



2023

Annual Report

Bringing Our Community to the Library



Friends of the
Lincoln Public Library

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Our Mission

To support and promote the Lincoln Public Library

Established in 1986, the Friends of the Lincoln Public Library (FOLL) is an all-volunteer, member-supported, non-profit corporation, registered as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The City of Lincoln, Sierra College, and Western Placer Unified School District provide funds for library operations. However, the library could not provide the level of programs and services it does without the additional financial support provided by FOLL and the numerous volunteers who give hours of their time.

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Bringing Our Community to the Library

The Lincoln Public Library offers opportunities throughout the year for our community to enjoy events and activities and, with the help of the Friends of the Lincoln Public Library (FOLL), 2023 was no exception.

The highlight of the year was Family Art Night, attended by over 500 adults and children. Attendees voted on the entries for the Tiny Art Contest, created art projects, enjoyed art displays, music and a pizza dinner. Many had their portrait drawn by a caricature artist and children enjoyed having their faces painted.



Other new events and activities for 2023 were Fairy Tale Day where children met a prince and princess, made a crown and received a book, and the How To Festival where attendees could learn to tune a guitar, sharpen garden tools, birdwatch, make slime, and so much more. Also, Summer Reading events returned with a space-themed puppet show.



There is more! While planning all these new events, the library continued to offer its regular monthly and annual programs and events.

Mother Goose on the Loose
 Family Story Time
 Family Movie Night
 Read to a Dog

Youth Literary Festival
 Battle of the Books
 Author Visits
 Take and Make Craft Packets

and, Marvel vs DC and more.



Family Art Night and these other many programs and events would not be possible without financial help from FOLL, the hours of time donated by volunteers, and the tireless efforts of the library staff. In 2023, FOLL provided over \$15,000 in financial support for programs and events, including staff time, performers, artists, author stipends, food and beverages, materials, and supplies. Attendance at library programs and events numbered over 16,000 adults, teens and children in 2023.

Read Across Lincoln and Other Book Giveaways

Research has shown that children who grow up with books in the home perform better academically than those who do not. To help build those home libraries, FOLL purchased \$11,525 of new books for the Lincoln Public Library to give to teens and children.

The library's most ambitious book giveaway is **Read Across Lincoln**, which has the goal of providing a new book to each first grader in Lincoln. In 2023, Library staff and volunteers visited 11 schools for a storytime featuring *Nigel and the Moon* by Antwan Eady. Children were encouraged to visit the Lincoln Public Library and given take-home packets containing the book, a craft, and library information. The Library held 17 story times and provided packets to 690 students. We appreciate the Sierra Pacific Foundation for providing the primary funding for this initiative.



