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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....



AND
*Best Wishes for a
Wonderful Holiday
Season*



If you weren't at the October general meeting, you missed a great party. Putting together the **20th Anniversary Celebration of the Friends** required a lot of work and planning. First of all, I want to thank Judy Call and Maggie Pilotte for their many hours of work designing the program. Then, to Nancy Dixon for preparing the wonderful displays of the Friends most interesting and unusual history. Also, Rita Nastro for getting the word out. We had a great turnout for the **Celebration**. And, as usual, Lela Llorens and her refreshment crew did a super job, including the beautifully decorated and delicious cake. Overall it was a very successful event. I may have missed others who contributed, but please know everyone's efforts are much appreciated.

I would like to remind all of you to take advantage of our well-stocked bookstores when you are looking for **Holiday** gift ideas. They have something for everyone. Even **Gift Certificates**.

With 2017 just around the corner, I am happy to report that the **Friends** had another good year to date financially in 2016. Thanks to all our volunteers for their dedication. We look forward to the coming year. I also look forward to seeing many more of you at the general meetings and encourage you to bring a friend who might become a **Friend**.

Gary Grim

PROGRAMS

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

Tuesday, November 16 — Bill Harrison

SIX DAYS ON A RAFT

A true story of faith and survival

Bill Harrison, 93, was among just six men who survived a minesweeper's sinking off of Okinawa during Typhoon Ida on September 16, 1945. He is a local author who now resides in Hemet. You won't want to miss this amazing real-life story. Please encourage others to come and hear Bill tell his tale. There are so few of these World War II veterans still with us.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH FRIENDS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY



Carsons 6C's Ranch—10 a.m.

This is your opportunity to just visit and chat with members you don't often get to see and meet some of the Library staff. So please plan on joining us.

25471 Hayes Avenue—Ivy to Hayes—Hayes to Brown St. 1st driveway on the right. Contact Lela Llorens at 677-4161 if you have not already signed up to bring refreshments.

**HAPPY HANUKKAH—December 21—January 1
As you celebrate the Festival of Lights, may your home be bright with Happiness and Love!**

KWANZAA —December 26—A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture





The first Thanksgiving in the United States was held at Plymouth in 1621. The feast was prompted by a good harvest and was attended by pilgrims and puritans. The Wampanoag Indians had taught them how to cultivate the land. And they were invited to the feast. It wasn't until 1660 that the harvest feast became an annual affair.

In 1777, the Continental Congress proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving, but it fell out of use by 1815, after which the celebration was limited to individual state observances. In 1863 Lincoln was convinced that a national Thanksgiving might serve a war-torn country. Finally, in 1941 the Congress permanently established the holiday as the 4th Thursday in November.



The **Friends** will be participating in the City's Festival of Trees and Tree Lighting event, which will take place December 3rd in Town Square Park from 5 to 7 p.m.

This is in conjunction with the City's annual **Holiday** celebration, which includes its usual **"Santa run"** throughout the city. A much-shortened parade will escort **Santa's sleigh** into the Park.

Due to a change in the city's plan for the annual Holiday Parade, the **Friends** will not be entering a float as we have done in the past. We are hoping the Holiday Parade will return next year in its usual format, using push carts—a unique idea—and if so, we will be putting out the word for volunteers to help make this happen. So stay tuned.

BOOK LOVE

The new book *Footnotes From the World's Greatest Bookstores: True Tales and Lost Moments From Book Buyers, Booksellers, and Book Lovers* features New Yorker cartoonist Bob Eckstein's paintings of 75 beloved bookshops from around the world along with musings from David Bowie, Diane Keaton, Garrison Keillor, Tom Wolfe and more.

Sounds like a fun, interesting book to add to anyone's library. It came out October 4th.



BOOK REVIEW

By Sharon Hunter

Here's To Us

By Elin Hildenbrand

Are you looking for a good Fall read? Laurel Thorpe, Belinda Rowe and Scarlett Oliver share only two things: a love for the man they all married—and a passionate dislike of one another. When Deacon Thorpe dies, they are all thrown together on Nantucket Island to mourn his death and distribute his ashes. Before the weekend is over, there are enough accusations, lies, tears and drama to turn even the best of friends—let alone three women who married the same man—into adversaries. The characters are so real you will love them or curse them. And, Nantucket Island is a wonderful setting for the story.

