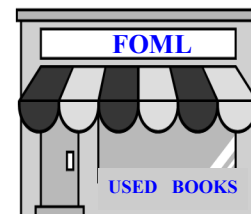




# BOOKNOTES



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Halloween is over and the year end holidays are fast approaching. This is the time of the year when my wife and I take inventory of what our charity giving will be for the year. With the mail box filled every day with requests for donations from the various charities, it becomes an interesting exercise. I would like to encourage you to consider including the **Friends** in your charity giving. Donations can be left at either store or mailed to FOML, P.O. Box 235, Murrieta, 92564.

Additionally you may want to consider giving for the bookstores as **holiday presents**. They can be purchased at either of the stores.



Another year end occurrence is the election for the Board of Directors. Early in December you will receive an email with the ballot to fill three positions. Instructions on how to vote will be included. These positions are currently held by Allyson Quinlan, Lela Llorens and myself. All three of these current members have agreed to stand for re-election to a three year term. If anyone else wants to be considered for election to the Board, please notify me in writing at the address above by December 1st.

Take care, enjoy the holidays and I hope to see you around the stores.



## PROGRAMS

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

On **November 17th** we will present **Bert Upson**, who is an educator and survivor of 9/11. He has written a book, "**On A Clear Day**" with his story of that incredible and unforgettable day when he happened to be on the 28th floor of the Second Tower when the plane hit.

**Please join us. You will not want to miss hearing this first hand experience.**

**December**, of course, is our annual Christmas Party so we do not have a program planned for this month.



Stay tuned for the programs we have scheduled for 2016.

We plan to keep you will informed and entertained.

## FRIENDS' Holiday Party....

**Tuesday December 8th at**

**Carsons 6C's Ranch**

**Contact Lela at**

**[llorensjl@earthlink.com](mailto:llorensjl@earthlink.com)**

**If you have not yet signed up to bring food.**



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## *My Library of Friends*

*By Nancy Dixon*

Each volume is unique. The cover hints of what's inside. Some are elaborate, some simple; some are elegant and classy, some colorful and fun, others warm and inviting. It probably will fade and change a bit over time, perhaps even become a bit shabby, but that just adds to its charm.

But it's what's inside that delights me the most. The more times I open it, the more often I read it, the more treasures I discover, the more delight it gives me. Some times it's poetry, sometimes a bit of drama. There's a mixture of humor and pathos, tears and laughter, sunshine and rain, beauty and warts. There is always a bit of history and psychology, spiced with words of wisdom. There's just no end to the wealth and depth.

And all together, my library of friends adds warmth and comfort to the home of my heart.

**Dear Santa.....**



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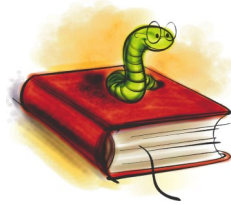
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## **BOOK REVIEW**

**By Sharon Hunter**



### **Elephant Book**

**By Vicki Constantine Croke**

I never knew much about Burma, but in this non-fiction book through the eyes of Bill (Elephant) Williams I learned about this country, its existence as a British colony, and elephants and their contribution to World War II. They achieved extraordinary feats. The animal-human bond is vividly brought to life. At one time, Bill had over 1,000 elephants in his company. They were hidden from the Japanese as they built bridges and roads. The description of life in the jungle and how the British kept "civilized" living is vivid.

I have always been fascinated by elephants. The book illustrates that their way of living and communicating is very unusual. The giant elephant Bandula who is a hero in the book along with his friend Bill become true heroes in our history. They saved many Indian, British and American lives.

I am so glad someone recommended this book to me. Now it is my pleasure to recommend it to you.



**NOTE:** 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.

### **AT THE CORNER**

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**Wed & Sat.....10-6**

**Friday. ....10-8**



A beautiful Murrieta sunrise.



to.....Nancy Dixon, our Corner Bookstore Manager, Historian and Parliamentarian, for doing all of these jobs and so well, but in particular for the many hours spent and the know how to revise, edit, update and basically return our Bylaws to their original concept. She also had them printed and put in individual binders for each Board member. These will be passed down to all future board members and are an invaluable tool for the Board to use as a source of reference and guidance. Nancy is also currently a director on the **Friends** Board.

