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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....

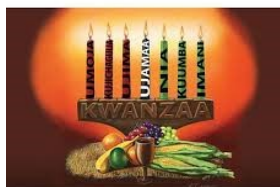
Rita Nastri

Thanksgiving is usually the time that we reflect on wonderful things that have happened to us and for which we are thankful. Last month we were so pleased to take the time from all of our busy schedules to enjoy a beautiful evening in the Garden of Verses at the Library to celebrate our volunteers. Judy Call and her committee organized a beautiful event, and I thank her for overseeing all of their efforts. (See Page 3 for a full report)

Our volunteers are the backbone of our organization and are worth their weight in gold. They share their time and talents without any compensation. We are a team, the Board, the Bookstore Volunteers, the Library Volunteers, Temecula Valley Woman's Club and all of the ancillary spouses and friends who help out on special occasions to haul books, tents, tables, food, etc. It is important to acknowledge your contributions and let you know you are valued. We thank you not just today, but every day.

October was a really busy month for the Friends. Not only did we have a really interesting speaker for our General Meeting, we had two fundraisers to help us celebrate Friends of Libraries Week. Nancy Dixon had her usual wonderful Overstock Sidewalk Book Sale on October 20th, and The Mill Restaurant was so gracious to open it's doors to the Friends for our Restaurant Fund-raiser on October 30th.

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However we celebrate these special days, they are very special and we would like to wish each and every one of you the happiest and most fulfilling Holidays.

Sincerely, The Friends' Board

PROGRAMS

Maggie Pilotte and Judy Call Co-Chair

NOVEMBER 20TH--For our November meeting we are planning on honoring our **Library** and its marvelous staff, who will be showing some of the creative work that is done **BEHIND THE SCENES** to carry on well executed **LIBRARY PROGRAMS** that inform, enlighten and entertain all members of the community both children and adults.

A community needs assessment and inspiration—and our very enthusiastic and energetic Library staff takes it from there. They plan programs and then make them happen - from hiring outside presenters, to preparing crafts, to making activities and games for Library patrons of all ages. The Library programs truly have something for everyone.

We hope you will take advantage of the program at this meeting that is open to the public to learn more about our wonderful Library; what makes it tick, and all the amazing features it has to offer and all of this **FREE OF CHARGE**.

As, at every meeting, our Hospitality Committee furnishes a bounty of delectable refreshments—also **FREE OF CHARGE**.

Happy we are and grateful for the many ways in which we “Give Thanks” at this time of year. Our great thanks to all of you for your continued support.



**Your Hospitality Committee,
Lela, Pat, Eleanor and Mila**

“My Thanksgiving is perpetual. It is surprising how contented one can be with nothing definite—only a sense of existence.”

.....Henry David Thoreau



BOOK REVIEW

By Sharon Hunter

Killers of the Flower Moon

By David Grann

I am not fond of non-fiction, but this book, required by my book club, really held my interest. It is a well written history and murder mysteries combined story about a period in our history I never knew about. To begin, the Osage Indians were forced out of Kansas because white settlers wanted the land. Taking the money paid to them by the government, they bought a barren, rocky section of Oklahoma which nobody thought was worth anything and settled there. When they paid the government for the land, a clever lawyer included in the sale that all mineral rights belonged to them.

And this is when a terrible period in the history of our country occurred. Of course you know oil was discovered. The Indians became very rich and immediately greed and chicanery resulted. The government said the Indians were not able to handle their money so appointed white guardians who controlled the money and forced the Indians to come to them for anything they needed. All manner of cheating resulted. Then a series of murders began, both poisoning and shooting, and nobody or bodies were found guilty. The land and oil went mostly to the guardians. Finally, after numerous murders the Bureau of Criminal Investigations (headed by newly appointed Hoover) sent Tom Smith an agent to investigate. Thus begins the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I don't want to reveal more of the story. It is a terrible black mark in our history. I am, however, glad that I read the book. I gained so much knowledge. Just for your information the tribe was decimated by the murders. Many went unsolved, but a few were solved and the culprits found guilty.

