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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....

Rita Nastri

A FRIEND FOR LIFE

Last spring we initiated an Annual Membership Renewal date for the Friends of the Murrieta Library. It seemed like a monumental task at the time, but Karen Michaud and her committee assistant, Bernadette Kauffman, made the transition work, utilizing their wonderful skills of grace and lots of humor. And here it is almost June and time for another membership renewal. I thank you for your ongoing support of the Friends and therefore the Murrieta Public Library. But as you are writing your check for renewal, might I ask you to consider becoming a Lifetime Member this year. It certainly is easy. Write one check in June, and you never have to think of it again. Plus, you will have a leaf engraved with your name to be part of the Giving Tree located in the Library. Be a Friend for Life!

Webster's Dictionary provides a definition of "membership" as the state of belonging to or being a part of a group or organization—the state of being a member. Your membership in the Friends—and all categories of membership are important—makes you part of something larger than as an individual. It is only as a group that we can continue to provide the support to our Library on such a grand scale.

Since many of us do not work in a bookstore or the library but still want to participate, may I offer you another opportunity to show your support to the Library. We can all be recruiters. Introducing a new member to the Friends could be part of your commitment this year. There is no magic fix in recruiting new members and retaining those that we now have. As they say in the business world, recruitment and retention are two major issues for continued growth. So let's be creative and proactive this year and invite a friend to become a **Friend**.



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PROGRAMS

Maggie Pilotte and Judy Call Co-Chair

May 21st- A SPECIAL TREAT

We are privileged to have our very own Murrieta Elementary children put on a show for us: Mexican Folklorico dancing, "*Rayitos del Sol*." These elementary aged students have been working for three years learning Folklorico dances to perform for school and public events. You will enjoy the dances, the children's expertise, and their fabulous costumes carefully and lovingly made by volunteers and parents. Come and bring a friend. You will be treated to an exceptional performance.

Additionally, you will meet the coordinating teacher and dance instructor. This program is part of the Murrieta Valley Unified School District Horizons Unlimited Program

June 18th—More amazing local talent. Murrieta Mesa High School senior, Angel Hudak will be presenting a musical program exhibiting her outstanding singing talent. She has been singing in groups and as a soloist much of her life.

She intends to pursue a degree in music and/or music education as she moves into her college career.

Come for your own pleasure and to support our young people.



to our Hospitality Committee, chaired by Polly Filanc - including Karen Michaud, Pat Farmer, Pat Santo, Bernadette Kauffman, Eleanor Newhard, - for furnishing our general meetings with the wonderful assortment of refreshments and coffee each month. And thank you to all the members who sign up to bring these refreshments. It is an added plus to the meetings, along with the great programs.

A LITTLE HISTORY.....

Friends of the Murrieta Library began as an official organization in 1996, with the goal of bringing a Library to Murrieta. In April 1999, the Murrieta Public Library opened in a beautifully converted bank building in the Murrieta Gateway Center on Los Alamos.

Continuing the tradition of *independent trail blazing*—the Friends opened a freestanding Bookstore in an 1100 square foot space across from the Library. In January 2004, the store relocated to its present location—a larger space. Volunteers, including many faithful customers, pitched in to help move to the new store. In order to pay for purchasing bookcases, Manager Nancy, initiated “Adopt a Bookcase Plaque:” with a memory name inscribed on it. It was very successful and paid for all the bookcases, supplies for building the workroom, paint for the entire store and all other expenses. New carpet was donated by several local businesses and many hours were spent setting up the bookcases and then organizing and shelving all the books.

The store was soon bursting at its seams — we even had to rent a storage unit to keep donated books in until we needed them and had to go back and forth with boxes of books. When our lease came up for renewal in 2009, the Board voted to expand into space next to us that was vacated. The landlord cut through the wall, patched and painted the opening at no cost to the Friends and the store blossomed into now 3100 square feet, allowing for a whole non-fiction section and a delightful children’s section. This was taken over by Joann Callahan, in memory of losing a 5 year old grandniece, and became Cheyenne’s Corner with its own carpeting, shelving, small tables and chairs all donated by Joann and friend. It has been an exciting, much-used special area of the Bookstore.

Two display cases were donated by Lifetime members Marvin and Ruth Zepede and completely renovated by Complete Coach Works. The expansion also allowed the fiction section to spread out and be better displayed.