## Math for a Mighty Mom

If you want a perfect example of “great things come in small packages,” just look to Aimée Fitch. (I tell people to pronounce her name as in AMazing, which also describes her.) Aimée joined the **Friends** and started volunteering at the Corner Bookstore when she was expecting Abby – who is now ten and in the *fifth grade* – and it’s been an amazing journey for her and for the **Friends** ever since.

At the Corner Store, Aimée works every Monday morning, is a pricer, *and* Assistant Manager. She even comes in an *extra* couple of times a week to keep up on her pricing. *In addition*, she sends out our weekly e-coupon to enrolled customers.

*In addition*, she has, as she is currently doing, served several years as Secretary. *In addition*, Aimée sends out e-blasts to keep members informed of coming programs and events.

*In addition*, Aimée has been involved at Abby’s school since the beginning, assisting her teachers, working with the PTA, and organizing book sales.

*In addition*, she has for a number of years been the secretary for a rock club, as well as producing their monthly newsletter.

*In addition*, of course, she’s a Mom, and with her example, Abby is pretty much of a “mini mom.” She helps at the store when she’s not in school, and is a great assistant to Margaret Blalock at Story Time. *Of course* she’s a great reader, she explains, since she’s “grown up in a bookstore!”

I’m not that good at math, but I would say that all of the activities, *in addition* to being a Mom, add up to a *mighty* large and amazing number! How fortunate are we **Friends** and our community to have Amazing Aimée!

Nancy Dixon

## NOVEMBER 11TH—VETERANS DAY PARADE Time: 10:00 A.M. Immediately following the National Anthem and the Flyover:

Parade begins at Washington Avenue and Ivy Street, travels north, turning east on B Street and concluding at Town Square Park.



There is no better way to celebrate this Veterans Day than with the City of Murrieta at the annual Veterans Day Parade and Field of Honor at Town Square Park. Families can come and celebrate the various branches of the military while reflecting on the many sacrifices of those who fought for the freedom of our country. So come out and enjoy the breathtaking view of 2,015 American flags and stay on for the unveiling of the new **Fallen Heroes** monument..

Immediately following the Veterans Day Parade, the City of Murrieta will unveil and dedicate its **Local Warriors Monument** to Nicolas Hugh Joseph Gideon PFC, Army; Eric E. Williams Sgt, Army; Clinton Keith Ruiz Sgt, Army; and Eric M. Seaman Sgt, Marines. Please join the city and community as we honor the four Murrieta sons who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of this nation and/or in aid to others. The unveiling is to take place at Town Square Park.



## MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

...from Elise Malkowski, Library Manager

Dear Friends,

November is a time of giving thanks and I'd like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU, **Friends**, for all you do to support the Library: The many hours volunteering in the bookstores, fundraising, or just touting the Library to every new person you meet. We couldn't do what we do without YOU!

Upcoming programs at the Library: Bring the whole family to the **Half Sleep Over** where attendees can wear their pajamas and enjoy snacks, crafts and books galore! **Pigeon Party**, for ages 3-12, is a celebration of Mo Willems' character, Pigeon. For teens, there is an **Icing on the Cupcakes** program as well as a practice combo test featuring the **New SAT vs. the ACT**. For adults, there will be a **Military to Civilian Job Search Workshop** as well as **Mixed Media Card Making**, **Holiday Cookie Decorating** and a **Murrieta History Scavenger Hunt** program. The scavenger hunt is for ages 14 and up and designed to showcase the many wonderful items in the Heritage Room and give participants a chance to learn a little Murrieta history. Please visit the Library's web page at [www.murrietalibrary.info](http://www.murrietalibrary.info) for more information and a complete list of programs.

The Library has added a new language learning database called Pronunciator. Pronunciator offers 80 languages to learn and that number is growing. One of the great things about Pronunciator is that you can learn any language, in virtually any other language. Each language course has on average 9,600 instructional phrases, and 2 years of guided instruction. Plus, Pronunciator offers ESL for speakers of 50 non-English languages as well as citizenship preparation. Pronunciator can be used with mobile devices and your progress is automatically synced between your devices, so you can go from laptop to mobile phone to tablet without missing a beat. The link to the new database is on the Library's web page at [www.murrietalibrary.info](http://www.murrietalibrary.info) under E-Resources.