MEMBERSHIP

With our now renewing in June, starting a membership in November or December is not a great idea. However, if a person wanted to "gift" a family member or a friend to a Lifetime membership, for \$250.00, they would not only get a leaf on the Giving Tree in the Library but also all the advantages of being a member of the Friends of the Murrieta Library, and it would make a terrific gift.

Million Dollar Team

When it comes to the Corner Store Sidewalk Sale, we are blest with a million dollar team. On Friday evening we had the "Great Gregarious Gregs" team: Greg Cagle and Greg Eberhardt, two dads who efficiently took up to the front all the many, many, MANY boxes of books, along with all the tables, bins, and crates we use for the sale. On Saturday morning, Ann Hickey gave this sooooo-not-a-morning person a million dollar gift by orchestrating the set-up with Kathy and Greg Cagle, Ellen Aspel and two LDS Missionaries. Raking in the cash and helping happy customers were Ann, Cathy Brice, Kelly-Ann Almeida, and Jacqueline Reed. Always faithful Lela Llorens set up her wonderful station with free cider and a Membership display, graciously manning it all day. For the close-up, the Gregarious Gregs returned, along with Kathy and daughter Lauren. The crew reboxed what was left after the sale, and helped the Discover Books driver Oscar load them into their truck. *Then* they brought in and put away all the tables, bins, crates, signs, and other supplies. *Whew!* And all done with great efficiency and laughter! A million-gazillion thanks to all!!!

AND we made \$885.00, which in used-books-speak is worth a million dollars!

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THANK YOU LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS!

On the evening of September 21, 2018, the beautiful Library Garden of Verses and the Community Room were the setting for a celebration of the many dedicated volunteers who support the Murrieta Public Library day in and day out! It was a festive occasion with many old and new friends coming together to honor the over 120 volunteers who work in the Friends' Bookstores, serve on the Friends' Board and committees, work in the Library, and support the library through the Temecula Valley Woman's Club Murrieta Library Committee.

The evening was the inspiration of Carol Carson, who felt it had been too long since we formally recognized the contributions of all those who quietly make possible the daily operations and special programs of the Library. Guests were entertained by guitarist and singer Tralain Hoffman. Special guests included City Council Members Rick Gibbs and Kelly Seyarto, Members of the Library Advisory Commission and the Murrieta Public Library Foundation, City Manager Kim Summers and her Assistant Brian Ambrose, Former Director of Library Services Loretta McKinney, Friends' founder Carol Kravagna Hanson and Charter Member Margaret Jones. Throughout the evening, guests enjoyed delicious and creative refreshments prepared by Paula Cobb and Pat Farmer.

Councilman Rick Gibbs recalled the history of the Library and thanked the volunteers for the hours they put in and the funds they raise, which help make our Library such a wonderful resource for patrons of all ages! He also emphasized the importance and need for libraries in general and our Library in particular. Library Manager Elise Malkowski spoke of the volunteers many contributions for the Library.

FOML President Rita Nastri noted that since 1996 the Friends have raised almost \$1 million to support the library! About \$735,000 of that amount has already been donated to the Library to purchase books and other materials for the collection, to support the extremely well-attended Library programs for children, teens and adults, to purchase the wonderful grand piano in the Community Room, to buy computers and other equipment, and to help start the garden.

Each of the volunteers was presented with a memento key chain holder of the Friends  Logo.

Many thanks to the hard-working committee that made this joyful occasion happen:

Juanita Blankenship, Carol Carson, Nancy Dixon, Pat Farmer, Karen Michaud, Maggie Pilotte, Rita Nastri and Gretchen Sedlacek.

Check out the FOML website for pictures: <https://www.murrietalibraryfriends.org/>

Judy Call

Volunteer Appreciation Event Chair

And a special Thank You, Judy, for chairing this event and bringing your organizational skills into play. It wouldn't have happened—at least not as beautifully well done — if not for your leadership.

VOLUNTEERING: “Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day for the kind of community you want to live in.”

