



Friends of the Freeland Library

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Play Monopoly at the Friends Annual Meeting

You are invited to the Friends of the Freeland Library Annual Meeting at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 9. We'll be reviewing Library Manager Betsy Arand's annual wish list she presents to the board each year. That's where the fun begins. What kind of goodies can we af-

ford? How will the community benefit from the funds we have all raised to help our library. It is a little like playing monopoly and it's

fun. This sort of gathering reveals an insight into the inner workings of this library we love.

The Friends of the Freeland Library is a nonprofit organization with several purposes, including:

- a. To support and promote public awareness and use of the Freeland Library and Sno-Isle Libraries' resources, services, facility and staff in positive and creative ways.
- b. To enhance and promote collaborations between the Freeland Library, the Friends of the Freeland Library and others interested in supporting library resources and services.
- c. To provide funds and other resources to enhance the Freeland Library's support of the community's

Save These Dates

December 16 to January 1 — Library is closed for a refresh project

January 2 — Freeland Library reopens

January 5 — Used Book Sale, Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon for a look around

January 8 — Reopening Celebration, Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon

January 9 — Annual Meeting of Friends of the Freeland Library, Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Friends of the Library Engagement Manager

Friends groups provide a tremendous amount of support for Sno-Isle libraries and connections to local communities. Two years ago, the longtime district-wide Friends group coordinator retired. In order to check in with Friends and find out what's working and where there might be room to grow, a new one-year Friends of the Library Engagement Manager position has been created.



Sonia Gustafson

Sno-Isle Libraries is happy to announce that Sonia Gustafson has accepted the role. Sonia's recent work with the Friends of the Lake Stevens Library over two years of bond-measure votes make her a perfect fit for this assignment. Sonia will be engaging with local Friends organizations, listening and communicating back to them. Her goals are to identify ways to foster the mutually beneficial relationships between Friends groups and Sno-Isle Libraries and create a proposal for any changes that may be needed.

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Freeland Library Closed December 16 to January 1

Sno-Isle Libraries will be sprucing up the Freeland Library at the end of December.

"We're calling it a 'refresh' and are very excited, but we will need to be closed while the work is being done," said Library Manager Betsy Arand. The project includes new carpeting, furniture, added space for popular collections, and a "laptop bar" much like those found in some coffee shops. Many of the new tables and chairs will have electrical or charging capabilities built in.

During the closure, requested library materials will be available for pickup at the Langley Library. Customers may also choose any other community library as the pickup location when requesting materials. The outside returns slots at the Freeland Library will be open while the library is closed and returns will be processed every day. Items may also be returned to any other Sno-Isle Libraries community library.

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Not strictly part of the refresh, but also new for the library is a state-of-the-art projection system for the meeting room. The Friends of the Freeland Library approved funding for the system earlier this year and installation is scheduled for the last week of January 2019.

Please join us for a Grand Reopening Celebration on Tuesday, January 8. Drop in any time between 10 a.m. and noon. for a look around. Bluegrass music and fiddle tunes will be provided by Keith Bowers, Susan Hanzelka, Maggie Storer and Kristi O'Donnell.

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unique needs, and to help enrich the lives of the local community.

Also come meet Sonia Gustafson, Sno-Isle Libraries' newly hired Friends Engagement Manager who will be working with all the Friends groups with resources and information. Learn more from the article on page 1.

We'll have refreshments and reports for all. Join us in the Milby Community Room of the Freeland Library at 5495 Harbor Avenue at Layton Street in Freeland. The annual meeting date was changed to January 9 due to schedule conflicts among board members.

Friends of the Library Week Declared Locally

Nationally, Friends of the Library Week was declared as October 21–28, 2018, in recognition of the essential work of these groups. On October 16, 2018, the Island County Board of Commissioners also resolved that date as National Friends of the Library Week in Island County, Washington.

This resolution, Number C-109-18, also states "... Sno-Isle Regional Library System has six dedicated Friends groups in Island County who promote, encourage and enhance the work of our local libraries; and ... the work of the Friends highlights on an on-going basis the fact that our library is the cornerstone of the community providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to the present; and ...the Friends understand the critical importance of well-funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our libraries get the resources they need to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research, readers' advisory, and children's services."

