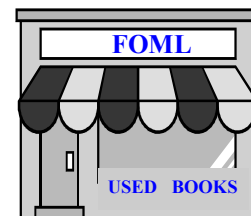




BOOKNOTES



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

.....Gary Grim

I have written in the past praising the volunteers involved with the operation of the Bookstores and Internet sales. In this issue of **BookNotes** I want to make the members aware of the duties and efforts of the Directors of the Friends Board as well as a committee volunteers. When I joined the Board last year, I had no idea how much work it takes to keep the organization functioning smoothly.

To start with, Carol Carson spends many hours each month, keeping track of the funds of the organization. She picks up store receipts and deposits them, writes necessary checks, reconciles bank statements, publishes monthly financial reports, and keeps track of the various bank accounts. She is also the starting point for new members and for membership renewals as annual fees are received.

Sandra Lucas is our membership chair who is responsible for maintaining the membership database, which includes keeping track of when annual renewals are due and notifying members of renewal dates. She is assisted by Ann Hickey.

Aimée Fitch, in addition to being the Secretary and submitting minutes, maintains the G-mail list of members which allows email broadcast of **BookNotes** and other information.

Lela Llorens, in addition to overseeing refreshments at the general meeting, is involved with many special events including flag sales for the Rotary Field of Honor. As vice president she fills in for me by conducting the meetings in my absence.

Rita Nastri is our publicity director and publicizes on a monthly basis publicizes programs and opportunities for involvement in numerous media outlets.

Maggie Pilotte and Judy Call do a wonderful job and spend a lot of time arranging for speakers and entertainers for the monthly general meetings.

Carol Van Dorn, along with husband Ed, is active with special events and they spend many hours preparing and in the booth for the Fireman's BBQ. They are the main force behind the push cart float in the Murrieta Holiday Parade.



PROGRAMS

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

MAY 19TH – The Friends are very pleased to present for this month's program, **Maria Pease**, a local author whose mystery novels feature her main character, Sam Parker. She has also written a non-fiction "How To" book *Writing Ebooks For Fun & Profit*.

JUNE 16TH — We will be royally entertained by this long awaited appearance from **Andrew Tang**. Andrew, who is a freshman at Murrieta Valley High School, began formal piano lessons when he was 5 years old. He recently placed second in the American Protégé International Competition of Romantic Music, which led to his recent New York gig: CARNEGIE HALL! We are so pleased to finally have Andrew as our guest.

All programs follow our General Meetings which convene the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Murrieta Public Library. We hope to see many members there, enjoying the programs and partaking of delicious refreshments

If you would like more information on upcoming programs, check our website:

murrietalibraryfriends.org

Click on "Programs." Or, you may contact either Program Co-Chair: Maggie Pilotte or Judy Call.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....(Continued)

Nancy Dixon is the Friends' parliamentarian and historian and has spent many hours recently cleaning up and restoring our Bylaws document.

I am sure I missed some, but the bottom line is there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes. We could use some help. Carol would like to have a backup treasurer to train. Also, she would like some assistance doing the newsletter to give it a fresh, new look.. Sandra could use some additional help with the membership system. If you would like to be a part of all this, contact a Board member or store manager for more information.

Hope to see you at the general meetings.

A Couple of Friends' Gems

Brian and Constance Youens bring to life the Friends' logo of a gem and a book. Where to begin? There's so much they do.

Brian goes to the Corner Store at least twice a week to organize the incoming books – boxes and boxes, bags and more bags of donations. In the process, he grabs potential “jewels” to sell on the Internet. If you could convert the donated books to hours, you would probably come close to the amount of time Brian spends at home cleaning, listing, selling, packaging, and mailing the Internet books. A little bird told me that he even at times irons the dust jackets! His years as a Marine are evident in the meticulous job he does. His “Mister Superclean” also appears as he vacuums up a variety of detritus left behind at the end of the day, as well as after our Overstock Sales, when he reorganizes the remaining boxes of books and restores the storeroom order as he puts away the EZ Up, tables, bins, plastic cubes, and other supplies. (Makes me tired just describing it!)

Well-named Constance works at the Corner Store at least twice a week, researching books on the Internet. Some she takes home to Brian to work his magic by turning them into money on the Internet. The rest she cleans, prices, and shelves in the appropriate category – and straightens up the bookshelves, carefully displaying the more attractive books. The desk defining her workspace is piled so high with books for her to process that you literally can walk by without being able to see her. Constance is also always willing to help cover the cash register or help customers whenever needed.

