

BOOKNOTES

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR! As we look forward to the coming year, the **Friends** will be working diligently toward continuing our support of the Murrieta Library. The ground breaking for the new Library will be held in early spring and hopes are high that the new Library will be completed sometime during the summer of 2006. At the **Friends'** annual meeting in January, the election of officers was held for the **Friends** Board of Directors. Art Razo, Sunny Prohovsky and Eleanor Newhard were elected to 3-year terms. Officers for the Board were elected as follows: President, Roberta Fokken, Vice President, Maggie Pilotte, Secretary, Pat Farmer and Treasurer, Carol Carson. Gerry Skeen, our past Vice President, completed her term on the board and chose not to run again. Gerry was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for her 3 years of service on the board for chairing the Ways and Means committee for the past year. Continuing on the Board will be Nancy Dixon, Bookstore Manager, and Polly Filanc our Hospitality Chair.

Please take special note of the **Year End Financial Report** shown on the back page. We are very proud of our hardworking band

HEADSTART BOOKS

The Friends' Book Elves were busy December 16 and 17 at HeadStart, Murrieta delivering the exciting selection of new children's books donated by our members. 103 books went to HeadStart and an additional 33 were delivered to the Murrieta Fire Department for distribution to needy families.

Chief Elf, Luanne Ferrer, thanks our members for ensuring that the HeadStart regulations were followed (almost) re non-religious and English only books. We learn something each year, and this season's observation was that books with dust jackets were confusing to pre-schoolers and the jackets were quickly misplaced, so hard cover only will be added to next year's criteria.

Special thanks go to Eleanor Kendrick, LaVerna Fuller, Doris Strahm, Irene Zelon, Sammie Sellers, Pat Farmer, Hellen Mickel, Maggie Pilotte, Margaret Jones, Pat Ellerd, Eleanor Newhard, Ruth Zepede and media Elf Nancy Dixon.

Stop by the Bookstore to see the handmade Thank You cards we received from the children. We had as much fun handing the books out as the children did getting them.

Luanne Ferrer

of volunteers who have made this possible.

We are very lucky to have so many volunteers available and anxious to give their time to support the Friends and their many projects. If you are not already giving your time to one of the Projects and wish to do so, please call me or any Friends member to let us know you wish to be involved. One way to be informed is by attending the Friends' meetings held at the Murrieta Police Department on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Thank you for your continued support.

Roberta Fokken

LIBRARY NEWS

The new Murrieta Public Library is moving along. We are getting comments back from the Office of Library Construction and we will be sending our construction documents to them within a few weeks. The council approved an agenda item for a prequalification process for construction manager. All these steps get us closer to the groundbreaking, which gets us closer to actual construction, which gets us closer to an opening!

There are many exciting things in the works. A sign will be placed near the Library's site. This will have announcements regarding the new Library such as upcoming bidding, construction progress, general information, or anything staff feels the public would find interesting. It is not for advertising, but information. We are very excited about it.

Also, February is *Library Lover's Month*. We will kick off the month with a FOOD FOR FINES program. You can bring one can of food for each dollar to be removed from your patron record. You can bring up to 10 cans or \$10 to the Library February 1st through February 5th. This is for Murrieta residents only. All cans of food will be taken to St. Martha's Pantry. Council presented a proclamation at the January 18th council meeting.

We received a \$150,000 grant for literacy to be used for the new Library. Most of the grant is for technology and materials. We received a grant of \$45,000 to be applied to our video conferencing center.

SO—watch for the sign and get ready for a groundbreaking in early Spring.

Diane Satchwell, City Librarian

“We are cups, constantly and quietly being filled. The trick is knowing how to tip ourselves over and let the beautiful stuff out.”Ray Bradbury



IN SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes to Carol Kravagna in the loss of her long time partner, John McElroy. John was an old time resident of Murrieta. He is one of a threesome that initiated the Cityhood process for Murrieta to become a city.