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I HAVE A “MAGIC”  AND IT OPENS THE DOORS TO A WONDERLAND OF BOOKS

A LITTLE HISTORY..... Continued

Nancy holds a tri-annual sidewalk sale that has become well-known and very well attended, making it a great extra fundraising project. Beautiful bright blue book bags with our logo emblazoned on them are sold but are given free to purchases of \$25.00 or more at one time. Gift certificates can be purchased and make wonderful gifts especially to give children who love to come in and “spend their own money.”

When the big new Library opened in 2007, the Town Square Bookstore had its Grand Opening there, which provided not only added income but also “bookending” our community with access to quality books on both sides of Murrieta.

We are most fortunate to have these two “Barnes and Noble” quality used Bookstores in Murrieta. We draw from all the surrounding areas, bringing customers to Murrieta that may not come into our city otherwise.

ALL OF THIS is only accomplished with the help of our faithful, dedicated volunteer GEMS.

Classified Ads...

Internet Sales at the Corner Bookstore: Needed: A person who loves books, loves to do research on books, is computer literate and is wondering what they could do to fill their spare time—with, preferably, something useful. The Corner store needs someone to manage their on-line sales. There will be on-the-job training, pleasant working conditions and the satisfaction of helping support our Murrieta Public Library.

Special Events Chairman: These include the Friends participation in the Fire and Rescue BBQ in April, Field of Honor Flag sales in November, Friends of Libraries Week in October and The Christmas Tree in Town Square. The chair will be working with other Board members to promote these events

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THE PERFECT BRAIN FOOD

(Excerpt from Reader's Digest)

Reading isn't just filling your head — it's nourishing it. The cheapest, easiest, and most time-tested way to sharpen your brain is right in front of your face. It's called **Reading**.

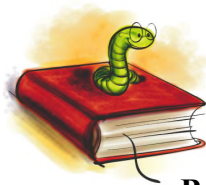
"Typically when you read, you have more time to think. Reading gives you a unique pause button for comprehension and insight. By and large, with oral language—when you watch a film or listen to a tape—you don't press pause," says Maryanne Wolf, EdD, UCLA Center for Dyslexia, Diverse Learners. And the benefits of reading continue long after you've put down that great book. Called a shadow activity, almost like a muscle memory. The very nature of reading encourages the brain to work harder and better.

OK, it's hardly surprising that the language part of the brain gets a workout from reading. But reading also energizes the region responsible for motor activity. When it is reading about a physical activity, the neurons that control that activity get busy as well. You may not be riding a horse when you're reading *Seabiscuit*, but your brain acts as if it is. And the more parts of your brain that get a workout, the better it is for your overall cognitive performance.

Close literary reading in particular gives your brain a major workout. MRI scans showed reading deep into a Jane Austen novel showed an increase in blood flowing to areas of the brain that control both cognitive and executive function, as opposed to more limited effects from more leisurely reading.

A book can help a poor or dyslexic reader. One hundred hours of remedial reading classes significantly improved the quality of their brains' white matter. Researchers conclusion: The brains of these children had begun to rewire themselves in ways that could benefit the entire brain, not only the reading-centric temporal cortex.

So turn off your phone and your computer, set aside a good hour or two and just **READ!**



BOOK REVIEW

By Sharon Hunter

Before We Were Yours

By Lisa Wingate

"Loved the characters" "Easy read" "Well developed story" "A clear depiction of life in those times" All of these comments and more gave the novel *Before We Were Yours* a five star rating by the majority of the members in my reading group.

Five children live on a shanty boat during the depression. Their parents can barely provide for them, but they live a loving relationship. Queenie, their mother is pregnant again, but has a difficult birthing and has to go to a hospital. She dies, along with the twin babies, and the father mistakenly signs the children away to a horrible orphanage. The experiences the siblings have and how they cope is the focus of the novel. Of the five, three sisters manage to stay in touch and maintain a close relationship as adults.

The need for child protection laws to be put in place became evident during the historical period of the times. For example, the children in the orphanage were not always orphans, but were stolen outside while playing and then were sold.



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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.

MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Elise Malkowski, Library Manager



Dear Friends,

Summer will soon be here which means staff is very busy with planning and preparing for the Summer Reading Challenge. May is the month when final preparations; press releases, signs, and all other Summer Reading Challenge plans, are wrapped up. May is also the month for school library tours. This is the perfect opportunity for teachers to fill gaps in classroom assignment time with a positive and productive field trip and gives the Library staff the perfect audience to promote the **Summer Reading Challenge**. The theme this year is **It's Showtime at Your Library!** It begins June 10th and runs through July 20th and is for all ages. Thanks to the generous donations from the **Friends of the Murrieta Library** and local businesses, the Library will continue to provide fun and engaging programs this summer.

