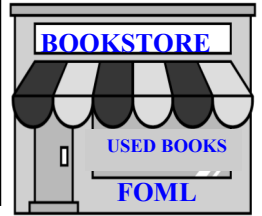




BOOKNOTES



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

.....Gary Grim



Summer is here and hot weather returns. I would encourage you to come into the air conditioning of one of our bookstores and browse for a while. Find a few good books to take home and spend the time inside reading. The store volunteers will be glad to converse with you about reading and life in general. They may even recommend some new author you may not be familiar with or a particular book they have recently read.

Although we do not meet in July and August, the stores are open and if you feel like volunteering and expanding your horizons, contact one of the store managers. See bookstore ads on page 2 for the managers names and phone numbers.

Also, if there any engineers/handyman types we could use some help in the fall putting together our float for the city's annual Holiday Push Cart Parade. You can contact me or any of the **Friends** Board members for more information about this.

“No entertainment is so cheap as reading, nor any pleasure so lasting.”Wings of Silver

FUNDRAISING

.....Sandra Lucas

We have come up with what we feel is a **great idea as a fundraiser**. A 17-month **Historical Calendar!** The calendar will have approximately 18 historical photographs of Murrieta from the E. Hale Curran Collection which is on display during the month of July in the Heritage Room at the Library. This will tie in with Murrieta's 25th Birthday Celebration as a city. It will be a keepsake to pass on to your children and grandchildren. The price of the calendar is \$10.00. All of the proceeds will go to the Library.

Not only will you be able to support this fundraiser by purchasing a calendar for yourself, and as a gift, but you can be a part of it by contacting businesses you patronize and selling an ad. A business size card sells for only \$50.00 and will be placed on our “Grateful Appreciation” pages. In addition to supporting the Library and the Friends, these businesses will be getting their name out before the public. By selling a lot of little ads, it will more than pay for the printing of the calendar and then all sales of the calendar will be pure profit!

We look forward to every members' participation in this very worthwhile project. You may contact me by email at slucas07@gmail.com or call me at 696-7487 with any questions, suggestions for contacts or.....to tell me you have made a sale!

PROGRAMS

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

The Friends are dark during the months of July and August, but here are the programs that will be coming up in September, October and November. Mark your calendars now. You will receive more information on these programs in our next issue of the newsletter. So stay tuned.

September 20th—Will be a Musical Event with **YiYi Ku**, the pianist. We have had the pleasure of hearing her at previous meetings and are looking forward to this return performance.

October 18th—This will be a celebration of the **20th Anniversary of the Friends**—who were “born” on September 25, 1999. There will be pictures, cake and music—a real party! Everyone is invited.

November 15th—Our guest will be a local author, **Bill Harrison** who is 90 years old. He lives in Hemet and wrote a book about surviving on a raft for 6 days in the middle of the ocean after his Navy ship capsized off the coast of Okinawa in 1945. His book is titled “**Six Days on a Raft**,” and has been made into a movie.

GETTING ACQUAINTED.....

Gary Grim, President—Gary was a reluctant nominee for president, but into his 2nd term, he has proven to be a dedicated, articulate leader of the pack. He is continually keeping us on track with revenue and has put the Friends before some annoying health issues. We are fortunate that Gary agreed to run for this office and do appreciate his leadership.

Lela Llorens, Vice President, Hospitality—Just two of Lela’s “duties.” She has filled in admirably when Gary has had to be gone for meetings; she and her committee take their hospitality assignment seriously and keep our refreshment table overflowing with goodies at every meeting. She also helps with Special Events such as annual flag sales for Field of Honor, coordinating the bookstore booth at the Fireman’s BBQ, filling the table with friends at our fundraisers and bringing in new members on a regular basis.

Aimée Fitch, Secretary—Our faithful Aimée—secretary is a big job and she does it beautifully. She has also faithfully volunteered at the Corner bookstore since before her daughter Abby was born. Abby says “she was raised in a bookstore.” She was co-signer for the Friends’ checks for many years and was always on call when needed to co-sign a check as well as being on call for emergencies at the bookstore and being an assistant manager when time would allow.

Carol Carson, Treasurer—Another “old faithful” who has been around ever since the beginning of the Friends and been grateful for the friendships made and the opportunity to serve in this capacity and support our wonderful Murrieta Public Library.

Rita Nastri, Director, Publicity—Rita has done a bang up job in this capacity. She has relentlessly and tirelessly contacted as many outlets as possible to have the Friends’ meetings and other events published in the various media. It is always gratifying to see her articles, letting the public know what we are up to.

Getting Acquainted.....Continued

Nancy Dixon, Director, Parliamentarian, Corner Bookstore Manager, and Historian—There isn’t enough room to explain all Nancy does. As Parliamentarian she keeps the meetings in line according to our By-Laws (which she completely brought up to date), and in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order. She manages the Corner Bookstore like a used Barnes & Noble. Customers are in awe of how organized and efficiently run the store is. They come from all neighboring communities to shop and return again and again. Her sidewalk sales are famous and are so well known now that people look forward to the great bargains at these sales.

