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NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF BIRCH BAY LIBRARY

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## DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

As we end 2018, we have much to be grateful for. The Development Committee has been hard at work building the foundation necessary for our ongoing challenge to raise the funds needed to build our new library.

Some of our achievements include compiling much of the background materials needed to “tell our story” as to why individuals, families, organizations, businesses and others should give their financial support to help build the Birch Bay Vogt Community Library. One significant item was the completion of the preliminary designs; showing the floor plan, exterior elevations and interior designs, so that people can get a real visual idea of both the look and feel of the library.

We also celebrated the receipt of some generous donations. One was a **\$10,000** donation from Mr. Winston Grant, in memory of his friend, Janet Feiring, who was an avid library supporter.



Photo by Chuck Kinzer

From l. Dianne Marrs-Smith, FOBBL President; Winston Grant, Donor;; Christine Perkins, Executive Director, WCLS.; Pat Jerns, Chair, FOBBL Development Committee.



Then to cap the year off, BP Cherry Point provided a very generous corporate donation of **\$100,000**. BP Cherry Point is a strong supporter of Birch Bay and a great community partner.

Now on to 2019. We see the need to start putting the pieces together and making the necessary changes to get our fund raising efforts moving full steam ahead. This coming year is going to be a year of change; changes that will enable us to do what we set out to do. If we believe that over the coming years we can raise the total of somewhere between \$4 and \$5 million dollars, the amount required to build the library, we need to put our money where our mouths are and begin to reach out to anyone we can for help. We sincerely hope that each of you will find a way to help in this, in one way or another.

Thank You and Happy New Year.

Pat Jerns, Chair  
Development Committee  
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## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

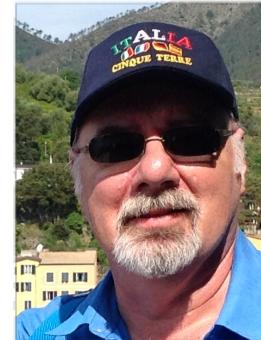
During the final quarter of 2018, FOBBL's Communications Committee (CC) continued our efforts to put FOBBL's new logo to good use. That logo now figures prominently on membership cards, Facebook and website properties, our largest banner—and, most recently, on new notecards and a brochure. We hope to add bookmarks, business cards, and other Board-approved promotional items to this list in the new year.

Consistent with our mission to help streamline FOBBL's work processes (and esp., to minimize unproductive email), we created two private discussion forums. Associated with each forum is a membership roster; these rosters serve two important purposes: (1) securing member access to the forums, and (2) providing official mailing lists. Almost all FOBBL Board and CC members have

successfully participated in one or both forums, which are expected to grow in importance as the pace of FOBBL events picks up.

As always, if you're interested in working as part of our committee to help move FOBBL forward, please contact me at the email address below. I'd love to talk with you!

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Communications Committee  
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MESSAGE FROM  
OUR PRESIDENT

Happy New Year Birch Bay Library Friends!

2018 brought some wonderful progress to our library building project. We ended the year with approximately \$120,000 in donations and grants. We also saw the interior and exterior library design concepts by Zervas architects. The design is beautiful and functional.

This year we will be activating our members to help with our fundraising events. The Friends will hold book sales and a few fundraisers, continue to apply for grants, and actively seek donations for the project.

Here are a few ways you can help us build our library:

- Monetary donations of any amount
- Book/DVD/CD donations
- Sharing our project posts on social media
- Matching donation fund or Foundation grant through your employer

We are looking for volunteers to assist with our summer booths and help at our fundraising events. Please contact me at the email below if you would like to volunteer or make a donation.

Thank you all for being library advocates and library building supporters.

Di Marrs-Smith FOBBL  
President



**ARTIST'S  
CONCEPT  
FROM LAST  
COMMUNITY  
INPUT SESSION**

Zervas Architect Terry Brown brought the fourth potential concept to the December 10 Community Input Session held at the BP Heron Center, which gained wide approval from the attendees.



More diagrams and the “Fly Through” can be gleaned from the WCLS’s Birch Bay [page here](#).

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*Ruth Higgins, Editor*

*for the FOBBL Communications Committee*