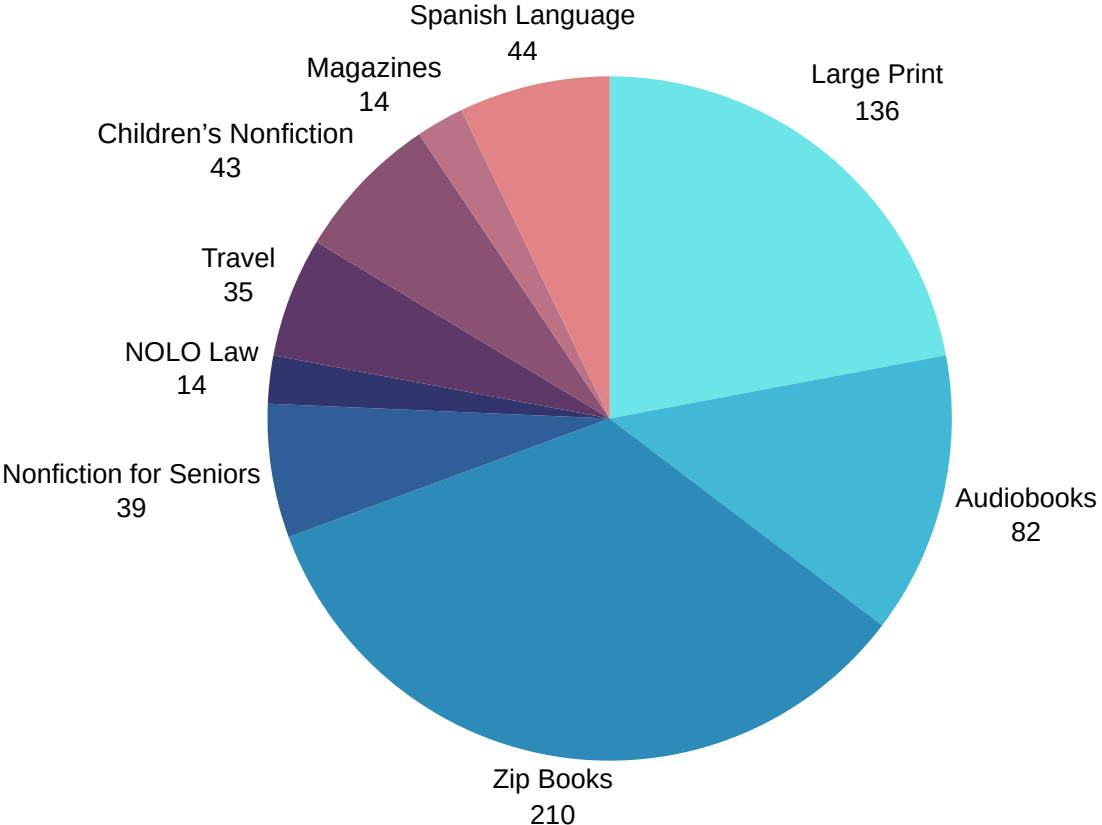
The library held several other book giveaways during 2023. Children and teens picked up new books as a reward for reading during the **Summer Reading Program**. The library gave out new books during **Fairy Tale Day**, **Marvel vs DC** and **Free Teen Book Day**. Also, children visiting the library picked up dinosaur-themed books during **Dinovember** and a winter-themed book in the take-home craft packet for **Yule Book Flood**. Free books were also given to teens participating in the **Battle of the Books** and the children and teens whose entries were selected for publication under the **Summer Youth Literary Contest**. In total, FOLL purchased over 1,800 books for the library to give to children and teens.

Expanding the Library's Collection

FOLL helps the Lincoln Public Library expand its print and digital collections to better serve the needs and interests of our community.

Books and Magazines

In 2023, FOLL spent \$16,527 on books and magazines for the collection. The graph below shows the purchases by category. In total, 617 books and magazine subscriptions were purchased.

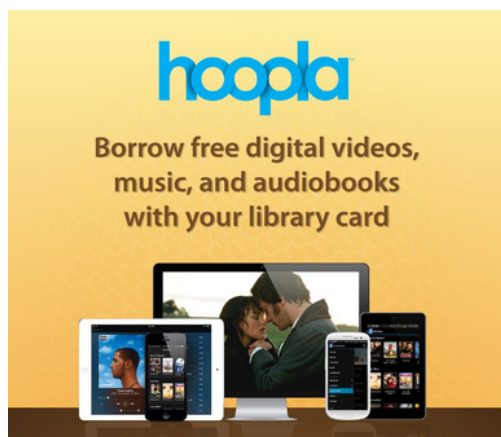


FOLL was able to make these purchases with the help of the Lincoln Hills Foundation (large print, audio, and nonfiction for seniors), Lincoln Rotary Club Foundation (children’s nonfiction), and Orchard Creek Book Group (teen and children’s magazine subscriptions).

Our community’s adults and children made over 237,000 visits to the library in 2023 and checked out books, DVDs and music CDs over 355,000 times.

Digital Collection

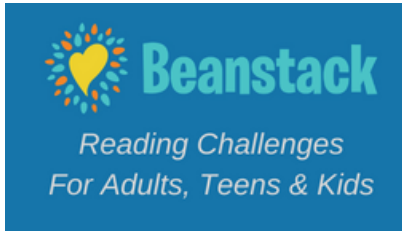
In 2023, FOLL provided over \$7,000 to supplement the library’s budget for **Hoopla**. Hoopla, a digital library service, offers audiobooks, eBooks, comics, movies, TV shows, magazines and music. And, FOLL provided over \$2,400 for **Kanopy**, an on-demand streaming video platform that offers films, TV shows and documentaries. Both these digital collections are free to Lincoln Public Library card holders and can be accessed 24/7 using the internet.



