

BOOKNOTES



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings at the start of another year! At the General Meeting last month, I forgot to announce the new officers. They are as follows:

Becky Engle, President
Judy Call, Vice President
Aimée Fitch, Secretary
Carol Carson, Treasurer

Art Razo, Maggie Pilotte, LaVerna Fuller and Jeanne Nelson retired from the Board this year. Judy Call, Aimée Fitch, Becky Engle, Gayle Overby and Lorrie Thomas were elected to fill their positions.

I've set some priorities that the Board will be working on this year.

We will be revising the Bylaws to make them more practical for everyday operation.. These Bylaws revisions will be presented to the Membership for adoption.

We are establishing a Finance Committee that will prepare an Annual Budget and an Investment Policy. Our funds set aside for Library use need to earn the maximum possible while safely preserving the funds.

We will establish a Bookstore Committee that will set the Board policy for operating the Bookstores. These will be broad operating procedures for both bookstores, not extremely detailed day-to-day operating rules. I would like to do an anonymous survey of all the members about the Bookstores for input to the Committee on these policies.

We will establish an Internet Committee that will establish written procedures for book selection for Internet sales and train members to do Internet sales.

PROGRAMS

Please join us at **11:30 AM** on **March 16th** for a most enjoyable program on the **Life and Works of Erle Stanley Gardner**. Many of us remember the wonderful Perry Mason series decades ago and may also have read some of the 700+ books by Gardner. Our guest, Steve Williamson of the Temecula Museum, will share many interesting stories of Gardner's life. Erle Stanley Gardner is one of Temecula's most famous citizens. If you brush up on your Perry Mason trivia you may even be the winner of one of our prizes!

In April we welcome **Pianist Ron Gentile**. Isn't it wonderful to enjoy our beautiful piano again this Spring? Mr. Gentile is a feature pianist for the Home Tour of the Temecula Valley Women's Club. This program will be at **10:00 AM**, our regular meeting time, on Tuesday, **April 20th**.

Judy Bain and Maggie Pilotte
FOML Program Co-chairs



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—Continued

While these will be Board Committees, I welcome any member who wants to work on any of these committees to send me an email telling me which committee(s) they are interested in. We will need all the help we can get. Hopefully by year-end we can have these Committees up and running and future years will be just maintenance and less work. My email is beckyengle@gmail.com. Please feel free to contact me about volunteering to work on a committee or any other topic you have suggestions or comments about.

Becky Engle, President

MEMBERS: PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME FOR OUR MEETING ON MARCH 16TH. THIS IS A PROGRAM YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS. "WEARIN' OF THE GREEN" WOULD BE APPROPRIATE SINCE IT IS THE DAY BEFORE ST. PATRICK'S DAY.



MEMBERSHIP

Below are the various levels of membership:

- \$15 Individual
- \$20 Family
- \$100.....Business
- \$250.....Lifetime
- \$25.....Supporting
- \$50.....Patron

To renew, just mail your check to the address above the mailing label on this newsletter or drop it by either bookstore And **please** notify us of any address, phone or email changes. Thank you!!.

Sandra Lucas, Membership Chair

MEMBER NEWS

Several of our members have sustained injuries or been under the weather lately. Bea Evendorff fell and broke her hip. I understand she is on the mend, as well as Linda Tomlin who fell and broke a bone in her leg. Sunny Prohovsky has been having problems with arthritis, but is once again able to get around without her wheelchair. Coletha is still taking chemotherapy and will up through April. She is amazing—it is taking its toll on her, but her spirits are good and her faith unflappable. She is an inspiration to be around. Bonnie Stalaker is at home with her daughter recovering from a serious lung infection, and gaining much needed weight. Maggie and Lorrie Thomas are much better after both having bouts with pneumonia.

Our condolences to Aimee Fitch whose mother just passed away. Aimee is leaving for Pennsylvania on Wednesday. We wish her a safe trip.

There may be others dealing with health problems of which I am not aware, but we want to wish good health for any one in that situation and comfort for Aimee and her family.



JUST A THOUGHT

As I sat at our February meeting, a strong feeling of pride came over me. Listening to the Corner Store report and knowing all it takes by the many volunteers who work there to arrive at those figures; listening to Judy introduce the speaker, listening to the speaker and the message he had to impart; seeing the array of food that appears month after month from the members bringing refreshments for us to enjoy, I just felt what a privilege it is to belong to such a wonderful group of like-minded people. Judy and Maggie have done an outstanding job arranging for interesting, worthwhile programs for us to delight in and learn from. The bookstore managers go above and beyond the call of duty to keep their stores well stocked and organized so the customers can easily find the books they want. It never ceases to amaze me how beautifully they are run. Also, the time and knowledge it takes to sell books on the Internet. A special thank you to Lela Llorens for stepping in and taking over refreshments until Coletha comes back. I have singled out the Corner store and Judy because unfortunately Maggie had laryngitis and was unable to give her report or introduce this month’s speaker, for whom she had made the arrangements. And, of course, the frosting on the cake is being a part of and being able to support our fabulous Library, its staff and all the wonderful aspects of it that enrich and enhance our community.