Meanwhile, both retired elementary teachers from MVUSD, they are still active in the system. Brian frequently substitutes at Rail Ranch (his “alma mater” if you will). Constance spends numerous hours, as she has over the past twenty years, directing the “Odyssey of the Mind,” a mentally challenging and *very creative* program, at several schools. Last year three of her teams went to the World Championships (yes, as in *international!*), and one team came in third!

Oh, and for those of you who don't know: Brian was a City Councilman, and was also on the Charter Board of Directors for the Friends of the Murrieta Library!

We are so grateful to have two such sparkling gems contributing so much to our efforts through books to support the Murrieta Public Library!



Town Square Couple Make a Great Internet Team:

Laurie Razo, co-manager of the Friends' Town Square Bookstore and Art, her husband of fifty years, are dedicated to selling books on the Internet. Just how far does this dedication/obsession go? Well you can find Art at all hours of the day and night driving around town collecting donations. Art and Laurie then clean and sort the books; Laurie researches the books and puts those worthy on our Amazon website; Art then shelves the Internet books carefully on the well-designed shelves he built; Laurie constantly checks the website answering any questions from prospective Amazon customers; Laurie or Art package up the sold books; Art takes the sold books to the post office; and the cycle begins again.

Each step takes time and patience. Researching a book is sometimes a long procedure and there is definitely a learning curve which Laurie has mastered. Boxing up books and maintaining an accurate inventory shelving system requires an expert and Art has both techniques down perfectly.

Internet sales are a great boon to the Friends. Our thanks go out to a great coupleLaurie and Art, their partner Maggie Pilotte, and the hardworking Bookstore volunteers.

This is just the tip of the iceberg for this dedicated pair. Art was president—albeit a reluctant one—for the Friends for four wonderfully productive years. During his terms of office, Art made the Friends of the Murrieta Library household words. He attended service club meetings, Library functions and regional Friends' events for the sole purpose of making the public aware of our organization and our only purpose that is to support the Murrieta Public Library.

Art's talent and handiwork are obvious in the many special touches you see in the Town Square Bookstore. His wood-working skills have added much to the charm of this store. His involvement and talent, along with Ed and Carol Van Dorn, designing and building our float for the Holiday Lights Parade won us a 1st Place award in the 2008 parade.

In the meantime, Laurie has faithfully manned the Town Square store on her “working days,” plus all the innumerable hours she and Art spend at home doing all the above for the Internet selections.

These two are avid readers and book lovers and their passion for the Library is unparalleled. The Friends is extremely fortunate to have such a knowledgeable, devoted couple. Thank you Art and Laurie just really isn't enough.





BOOK REVIEW
By Sharon Hunter

The Boys In The Boat
By Daniel James Brown

Who would have thought that a book about a college rowing team would be an engrossing story? *The Boys in the Boat* was on the best seller list for weeks.

It is a story of nine working-class Americans whose goal it is to win the 1936 Berlin Olympics. The University of Washington boys, the sons of low middle class families, were close to the poverty line during the Depression and were never expected to defeat the elite teams of the East Coast and Great Britain.

The Olympics that year was held in Nazi Germany, and the book goes back and forth between the boys' lives and Germany under Hitler. It is a celebration of a remarkable achievement. Although it is non-fiction, it holds your interest as it creates the suspense of the various races. To quote a blurb on the back cover, it is "an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate times." It is also a story of the sport of rowing and how much is required of the rowers.

You will enjoy this book. It is a definite reflection of the American spirit!

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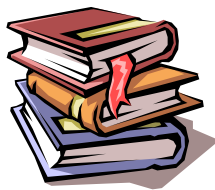
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The Corner Store is having another one of its famous **Sidewalk Sales** on Saturday, **June 13th**. Best bargains in town. Come early. Lela always has her refreshment table set up with **Friends'** information.

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MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

...from Elise Malkowski, Library Manager



Dear Friends,

Spring is over and summer is once again that we cannot do just around the corner! Going into our “busy” season, I am reminded all we do without your sponsorship and wonderful cooperation!

May is the month when staff put the finishing touches on the Summer Reading Program. Planning and regular programming is limited due to these final preparations. Even so, we do have some notable programs coming up. In the Children’s department, they are offering the **American Girl Tea Party** at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13th. Teens and their parents are encouraged to participate in the **SAT vs. ACT Workshop** on Monday, May 4th at 6 p.m. Adult programming offers two estate planning workshops: **Estate Planning 101** on May 6th at 2:00 p.m., and **Special Needs Estate Planning** on May 12th at 6:00 p.m. A special six-hour “Career Vision” workshop is also offered for adults and it begins at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 7th. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch as the program ends at 5:00 p.m.