We can all be proud.



Bright, comfortable, new lounge chairs arrived in October. They are in the reading area in the northwest corner of the library. The older green-covered chairs were becoming threadbare. The Friends of the Freeland Library provided funds to purchase the new chairs.

Next Issue Deadline

Monday, March 4, please send articles, book reviews, photos and suggestions to Prescott at prscot@whidbey.net.

Thank you to all who contributed to this issue: Betsy Arand, Tracy Miller, Jayanne Bixby, Keith Jacobs and Candy Charlwood. Special thanks to Joan Soltys for proof reading.

Member Renewals Due

The month of January is membership renewal time for Friends of the Freeland Library. Annual dues are \$10 per household. New members may join at any time. If you have questions about your status, contact Membership Chair Michael Moch at moch@msu.edu or call 517-449-9769. Consider including a donation at the same time you renew your membership. See the form on page 8.

Besides donations, consider purchasing a six dollar four gigabyte flash drive with the Friends logo on it or a book sale gift certificate for any amount. These purchases help support our library and good publicity.

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The Annual Membership Meeting is Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 1 p.m. The Board conducts business on a needs basis and via email. Contact any of the Board members with suggestions and opinions. Your support is important to us as we all work to support of our library.

Friends' Hard Work Leads to Great Programming

Thanks to the hard work of the Friends of the Freeland Library Book Sale volunteers and the generosity of the Friends, the Freeland Library is able to offer a huge number and variety of quality programs for all ages.

Children enjoy puppet shows, magicians, Science Center programs and professional musicians. In October, children's musician Caspar Babypants, aka Chris Ballew, (former singer with the Seattle

rock band, Presidents of the United States) entertained a standing room only crowd of parents, grandparents, toddlers and babies in a joint program with the Clinton Library Friends at the Clinton Community Hall.

In December, Nancy Stewart (longtime children's performer) enticed participation from a lively group of young enthusiasts. Babies, toddlers and preschoolers enjoy storytimes nearly year round. They all love cutting, pasting and using paint daubers, so the art supplies, purchased with help from the Friends, are much appreciated.

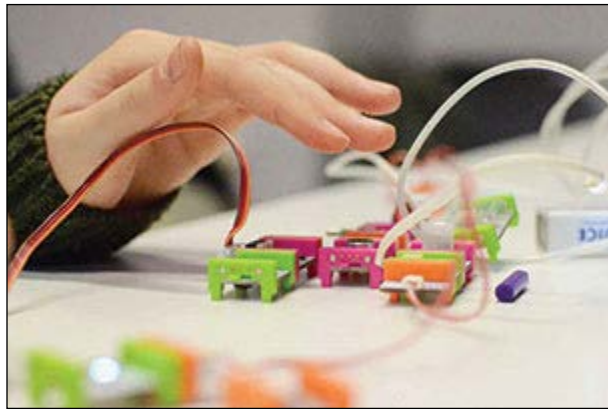
A new program for young children called SAM (Sensory-Art-Music) takes place on three Fridays a month. A variety of art supplies, science items and musical "instruments" come in handy. School age children attend programs during school breaks. (See article on page 4.)

Made-by-Hand is a program for all ages and features a different craft each month: from rock wrapping to glass etching, card making, hypertufa pots, banners and flags, lace pottery, heart art, paper folding, fall leaf lanterns, fairy houses and more. Truly, something for everyone.

Adults have even more opportunities for lifelong learning, one of Sno-Isle's priorities.

Did you know three book clubs meet at the Freeland Library every month? Everyone is welcome to join these vibrant and engaged groups.

Eight Business Pros programs helped local small business owners. Tech Pros programs invited guest presenters to inform attendees about avoiding tech support scams, starting blogs and preventing identity theft. The library's local talent covered everything else technology related (eBooks with Libby, digital photo albums, Microsoft Word, Twitter, password management and more!)



