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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope you all had a great summer which included a great deal of reading. We are ready to resume our general meetings and enjoy the wonderful programs that Maggie Pilotte and Judy Call have scheduled for the fall. We have a number of new members and welcome them warmly.

In previous president's notes I have expressed concern over declining revenue due to the economy and e-book impact. I am pleased to note that through July of this year, the income and revenue from the two stores and Internet have kept pace with this time last year. This has been helped by the good response to the Sidewalk Sales at the Corner Store.

On another recurring theme, it is time to consider becoming involved with the Board of Directors. As we age, we will at some point need new members on the Board or active in the leadership of support functions. The Board will be reviewing the support functions at it's October meeting and I will write about them in the next BOOKNOTES for you to consider becoming involved. It is fun and for a great cause.

I hope to see you at the September General Meeting. Bring friends and family No admission Free Refreshments 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Library Please join us. You won't be disappointed.

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PROGRAMS

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

JEANNE NELSON.....Local Author.....will speak at our September 15th meeting.

Jeanne has written a book:

MEMORIES: THE MURRIETA SCHOOLS A History of the Murrieta Valley Unified School District

Jeanne Nelson was the district librarian and library coordinator for the Murrieta Valley Unified School District for 21 years. In this book she has turned a class project into a history of perseverance, change and growth from one school to 19 in less than 20 years.

No one is more qualified to talk about this amazing growth than September's guest speaker. This is an exceptional opportunity to learn more about the city we all love and its educational background. We will be honored to welcome back our past Friend's Board member.

October 20—LORILEE BAJEMA-FOLAND— will be performing after our business meeting. Lorilee has been in music her entire life, beginning with piano studies at age 4.

She has won several state and national awards for her expressive playing and musical compositions. She lived, taught and performed in England before moving to Southern California, and is currently Music Director for Murrieta's Colony Chorus. She will be performing some of her favorite pieces from her Italian repertoire.

On November 17th we will present Bert Upton, 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.

Library Quote..... "Without libraries what do we have? We have no past and no future."Ray Bradbury

Friends, Finds, and Fun

We Friends volunteer at the bookstores because we're passionate about supporting the Library, but what keeps us energized week after week is how much fun it is. It's fun to interact with the many great and interesting people in this community, and watching kids enjoy their section always keeps a smile on one's face. Another exciting thing is to walk over to a shelf and find the very book a customer wants. At the Corner recently, we had a couple of those "grinning" moments.

A young engaged couple, Eric and Michelle, came in to buy books to use as table decorations for their wedding reception. They both loved Sci-Fi, and picked out a veritable pile of them. Eric had loved *The Hardy Boys* as a kid, so wanted as many as possible of that classic series. It just happened that from two separate donations, we had about twenty or so, *except* for number eight. Since they wanted to use the books to number the tables, the missing book would have ruined the plan. As it also happened, Kirsten Abernathy, one of the wonderful college siblings who have been volunteering this summer, knew she had it at home. She called her mother, Stephanie, who jumped in her car and brought it right over. Needless to say, Eric and Michelle were not only delighted but amazed! They promise to bring us pictures after the wedding. By the way, they ended up buying \$75 worth of books. Also, by way of a sort of P.S., Kirsten and her sister Lauren have been a true blessing this summer, pitching in to help me catch up on a variety of projects. Their mom, Steph, also fills in as a substitute. Many thanks to the Abernathy family!

HOSPITALITY.....

