complicating his objectivity. This was an intriguing story that led me to seek out the other few books that North wrote.

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door." Milton Berle



Friends of The Punta Gorda Library

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Isaac, Colette and Cooper
Provost, future *Friends* of
the Library

Dear *Friends* and Library Patrons,

We, the *Friends* of the Punta Gorda Library, understand how vital the existence of our library is to our community. *Friends* has worked for many years with the citizens and the Charlotte County Commissioners to promote a new and larger library in our community. The Charlotte County Commission has approved the building of a new library on land donated by the City of Punta Gorda to be built on Shreve Street, northeast of the dog park. The new facility will nearly double the collection space. The cost of the new library will be paid for by funds from the 2015 Sales Tax Extension.

Currently, in addition to books, music and movies, the library offers eBooks and online resources; Consumer Reports, My Heritage, Rosetta Stone and eMagazines (Zinio). To view the resources go to the Charlotte County Library website:

www.charlottecountyfl.com/Library

- *Friends* **contributes** essential funds for resources which would not be available otherwise.
- *Friends* **encourages** the appreciation of literacy and education in the community, **supports** children, teen and adult programs, and **sponsors** community interest events and programs.
- *Friends* through memberships and fund raising activities, **donates** monthly to the Library for expanding collections and programming.
- *Friends* **supports and operates** the Bookstore with many volunteers who maintain the donations given by you, the patrons of the library. The monies from the sales augment and help maintain library collections.

In 2016, *Friends* will offer the following literary events:

- Peter Golden, cold war historian and noted author, will present an afternoon lecture in February.
- Mary Alice Monroe, *New York Times* best-selling author of 20 novels and children's books, will be the guest speaker at the Literary Luncheon in March.

Friends membership also has the advantage of advanced ticket sales to our events at reduced costs.

Please be more than a library cardholder. Be a *Friend* of the Punta Gorda Library by completing the form below. Thank you for your membership, your contributions and your donations of recycled books, magazines and electronic media to the Friends Bookstore. Your continued loyalty and support is appreciated.

Katie Mazzi

Katie Mazzi
President

Lois Modrow Nancy Lewis

Lois Modrow & Nancy Lewis
Membership



Please use this form for your new or renewing membership. Bring or mail this to the library:

424 West Henry St. Punta Gorda FL 33950. Contributions are tax deductible. *Friends* is a 501(C)(3) Corporation.

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