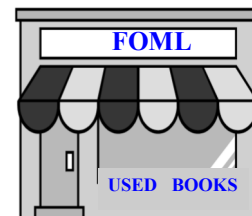




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Gary Grim



I am happy to report that the year 2015 in review for the **Friends** ends on a positive note. If you have been reading my President's Notes over the past two years, I have been concerned about the potential impact of e-books on the store revenue. That decline did not continue in 2015 and net income was approximately the same as 2014. Internet sales continued at over 40% of net revenue and the Corner Store was slightly higher. We were able to meet the full request for 2015 funding from the Library and should be in good financial shape going into 2016. Hopefully there will be no more decline.

We are always looking for people to become involved with the operational aspect of the **Friends** such as Director, help with accounting/treasurer, the newsletter, special projects, etc. It is a fun group and we would like to have you join us. We could use some "young blood" in the future as many of the current involved people are in our upper 70's and 80's. So if you see me you may feel your arm twisted.

I hope to see you around the stores and at the monthly general meetings. Feel free to ask me about involvement possibilities.

Officers and Directors

Gary Grim.....President
Lela Llorens.....Vice-President
Aimée Fitch.....Secretary
Carol Carson.....Treasurer
Nancy Dixon.....Parliamentarian
Rita Natri.....Publicity
Allyson Quinlan....School Rep.

Co-Founders: Carol K. Hanson
Dorothy Renon (In Memoriam)

The board is elected to set policy and make decisions as set forth in our bylaws. Feel free to contact any one of them for any questions or concerns you might have.

PROGRAMS

.....Maggie Pilotte and Judy Call, Co-Chairs

The Program Committee is working hard again to bring a selection of interesting and varied guests to please our **Friends'** members. So far, there is:

For **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH**, we will have **WILLIAM LYNES**, a local fiction writer and retired neurologist.

For **TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH**, the guest speaker will be **AUDREY CILURZO**. Audrey and her husband, Vince, came here in 1967 and planted the first commercial vineyard in Temecula. We thought everyone would enjoy knowing more about the beginning of the by now famous Temecula Wineries in our area.

You won't want to miss these exciting and educational programs. Please keep attending and supporting our meetings, and by all means, bring your friends and family. The meetings are free to the public and are always enhanced by delicious refreshments.

MORE TO COME ABOUT FUTURE PROGRAMS.

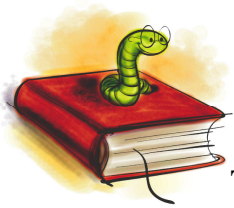


"Small courtesies sweeten life." Your Hospitality Committee takes this opportunity, at the beginning of a new year, to thank you for sweetening all our lives by sharing in the creation of our bountiful Refreshment Table each month. Happy New Year!!

Sincerely, Lela, Pat, Eleanor and Coletha

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BOOK REVIEW
By Sharon Hunter

THE NIGHTINGALE

By Kristin Hannah

“In love we find out who we want to be.
In war we find out who we really are.”

The story is based on real persons who rescued airmen during World War II. Vienne and Isabelle are sisters. Their relationships and how they cope during the struggle of war torn occupied France is the focus of the book. What do we do during moments of great challenge? Are we heroes or cowards? Each must cope in her own way. The story is told by one of the sisters in flashbacks to the past. Which sister is kept a mystery until the end of the book. Hannah tells the story in rich historical detail and drama.

The book is being made into a movie, and my reading group can hardly wait. The scenes in the book were so vivid we all felt we were there.

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

.....Dr. Seuss

“Learning is not attained by chance. It must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.”

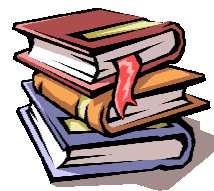
.....Abigail Adams

“There are many ways to enlarge your child’s world. Love of books is the best of all.”

.....Jackie O.

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character — that is the goal of education.”

.....Martin Luther King, Jr.



“Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers.”

.....Charles W. Eliot

HELP — HELP — HELP — WANTED

The Corner Bookstore Internet Coordinator is retiring in July. Internet sales are a vital part of bookstore revenue and there is a need for a computer-oriented, book-knowledgeable person to take on this job. It is something you can do from home, but does require being able to determine condition and demand for the types of books listed on Amazon. Please contact Nancy Dixon at the Corner Bookstore—she is there Wednesday, Friday and Saturday in the afternoon. The phone number is 677-5350. Give Nancy a call to find out more about this much needed position to be filled.

