



THE MEN IN OUR MIDST



We have some wonderful “behind the scenes” men in our group whose expertise, support and dependability are outstanding. Our organization would be hard pressed to run as efficiently as it does without them. Real “GEMS.”

Lin Farmer—our computer expert is always there for us when we have computer problems and questions. You know how it is with computers, always something, and Lin always has the answer, along with.....

Frank Fitch—another computer go-to guy.

Ron Fokken—our resident insurance expert. Who do you know that understands the complicated insurance fine print? Not many. Ron is the one we turn to for insurance questions and there again he always has the answer.

Tom Bain—who prints out the beautiful flyers for our general meeting programs, plus making up posters and gift certificates. He is so creative and talented and we are so appreciative.

Brian Youens—just a general, all-around great guy who Nancy can call on for just about anything at the Corner store and there he is - “Johnny on the spot.” He comes by at least once a week to vacuum and to help with all the “tall person” jobs such as ceiling light changes and hanging ceiling-mounted category signs.

Art Razo—who continues to be a major force, especially at the Town Square store; helping with Special Events; and, also now, doing special tasks directly for the Library..

Jim Engle—checked on the Treasurer to be sure she was doing everything right and made helpful suggestions when it was necessary. He felt he could turn her loose, but is still available if needed. Invaluable help!

Ed Van Dorn—helps his wife, Carol, with any and all of our Special Events. He is ready, willing and able and these events run much more smoothly with Ed’s knowing how it all works and making sure it does. He also transports books between our two bookstores.

Manny Macedo—our “man about town,” taking *multiple* bags of can’t-use-them-here books to various other charities in the area, frequently filling up the back of his SUV. He is also our handy man/assembler at the Corner store often taking things home to assemble or repair. The Macedos have also donated the computer, printer, and desk we have on the “newly expanded” side of the Corner store.

Gene Norvell—and his wife, Pat, volunteered a few years ago, but moved from the area. They have returned and immediately came back to volunteer. Thanks to Gene’s generous gift of time (along with Tracy Burton), **we are now able to stay open until 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays.**

Hugo Vecchi—not currently a member, but Hugo takes and picks up Hellen Mickel on her days at the Corner store (4, often 5, days a month); brings in the outside book cart, table and chairs, plus doing a multitude of handy man jobs we are always asking of him.

In addition, we have several “out front” guys who volunteer their time manning the bookstores, Lin Farmer, Ron Fokken, Gary Grim, Ivan Hoffard, Gene Johnson, Larry Osborne, Don Stratemeyer, Larry Wan, and Art Razo when needed—from the Town Square store—Frank Fitch, Gayle Overby, Sidney Vernon, and Brian Youens— from the Corner store. As you can see, some of them work both out front and behind the scenes.

All these bookstore volunteers are well-informed, cheerful and willing to help customers find what they are seeking. A few of them, as well as our **irreplaceable lady volunteers**, do double duty, cleaning books, shelving, organizing, and some do pricing. We expect a lot from our volunteers and they come through for us without fail. Our **heartfelt thanks** for the “hearts” you have and the time you give.



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AND THEN THERE ARE OUR TEENS AT THE CORNER

Over the past six and a half years, the Corner store has had quite a few teen volunteers, who without exception have been not only helpful, but an absolute delight to work with. The current group includes:

Lindsey Shaw—who began when she was only 14; always covered a regular shift (in her “younger years” along with her mother, Caroline). Her elder sister, Loren, also periodically helps out. As a result of her experiences at the bookstore, she is working toward her goal of becoming a librarian! All three of the Shaws were invaluable during the expansion.

McKenzie and Robert Landrum—McKenzie began volunteering a couple of years ago and was soon followed by her younger brother, Robert. Both have been excellent volunteers, and have put in hours way beyond counting. As with the Shaws, it has become a family affair, with mom Lisa frequently pitching in, as well as dad Bruce when he can. They all were on deck during the critical days of the expansion. They will be moving soon and they will be greatly missed!

Naomi Reyes—although joining us only a few months ago, Naomi has given generously of her time, volunteering all day each Saturday. She is quite artistic and made the signs for the recent sidewalk sale, spending several hours at home on the terrific product.

Casey Jacobi—Also relatively new, Casey is a willing and conscientious worker, often working with Naomi to make an invaluable team.

McKenzie, Robert, Naomi, and Casey volunteered to work the full day of the Sidewalk Sale, completely managing everything outside. They had come early to help set up, and stayed after to clean up. We truly could not have had such a successful day (\$537.00!!!) without them.

SILENT AUCTION

The Friends of the Library held a Silent Book Auction from June 4th through June 19th at the Library. The Auction consisted of 25 books on the American Civil War, some published in the late 1800s. During those 2 weeks we had several inquiries even from out of state and culminated at closing time when, with the help of several history buffs, we reached the final figure of **\$2,200.00**.

