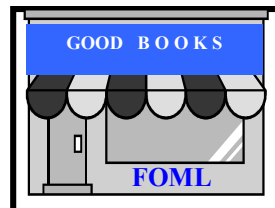


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

.....Luanne Ferrer



In reviewing 2012, we've had many successes:

- Thanks to all the members for accepting our new format for **BOOKNOTES**. Those with computers seem to like it, and those still on "snail mail" haven't noticed any changes. This format allows us to save considerable expenses which we can, in turn, donate to the Library.
- Those of you who attended Jazz in the Garden II know what a great evening it was; fantastic gift baskets, superb entertainment, and delicious food. The goal was \$10,000. It was reached and exceeded.
- Our Friends' special events and fundraisers were also successful, and I remind you to look at Page 2 for more information on the California Coastal Cruise on May 4, 2013. There are still cabins available, so please join us.

Our goal of 300 members was not met. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join the Friends. How about a gift membership for a friend or relative? It's a great gift for that person "who has everything"!

Thank you for making my inaugural year a pleasant and successful one.

## PROGRAMS

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

The guest speaker for our **February meeting** will be **Mark Ozeroff** author of the book "**Days of Smoke**" a story about WWII, Germany and the Holocaust seen through the eyes of the German protagonist pilot. You won't want to miss this interesting speaker. Soon we will announce other future guests.

Once again, those of you who missed our special November program that featured the brother and sister team of Justine and Derrick Tiu missed an exceptional treat. We were privileged to listen to these amazingly versatile and musically talented young people play together and singly on the piano, the violin, the flute and the harp (heavenly). Their musical training, accomplishments, the awards they have received and their future plans to continue on this path were inspiring and a delight to hear about. They received a standing ovation at the end of their program. They play with the Inland Valley Symphony so watch for their upcoming performances locally. You will be glad you did.

As we sat listening to our beautiful piano being played, it reminded us that this was a legacy from the presidency of Roberta Fokken. But that's another story for another time.

(Editor:) Many thanks to these wonderful program chair persons who have arranged so many interesting, delightful and educational programs throughout this past year. They will continue to furnish more equally worthwhile programs this next year starting with our February meeting.

**NEW YEAR, NEW REQUEST** for refreshment contributions for our General Meetings. Coletha and Lela request you get out those great recipes and share your talents never fear. They will gratefully accept whatever you contributors, as well as our tried and true faithful, to sign up at the next meeting.



## FUNDRAISING CRUISE



We invite you to cruise and help us fund Library programs and the Library's book collections. Our departure date is **May 4, 2013** from the port of Los Angeles, and Princess Cruises' **Sapphire Princess** will have just returned to service from a month long renovation.

There are so many exciting things on this ship:

**Entertainment** – the Princess Theater features Broadway shows and Big Productions, plus there is Movies Under the Stars in the outdoor theater on the top deck.

**Hot Spots** – the Grand Casino and Skywalker's Night Club (again on the top deck)

**Dining** — either Traditional (in the International Dining Room) or Anytime (choose when and where in the Pacific Moon, Santa Fe, Savoy or Vivaldi dining rooms). There are also two specialty dining rooms: Sabitini's (Italian) and Sterling Steakhouse (steaks and seafood) both with a \$20 per person surcharge. Don't miss the Afternoon Tea!

**Activities** – pools and spas – 3 pools plus hot tubs. Sports include a gym and fitness area, jogging track, shuffleboard and tennis, and Zumba fitness.

**Enrichment** – World-class art collection, art gallery and auctions. ScholarShip@Sea, 24 hour Internet Café with wireless connections, Library, writing room and Culinary Arts.

**Boutiques**--duty free shopping including Lladro, Swarovski, Calvin Klein, Tommy Bahama, Lancôme, Clinique, Estee Lauder and Fossil.