A Maker Space Meet Up happened on Saturday morning, September 8 to learn and create automated cool things.

for a total of 24 programs.

The successful WriteNow series, including six programs in 2018, continues to support local writers in 2019.

The Whidbey Island Holistic Health Association offers a different topic every month presented by local providers. Other adult programs run the full range from earthquake preparedness, WorkSource, end-of-life planning, documentary films, evaluating "fake news," Native American basket de-

sign, whale communication, local authors, dragonflies, the Poet Laureate, collage and popular movies.

Sometimes other Friends groups join forces with Freeland to share a program fee. Some of the shared adult programs this year were Sean Gaskill with music on the West African kora, David George Gordon from Humanities Washington talking about Sasquatch, Daniel Winkler and mushroom identification and Bette Belle with an "Antiques Roadshow" program.

Honestly, this is just a sample of the many programs offered at the Freeland Library in 2018. If you have never attended, check out the upcoming calendars for something that interests you. If you don't see anything, suggest what you would like and programming staff will see if they can make it happen. We look forward to providing many more opportunities for your involvement in 2019.

— Tracy Miller, library staff



Karen Griffith and Judy McCay, End of Life Washington, presented an end-of-life planning and advanced directive seminar on November 7.

For information about upcoming Freeland Library events, go to the Sno-Isle Libraries website, www.sno-isle.org; select "Events" on the upper menu, a roll-down menu includes "Classes and Events Calendar" (and other features). When you click on the calendar option, a new page opens with a list of libraries; select "Freeland Library" (or any other library of interest) and view a list of events. You can refine your search by selecting a day, week or month as well as by an age group or event type.

Friday Fun with S.A.M.

S.A.M. isn't a who, it's a what. Specifically it stands for **S**ensory, **A**rt and **M**usic. Last September, we started offering a series of programs for young children on the second, third and fourth Fridays of the month. While we always include at least one book and other aspects of storytimes, these programs are geared to provide more hands-on learning experiences.

On second Fridays, I focus on science and sensory activities. We've explored x-rays of bones, pounded wooden tees into pumpkins, sorted seeds, played with shadows and sorted diurnal animal puppets from nocturnal animal puppets. In January we'll learn how animals handle winter weather and explore ice.

On third Fridays, Tracy has bravely embraced mess and created programs around different artists and art techniques. She has introduced the kids to Jackson Pollock and Kandinsky, and explored color mixing, shapes, texture and mirror-images. Together they have colored, painted with tempera and watercolors, cut and glued, and created collages out of fabric and leaves.

On fourth Fridays, Susan has brought her personal



A young boy explores the cello, left. These children on the right are having serious fun and learning lots.

passion and talent to sharing music. The sticks are tapping, the shakers shake, and the bells jingle as Susan teaches about rhythm and notes. She has also been inviting guest musicians in to introduce a different instrument each month. It is a joyous cacophony.

Play is serious learning and we are having some serious fun on Fridays.

—Jayanne Bixby, librarian, Freeland and Langley

Explore Summer Was 2018 — Next, the Universe

We had no problem convincing people that *Libraries Rock!* last summer. Our number of signups more than doubled. We embraced both the music and geology portions of our theme. We created sound effects, had a musical instrument petting zoo and campfire sing-a-long. We had a shadow puppet show featuring a *Fiddler in the Forest* and a hands-on Music Maker program which let kids explore the science of sound. We also talked about rocks both local and famous (**Tip:** take a mag-



net with you when you next go to Double Bluff — drag it through the sand. So cool!). It is always a joy to watch as our children discover, explore, and become inspired through these opportunities that you, the Friends, make possible.

