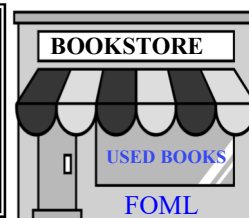




BOOKNOTES



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....Rita Nastri



Before I write my notes for an upcoming issue, I usually check what I wrote last year for the same issue. There were lots of reports about all the things in which the Friends are involved. WOW, is all I can say. Life has changed a bit to say the least, but the Friends are still as active as ever.

Our Bookstores have remained open (on and off) with the help of our volunteers who have remained healthy with all the Corona Courtesy Protocols in place. Our customers were right there to greet and support us with our crazy new hours and openings and closings. Nancy Dixon will tell you about the WOW Book Sale and other things about the Corner Store. Judy Call will WOW you with the great article she has written about our 20th Internet Sales Anniversary and joins me in thanking those who have participated in that program. Now there's a big WOW, and a big thank you to those visionaries who developed the program.

Carol Carson keeps those financial records straight (WOW, that's a lot of record keeping between the two stores) and Dan pays the bills. Evelyn Dial keeps up with us at the meetings and WOWs us all with her minutes. Pat Farmer always WOWS us with her creativity and enthusiasm with her special projects. (Are you getting the drift here with my comments?) And such beautiful **Booknotz** from Carol. They WOW us every time.

I'm sorry to say that Karen had her own WOW moment this week with a major injury and is on the mend, thank goodness. She has done a bang up (pardon the pun) job with her Membership roles.

When your Board stepped forward and agreed (volunteered) to be elected or appointed to their current leadership position, they inherited the responsibilities of the job. I recognize the dedication and leadership required to make the FRIENDS the strong organization that it is. Because of this, we will continue to WOW the Community with our accomplishments and make a difference.



I wish you all Holidays to remember. WOW!



It's not for money, it's not for fame. It's not for only personal gain. It's just for the love of fellow man. It's just to lend a helping hand. It's just to give a little self; that's something you can't buy with wealth.

It's not for medals worn with pride. It's for the feeling deep inside. It's that reward deep in your heart. It's feeling that you've been a part of helping others far and near. That's what makes you a
VOLUNTEER

Why We Work—Scribed by Virginia Cooke

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

November 17th.....Vincent Sweeney....Honoring those soldiers held by the Japanese during World War II, defining their conditions there, when they became free, and how they influenced our history.

Meting 10:00 AM.....Program 10:45 AM — Join us via Zoom in the comfort of your own home
Just click on the link at <https://www.murrietalibraryfriends.org>

**Friends of the Murrieta Library Celebrate
20 years of Internet Book Sales
Over 10,000 Books Sold – Over \$210,000 Raised to Support the Library!**

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Internet book sales by the Friends of the Murrieta Library (FOML)!

During the last two decades, FOML has sold over 10,000 books on the Internet, raising over \$210,000 to support the Library. These funds represent a little more than 25% of the total FOML funds donated to the Library during this period. Along with bookstore sales, membership dues and other donations and fundraising, the Internet sales have made it possible for the Library to add to its collection each year, and to operate the very creative and popular programs for children, teens and adults.

Many Friends groups sell books on the Internet now, but FOML was one of the first to try it, thanks to the ingenuity and dedicated work of Pat and Lin Farmer. The program has evolved over the years, but certain basics have remained the same:

The key to the program is DONATIONS by community members of books that are unusual, such as first editions, autographed books by established authors, newer textbooks, and art and crafts and “quirky” books.

FOML bookstore volunteers are the frontline workers who identify potential books for Internet sales as donations come in.

A few experienced and dedicated Internet sales specialists research the books, determine their value, list them on the Internet, send them out when they are sold, and do all of the administrative work for the program.

The Friends are especially grateful to these volunteers who have devoted many hours to making the program a success over the last 20 years: We owe these folks a huge debt of gratitude.

Pat and Lin Farmer
Laurie and Art Razo
Maggie Pilotte
Constance and Brian Youens
Cathy Wilson
Ray Snodgrass

Thank you also to all the donors of potential Internet books, all of the bookstore volunteers who keep a watchful eye out for them and – of course - everyone who has bought FOML books on the Internet. We look forward to helping you find “just the book you are looking for” during the next 20 years!