All of this is offered on our **exciting seven-night cruise** with stops in **San Francisco (overnight), Santa Barbara, Catalina, San Diego and Ensenada**. Shore excursions are available at all the ports. Call Kelli Surdell at 1-800-544-2469 for reservations and more information on shore excursions and rates. All pricing includes a donation that the Friends will pass on to the Library.

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These are your officers and directors for the coming year. A new 2013 Membership Directory is being printed and will be available very soon. This will contain a list of all committee chairs, meeting dates, dues structure as well as a complete list of current members.



This is the Friends of the Murrieta Library's decal. Every member is entitled to one for your car or a window at home.

It is a great way to let everyone know you support our  
Murrieta Public Library.

Call Membership Chairman, Sandra Lucas, at 695-7487 or Carol Carson at 677-7672 if you would like one of our decals.

They will be available at the Friends' meetings also.

**THOUGHT FOR TODAY....**"If an article is attractive, or useful, or inexpensive, they'll stop making it tomorrow; if it's all three, they stopped making it yesterday." - Mignon McLaughlin, *American Journalist* (1913-1983)

## LOIS WURTZ

We would like you to know more about one of the longest-standing members and steadfast volunteers of the Friends of the Murrieta Library, plus being a remarkable lady.

Lois Wurtz (nee Heyer) was born in Denver, Colorado and enjoyed a happy and quiet childhood. She married Leland Wurtz on June 9, 1944. They moved to California in 1952; had 5 children, 4 boys and 1 girl, and they also took in one of their nieces when the girl's mother passed away.

Leland and Lois joined the Latter Day Saints Church in 1956, and have been active members ever since. They served on an 18 month Mission in Barbados, returning to the USA after that.

Leland was CEO for California Avocado Growers Company, and they traveled to South America visiting Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Peru; the latter being by far Lois's favorite.

One of Lois's happiest memories are her visits to an old castle near Denver. Lois's father was chauffeur for a rich Real Estate man who bought 25,000 acres in Sedalia and there, he built a replica of an old Scottish Castle, now known as "Cherokee Ranch", a place where dreams seem to float from room to room, with a breathtaking view of the Rocky Mountains, and housing historic collections of fine art and memorabilia from around the world.

### WHAT DO THE FRIENDS DO?

**VOLUNTEER** at the Library shelving books, archiving for The Heritage Room, plus many other helpful jobs.

Raise funds for the Library through our Friends Bookstores, totally staffed by **VOLUNTEERS**. All books are donated and all profits from both stores go to support the Library. This includes Internet sales.

Additional Outreach programs include the purchase of books each Christmas to be donated to the HeadStart program. We also furnish readers for the HeadStart classrooms.

As a member you will receive a Friends decal and a copy of our bi-monthly *BOOKNOTES* newsletter, which keeps you abreast of various activities, fundraisers and what the programs are for the General Meetings, the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 in the Community Room at the Library, plus our annual Holiday Party.

You can also **VOLUNTEER** at either Bookstore where you can meet more friendly, like-minded people in a very pleasant atmosphere and can purchase books at a discount. You can participate in as many of our **VOLUNTEER** opportunities as you choose. Call Sandra Lucas—696-7487. Pass this on to your friends and neighbors who might be looking for something worthwhile to fill their time.

Lois attended a two-room school house, with four grades in each room, and sometimes only two pupils per grade.....an experience inconceivable today.

Lois joined the Friends of the Murrieta Library in 1998 and was co-manager when our first bookstore opened on July 3, 1999, and she is still volunteering every week.

She likes to sew and does genealogical research at the LDS center. At the present time her family consists of—besides her children— 27 grandchildren and they just welcomed their **No. 50** great-grandchild!!

We salute you, Lois, for an exemplary life and we sincerely thank you for all the years given so lovingly and faithfully to our organization and to the Library.

Maggie Pilotte, Reporter

**SPEAKING OF VOLUNTEERING**——A hectic schedule making you crazy? Try volunteering. In a surprising University of Pennsylvania study, people who spent precious minutes on a charitable cause felt they had more time to themselves at the end of the day than those who performed a non-altruistic task. The researchers say that squeezing in a good deed makes people feel good and creates a sense of usefulness which can put other time demands in perspective.

