

October 30, 1959

Dear Member of the  
HERMOSA BEACH FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

We are delighted with the results of our membership drive so far. The roster of names in the library testifies to the fact that many Hermosa Beach residents are intensely interested in their library. We shall continue to add to the roster. Your librarians have kindly consented to continue to issue memberships at the library, since it is such a central location.

During the week October 13 - 17, as many of you know, we had a table in the Hermosa Beach library where memberships in Friends of the Library could be taken out. Those working there during that week were Mrs. G. D. Hagan, Mrs. Kenneth Kutch, Mrs. Roland Pontius, Mrs. A. Valdes, Mrs. John Cavanagh, Mrs. Herman Friend, Mrs. Jas. Gere, Mrs. D. E. Malvey, Mrs. Robert Ziegler, Mrs. J. J. Reitz, Mrs. Susan Behrman, Mrs. R. A. Zeller, Mrs. Shu Miho, Mrs. John Schmolle, Mrs. John de Groot, Mrs. David Burt. We have our temporary Secretary-Treasurer to thank for the attractive woodcut membership cards.

At the present time, we are working with a skeleton crew. If you feel you have two hours that you can give to the Friends of the Library will you leave your name and telephone with one of the librarians or call Helen Tracy at FR 2-6044.

More than 325 groups of Friends of the Library are scattered throughout the United States and Canada. Their reasons for joining together are varied and each unit is independent of other units. Any and all funds we raise remain with our own library.

Our Articles of Association state that our group has formed to foster closer relations between the Hermosa Beach Library and its citizens and organizations; to stimulate public support; to focus attention on the facilities and services as well as on the needs of the library; to encourage financial aid as well as gifts in the form of books; and to encourage additions to library service.

We plan to present a roster of officers in January during a general meeting, who will serve for the year, as well as adopt by-laws. A general plan for 1960 will be made and our organization should then be a very real force in the community it serves.

The plan for the remainder of this year is to encourage memberships and with the funds to buy books, with especial attention to reference books. More than new memberships, however, we want to encourage consistent use of the library.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Thursday, 10:30 A.M.,  
November 5 -- Come enjoy a cup of coffee at the  
library. Meet your librarians and hear a speaker  
from the Los Angeles County Library tell us what  
we may expect from our Library and what we can do  
to make our Library a strong educational and  
cultural asset to our city.

Sincerely,

HELEN TRACY  
Your Temporary President