Judy Call



BOOK REVIEW

.... By Sharon Hunter

Lady Clementine

.....by Marie Benedict

Much has been written about Winston Churchill, but very little about his wife Clementine and the influence she had on him, and through him, on history.

Clementine broke off two engagements before wedding Winston. She found in Winston a man of strong principles and political concerns that matched hers. She became the steadying force behind him, accompanying him on many of his trips and attending meetings unlike other women of that time. Her efforts influenced many women's issues and helped with many social concerns that Winston had no time for. She compares to Eleanor Roosevelt. Her influence and impact on world events is reflected in this novel.

She loved Winston “Pug” above all else and to the detriment of the lives of their children. Her unsung influence helped shape two World Wars. She was the ‘wind beneath his wings.’

Editor's note: Thought the timing of this book review was very appropriate as it went along well with our October program.



COVID at the Corner

You probably don't know this, but the Corner Bookstore definition of COVID is "our *Community Of Volunteers Is Dedicated.*" Because of that dedication we grossed **\$8,390** in the month of September! Amazing and record breaking in itself, but especially when you know that we were open only **16** days! One of those days was our Overstock Sidewalk Sale, which was also a record smashing **\$2,320**! Our Community of Customers is obviously thrilled with our "essential service" as they were literally lined up out into the parking lot.

"Thank you" barely comes close to expressing our gratitude to the volunteers who make this possible. For the Sidewalk Sale, as traditional, the MVPs are the Cagle family – Greg, Kathy, and Lauren -- who are there Friday evening to prepare everything, and then *all day* Saturday. Also a big help were the Eberhardts – Greg, Nancy, and Laurie; as well as the Bonus's – Kieran, Victoria, and Brian. Handling the cash transactions (a monumental task this time) were Ann Hickey, Esteban Sardinha, Charlie and Mary Lou Slagle, Paul and Sandra Havens, and Judith Ann Edwards. A very significant contribution to the success was the outstanding print and social media publicity provided by Rita Natri and Dan Rexwinkel.

At this time, the Corner Store is able to be open four days per week, thanks to Kathy Cagle, Judith Ann Edwards, Karin Galina, Sandra Havens, Ann Hickey, Sheri Richter, Ann Rivera, Mary Lou Rosczyk, Esteban Sardinha, Mary Schiavi, Mary Lou Slagle, Jo Ann Snodgrass, and Jessica Zelon. A special MVP award goes once again to Judith Ann Edwards who is there at least three times per week, not only taking care of customers, but cleaning, pricing, categorizing, and shelving multitudes of paperbacks. Amazing!

Thanks so much to all, and here's to another record month!

Nancy Dixon

"The more things you read, the more things you will know. The more things that you learn, the more places you'll go."
.....Dr. Seuss

"There is more treasure in books than all the treasure loot on Treasure Island".....Walt Disney

FRIENDS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



3rd Wednesday of each month —1:00 P.M. Currently via Zoom. It is not necessary to be a member of the Friends. Call 600-1875 for additional information.

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Masks required**

FRIENDS OF THE MURRIETA LIBRARY's OCTOBER 20TH PROGRAM

A Celebration of Women's Suffrage and the Right to Vote Amendment—The 19th Amendment

The right of the citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

For those fortunate enough to tune in on this Zoom meeting where two daring women, Alice Paul and Alva Vanderbilt Belmont, were brought to life so realistically and fascinatingly by locals Bonnie Maitland and Mindy Johnson you did indeed hear a marvelous portrayal of their struggle to get women's right to vote.

Two women from different backgrounds—one wealthy and elite and one raised as a Quaker—but with the same passion and drive to make this happen. What they went through; staging peaceful protests in front of the White House for over two years; imprisonment under harsh conditions, staging hunger strikes, being force fed and brutalized. Treatment that would have discouraged many of lesser determination. Prior to this women had no say about politics or finances. This is a story that needs to be told in schools and organizations everywhere.

You may watch a taping of this program by going to:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR4v-D1oesHmrLIZEVai7mw/>

TRIVIA—Voting on Tuesday is hardly a convenience now, but it was in the 19th century, when farmers often had to travel long distances to the nearest polling place. They didn't want to travel on Sunday, and they had to be back home for market on Wednesday. Farming also explains why we vote in November—the harvest was over. The United States is one of the few democracies that doesn't deem Election Day a national holiday.