MEMBERS—We are contemplating changing the newsletter from bi-monthly to quarterly. So much information about upcoming events, programs and other special notifications is sent out to members via E-blast, we feel **Booknotes** is no longer the primary source for keeping members current regarding the **Friends**’ activities. We are looking for feedback from you members to see how you feel about this. Thanks for your input. Please contact Carol Carson at carsons7@verizon.net.

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Friday.10-8**

MEMBERSHIP

.....Sandra Lucas, Chairman

What a pleasant surprise! **Eleven new members!**

Welcome to Joann Ferrara-Genao (Supporting), Linda Williams (Supporting), Jean Gerrara-Cordova (Family), Karen Fairfield (Family), Sydney Baer, Van Campbell, Maureen Hahn, Betty Haerr and Maxine Gillian. Thank you all for your support. If you older members happen to see any of these new members in the bookstores or at a meeting, please introduce yourself and give them a personal welcome.

You might be interested to learn that one of our new members, Maxine Gillian, has her beautiful paintings on display for sale at the Corner Bookstore. She is also offering painting classes at the store. One more reason to visit our bookstores. They have so much to offer. Give Maxine a call—(619) 508-9962— for more information on her painting classes.

Twenty members have renewed—thank you!! You are the backbone of our organization. Please check your email for a renewal notice. This is how we let you know when your membership needs renewing. It is important to keep your membership current for voting privileges, volunteering at the bookstores and continuing to support the Library through your dues.

Please let me know if you have any questions about your membership at slucas07@gmail.com.

*****COMING EVENTS*****

Basic Course on Starting, Running & Growing a
Business-Sponsored by the City.....February 2nd
Valentine's DayFebruary 14th
President's Day.....February 15th
General Meeting-**Friends**.....February 16th
CORNER STORE SIDEWALK

SALE.....February 27th
You don't want to miss this event. Fabulous bargains;
all books in prime condition—\$1.00 for hardbacks—
\$.25 for paperbacks. Come early and beat the rush!!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As the Friends of the Murrieta Library,
our mission is to support the
Murrieta Public Library through fundraising,
advocacy and volunteerism, and to promote
awareness of and support for the Library as it
serves the informational, educational
cultural and recreational needs of our
Community.

MEMBER NEWS

The Library has some special adult cooking programs scheduled for the coming months. These all sound like really fun and interesting classes, so mark your calendars and get signed up—they are free. What a great opportunity to learn something new to cook. Don't wait—sign up soon as the classes fill up quickly.

January 26	Make a Healthy Change for a New You
February 9	Sweet French Crepes for Couples
March 15	Easy French Cooking
April 12	Power Foods



The results of the election of Board of Directors and, subsequently, Officers for the **Friends of the Murrieta Library** for the year 2016 were voted on at the January 19th General Meeting. There were three vacancies for the Board and the three members whose terms were expiring had agreed to stay on.

Nancy Dixon, our Parliamentarian, said according to Roberts Rules of Order if this was the situation at the time of the election, the positions could be voted on and filled by acclamation. Nancy asked for nominations from the floor and discussion. Since there were none, she called for a motion to elect Gary Grim, Lela Llorens and Allyson Quinlan for another term. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The newly installed Board met in a separate meeting after the General meeting was adjourned for selection of Officers. All Officer positions were nominated, seconded and approved. Your Board for 2016 remains the same and we are very fortunate to have these members willing to guide and direct the **Friends** for another year.

OUR LOGO

Represents.....



Libraries and Book Lovers.....The Open Book
in the background
The City of Murrieta.....The Letter M
The Gem.....Murrieta is known as
"The Gem of the Valley"
It also stands for all our volunteer "Gems"

MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

...from Elise Malkowski, Library Manager

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! Hope you enjoyed the holidays and are ready for 2016. The Library is looking forward to another successful year of providing programs and other services to the community. To kick off the new year there are two new programs for children! Beginning in January, the second Mother Goose & Me Storytime at 11:00 a.m. will be changed to **Snugglebug Sign Storytime**. Baby Sign Language gives children the opportunity to communicate long before they can verbalize their wants and needs. Each session introduces signs that are based on American Sign Language (ASL) and are designed for parents with babies ranging in age from birth to 2 years. The other new program that begins in January is a Storytime geared for children with unique abilities. It's an interactive storytime that can be enjoyed by all children, but is especially designed for children with sensory integration challenges. The Library is collaborating with the Comprehensive Autism Center and staff from the Center will be presenting the once a month **Unique Storytime**. For information on all Library programs please visit our web page at www.murrietalibrary.info or stop by the Library and pick up a calendar or flyer.