The Library now has free access to two new databases, Britannica and Teaching Books. In June of 2017, \$3 million was provided by the State of California for online library databases for California's K-12 students. Britannica and Teaching Books voluntarily, and at no extra charge to the state, made available these two databases to all public libraries in California. Links to the databases can be found on the Library's web page www.murrietalibrary.info under the E-Resources, Children's and Teen links.

In March, the **Friends of the Murrieta Library Board** voted to donate \$50,000 for the upcoming 2019-2020 fiscal year. The money will be spent on performers, supplies for programs and collection development. The Library is very appreciative of the continued support from the Friends; without their generous donations we could not provide the level of programming and collections that we do.

Have a great



“One benefit of Summer is that each day you have more light to read by.”

.....Jeanette Walls, The Glass Castle

“The only thing you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.”.....Albert Einstein

‘The most important asset of any library goes home at night—the library staff.’.....Timothy Healy

“Librarians have always been among the most thoughtful and helpful people.

They are teachers without a classroom.”.....Willard Scott

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the Library or either Bookstore.

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MEMBERSHIP.....

Karen Michaud, Chair

Happy Spring and Spring Reading! It is time now to begin our *Spring Renewal Membership Drive*. **Members who renewed last June through Fall of 2018 will need to renew their membership in June 2019.**

Please fill out the form provided in our *Booknotes* and return it with a check to either the Town Square or Corner Bookstores or mail your renewal membership to: FOML P.O. Box 235, Murrieta, CA 92564. Thank you so much!!

WELCOME and THANK YOU to all our new members since the beginning of 2019. We welcome you and thank you for for joining us in supporting the Murrieta Public Library:

Eve & Steven Gaal, Gloria Bockrath, Orelia Moore, Karen & Barry Robertson, Paul Parker, Erika Vergara, Daniella Duca, Joseph A. Kereta, Jeff R. Salsbury, (Lifetime Member), Emma Agajanian, Marilyn Wood, Peter Thorwarth.

KUDOS to new member Peter Thorwarth who spoke at the April 16th City Council Meeting praising the Murrieta Public Library for their wonderful programs that are so well attended. He brought to the attention of the City Council the Library's very serious need for additional space and the need for a building expansion. (Long overdue...Editor's note)

He is also serving as a Commissioner on the city's Traffic Commission. He encouraged people with any traffic issues to attend their meetings the 3rd Monday of the month in the city's council chambers. The meetings are held at 6:00 P.M.

“TRY TO BE A RAINBOW IN SOMEONE’S CLOUD.”

.....Maya Angelou

Our **Murrieta Museum** had its Grand Opening on Sunday, April 28th, along with the 72nd Fire Fighters and Rescue BBQ. The museum is located at 41810 Juniper, across from the main fire station. They have done a really nice job displaying much of Murrieta's history, with more to come as more items are donated. Presently, they are open only on Thursday from 1—4 P.M., but hope to add Saturdays soon. (951-387-4862)

SPECIAL DAYS IN MAY

- May 12—Mother’s Day
- May 15—Peace Officers Memorial Day
- May 18—Armed Forces Day
- May 27—Memorial Day-Town Square Park—8 A.M.



SPECIAL DAYS IN JUNE

June 6, 1944—Lest we forget—**D-Day**. Under command of Dwight D. Eisenhower, 156,000 American, British and Canadian forces landed on France’s Normandy beaches that were heavily fortified by the Germans. It is estimated at least 4,413 American lives were lost, but it marked a decisive turn in the war. Less than a year later, May 7, 1945, Germany signed an unconditional surrender.

June 16—Father’s Day — Car Show—Cal Oaks Park



June 21—First Day of Summer

In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*



*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

By Lt.-Col. John McCrae, a member of the first Canadian contingent. He died in France on January 28, 1918, after four years of service on the western front.

“The Most Powerful leadership tool you have is your own personal example.”

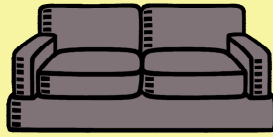
.....John Wooden, Retired UCLA Basketball Coach

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