As Historian, she has kept a complete record of all the Friends’ events, from even before the Friends was officially designated a non-profit organization.

Allyson Quinlan, Director, School Representative, Sponsor Person—She keeps the schools in touch with the Friends by making them aware of our existence and what we do to support the Library. She also does the billing for our Sponsor Page to make sure sponsors renew their ads and keep their payments up. She and Gary both volunteer at the Town Square bookstore.

Elise Malkowski, Advisor—Elise is our most capable Library Director of the Murrieta Public Library and the one responsible for keeping our Library running so smoothly and efficiently, along with her very talented staff. We will try and give you some “Get Acquainted” information on the staff in future newsletters.

Maggie Pilotte, Advisor—With all of Maggie’s past experience—as ex-board member and officer—she attends board meetings in the capacity of an advisor. She also co-manages the Town Square store, along with Laurie Razo, beautifully.

We hope there may be several members who might be interested in being on our board and helping navigate it to even great success. Contact President, Gary Grim.

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.....FDR—Radio Address 1944

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OUR FOUNDING FATHERS

They are American icons—they're on our dollars and coins, they are the subject of our monuments, and we live our daily lives in the world their ideas helped create. American's key *Founding Fathers* include *George Washington, John Adams, James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and, of course, Benjamin Franklin.* These men, together with several other key players of their time, structured the American democracy and left a legacy that has shaped the world. But beyond their legends, these men were human beings who led complex and fascinating lives. Taking time to learn their stories helps us better understand what made them tick, as well as their influence on our world today.

THE CONSTITUTION

The year was 1787. The Place: The State House in Philadelphia. For many months—from May 14 through Monday, September 17, 55 delegates met and labored to frame a Constitution for a federal republic that would last into “remote futurity.” There were twelve major themes, including the Slave Trade, that were debated and discussed at the Constitutional Convention. Finally, the Constitution was presented and read aloud. After a few changes and Franklin’s speech “*Rising Sun,*” it was signed and the convention adjourned. It took until May 29, 1790 for all the states to ratify the Constitution.

Today, we are grateful for the dedication of these men who gave so much of their time, talent, and knowledge so we have this Constitution as our guiding light. May we continue to follow the wisdom of their words.

“I think the best possible social program is a job.”Ronald Reagan

Benjamin Franklin bid us not to squander time for it is the stuff of which life and love are made. The Hospitality Committee bids you to use your time for a wonderful and fun filled summer. Our appreciation for your support and we look forward to another bountiful year.

Lela, Pat, Eleanor and Coletha

According to the Automobile Club: “Taking your attention off the road for **4.6 seconds** at 55 mph is enough time **to travel the length of a football field.**”

.....AAA.com/distracted driving

IMPORTANT JULY DATES

Hope everyone enjoyed Murrieta’s celebration of its 25th birthday anniversary, complete with fireworks, music and fun activities for all the family.



Hope, too, the 4th of July was a special day as well as safe and sound.

New businesses coming to Murrieta include Golden Corral, Dunkin’ Donuts, and Marshall’s. Completion of the 4-story Hilton which should be done in late fall or early winter. And they have broken ground for the new, large facility for CAR-MAX.

The city has hired a firm to find out what the citizens of Murrieta would like to see come into Historic Downtown Murrieta. There will be another meeting in August so watch for it and attend to give input.

Concerts in the Park: July 9, 16, 23, 30—6:00 p.m. in Town Square Park—Admission is free!



BOOK REVIEW By Sharon Hunter

TWO IF BY SEA
By Jacquelyn Mitchard

Two If By Sea by Jacquelyn Mitchard is a novel about an unusual family formed as a result of a tsunami that occurs Christmas Eve in Brisbane, Australia. Frank’s wife and her entire family are drowned. However, he is a volunteer rescuer, and he rescues a small boy who has special powers. He keeps the boy with him after he determines he has no family, only to discover other shady characters are after him. His fight to save the boy Ian takes readers from Australia to the United States to England.

Two If By Sea is about the best and worst in people and “the possibility of heroism and even magic in ordinary life.”

MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

...from Elise Malkowski, Library Manager

Dear **Friends**,

It's summertime and that means it's time for the Summer Reading Program! The theme this year is "Read for the Win!" and the program began on June 11th with an Every Hero Has a Story Kickoff event. The event was very successful with approximately 650 people joining in the fun. Attendees had an opportunity to meet everyday heroes from the Murrieta Police and Fire Departments as well as the Young Marines and Waste Management truck drivers. Superheroes such as Spiderman, Supergirl and Wolverine were at the event and members of the Rebel Legion made an appearance also. There were carnival games, crafts, face painting, Rita's Ice gave out Italian ice treats, Batter Up Bakery handed out cookies and the Murrieta Historical Society and the **Friends of the Murrieta Library** had informational booths. Thank you to Lela Llorens and Pat Santo for working the **Friends** booth and supporting our Kickoff event! Once again, thanks to Teen Librarian Joyce Brown, we have two special sponsors for the Teen Read for a Reason component. For every page read and reported, one cent will be donated to Animal Friends of the Valleys by program sponsor, Southern California Gas Company, and one cent will be donated to Paws 4 Law by program sponsor, Carol Carson. The goal is to raise \$1,000 for each cause. As you know, the majority of the Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the **Friends of the Murrieta Library** with your generous donation of \$10,000 which is used for performers, supplies and incentives. The Summer Reading Program is also made possible by the local businesses who donate coupons and other items for reading incentives. There are many programs for all ages. New this year we are having two sessions of our family programs. This is to accommodate the crowds we experience and we hope to alleviate having to turn families away due to space limitations.