The holiday season will soon be upon us! The upcoming Library closures are: Wednesday: November 11 for Veterans Day, Thursday and Friday November 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving; Friday and Saturday: December 25 and 26 for Christmas; and January 1 New Year's Day. The Library will close at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 24 for Christmas Eve and on Thursday, December 31 for New Year's Eve.

**"A LIBRARY IS NOT A LUXURY, BUT A NECESSITY OF LIFE."**

.....Henry Ward Beecher



The Murrieta Public Library offers **NOTARY PUBLIC** service to the general public. To make an appointment call Gretchen Sedlacek, Library Secretary, at 951-461-6147. Their fee is the same as the going rate.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Friends of the Murrieta Library, P.O. Box 235, Murrieta 92564

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Individual.....\$15.00

Family.....\$20.00

Supporting.....\$25.00

Patron.....\$50.00

Business..... \$100.00

LIFETIME.....\$250.00

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



## MEMBERSHIP

.....Sandra Lucas, Chairman

Treasurer, Carol Carson's bells are ringing again! **Friends** of the Library Secretary, Aimée Fitch and her daughter Abby, have become **Lifetime** Members and will receive a leaf on the Giving Tree in the Library.

New members joining us are Ellen Springer (Supporting), Carl Mills, Donna Wurzel, Jan Emde, Susan Nielsen, and Cathy Woodward. Three families joined the Friends during National Friends of Libraries Week—Patricia Muenzer O'Brien, Veronica Schoenborn and the Thorwarth family. We welcome you all and thank you for your support and hope you will check out our wonderful monthly programs!

Speaking of National Friends of Libraries Week—thank you so much to Eleanor Newhard, Allyson Quinlan, Judy Call, Juanita Blankenship, Julie Roberts, Pat Farmer, Rita Nastri, Lela Llorens, Carol Carson, Lorrie Thomas and Juanita Brown for helping out that week. They gave out **Friends** brochures, told library patrons about the **Friends** and how much they contribute to the library and also asked the children the question of the day for a chance to win a book from the bookstores.

J. Carter's helped us celebrate National Friends of Libraries Week by sponsoring a fundraiser for the Library. We raised \$241 with lunch and/or dinner and J.Carter's donated extra dollars to bring the total to \$275. Thank you all and a huge thanks to J. Carter's!

The holidays are rapidly approaching so to help you out with those on your gift list who have everything, — how about a **gift membership** to the **Friends**? We have all levels of memberships for your family, friends and neighbors and you and your gift recipients will be filled with feelings of goodwill knowing that a contribution has been made to our Library. Just fill out the form at the bottom of Page 3 and mail in or drop off at either bookstore.



## 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



...also, to Sandra and her assistant, Ann Hickey, for maintaining our membership roster. This is a very time consuming job which entails monitoring a constantly changing list of members. Not only adding new members, but reminding members of renewals, noting deletions for those dropping out or moving away, and keeping track of changes in addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. The membership roster has so much information on it that helps us in so many areas. We do thank you and appreciate both of you!!

## HOSPITALITY

It is the season to give thanks and the season to give. We want to thank all for making it possible for us to give back. Happy Holidays to you from your hospitality committee.

Lela, Pat, Eleanor and Coletha

**“There is one day  
that is strictly  
ours.  
Thanksgiving  
Day is the one  
day that is purely  
American.”**

.....O. Henry



## Officers and Directors

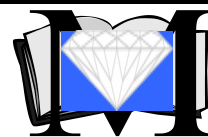
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Co-Founders: Carol K. Hanson  
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The board is elected to set policy and make decisions as set forth in our bylaws. Feel free to contact any one of them for any questions or concerns you might have.

## 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”**

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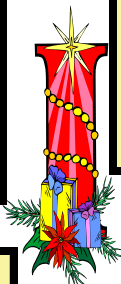
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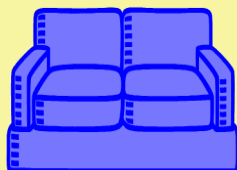
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