We recently received two very generous donations. The Temecula Valley Woman's Club donated \$1,966 to be used for children's programs, storytime backpacks and learning toys for the Play & Learn programs and stations in the children's area. We also received \$399 from the Friends of the Murrieta Library to purchase a new Christmas tree. Both donations are very much appreciated and add to the experience and value of services we deliver to our patrons.

Due to the severe economic recession, the City's non-safety employees have been subject to a 5% furlough and have worked reduced work schedules since June 20, 2010. The furloughs ended December 27, 2015, and employees returned to a fixed 9/80 work schedule. The Library has remained opened on Fridays during the furloughs; however, City Hall was closed. City Hall will now be open every other Friday beginning January 15, 2016. If you visit the Library on Fridays you'll see a few more staff than in the previous years due to the return to the 9/80 schedule.

Upcoming Library closures are: Monday, January 18 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, February 15 for Presidents' Day and Saturday, March 12 for the Tour de Murrieta.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday & Tuesday.....10 am—8 pm

Wednesday & Thursday.....10 am—6 pm

Friday & Saturday....12 pm—5 pm

Sundays & Holidays....Closed



**Happy
Valentine's
Day**

Sign up a friend—Print, cut off and mail form below - -  - - - or drop off at the Library or either Bookstore.

NEW MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, ZIP CODE _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL _____

Specify any special interests, i.e., Board Member, Bookstore volunteer, Programs, Newsletter, Membership, Hospitality, Ways & Means, Special Events, Telephone Date: _____

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

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Business..... \$100.00

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Lifetime members are honored with an engraved leaf on the **"GIVING TREE"** in the Library.

The Abracadabra Abernathys

Now you see it ... now you don't! Piles of bags and boxes of donations instantly condensed into organized boxes; boxes and boxes of kid's books magically cleaned, priced, and shelved; crowded shelves organized, neat, **and** in alphabetical order (an **amazing** feat in itself). The list of the accomplishments of Lauren and Kirsten Abernathy goes on and on. Last summer, on break from their college classes, they began volunteering at the Corner Store so they "wouldn't be bored." Then when classes started up again, they both decided to continue coming on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday afternoons! They have been such an incredible help that I hardly have words to express my appreciation (yes, me without enough words!). One thing I love is each girl's unique talents, which complement each other. Lauren is a wiz at organizing, and Kirsten is amazingly creative. She is the one who figured out how to make book safes from our no-longer-purchased dictionaries.

The connection with the store was because their mother, Stephanie, is a long-time customer and has come to my rescue a number of times when someone failed to show up. Also, their younger brother, Alex, did his high school community service hours at the Corner Store. He is now in the National Guard. Thank you, Alex, for your service.

Stephanie is a Navy veteran – thank you too! Dad, Ray, is in the Navy – again, our gratitude – and will be retiring soon. Because of that, the family is moving to Austen, Texas, in March. I'm already stocking up on Kleenex because they will be so **greatly** missed not only by me, but by other volunteers and customers alike. The whole family has touched our lives and our community with their talents, hard work, and generosity. If their gifts of self are a preview of their future, I'm sure it will be a wonderful life for each of them. But – they better not pull an abracadabra and disappear entirely from our lives! They promise to keep in touch and to visit periodically. They better, or I'll dock their pay!

Nancy Dixon



HISTORY OF PRESIDENTS' DAY

Two American holidays got consolidated into one in 1971; a day between both Lincoln's birthday on February 12 and Washington's birthday on February 22. It became a single holiday to be observed on the third Monday in February to honor all the past presidents of the United States. Both Washington's and Lincoln's pictures were typically displayed prominently in school rooms.

Honoring two great Presidents. The first, Washington, is remembered for selfless deeds and who served as the first President when he might have been king. The second, Lincoln, for his great words that began to heal a nation after the largest battle ever fought on American soil. He is noted for one of his most famous speeches—The Gettysburg Address. It was to honor those who fought and died at the Battle of Gettysburg.

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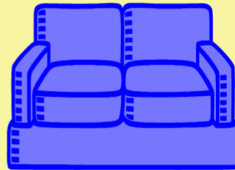
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