In Heritage Room news, the Library is pleased to offer “**Celebrate Murrieta Heritage.**” This will be a special week-long celebration, May 18th – May 22nd, spotlighting the Heritage Room and the collections and artifacts it houses. Longtime resident, historian and co-author of “Murrieta (Images of America)”, Marvin Curran, will be a special guest on Tuesday, May 19th, and will answer questions on Murrieta History. During this week, the Heritage Room will be open in two-hour blocks for tours and to show the inventoried items. Please check upcoming publicity for the specific hours.

Our Sumer Reading Program theme this year is “**Read to the Rhythm!**” and kicks off June 15th. The Children’s Department offers nine special programs, and six programs are offered for the adults. Both Departments offer wonderful prizes for reading! For teens, I am especially pleased to announce that the annual “**Read for a Reason**” program continues: for every page read and reported on a teen reading card, one cent will be donated to Animal Friends of the Valleys, and new for this year, “Paws for Law”, a foundation dedicated to supporting the Murrieta Police Department’s K9 unit. Funding for “**Read for a Reason**” is provided by the generous donations from Carol Carson and Southern California Gas Company, a Sempra Energy utility.

I look forward to a great summer packed with programs for all ages. Thank you again for your continued support!

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday & Tuesday....10 am—8 pm
Wednesday & Thursday....10 am—6 pm
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.....Michael G. Harris OD,
Associate Dean Emeritus & Clinical Professor Emeritus
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MEMBERSHIP

Sandra Lucas, Chairman

Oh Happy Day—a new **Lifetime** member!! Peggy Petrucci has upgraded her status from the Family category to a Lifetime membership. Peggy joined the **Friends** in 2008 during our first Friends of Libraries Week. She was the first one to sign up at our table. She and her husband will have a leaf on the “Giving Tree” that is on the wall right inside the Library door. Thank you, Peggy!



to new members, Howard Miller, Paul and Kathie Price, Marsha Burkhalter, Dalene Coleman, Lenna McDonald and Lois Mayhew. Eight members renewed their membership—thank you!

When you renew your membership, it would help our record keeping a great deal if you would print out and cut off the form in this newsletter, fill it out and include with your check or cash. This way we can be sure we have all your information current.

You brought in \$341.00 for the Library during the fundraiser for the Library’s anniversary week. As Tammy from J. Carter’s said, “You had quite a turnout!” Thanks to you and your friends! Well done!

If you don’t have a name badge yet and would like to order one, let me know. The cost is \$8.10 Just email me at slucas07@gmail.com. We also have **Friends** decals that are nice for your car window to show your support for the Library. Look me up at the meetings.

HOSPITALITY.....

A joy shared is a joy made double....Great thanks to all who have shared their bounty with us so far this year. Enjoy the summer but before you go please sign up for the Fall. It will help with our planning.

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.

SPECIAL CITY EVENTS

MAY 25TH—MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

TOWN SQUARE PARK-Check city’s website for additional information on times and activities.



JUNE 21ST—FATHER’S DAY AND FATHER’S DAY CAR SHOW CALIFORNIA OAKS PARK



For applications to enter the Car Show stop by City Hall or go to Murrieta City’s website.

JUNE 27TH—MURRIETA BIRTHDAY BASH CALIFORNIA OAKS PARK

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

MAY 10TH—MOTHER’S DAY

MAY 18TH-MAY 22ND—REMINDER CELEBRATE MURRIETA’S HERITAGE — Marvin Curran, Local Historian, will be in the Library’s Heritage Room on **May 22nd** to talk about Murrieta’s history and to answer questions.

JUNE 13TH—Saturday—SIDEWALK BOOK SALE AT THE FRIENDS’ CORNER BOOKSTORE located on Los Alamos & Whitewood in Murrieta Gateway Center **Not to be missed.** Great prices, great selection.



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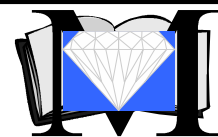
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The board is elected to set policy and make decisions as set forth in our by-laws. Feel free to contact any one of them for any questions or concerns you might have.

OUR LOGO

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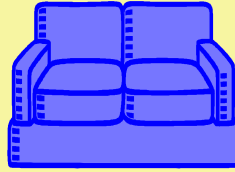
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