In 2023, library users accessed 8,771 digital books, audiobooks, videos and music using the Hoopla app. Library users streamed 4,500 videos with Kanopy.

And a Bit More

Here are a few more areas where FOLL supported the Lincoln Public Library in 2023.



Beanstack is a necessity for the Summer Reading Program and other reading challenges held during the year. In 2023, FOLL paid \$1,600 for this online service.

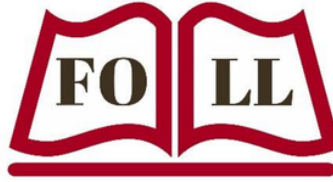
In addition to after-school homework help, the Homework Center is used for the Mother Goose on the Loose Program, Read to a Dog, and other activities. FOLL purchased new flip-top roller tables (\$3,900) that allow library staff the flexibility to arrange the room to accommodate various activities.



The Technology Room is used for film classes and training. FOLL purchased blackout and privacy window shades (\$2,700) to provide for better and protected viewing on the projection screen.

And, FOLL continued bringing library information to our community through its outreach efforts. Some of the community events attended by FOLL volunteers were the Back to School Bash, National Night Out, and Lincoln Airport Open House.





Friends of the Lincoln Public Library

March 2024

Message from the FOLL President

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your tremendous support of the Friends of the Lincoln Public Library (FOLL). We are excited to share this report, which details one of FOLL's most exciting and impactful years, all made possible through your generous funding and volunteer support.

If you are new to FOLL – you may ask – “How does FOLL fulfill its mission to support and promote the Lincoln Public Library?” The library's programs, needs and priorities are conceptualized and determined by Kathryn Hunt, our Library Director, and her amazing staff – whose passion, commitment and creativity are boundless. The Library staff shares their vision with FOLL, and FOLL works collaboratively to supply the volunteers and funding to bring their vision to life.

For example, the Library determined that its services were being underutilized by the residents of Downtown Lincoln, and decided that a library book locker should be installed to make the Library's physical collection of books, DVDs, and CDs, accessible to the residents of Downtown Lincoln, 24/7. FOLL committed \$35,000 to fund the purchase of the Book Locker last year. We look forward to the launch of the Downtown book locker this year.

The Library decided to offer a Seed Library, which is a common feature of many libraries, in which actual vegetable seeds for planting are checked out as a way to encourage home gardening and food security. FOLL will be funding the Library's new Seed Library, including display furniture, gardening books, and seed packets.

The Library determined that its entire collection of Travel Guidebooks was obsolete, as the editions predated the Covid-19 Pandemic and the seismic changes that had on the travel industry. FOLL committed the funds to replace the entire collection.

These are just a few of the many ways that FOLL supports the Library, and none of this could be done without our amazing all-volunteer Board, FOLL members, volunteers, grantors, and individual donors. If you are new to the community or simply eager to become more engaged with the Library and FOLL – please join us! We welcome your support as we work to make the Lincoln Public Library a truly vital asset to our community.

Teresa Lai Stanislaw

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February 2nd, 2024

Dear Members of the Friends of the Lincoln Public Library,

Happy 2024! What an amazing year 2023 was. The amount of support provided by the Friends to the Library this past year was truly extraordinary, and allowed our community to see the Library like never before. With your support, we were able to bring popular and substantial programs like Read Across Lincoln and our Youth Literary Festival back for another year. We also added the extremely popular Family Art Night event, attended by over 500 residents excited to experience creativity at the Library.

In addition, the Friends made substantial investments in the Library facilities, ensuring that we have the space to offer meaningful programming. The addition of new tables and blinds in two of our programming rooms will improve our events and programs for years to come. And as always, the Friends provide support to enhance our extremely popular library collection of books, movies, digital resources, and more. Your donations of time, gently used books, and money help make these and all the achievements highlighted in this report possible.

The Friends of the Lincoln Public Library have been the most passionate advocates for library services in Lincoln over the last thirty years, and working with your board is one of the highlights of my job. I hope that as you read this report, you are filled with pride for all your amazing organization has accomplished. Thank you for your part in investing in our community and ensuring that the Lincoln Public Library can provide the resources and services that Lincoln deserves.