The Editor

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

If you are at all interested, please contact the Library at 304-2665 and speak to Gretchen Sedlacheck for more information. This program has already been started and a set-up procedure is in place. It will involve approximately 15 hours a week, some of which may be done from home. This is a tremendous help to the Library so they are hoping someone will take on this much needed volunteer position.

ANNUAL FIREMAN’S BBQ—APRIL 18TH

Volunteers needed—Call Carol Van Dorn— 461-2381

OUR LOGO

Our Logo represents:



~Libraries and Book Lovers~The Open Book in the Background

~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”

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Dear Friends ~

Two special occasions will be celebrated during the months of March and April: the Murrieta Public Library's third birthday and National Library Week. On one hand, it is so hard to believe that the Library has been in the existing facility for three years and yet it seems like we have always lived here! Library and City staff works hard to make sure the building looks great and is kept in tip-top shape! We still receive many compliments about how beautiful the Library looks and on how functional it is. The most wonderful part about the Library is how the collection has grown in size ~ we now have 95,000 items ~ compared to the 35,000 originally housed in the previous library on Los Alamos Road and the 70,000 that was available as an opening day collection! The quality of the collection is the most important aspect and our great Principal Librarian Elise Malkowski and Supervising Librarian of Youth Services Beth Jones make sure that you are getting the best sellers as well as the very best non-fiction and other fiction to quench your thirst for knowledge and recreation! As I have mentioned in previous letters to you, the Library is very well used and continues to see the use increase significantly over time.

This brings me to my next topic: that of celebrating National Library Week, which is from April 11 through April 17, 2010. As our economy has been hard in so many ways on all of us, the Library has met the challenge of providing assistance, resources, and computers to the community. All of this seems "business as usual," but it is not. Library staff determined that *on average*, each person who used the Library last year saved \$185 each. Obviously, the more you use the Library, the more you save. However, as a Librarian who likes to buy books, I also have to point out that the quality of service one receives at the Library compared to that of a retail bookstore is *invaluable!* Case in point: I was at a large bookstore recently, looking for historical books on the Olympics. They had NONE! I asked where the books were located (after searching for 30+ minutes) and was told that 'no information is available' (!) When I asked specifically for historical books on the Olympics, I was told that 'probably nothing is in print!' EGADS! There are so many reasons to celebrate the existence of libraries! As a country, we are so very lucky that we have libraries with staff who are educated and dedicated to providing excellent service, and on whom we can rely for up-to-date information on a wide variety of subjects, with access to computers and other

services ~ all for free! Having access to this wonderful resource is truly a privilege and many thanks to our City Council and Friends for your continuing support!

Speaking of support: as many of you might be aware, the Murrieta Public Library Foundation has now established itself and has a website: <http://www.murrietalibraryfoundation.org>. The main goal of the Foundation is to seek private funding and to establish endowments for the long-term growth of the Library's technical, cultural programming, and facility needs. Most public libraries have both a Friends and a Foundation to support short-term and long-term financial goals. Murrietans are truly fortunate to have such dedicated residents from within the community who work tirelessly to support the Library such as the working Friends and Foundation Board members.

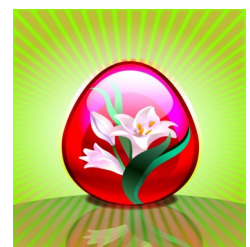
As I mentioned earlier, the challenges of our current economy have impacted everyone, including the Library. We are making every effort to work smarter and not harder. By the time you read the Book Notes, you will already have received the City's Recreation Brochure in your mailbox. You will notice that the Library now has four pages of information as part of the Brochure! Instead of printing thousands of flyers to distribute to the kids via the School District, the Community Services Department graciously offered space in the Recreation Brochure to the Library. You will see all of the Library's spring and summer programs, as well as other basic Library information as part of the spring Brochure! This will save the Library several thousand dollars in printing and distribution costs and assures us, at the same time, that each household will receive Library program information! For more information on Library events, be sure to look at the Library's web page at www.murrietalibrary.info !

Happy Spring!
Loretta McKinney
Director of Library Services

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AND



AND HAPPY EASTER



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MEETINGS

3rd Tuesday—10:00 a.m.
 Library Community Room



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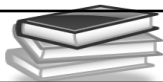
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6:30 P.M.— 3rd Monday

Council Chambers

BOOK DISCUSSION

3rd Wednesday — 1:00 PM

Library Community Room

Adams and B Street

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