The evening of the Volunteer Appreciation Event confirmed my personal belief that this Friends' group is an outstanding, unusual, way-above-the-normal, organization that I feel blessed to be a part of and of which I am so proud. Carol Kravagna and Dottie Renon did unrelentingly initiate the Friends, but the quality of people who have carried on and made it thrive have been and continue to be multi-talented, dedicated and wonderful to work with. Carol Carson

REMEMBER TO VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

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, fundraising, or just touting the Library to every new person you meet. We couldn't do what we do without YOU!

We have some terrific programs coming up! The **Murrieta History Talks** program on November 12th will be about the Vietnam War and begins at 6:00 p.m. There is also **Genealogy Consulting** on the Fourth Monday of each month from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room. **Fairytale Fun** for ages 3-12 will be on Tuesday, November 13th and **All Aboard The Polar Express** will be on Tuesday, December 11th.

The holiday season will soon be upon us! The upcoming library closures are: Thursday and Friday: November 22 and 23 for Thanksgiving, Monday and Tuesday: December 24 and 25 for Christmas and December 31 and January 1 for the New Year.

Happy Holidays!



"Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas-time."

.....Laura Ingalls Wilder

The **Friends of the Murrieta Library's** website is full of information about upcoming programs, current and past *Booknotes*, location of bookstores, membership applications, Officers and Directors' names, and other useful information. Use this link for direct access to our website.

www.murrietalibraryfriends.org

Sign up a friend—Print,



cut off and mail form below to P.O. Box 235, Murrieta 92564

—or drop off at

the Library or either Bookstore.

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

MURRIETA'S 16th ANNUAL

VETERAN'S DAY PARADE

Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 1 PM

*Historic Downtown Murrieta
Town Square Park*

**Parade begins on Washington Avenue at 1 PM
with a flyover and the National Anthem.
Parade ends at Town Square Park with the
Field of Honor**



If you have not witnessed The Field of Honor at Town Square Park each Veteran's Day you have missed an incredible sight. 2,200 flags will be flying from November 10th through November 18th. All 5th graders in Murrieta schools tour the Field of Honor and learn more about American history. It is a very meaningful time for these students.

After the parade, there is a ceremony at the park and later a choral group sings and in the evening a Patriot's Ball that will be held in the big tent.

Flags may be purchased through the Friends for \$35.00 in memory or honor of someone special. If purchased through the Friends, we get \$10.00 for each flag. Regardless of where you buy your flag, it is just a wonderful gesture. Each flag purchased has the person's name being honored on the flag.



"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all."



Festival of Trees and Tree Lighting Saturday Dec. 1 at Town Square. The City Tree will be lit at approximately 6:30 p.m. Organizations decorate a tree and these are then donated to needy families. The Friends of the Murrieta Library will be decorating one of the trees.

President's Message.... Continued

The Friends hosted a meet and greet table at the Library during Friends of Libraries Week. Thank you to Sandra Lucas, Eleanor Newhard, Karen Michaud and Nancy Guiterrez for spending their afternoon at the table. We had a library Q&A for the children, who after they answered their question correctly (with a little help from us or mom or dad), received their choice of a pencil or wrist band. You should join us next year at the table. It is fun and you get to see just how busy our library is and how our donations are utilized.

And to add to the festivities of the week, the Friends received a Proclamation from Mayor Jonathan Ingram proclaiming October 21-27, National Friends of Libraries Week. The proclamation will be on display at our General Meeting in November and then in the Heritage Room at the Library.



FRIENDS OF THE MURRIETA LIBRARY'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

When: December 11th —11:00 A.M.

Where: Carsons 6C's Ranch

**25471 Hayes Avenue (Use Brown Street
and entrance is the first driveway on the right)**

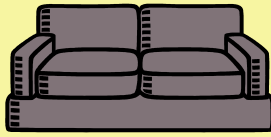
**Refreshments: Please contact Lela Llorens at
either 951-305-6220 or llorensjl@earthlink.net to
let Lela know what special dish, desert or other
item you will be bringing. It is a nice time to put
names with faces and also to meet new friends.**



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