With gratitude,

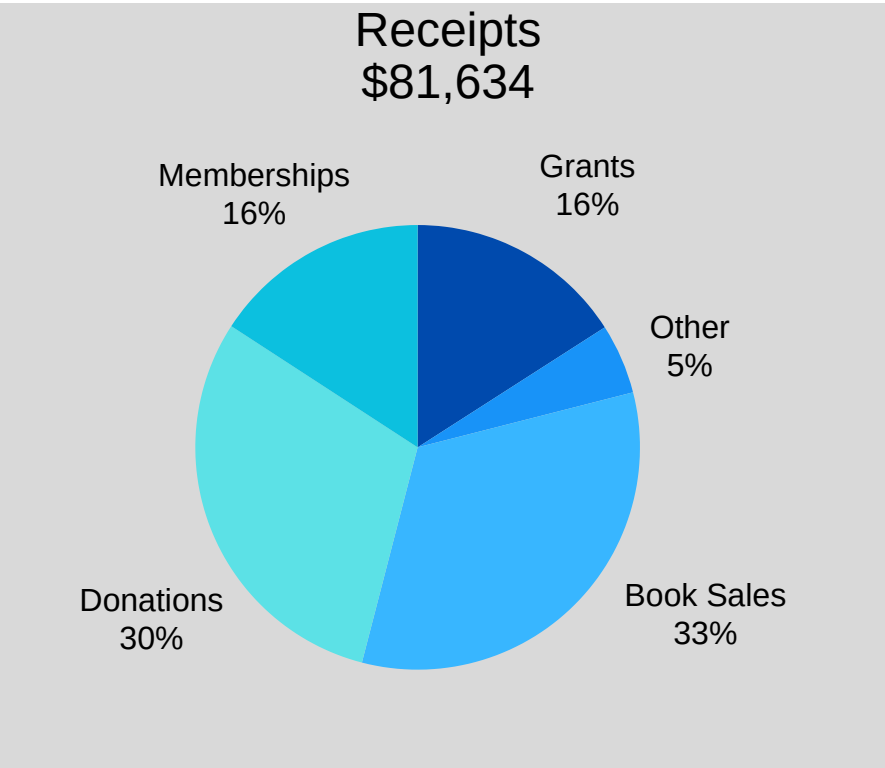
Kathryn Hunt

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2023 Receipts and Disbursements



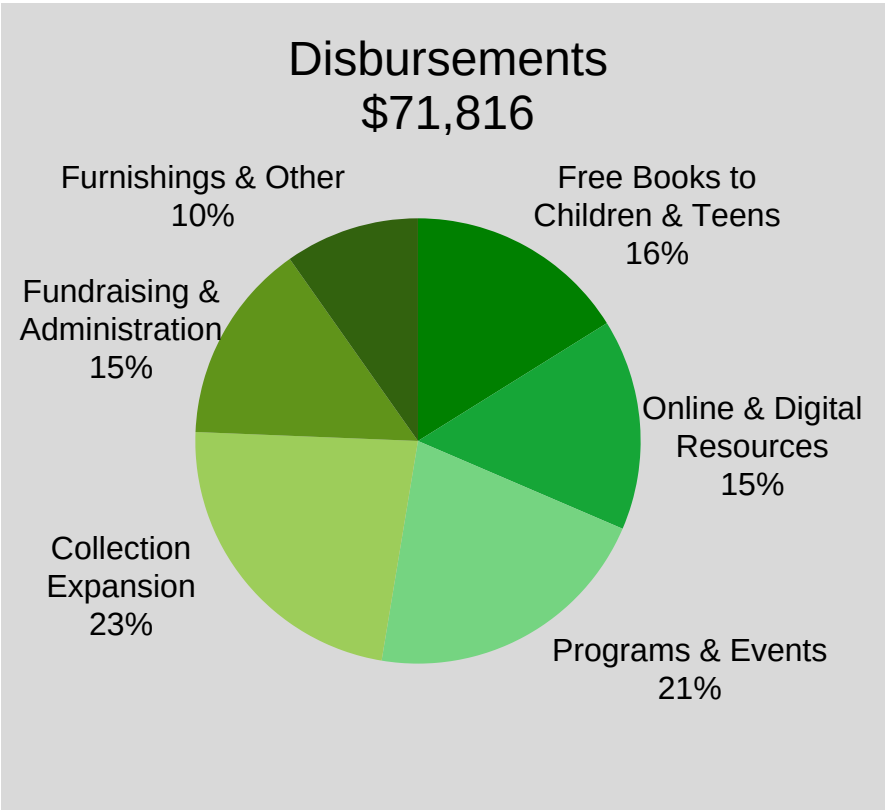
Fund Balance - December 31, 2022 \$181,087