"I love all bookstores. Once you walk into a bookstore, time stands still."Alec Baldwin

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Friday.10-8

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

I have been privileged to be a part of the Murrieta Police Department's *Citizens Academy* for the past 8 weeks, with 2 weeks to go. It is one of the most rewarding and enlightening experiences of my almost 88 years.

You will learn that our Police officers serve above and beyond the call of duty and wear many hats. They are the heart and core of our city, performing many jobs other than just enforcing the law. They are very involved and are influential in school children of all ages in many aspects of their lives.

These *Academies* occur twice a year, and the next one will be starting March 1, 2017. I would like to encourage any of you who have time to check into this opportunity to find out more about our Police Force. It meets one night a week for 10 weeks and is well worth your time. Call Cpl. Matt Mozingo for more information at 304-2677.

Carol Carson, Editor

"A nation that will not enforce its laws has no claim to the respect and allegiance of its people."

.....Ambrose Bierce, Journalist

You cannot have law without law enforcement.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER FLAG DAYS

November 7.....Election Day

November 11Veterans Day

There will be a **Veterans Day Parade** starting at Ivy & Washington at 10:00 a.m. A special ceremony will take place after the parade in the Town Square Park.

November 23.....Thanksgiving

December 7.....Pearl Harbor Day

FOML'S 17-Month Historical Murrieta Calendar

For only \$10 you can buy one of these great calendars! The 17-Month calendars will make great gifts for neighbors, teachers and the service people in your life. It has wonderful photos of Murrieta from past years, such as Murrieta's first fire truck, Doc Sturgis in his two-passenger car (one in the front and one in the back) and boys "rafting" down Washington Avenue after it flooded, interesting quotes about books and libraries and four months of upcoming **Friends of the Murrieta Library programs**. They are on sale at both bookstores—Town Square at the Library and the Corner store on Los Alamos and Terry's Coffee Trader on Washington. Profits from the sale of the calendars benefit the Murrieta Public Library.

MEMORIES: THE MURRIETA SCHOOLS

By Jeanne Nelson

On July 15, 1885, Mr. Buchanan built the first Murrieta one-room school, which cost \$2,200.00 Murrieta was not an incorporated city at that time. The school bell rang for the first time October 28, 1885. It not only rang for school, but was used for emergencies and to signal other important events. By 1900 there were enough students that an addition was built onto that first one-room school building. By 1918 there were 49 students and they needed a larger school. In 1920, needing an even larger school, the old school was torn down and Murrieta Grammar School was built. It became, too small and Murrieta Elementary opened with 4 teachers, a teacher/principal and by 1965 there were 79 students. From this modest beginning, the city grew, became incorporated and Murrieta Valley Unified School District now encompasses 11 elementary schools, 4 middle schools and 4 high schools. This is a fascinating story. To get this whole history, not only of the school district, but all about Murrieta, too, pick up Jeanne Nelson's book at our Corner Bookstore and read all about it for yourself. It is wonderful reading!!



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 and in the Library, fundraising, or promoting the Library to every new person you meet. We couldn't provide the excellent programs we do, nor purchase the wonderful collection we have, without **YOU!**


A few changes have taken place in the Library recently. Two of the three self-check machines have been moved to the lower counter facing the non-fiction area and the staff workstations that were at the lower counter are now facing the computer lab. This is the original configuration of the staff workstations and self-check machines, and the goal in making the move back is to be more customer friendly and allow for staff to assist patrons more easily with the self-check machines. The couches and chairs have also been moved back into the center of the lobby providing space for individuals to relax in and balance the area.

The language learning database, Mango, is no longer available and in its place is **Pronunciator**. Patrons seeking to learn a new language can go to the Library's web page under **E-Resources** and click on the **Learn a Language – Pronunciator link**.

Upcoming programs include the Murrieta and Temecula Valley **History Speaker Showcase with John Hunneman** on **Tuesday, November 1 at 6:00 p.m.** Mr. Hunneman, a journalist and columnist for over a quarter of a century covering the events in Riverside County, will talk about his knowledge of Murrieta and its changes through the years. Two new programs starting this fall are **Technology Help and ESL classes**. The Library now offers computer and mobile device assistance on a wide range of topics. Patrons can book a 30 minute, one-on-one session with staff on Mondays and Tuesdays between 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Session appointments can be made at the Reference and Information Desk or by calling the Library at 304-2665 ext. 3. **ESL classes** will be held Mondays, November 14, 21, and 28 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The free three week course is taught by Kevin Cole of Basic ESL. Other programs include **Genealogy Consulting** with Karl Weiler. Mr. Weiler offers general ancestry research help in the Heritage Room every fourth Monday of the month from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Mr. Weiler is a board member of the Temecula Genealogical Society and a staff member and trainer at the Murrieta Stake Family History Center. **Remembering 9/11** will be on **Saturday, November 5 at 1 p.m.**, with author and guest speaker, Bert Upson, who is a 9/11 survivor.