A hearty welcome back from your Hospitality Committee. We will be looking forward, with great pleasure, to the delicious treats you will share with us this year. Remember to sign up! We can't do it without you. Our sincere thanks..... Lela, Pat, Eleanor and Coletha

The day following this fun time, the Abernathy girls helped make a display of books we were putting on sale for a quarter each. They were mostly a large number of elementary school level hardback "picture" books which had been withdrawn from the library because they didn't circulate. They were nice books, but not the much more popular chapter books the kids prefer, so they had been on our shelves for some time. There were three plus boxes, and the girls marked them and organized them on a display cart, replete with bright signs saying "Please take me home," etc. Not half an hour after the display was set up, a school teacher came in and her jaw dropped as soon as she saw the books. It happened that she had taught fourth grade, but will be teaching second grade this year. Thus, she was shopping for her classroom library. She ended up buying all the ones we had out – more than thirty dollars' worth – and virtually floated out of the store a very happy customer. Interestingly, too, she lives here, but teaches in Palm Springs. I think it's great that we gave money to the library to buy the books, now made a little more money selling them to her, and those same books will be enriching children in another city.

I recently read a quote from a very successful gentleman on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday: "Longevity happens because you do something fun." Save up those birthday candles, volunteers!

With a huge smile, Nancy Dixon.

Library Quote..... "I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card."
.....*Laura Bush*

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BOOK REVIEW
By Judy Bain

When Carol asked me to do a book review this month for the **BookNotes**, I immediately thought of a book that has only been on the book seller's shelves since July and has already had more reviews than you can count.

When the news first broke that Harper Lee had a "new" book, about to be published, a prequel to her Pulitzer Prize winning, *To Kill A Mocking Bird*, weren't we all excited? Imagine having the opportunity to own a First Edition of this famous author's work. I dreamed of where I'd place it in my personal library, at what age I would read it with my grandchildren, or when the public schools might put it on their required reading list. I am one, among millions (I'm guessing) who purchased a copy of "*Go Set A Watchman*" the very day of its release...and then spent 2 days reading it...oh, my!

The various critics' reviews are mixed—some not favorable and others kinder. It is certainly a different take on the plot than her original. For instance, Cara Erica writes, "This captures the era so brilliantly, as the political unrest and civil tensions brought out both the best and the worst in people."

Robert Crum writes...this book shows Lee stuck on the race politics of the Deep South like a feather on a tar barrel." "*Go Set A Watchman*" has a certain promise, but not much more. Harper Lee herself seems to know this, describing it as a pretty decent effort."

I can only encourage each of you to go ahead, take a chance, and read the book. Be reminded again there are parts of our history that are ugly and just plain wrong but remembering this might keep us from repeating our mistakes.

Editor's Note: We thought our regular reviewer was away and prevailed upon Judy to do a review for us. However, Sharon wasn't away after all so we lucked out and got two reviews this issue.

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BOOK REVIEW
By Sharon Hunter



The Time Between

by Karen White

The Time Between by Karen White is a novel about two generations of sisters and their secrets set in South Carolina. The characters are finely drawn. Each sister has her own guilt and grief.

The description is beautiful. As the book cover states," it is a tale of love and loss, of betrayal and redemption, and of a harrowing family secret buried in the upheaval of the Second World War." The author has written over ten novels, many of them receiving a four star rating. I highly recommend this book.

Library Quote.... "*The most important asset of any Library goes home at night — the Library staff.*"
..... Timothy Healey



A Malawian teenager who taught himself how to build a windmill out of junk and bring power to his village. He then went on to build a second, larger windmill to power irrigation pumps

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MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

...from Elise Malkowski, Library Manager



Dear Friends,

I hope you all had a wonderful and fun summer! Once again, the Library presented a very successful Summer Reading Program. The theme this year was Read to the Rhythm! and included a variety of programs such as: Bubble Mania; David Cousin: Comedy Juggling; Mad Science; Make It & Take It Pizza; Adventures In Improv; Sushilicious and Summer Cupcake Decorating. There truly was something for everyone this summer. The children logged 630,480 minutes of reading time. The Teens read 152,320 pages for the Teen component; *Read for a Reason*, and raised \$1,000 for Animal Friends of the Valleys and \$1,000 for Paws for Law, a foundation dedicated to supporting the Murrieta Police Department's K9 unit. A big thank you to our sponsors for the Teen component, Carol Carson and SoCalGas, for their generous donations. Thank you also to the **Friends of the Murrieta Library** for their continued support and \$10,000 donation for performers and prizes. In addition, a thank you to the local businesses who donated reading incentives. The Library could not provide such a fantastic Summer Reading Program without the donations received from the Friends, sponsors and our local businesses. As usual, the staff did an amazing job implementing the Summer Reading Program and training the multitude of volunteers it takes to help us run the program.