Receipts:

Book Sales	26,950
Memberships	12,916
Donations	24,609
Grants	13,000
Other	4,159

Disbursements:

Online & Digital Resources	10,999
Collection Expansion	16,527
Free Books to Children & Teens	11,571
Library Programs & Events	15,188
Library Furnishings & Other	7,062
Fundraising & Administration	10,469



Fund Balance - December 31, 2023 \$190,905



Friends of the Lincoln Public Library

TO: FOLL Board Members

February 6, 2024

FROM: Financial Review Committee

SUBJECT: 2023 Financial Review Report

The Financial Review Committee met on February 2, 2023 at the Lincoln Public Library to review financial year-end reports for calendar year 2023, and bank statements and supporting documentation for the period January 1 through December 31, 2023. The review committee was comprised of three FOLL members: Karen Lindh, Sharon Gorley and Dianne Fix.

FOLL's financial assets are currently maintained in three bank accounts: one checking account and two certificates of deposit. FOLL uses cash basis reporting. The Treasurer uses software program Quicken to maintain financial records. Revenue is recorded when deposits are made to the bank. Expenses are recorded when checks are written or electronic fund transfers or other withdrawals are made from the bank. The Treasurer submits a monthly report to the FOLL Board on fund balances and revenue and expenses.

Our review was limited to:

- Confirming that the beginning balances shown in the Quicken file reconciled to the beginning balance shown on the January 2023 statements provided by the financial institutions holding FOLL assets.
- Confirming that the ending balances shown in the Quicken file reconciled to the ending balance shown on the December 2023 statements provided by the relevant financial institutions.
- Confirming that appropriate supporting documentation was on file for deposits made, checks written, electronic fund transfers and other withdrawals for all months selected for detailed review, including January, February, June, September and December 2023.

Based upon our review, we conclude that the December 31, 2023 year-end reports accurately reflect the financial status of the Friends of the Lincoln Public Library. We found no irregularities in the records.

The Financial Review Commends wishes to commend its Treasurer, Gloria Pilotti-Irey, for her organized and complete record keeping.

Karen A. Lindh

Karen Lindh
FOLL Newsletter Director

Sharon Gorley

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FOLL Book Sale Director

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2023 Major Contributors

Individuals & Families

Publisher Level - \$500 or More

Dale Howell	Karen Lindh & Chuck Solt
Jim and Gloria Irey	Linda Moran
Ryan Jacobsen	Verna Rowe
Jerry & Karen Johnson	James Stanislaw & Teresa Lai Stanislaw
Anne Kilert	Marcia Van Wagner
Kupcho-Hawksworth Family	

Editor Level - \$200 to \$499

Allison Angstadt	Sharon Gorley	Frank & Fran Neves
Joseph & Jeryn Byrne	Susan Huch	Tamera Payne
John & Sarah Carroz	Teresa Jacobsen	Penny Serns
Bruce & Anne Corbridge	Barry & Gay Mackintosh	Kathy Snelson
Mike & Linda Derosier	Nina Mazzo	Christine Uebele
Robert & Donna Fields	Stan & Mary Nader	Wayne & Barbara Vineyard
		Lisa Wheeler