Mr. Anderson was the most dedicated bidder buying several books. The most outstanding was the 2 volume set of the “Memoirs of Ulysses Grant,” which went for \$1,005.00. We also were able to meet the until then anonymous donor of the books, Mr. and Mrs. Colburn. Apparently, they had decided to get rid of some books which they had been carrying around for years, and then recognizing the true value at the auction, bought some back.

We thank all of them for helping to make this sale a great success (and a lot of fun). We are thrilled with the results which we can turn over to the Library.

Maggie Pilotte, Co-Manager
Town Square Bookstore

MURRIETA WAR MEMORIAL



The new War Memorial in the Town Square park, close to City Hall, is a wonderful tribute to all who have served in the various Armed Forces in the various wars. The 25 ft. tall obelisk is a beautiful structure and has symbols representing all five Armed services. The first wall depicts scenes from World War II—so realistic and so meaningful. There will be six walls in all paying honor to our service people from all past and ongoing wars. This is a “MUST SEE.”

REMINDER: The Corner Store now stays open on **Saturdays until 6:00 p.m.** If you haven’t stopped in to see the new expansion and enjoy the charming children’s corner, please do. You are in for a treat.

NEEDED: Our HeadStart program needs some readers for the next season starting in September. Readers read twice per month to HeadStart classes and it’s lots of fun to see the children progress. Luanne Ferrer needs two additional readers and one substitute reader. Please give Luanne a call at 698-1031 to sign up.

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FALL, 2010 F.O.M.L. Programs

Here is what we have to look forward to this fall.....

September 21st, 2010.....Our guest will be Mr. Alfred Theurich who will discuss his new book, "Independence Day 2030, Freedom from Foreign Oil." Meeting time will be 10:00 a.m. .

October 19th, 2010 Kate Jacobs, author of the "Friday Night Knitting Club" series will be our guest. The meeting will start at **11:30 AM**.

November 16, 2010.....We are pleased to have Jeri Westerson, author of the "Crispin Guest Medieval Noir" series talk about her books. Meeting time-10:00 a.m.

Knit One, Purl One!!

We have an exciting program in October featuring guest author, Kate Jacobs. ("The Friday Night Knitting Club" book series.) We are planning to include a library fundraiser with a "knitting theme" at the time of Kate's visit. All proceeds benefit our Murrieta Library programs. How can you help, you ask?? Thanks for asking!! Right now we are looking for "crafty" people who would enjoy crocheting or knitting items for this fundraiser. (Thank you to Hellen Mickel who has already started an afghan!) We have the wonderful good fortune to have the cooperation of Debbie Holve, owner of the Daily Fiber Yarn Co. in Murrieta. She has donated some free patterns for crocheting baby hats, scarves, wash clothes, and several other items. These are super simple, quick-to-make patterns. If you have the time, we would love for you to pick up a pattern at either book store so that you can begin crocheting. Also, be sure to visit Debbie's store at 26205 Jefferson, Ste. #103 or visit the website, DailyFiberYarn.com. What a great place to browse or sign up for classes! If you already have favorite patterns of your own, please use those as well. All designs and items are welcome. In August, "Opportunity" tickets will be available for sale, through the Friends of the Murrieta Library, in the Town Square Book Store. You may be the lucky winner of a beautiful afghan, scarf, or any number of other handmade items. Tickets will be \$.50 or 12 for \$5.00. If you don't have time to knit but would like to donate new knitted or crocheted items or left over yarn, please contact Judy Bain at 951-235-5520. **Thanks!!**

NEWS OF OUR LIBRARY

Dear Friends ~

Although some of the Friends are already aware, I would like to share the news about Beth Jones' retirement plans; I would not want you to be shocked when you return from summer vacation!

Our beloved Beth ~ Murrieta Public Library's first true Children's and Teen Librarian (i.e. one whose studies specialized in children's and teen librarianship and one whose position at MPL was as THE Children's and Teen Librarian) ~ plans to transition (AKA "retire") from formally working as a Librarian to other important phases of her life on August 5, 2010.

I cannot begin to share the vast amount of expertise brought to the position by Beth nor can I describe in one mere paragraph the accomplishments and successes achieved by Beth for the Murrieta community; to try to do so would diminish who she is and what she had accomplished!

Suffice it to say that Beth Jones was successful in bringing the joy of reading and the philosophy of life-long learning to the children, parents and teachers of Murrieta through her incredible collection building, reference assistance, training of Youth Services staff, excellent and high quality programs and her incredible sense of humor and patience. Her extensive background in Circulation services and her acute management perspectives were so appreciated by Library Administration and all Library staff as well.

We will be lost without Beth Jones! I know you join me in wishing her the best on her new endeavors!

Sincerely,

Loretta McKinney
Director of Library Services

MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY
Loretta McKinney, Dir. Of Library Services
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Henry David Thoreau



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