



Friends of La Conner Regional Library

Holiday Potluck Lunch at the Garden Club 11:30, Monday, January 20

Happy 2020, a brand-new year and brand-new decade.

Thanks to Jana Gage, who delivered another inspiring program at last month's meeting. She encouraged us all to write our history, not just our past but our now. Is anyone writing about the Library Foundation and all the efforts it has taken to arrive at the point where ground will be broken this year? Who among us is that scribe? In 2030 those memories will be gone unless written now.

Speaking of the Foundation...

Wasn't it wonderful to see Susan Macek honored by the *La Conner Weekly News* as the Unsung Hero of 2019? For the past seven years Susan has worked to fund the construction of a new library for the town. There must have been many times when she doubted it would ever happen and what joy she must have felt when all the pieces came together. Fabulous job, Susan.

All of the fund raising is not done. The Foundation is now directing their fund raising toward furnishing the new facility.

Speaking of Fundraising...

We will continue to operate the Thrift Shop until we are given a date to close.

Part of our earnings continue to be paid to the library as rent and are used by the library to pay the mortgage on the property. Any surplus funds left after paying the shop expenses have been accruing in savings. When we

learn what the future of the shop will be, we will need to vote on how to disburse the saved money.

Speaking of the Shop...

The future of the Library Thrift Shop is unclear. To date I have heard no plans for relocating the store at a new location.

The earliest proposed date to close was March 1, but more realistically it will be later this spring. Please continue to work your shifts at the shop as long as we are open.

Make sure that your friends and neighbors are aware that the shop is still open. While we are no longer accepting book donations, we will gratefully accept small furniture and

household items. Our customers are getting to know us as a little store with some great treasures. Let's keep them coming in on their treasure hunts.

Speaking of Treasures...

Marilyn Thostenson and Linda Harlow have been working their magic on display and pricing. Shelia continues to keep the book area alphabetized. Midge Hanson, Barbara Haar, and Janel Nelson are doing a great job of seeing that the schedule is filled. Marion Melville sees that the daily accounts are accurate, makes deposits and checks in with the accountants. Without all of our volunteers and our Kiwanis partners it would be impossible to keep the shop going.



Looking forward to getting together on Monday, January 20.

Joan Scarboro, President