We are currently brainstorming for this upcoming summer. In conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, the 2019 summer's theme will be a *Universe of Stories*. If you have any ideas or talents that you would be willing to share, please let me know at jbixby@sno-isle.org. 3...2...1...**READ!**

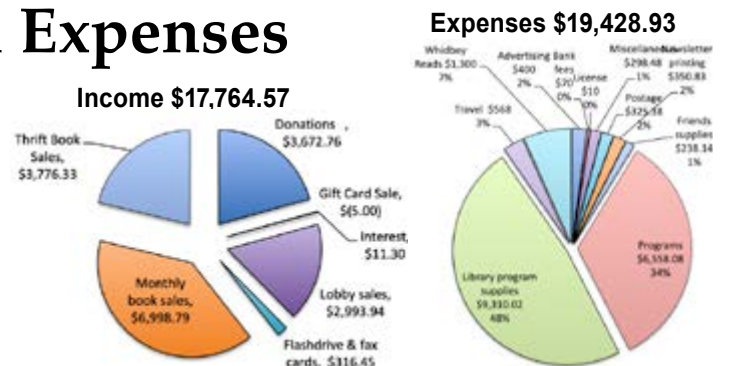
—Jayanne Bixby, librarian, Freeland and Langley

2017 Friends Income and Expenses

In 2017, we raised a total of \$17,764.57 through donations, membership dues, monthly book sales, ongoing book and magazine sales in the lobby, as well as flash drive and fax card sales.

The expenses totaled \$19,428.93. Operations costs were \$914.35 for such expenses as program advertising, newsletter publication, postage, etc. Library improvements

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Book Sale Volunteering Behind the Scenes

Setting up for the lucrative and popular monthly book sale on Fridays has become an experience in efficiency thanks to our veteran volunteers. This includes the smoothly operated sale on Saturday.

But more goes on behind the scenes of that event. Each week new books are donated providing customers with fresh new discoveries to read. Those boxes of donated books need to be sorted into categories for the next sale. Also books that don't sell need to be purged. We are looking for several people to help at an agreeable time. Contact Candy Charlwood by email at candy.charlwood@gmail.com or call 425-478-1643. Special thanks to Rebecca Rickabaugh, Michael Moch, Robin Charlwood and Keith Jacobs for helping behind the scene.

Thank you to the volunteers who consistently show up for the monthly book sale, including Rebecca Rickabaugh, Marianne Raffter, Dorothy Kulwin, Mary and Randy Jones, Bill Koll, Penny Harger, Judy Kaplan, Robin Charlwood, Ginny Sickles, Debby Hedlund, Jeanine Onsum and John White. A grateful thank you also

goes to the cashiers who have been loyal for many years: Kate Lebaron and Karen Leeds on the morning shift and Sally Bigger and Susan Perry on the afternoon shift.

Sales of books, DVDs, CDs and books on tape help raise money to support our library. The Friends of the Freeland Library Book Sale is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month in the Milby (community) Room. Choose one or several items then pay the cashier what you can. Prices are optional unless otherwise marked. You helped raise \$7,810 in 2018.

Friends of the Freeland Library USED BOOK SALES

First SATURDAYS — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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Hundreds of gently-used books available at great prices!
All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Freeland Library

Book Review: *The President Is Missing*

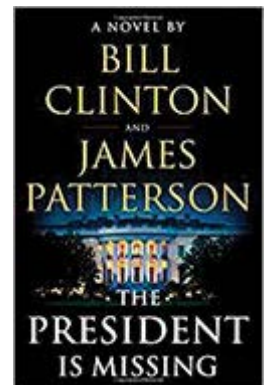
Imagine if you will. *The examples are endless. ...electricity would be severely compromised. This means refrigerators. In some cases, heat. Water: clean water in America will quickly become a scarcity. That means health problems on a massive scale. Who will care for the sick? Surgical operations these days are highly computerized. And they will not have access to any prior medical records online. For that matter, will they treat you at all? Do you have health insurance? Says who? A card in your pocket? They won't be able to look you up and confirm it. Nor will they be able to seek reimbursement from the insurer. And, even if they could be in contact with the insurance company, the insurance company won't know whether you're its customer. Does it have handwritten lists of its policyholders? No. It's all on computers. Computers that have been erased. Will the hospitals work for free? No wireless. No e-commerce. Planes will be grounded. Even trains may not operate in most places. Cars, at least those built since 2010 or so, will be affected. Legal records. Welfare records. Law enforcement data bases. Bank records. You think you have ten thousand dollars in your savings account? Not if computer files and their backups are erased.* [These italicized questions and issues are quoted fragments that arise throughout the book.]