FOML MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION for Fall/Winter 2020

The Friends of Libraries across the nation are celebrating their 15th annual week-long event, October 18-24, 2020

In Murrieta the Friends of the Murrieta Public Library have been serving our Library since 1996. In that time, hundreds of volunteers have dedicated thousands of hours to programs and fundraising to help our Library.

We serve the Murrieta community by combining the joy and privilege of having a Free City Public Library with our mission to provide Library programs to enhance the love of reading, to promote the desire to learn, and to support new and advanced technology information for ALL library patrons.

Our aim is to serve children, teens, and adults through enhanced programs and materials. Our support is provided through sales at our two Bookstores: The Corner Bookstore on Los Alamos and the Town Square Bookstore adjacent to the Public Library and through our Membership dues in the FOML.

I thank the sixty-eight members who renewed this year from January through September, increasing our funding by over \$2,000. Also, welcome to new member Tatum Mann.

We urge everyone to visit both our Bookstores AND join the Friends of the Murrieta Library to support our amazing Library. Use form below for new and renewal memberships. Various classification of dues is listed there,

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, Membership, Hospitality, Ways & Means, Special Events, etc.

Date: _____

Friends of the Murrieta Library, P.O. Box 235, Murrieta 92564

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Individual.....\$15.00

Family.....\$20.00

Supporting.....\$25.00

Patron.....\$50.00

Business..... \$100.00

LIFETIME.....\$250.00

Lifetime members are honored with an engraved leaf on the "GIVING TREE" in the Library.

MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

...from Elise Malkowski, Deputy Director of Library Service



Dear Friends,

Fall is here already and we continue to stay busy with curbside deliveries, answering reference questions and registering patrons online. Since our closure on March 13 we have registered 640 patrons, checked out 37,950 items and filled 15,689 holds. Staff is working hard to continue delivering excellent service to the community. At the time of this writing a reopening date has not been determined.

The Library was selected by the Southern California Library Cooperative System to participate in a funding opportunity in the amount of \$5,000 for Crisis Collections to address the increased demand from our community for e-resources as people practice physical distancing and access to physical library collections is restricted during the pandemic. The funding will be used to subscribe to a new e-book database called Freading <https://www.freading.com/index>

The Library's Community Room will be a Voter Assistance Center for the upcoming election. The hours are October 31-November 2, Saturday to Monday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Election Day, November 3, Tuesday from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The holiday season will soon be upon us! The upcoming library closures are as follows..... Wednesday: November 11 for Veterans Day, Thursday and Friday: November 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving, Thursday and Friday: December 24, and 25 for Christmas and Thursday: December 31 and Friday: January 1 New Year's.

Happy Holidays! We hope to see you soon!



Sincerely,

Elise Malkowski, Deputy Director of Library Services

Election of Directors and Covid-19

After a lengthy discussion at our Board meeting and consultation with various non-profits, the Friends of the Murrieta Library Board have voted to recommend extending the current Directors' terms for one year.

The Board will be sending out an eblast in November to all our members asking you to vote Yes or No on extending the current Directors terms for one year.

Rationale:

Given the current situation it is unlikely that we will be able to have a January 2021 General Meeting/Election

We will be voting to add one year to *all seven current* directors because if we only do the ones up at this time, in 2022 we would have all seven terms up. So, by extending all, those up in 2021 will go to 2022, and those who would have been up in 2022 will go to 2023.

We look forward to returning to our monthly meetings at the Library, creating a nominating committee in 2021, and receiving applications from our members to join the FOML Board as a Director or Chair of a committee.

Please vote when you receive the email request.

Thank you, Pat Farmer, Parliamentarian
Friends of the Murrieta Library

MURRIETA NEWS.....

The Murrieta Arts Council has recently initiated a Farmer's Market in Historic Downton Murrieta on alternate Thursdays from 5-9 P.M. The next one is scheduled for November 5th. Many businesses are participating with vendors up and down the avenue. Dining, shopping and strolling. Come out and enjoy the fresh evening air with family and friends. **Shop local and help support small businesses.**

There is a new little market next to the Washington Avenue Post Office:

Mae's pop-up Market and Boutique.