Fall/winter program development is underway and programs will begin soon. Upcoming Children's programs include **LEGO Club, Play & Learn, Spy Club and Half Sleep Over**. The Teens will have an opportunity to attend several **PSAT and SAT Workshops and Practice Tests** and a financial seminar - **GoTo College Without Going Broke**. Adult programs include, **History of Murrieta Talk, Gut and Brain Connection** and **Mixed Media Card Making**. To help bolster our programming, the Library received a \$700 donation from the Temecula Valley Woman's Club. The donation will be used for two family programs; one with animals and one on science.

Lastly, September is the month that libraries across the nation celebrate two events:

Library Card Sign-up Month and Banned Books Week!

Having a library card is the best school supply a student can have and they are free! If you know a student who doesn't have a library card, please encourage them to come in and get one.

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. This year, Banned Books Week is celebrated during the week of September 27-October 3. Banned Books Week highlights the value of free and open access to information while drawing attention to the harms of censorship by spotlighting actual or attempted bannings of books across the United States. For more information on Banned Books Week, please visit <http://www.ala.org/bbooks/bannedbooksweek>.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday & Tuesday....10 am—8 pm Wednesday & Thursday....10 am—6 pm
Friday & Saturday....12 pm—5 pm Sundays & Holidays....Closed

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

.....Sandra Lucas, Chairman

I can't believe summer is over and it is back to business! And some cooler weather.

Welcome Marsha Vincent and James R. Lye who braved the heat and joined us over the summer. Nineteen members renewed their memberships—**thank you!** And thank you for using the renewal forms and including it with your dues. Both Marsha and James are already volunteering at the Corner Bookstore.

Would you believe National Friends of Libraries Week is almost here? This year it is October 18-24 and once again we will be sitting in the library inviting patrons to join us and telling them about how wonderful we are! New members especially, please consider volunteering for several hours in the afternoon that week. Consult your calendar now and bring it to the September meeting so that you can sign up.

I look forward to seeing you at the September 15th meeting. It is going to be a very informative one.

MEMBER NEWS



Our condolences to Brian and Constance Youens in the loss of Constance's brother, Bill James. His Celebration of Life was on Saturday, August 29th, and family and friends joined together to reminisce and relate their own personal memories. Donations are requested to be sent to:

The American Cancer Society

They always need funds to continue their research for all types of cancer..

Lee Wurtz is now on Hospice at home. Our wonderful Lois would love to hear from you so give her a call and keep them both in your thoughts.

Remember to let Carol Suer know of any member who needs a "**Friendly**" card for whatever their current situation might be.

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

9/11—Town Square Park—At dusk a walk among the luminaries that represent the lives of victims and first responders lost that day.

The **Murrieta Senior Center** is celebrating its 10th birthday this month with some special activities planned. For more information on the Senior Center call 951-304(Park)7275.

The **FAMILY YMCA** has opened its facility in the Murrieta Gateway Center, just a few spaces east of the **Friends Corner Bookstore**. Whenever I pass it, I see all generations coming and going. Especially nice to see families taking advantage of this new addition to our community.

If you go on the city's website, you will find all about new businesses that are opening or are in the planning stages. Will let you know as soon as the new floral shop, beauty salon and Downtown Pub open on the corner of Washington and Kalmia. That will give Historic Downtown Murrieta a shot in the arm.

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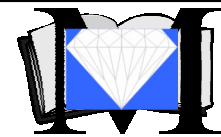
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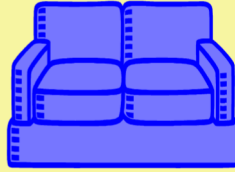
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