The holiday season will be here soon! The upcoming Library closures are: Friday, November 11, for Veterans' Day and Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, for Thanksgiving. December 25 and January 1 fall on a Sunday and additional days closed for December have not been determined.

Happy Holidays!

Sign up a friend—Print, cut off ----- or drop off at  and mail form below to P.O. Box 235 , Murrieta 92564- - the Library or either Bookstore.

NEW MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL FORM

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- Individual.....\$15.00
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- Business..... \$100.00
- LIFETIME.....\$250.00

Lifetime members receive an **engraved leaf** on the **"GIVING TREE"** in the Library.

MEMBERSHIP.....Sandra Lucas, Chair

Wow! What a September and October this was! **Four**, I repeat, **four Lifetime** members will have leaves on the **Giving Tree** in the Library---Leslie and Joseph Waters, Polly Filanc, Eileen Springer and Patricia Reardon. Carol’s ears are still ringing from hearing those heavenly chimes!

We are delighted to welcome new members Della Fay, Joan Snodgrass, Eve Conti, Sheri Richter, Mila R. Asperin and Sharon DiMeglio. In addition to these, *National Friends of Libraries Week* brought in four more new members---Marilyn Law, Ouida Mensal, John Bratis and welcome back after a few years’ absence, Mary Ruth Johnson. We hope to see all these new members at our meetings which always have interesting programs, delicious food and much camaraderie. Some of these new members will also be volunteering at our two bookstores. Our bookstore managers are always in need of volunteer workers. Thank you to the six members who renewed your memberships during this period.

A **Big Thank You** for coming to J. Carter’s to support the **Friends of the Murrieta Library** and the Library during *National Friends of the Libraries Week*. Tammy sent an email saying “Thank you for including us in the fundraiser. This was the best turnout yet. I am sending a check out today for \$450. Have a great day.” Well done all! Not only did you have some great food, but contributed to our Library---how great is that!

Note: A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Sandra, who keeps all our membership records current (a big job), and, still has time to arrange the Carter fundraisers AND spearhead, along with Pat Farmer, the Murrieta Historical Calendar. We really appreciate you, Sandra. Thanks for all you do for the **Friends**.

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY

She celebrated her 130th birthday on October 28, 2016.

She was a beacon of feminism from day one. When women were banned from attending the statue’s dedication on what was then Bedloe’s Island, suffragists chartered a boat and held their own ceremony in the nearby harbor, loudly proclaiming the hypocrisy of men, “erecting a Statue of Liberty embodied as a woman in a land where no woman has political liberty.”

The seven rays on her crown are for each of the world’s continents. Together, they give her a hat that weighs more than 1,000 pounds.

The cost of building her and her pedestal was more than \$500,000 — or at least \$12 million today.

At first, she was a dull copper brown. But as copper oxidizes, it develops a patina to protect from further deterioration. By 1906 , she was green from head to toe which is a really great color.

She stands tall and proud and is the most heart-warming sight whether seen from land, air or sea.



The Holidays are fast approaching! Let us always be grateful for the many blessings that we share with family and friends. We are grateful for all of you!

Your Hospitality Committee.....

Lela, Pat, Eleanor and Coletha

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.

OUR LOGO

REPRESENTS.....



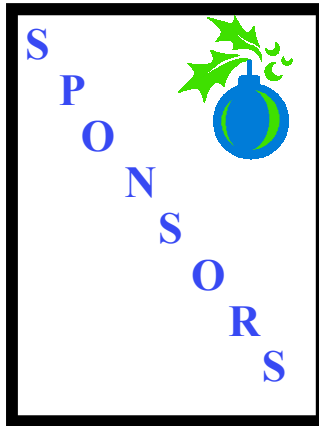
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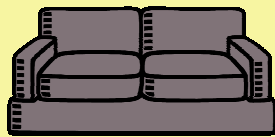
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