Author Level - \$100 to \$199

David & Jean Anderson	April Cederburg	Fred & Mary Jo Garrison	Delvis Mercado	Joanne Schumacher
Marne Badgley	John Cho	Chuck & Charlotte Grone	Linda Morley	Elena Shroyer
Don & Ruth Baylis	Richard & Judith Clemensen	Tom & Eileen Hacker	Jeff & Susan Naleway	Terence Smith
Arden Bendorf	Gretchen Cypin	Linda Hartman	Pam Patterson	Harry & Linda Struthers
Bob Biswas	Tom Derner	Barbara Hunt	Jacqueline Pague	Cynthia Stubblebine
Doug & Mary Brown	Laura Derosier	Gail Hunt	Jim & Cindy Pulliam	John & Judy Ticknor
Quinton & Phyllis Brown	Deanna Dzor	Marilyn Johnson	Paul Radcliffe	Donna Vestal
Victoria Brown	Whitney Eklund	Joanne Jones	Miles Rodgers	Nancy Williams
Stephanie Buckmaster	Belen Fernandez	Jacqueline Keller	Betty & Donna Russell	Tony Williams
Connie Burdick	Jeri Chase Ferris	Scott Leaman	John Russell	Lauress Wise
Cyrenna Burgess	Loydine Dianne Fix	Gail Llamas	Shirley Russell	Donald Witt
David Alan Byington	Louis & Lois Franchimone	Joan Logue	Ellen Schloenvogt	Eugene & Gaynell Wytrykus
Sue Carlson	Victor & Mary Lou Freeman	LAnne McMaster		

Businesses & Organizations

Publisher Level - \$500 or More

Lincoln Hills Foundation	SCLH Orchard Creek Book Club
Lincoln Lions Club	Sierra Pacific Foundation
Lincoln Rotary Club Foundation	

Editor Level - \$200 to \$499

Consolidated Communications Foundation
Jensen Smith, CPAs
Old Town Pizza

Author Level - \$100 to \$199

Rod & Relics Car Club of Lincoln Hills

Thank You for Supporting the Lincoln Public Library

2023 Board and Committees

2023 Board of Directors



Karen Lindh, Gloria Pilotti-Irey, Karen Allen, Mary Nader, Jeri Chase Ferris, Sharon Gorley, Teresa Lai Stanislaw, Linda Derosier, Jo Jones, Linda Morley

Officers

President	Jo Jones
Vice President	Karen Allen/ Dawna Hawksworth
Secretary	Jeri Chase Ferris
Treasurer	Gloria Pilotti-Irey
Past President	Mary Nader

Directors

Book Sales	Sharon Gorley
Community Outreach	Linda Derosier
Grants	Teresa Lai Stanislaw
Hospitality	Whitney Eklund
Membership	Linda Morley
Newsletter	Karen Lindh
Website & Social Media	Lynne Rossi

Photographer

Linda Morley

2023 Committees

Financial Review Committee

Mary Nader, Karen Allen and Judy Presnall

Big Day of Giving Committee

*Karen Lindh (Chair)
Linda Derosier
Sharon Gorley
Lynne Rossi*

Strategic Planning Committee

*Gloria Pilotti Irey/
Dawna Hawksworth (Chairs)
Karen Lindh
Teresa Lai Stanislaw
Neil Cochran
Shellie Paiz*

Annual Meeting Committee

*Jo Jones (Chair)
Cassandra Hawley Davis
Dawna Hawksworth
Karen Lindh
Teresa Lai Stanislaw*

2023 Volunteers

In 2023, volunteers provided over 12,000 hours helping with library and FOLL activities. Volunteers checked in returned library items, re-shelved books and media, repaired books, took care of plants, processed donated books, restocked the book sale area, staffed community outreach booths, helped with library events and performed other activities.

Volunteers Performing FOLL Activities

In addition to those listed on our all-volunteer board, the following volunteers helped with FOLL's fundraising and other activities. Thank you, Volunteers! Together we can do so much.



Virginia Ayala
Adrienne Barnard
Lewis Barnard
Arden Bendorf
Fred Bernstein
Susan Bishop
James Brass
Cyrenna Burgess
Nancy Calcese
Darla Campbell
Kashia Carroz
Sarah Carroz
Cyndi Colloton
Patty Dawson
Mike Derosier
Fran Duchon
Robin Eckhardt

Diane Fix
Lillian Foster
Kathy Ghimenti
Tom Gorley
Tina Gray
Jeff Greenberg
Charlotte Grone
Chuck Grone
Shubhika Grover
Linda Hartman
Cassandra Hawley-Davis
Lucia Huh
Teresa Jacobsen
Justine Kang
Brenda Knaack
Renee Kohler

Marilyn Kupcho
Marti Loew
Nina Mazzo
Wanda Melilli
Denise Merrill
Linda Moran
Sally Murad
Shellie Paiz
Joann Patterson
Judy Presnall
Cindi Pulliam
Paul Radcliffe
Cathie Szabo
Jan Voyles
Gene Wytrykus
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