What do you do and what confronts the President of the United States (POTUS) if the internet is wiped clean,

all backups infected. How much cash do you have in your wallet or house?

So, who are the Sons of Jihad? Do they want anything? Or might they be the "good guys"? Who is Suiliman Cindoruk, Turkish national — and what does he want? Vice President Katherine Brandt, ambitious politically, who lost the election to the current president — is she really a possible candidate, a Benedict Arnold within the POTUS cabinet, willing to sabotage and create a situation where she can achieve her ambition as POTUS? Can she or any one of the other six cabinet members actually be a traitor? What is ARWEN — or KWK for that matter? Who or what is Nina Shinkuba? It's all about the *virus*, or is it?

For those who have not read James Patterson, a very widely read fiction writer, this might be a good opportunity to start one of his books. This is not like reading Martin Cruz Smith, Henning Mankell or Jason Matthews — a casual couple nights read will suffice for a pleasurable experience.



— reviewed by Keith Jacobs

Thompson Is Sno-Isle Libraries Executive Director



Lois Langer Thompson

Lois Langer Thompson was selected as the new Sno-Isle Libraries executive director by the board of trustees at its meeting on August 27, following a nationwide search. Thompson and two other finalists for the position spent three days in Snohomish and Island counties for building tours, public meetings and interviews.

Thompson's recent position was director at Hennepin County Library, which serves Minneapolis and the surrounding county.

"I join the rest of the board in our unanimous welcome to Lois to Sno-Isle Libraries," said Marti Anamosa, board president. "Lois distinguished herself from a strong field of applicants and we're confident in her ability to lead the library district."

The executive director position is hired by the Board of Trustees. A three-member committee, including Anamosa and trustees Susan Kostick and Rico Tessandore, conducted the search with the assistance of Library Strategies International LLC. Six semifinalists from across the country were identified from an initial field of 19 applicants. Three finalists were chosen following initial interviews in late July.

"It is a great honor to be invited to lead Sno-Isle Libraries as the next executive director," Thompson said. "I look forward to working collaboratively with the Board, staff members and communities to keep Sno-Isle Libraries as an innovative library and welcoming to everyone."

"My husband, Jeff, and I are thrilled to be moving to the Puget Sound area and already feel like we are coming home."

Thompson has been director at Hennepin County Library for 10 years. During that time, she led the merger of Minneapolis and Hennepin systems, built or expanded nine libraries and renovated 18 others and worked with the Friends of Hennepin County Library to increase annual funding from \$250,000 to \$1.2 million.

Under her direction, Hennepin County Library partnered with Somali, Native American and Latino communities to extend and embed library services in the community. Thompson is a member of the Public Library Association's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Task Force.

Thompson started at Sno-Isle Libraries on December 3, 2018. She steps into the big shoes of the tiny, but mighty, Jonalyn Woolf-Ivory, who served as executive director for the past 16 years. Woolf-Ivory retired on November 30 after 33 years with the library district.

Jonalyn Woolf-Ivory's Gala for the Foundation

The Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation hosted a gala farewell party for outgoing Executive Director Jonalyn Woolf-Ivory on November 30 at the Rosehill Community Center in Mukilteo. Friends of the Freeland Library attenders were Art Peterson, Iris Linton, Else Christensen and (Susan) Prescott. Lots of other folks from Whidbey also attended. The wonderful refreshments were catered by Whidbey's own Island Nosh.

As we traveled across on the ferry, Iris wondered about former director Tom Mayer. Low and behold he was there and was delighted to see Iris. She and Prescott remembered the early days before the library was built and Tom presented the demographic numbers suggesting that Freeland was an ideal location for a library. He also orchestrated the eventual transfer of library building ownership from the Friends to the Sno-Isle Libraries. Tom brought Jonalyn on board 33 years ago. She worked with the Friends of the Freeland Library in a similar support role as Nancy Pursel did and now Sonia Gustafson will. She became the executive director of Sno-Isle Libraries 16 years ago.