The City's website has been upgraded and that means the Library's web page has a new look as well. The new website launched on June 23 and the new website address for the city is www.MurrietaCA.gov. The Library's web page address will remain www.murrietalibrary.info. Check out the Library's new web page and while you're there, look at what fun things we have planned for summer. City staff email has changed as well. For example, instead of emalkowski@murrieta.org it is emalkowski@MurrietaCA.gov.

Once again, I would like to thank the **Friends of the Murrieta Library** for all that you do! Your continued support, efforts in fundraising and volunteering are truly appreciated by all!

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

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MEMBERSHIP.....Sandra Lucas, Chair

“Schools out, but we still love our books. Revel in the air-conditioned, book-filled splendor of your **fabulous Library.**” So states the *Red Tricycle website in their article, 50 Fun Summer Activities: Your Summer Bucket List for Kids.*

From all appearances at the Murrieta Public Library these days, the children got the message. Not only are they *Reading for the Win*, but enjoying the many children’s programs during these long lazy days of summer — all provided by the **Friends of the Murrieta Library.**

Your dues, volunteering at the book stores and participation in other fundraising projects all contribute to these programs. Do you know how many lives you have touched as a member of the **Friends?** Most of these children will grow up with a love for reading and fond memories of the Library. They will, hopefully, continue to utilize their Library as adults and continue their love for reading. All because of you!

So Eileen Fioretti, Dee Dee Amsler, Denise M. Gardner (Family) and Kirsten Guilliams (Supporting) feel great because you have joined the **Friends** and added to the support of the Library and all they do for our community. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting in September. Five members have renewed—thank you and we hope to see you as well!

Don’t forget to polish your halos!

Corner Bookstore Sale

.....Nancy Dixon, Manager

The Corner Bookstore Overstock Sidewalk sale on June 18th was adversely affected by the weather. Unfortunately, our usual “June gloom” turned to “July Fry.” Strangely, the amount sold outside—where it was HOT—was on par with the usual amount: \$366.75. Inside—where it was COOL—we did only \$310.00, instead of doubling the amount from outside as we usually do. So, the total was much lower than the average of at least \$1,000.

GREAT BIG THANKS to Lela Lorens, who was there from 9 am to past 6 pm serving more than the usual number of her donated free lemonade drinks. She went through 10 pounds of ice, and had to call a friend to bring more! Others who braved the heat were Ann Hickey, Darleen Rardin and Laura Cannon. We also couldn’t have done without the generous help of the Mormon Missionaries and other LSD families, as coordinated by our ever-loyal Lois Wurtz.

I am consoled by the fact that though the money was disappointing, the community participation and service was heartening. Again, my thanks to all!

#THANKS

If you go to invaluablepeople.com, one of the first names which will come up is Brian Youens. Brian can best be described as a man of *service*:


- He joined the Marines right out of high school, and served in Vietnam.
- After his *service*, he got his college degree, and then joined the Navy.
- Once that *service* commitment was up, he began *serv-ing* as an elementary school teacher for the Murrieta Valley Unified School District.
- Over the course of his 25 years at MVUSD he *served* as a Murrieta City Councilman, and also
- *Served* as a charter member of the FOML Board of Directors.
- After retirement from teaching, he has *served* as the Internet Master for the **Friends’** Corner Bookstore.

That brings me to my very special THANK YOU, BRIAN! For the past four and a half years, Brian has devoted innumerable hours to listing, maintaining, selling, and shipping our Internet-worthy books on Amazon. Not surprisingly, he has a 100% approval rating on that site. Part of the process, thanks to his generosity and dedication, was going to the bookstore twice a week to sort through and organize the hundreds and hundreds of donations.

Sadly for us, but true to his commitment to *service*, Brian is “retiring” from the Internet business to pursue another calling. He has long been always available to help senior women when they have to move, downsize, etc. He wanted to be able to assist when any physical emergencies might arise, so he is now completing the course to become a certified EMT!

We THANK YOU, Brian, for all your service to the Corner Bookstore, and while you will be sorely missed, we wish you all the best as you continue to *serve* the Community of Murrieta.

OUR LOGO REPRESENTS



Libraries and Book Lovers.....The Open Book in the background
The City of Murrieta.....The Letter M
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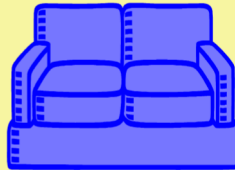
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