You don't have to look far for volunteering opportunities in Murrieta. Just call the Library—461-4168 and talk to Laura Davis or either of the Friends' Bookstore managers—Maggie Pilotte—600-5724 or Nancy Dixon—677-5350.

### WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU JOIN?

For as little as \$15 annually, you can be part of a great community effort to support the Library. Your annual dues are tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

Of course, we more than welcome your membership at other levels: Family—\$20; Supporting—\$25;  
Patron—\$50; Business—\$100

Lifetime Members—\$250 receive a gold engraved leaf on the *Giving Tree* located in the Library.

You will meet people with similar interests at our General Meetings where guest authors and literary persons of note are invited to speak.



## MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

...from Loretta McKinney, Director of Library Services

Dear Friends ~

Happy 2013! As the song *Auld Lang Syne* alludes, we want to acknowledge the past before looking to the future. With this intention, I would like to acknowledge a bit of news that happened before the end of 2012 before sharing current news and upcoming events.

This past month, the Library gratefully received a significant donation from an anonymous donor who paid for new window coverings and security cameras in the Library. You may notice the new window coverings in the Library's west side foyer. There are several reasons for the window treatments; one is to reduce the temperature in that part of the building (and hopefully reduce our electric bill!) and the second is to mitigate the sun's piercing rays that beam into the patron's eyes who are working in the computer lab. The security cameras are located in the Library's Heritage Room and in the west side foyer. The purpose of the cameras is to alleviate the ongoing vandalism of those areas. THANK YOU to the generous donor for helping us to pay for these costly, but most necessary items! The Library will function so much better with these improvements!

With the New Year, comes new operating hours at the Library! We noticed that we have the least amount of patronage on Friday and Saturday mornings compared to Monday and Tuesday mornings when we have a large group of people waiting for the Library to open. As a result of this observation and in an effort to be more efficient and effective, the Library's operating hours for Friday and Saturday mornings have been switched to Monday and Tuesday mornings. Please be assured that the total number of hours open is the same as the previous hours. This adjustment in the open hours results in better customer service to you and all the Murrieta community as staff schedules have also been revised to meet the demand in services! The new Library hours are:

Monday and Tuesday:	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday and Thursday:	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday:	12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Two new events that will be coming in February include the Food for Fines program and the introduction of the Nook E-Book Readers as circulating items! As you may remember, February is "Love Your Library" month. In recognition of this library awareness campaign, the Murrieta Library will waive \$1.00 of fines for each non-perishable donation brought to the Library's Circulation Desk. The maximum amount of fines waived is \$10.00, but this is a great way to reduce or eliminate the fines off your library record and help those in the community who need assistance. The donations will be given to the Murrieta United Methodist Church. What a win-win-win! Our neighbors receive needed assistance, you reduce/eliminate your fines, and the Library makes everyone happy!

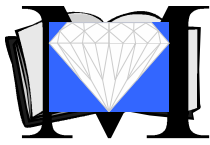
A new and upcoming service to our Murrieta community will be the availability of borrowing pre-loaded E-Book Readers (i.e. Nooks). This will be a free service for adults and children! Watch for the signs in the Library announcing their arrival!

Last, but not least, the Library staff has a plethora of great programs planned for all of you in the next year! Watch for future BOOKNOTES articles and be sure to check out the Library's pages in the March issue of the Community Services Department's Recreation Brochure. Current Library events can always be found as well on the Library's web page at [www.murrietalibrary.info](http://www.murrietalibrary.info). We look forward to seeing you throughout the New Year!

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Call Steve Herring at 461-6132 to find out what is available that might interest you.**

**Those interested in the Heritage Room/archival projects should contact  
Laura Davis at 461-6138. Laura will take volunteers ANY TIME!!!**



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