Jonalyn was beaming to see us all and gave us each hugs of welcome. Her podcast, "Episode 10: Jonalyn Woolf-Ivory and 33 years of Sno-Isle



Jonalyn gives Art Peterson a big hug. She worked with him and his late wife, Joann, when they led the Friends of the Freeland Library for six years in the early 2000s.

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Poet Laureate Castro Luna Reads in Freeland

Claudia Castro Luna was named the 2018 to 2020 Washington State Poet Laureate in November 2017. She read at the Freeland Library on September 19, 2018. She is a Salvadoran-born, former Seattle Civic Poet and the first person of color to assume the role. Castro Luna fled war-torn El Salvador for the United States at the age of 14 with her family, and went on to earn an MFA in poetry and an MA in urban planning. After working as a K-12 teacher, she became Seattle's first Civic Poet, a position appointed by the mayor. In that position, Castro Luna won acclaim for her Seattle Poetic Grid,

an online interactive map showcasing poems about different locations around the city. She is also the author of the poetry chapbook *This City* and the collection *Killing Marias*.

Thank you to Else Christensen for providing this copy of Castro Luna's poem, *Ode to Library Books*.



Photo by Timothy Aguero

Claudia Castro Luna

Ode to Library Books

by Claudia Castro Luna

Because more than ink glints beneath the rails up the printed page

Because like snowflakes, each person's hands profile unique lines

Because every time a library book is borrowed, lifelines overlay each other

Because borrowed books bear fingerprint constellations on their backs

Because library books possess beyond the writing on their pages

Because on borrowed pages we leave something of ourselves

behind as tender evidence

Because fingerprints remain as glaciers remain in the valleys they carve

Because imagine all the points of connection

Because older hands may yet find their youthful versions on the cover of the same book

And because over the same borrowed book, neighbors not on speaking terms may still shake hands amicably

Because books visit our homes and witness the contents of the bags we carry

Because the trouble we would be in, if library books could talk

Because hand upon hand built the seven wonders of the ancient world

Because in the city of almost a million, chances are we'll find each other first on the pages of a library book

Because from hand to hand, home to home, library books map the city

Because a hand that turns pages of a book collectively owned feeds a gracious and gentle thing, a communal spirit whose wings span over park benches, over streets and p-patch plots, affirming dreams and daydreams alike, hatching songs that pour and cycle over us all — like spring's pollen and winter's rain

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Libraries," is available to watch, listen to or download a transcript at blog.sno-isle.org/news/podcast/episode-10-jonalyn-woolf-ivory-and-33-years-of-sno-isle-libraries.

To donate to the foundation in honor of Jonalyn Woolf-Ivory, click this link, www.sno-isle.org/applications/foundation.



Left, Art Peterson and Iris Linton, beverages in hand, make their way to their seats to hear the speeches. Retired Sno-Isle Libraries Director Tom Mayer, on the right, tells stories about Jonalyn Woolf-Ivory's long career.

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and program expenses included \$6,558.08 for programs, \$9,310.02 for supplies, \$568 for travel and \$1,300 for Whidbey Reads. The extra expenses for supplies included the new DVD drawers.

The 2018 income and expenses will be published in the next newsletter. Come to the Annual Meeting on January 9 for a complete report including comparisons from the last several years. The Friends of the Freeland Library's fiscal year begins on January 1 and ends December 31.

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Your Donations Help the Freeland Library

Each time a newsletter is published, individuals, families and businesses join the Friends of the Freeland Library by making a donation, either with annual membership donation or by making several annual donations. **It's time to renew your membership dues for 2019.** Your dues and donations help provide extras for the library, such as new work tables, book shelves, event supplies, prizes for the summer reading program. Your library benefits in countless ways from your support. Please join us. **Thank you!**

Join Friends of the Freeland Library with a donation. Donors receive a quarterly newsletter, program invitations, participation in meetings and early notice of events.

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