They have fresh produce, eggs, and many other food items, plus a delightful selection of gift items and home décor items. Staffed by two extremely friendly and helpful young ladies it is a wonderful addition to the businesses on Washington. Open 7 days a week

Hours: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

They also offer **Murrieta's Best Outdoor Open-Air Market on the Second Saturday Monthly** with many talented vendors and finds like:

Handmade Farmhouse Objects of Art
Electic Bohemian Home & Garden

Sweet and Savory Home baked Goods and More

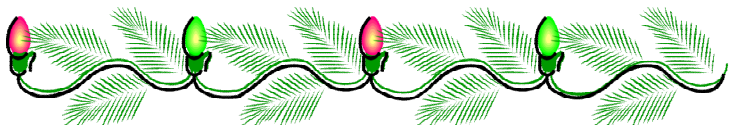
The next two in 2020 are scheduled for:

November 14th and December 12th.

Treat yourself to a fun evening out !

REMEMBER TO VOTE

The Murrieta City Hall has provided the easiest and most expeditious way to see your vote is handled efficiently and safely. You just drive up to City Hall, and a very pleasant person checks your signature, makes sure your ballot is dated and you drop it in the collection box yourself.



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.

DOLLY PARTON

She is a National Treasure—a famous country singer, songwriter, Grammy winner—entered in the Country Music Hall of Fame; movie star—Oscar nominee, and smart business woman who came from very humble beginnings—raised in a one-room cabin, the 4th of 12 children, Her father was a sharecropper. She wrote her first song at age 5, sang in the church choir and knew from an early age that she would move on from the hill country of Tennessee,

With all those accomplishments she still wanted to fulfill a dream. She learned that “reading not only opens up new opportunities for folks; it opens up whole new worlds. Reading puts your imagination into overdrive.” So what did she do with this dream? She started the Imagination Library. Her wish was for every child who yearned for a book and didn't have one or the means to buy one to be able to get a copy of their own. She partnered with thousands of local organizations who knew how to get this done. In the past 25 years, they have given away more than 130 million books all over the world. “Think of the power of a book to fire the imagination, To ignite learning for years to come, A book can be like a seed leading to a lifetime of learning.” Which lead to her third dream.....

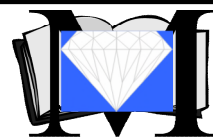
She wanted to create something wonderful for families. “Looking at the Hollywood sign one day I thought, what if I changed that H to D—Dollywood would happen.” Her advisers thought she was out of her mind—she promptly got rid of those advisers. Somehow she made it happen with much encouragement from husband, Carl. There is a Chasing Rainbows Museum that features her wedding dress; also roller coasters, and great local food. Her favorite place in the park is a little country church named for the mountain doctor and preacher who brought her into the world. It is the heart of Dollywood in her mind.

“Dreams don't stop”, she says. “That's what keeps me going. To dream big, pray big.”

GuidepostsJune/July 2020

OUR LOGO

Represents.....



Libraries and Book Lovers.....The Open Book
The City of Murrieta.....The Letter M
The Gem.....Murrieta is known as
“The Gem of the Valley”

It also stands for all our volunteer “Gems”

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL



**“There is one day that is strictly ours.
Thanksgiving Day is the one day that
is purely American.”
.....O. Henry**



Advent candles shine brightly set in the circular wreath of evergreens symbolizing and reminding Christians that Jesus came as light into a dark world. A new candle is lit each week on the four Sundays before Christmas each representing something different. The first is hope, the second represents faith, the third symbolizes joy and the fourth represents peace. An optional fifth candle represents light and purity. It is placed in the middle and lit on Christmas Day.

Since Hanukkah is a holiday celebrated in the home, lighting the Menorah gives each family the ability to bring the holiness of the holiday, and of the ancient temple re-dedicated by the Maccabees into their own home. With each succeeding night, we magnify the blessings of the holiday. Lighting the Menorah is truly a re-dedication of one's commitment to faith and family.



This holiday is celebrated from December 26 to January 1 right between Christmas and New Year's. Kwanzaa is not a religious holiday but rather a celebration for people of African descent to give thanks for their heritage and renew pride in their culture. Kwanzaa comes from the Swahili phrase, “Matuda ya kwanza,” and means “first fruits.”

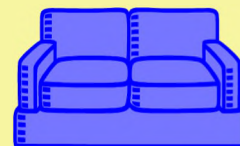
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