John was a businessman, a farmer at heart, a pilot, a collector and a connoisseur of many things. One of his hobbies was collecting jukeboxes and slot machines and restoring them to mint condition. Going to John and Carol's house was like going to a museum. He and Carol shared many other interests and enjoyed displaying their various collections to their friends. John was always generous and gave away many of the flowers and produce he and Carol grew on their property.

The reason we are able to celebrate Murrieta's birthday each year, is due to John, Tex McAlister and George Walker. And from that beginning, thanks to Carol and her dear friend, Dottie Renon, The Friends of the Murrieta Library was born. Then came our much needed Library and Bookstore and now we have our new Library to look forward to. Many thanks, posthumously, to John for his vision, dedication and hard work for this community. Memorial donations are being received in John's memory.



THANK YOU!

To: **Shana** Smith for doing the hairstyles for our very successful Style Show. This is **Shana's** third year donating her time to our Style Show and she certainly enhanced our already lovely models. **Shana** is also a Sponsor (see her ad on the Sponsors Page) and a business member. Thank you so much, **Shana!** We appreciate your support and your talent.

POETRY CONTEST

Sixty-nine poems were received and fifteen met the standards set by Jeanne Nelson and Luanne Ferrer. North County Times is providing the medallions ordered through Eagles Mark in Murrieta. The five judges are ranking the poems presently. The winners will be named in a box ad in The Californian on Monday, February 14 and poems will be read, awards given and checks presented at the City Council meeting February 15. Guidant Corporation has increased their donation this year to \$2,500.00. \$1,250.00 each will be given to the Murrieta Public Library and to Murrieta Vista High School.

Luanne Ferrer

Library Advisory Commission
Bi-Monthly—6:30 P.M.— 3rd Monday
City Council Chambers—Open to the public.

DISTRICT SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWS

The holidays are finally over. Elementary school libraries held very successful holiday reading programs, with guest readers sharing their favorite holiday books. Both students and teachers enjoy this opportunity to hear a story read with enthusiasm.

Besides being fun, reading aloud supports the curriculum. Students practice listening skills, slower readers are introduced to books they might not otherwise read, and an appreciation of books and reading is modeled.

All the schools are participating in the California Young Reader Medal reading program. For information on this program, go to <http://www.cla-net.org/awards/cyrm.php>

The next elementary school to open will be Antelope Hills Elementary in 2005-06. A "Friends of the Antelope Hills School Library" is being formed to help collect books for the new library, and to process books already purchased. As the **Friends of the Murrieta Library** know, a **FRIENDS** group is a wonderful support for the library.

Jeanne Nelson, Library/Media Services Coordinator
Murrieta Valley Unified School District

MEMBER NEWS

- The **FRIENDS** received their annual interest from the Town Hall Association in the amount of \$2,400.00. This money will go directly into the Dorothy Renon Endowment Fund as soon as it matures in March.
- The FOLUSA newsletter is posted in the Bookstore workroom. Board members especially should take time to glance through it. It has some good ideas and suggestions.
- The minutes of the Board meetings are available for review at the Bookstore in the back. If there is anything you would like to have discussed either at the Board meeting or the General meeting, let President Roberta know as it needs to be put on the agenda. You may also pick up a copy of the Membership Directory at the Bookstore.
- A notebook is available at all **FRIENDS'** meetings containing a copy of the By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation and financial information for members' review.

FRIENDS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

3rd Wednesday of each month—1:30 P.M.

Small Community Center Building

(No meeting the month of December)

It is not necessary to be a member of the **FRIENDS**

For more information call 600-1875 or 696-7729



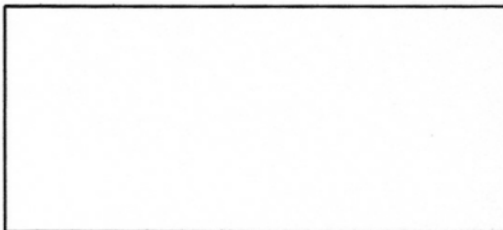
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YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT

Bookstore Net Profit*	\$12,386.48
Style Show Net Profit	11,047.45
Special Event Fundraisers**	1,096.50
Following funds are in restricted C/Ds waiting for the new library to open:	
Collection Development Trust Fund	\$76,254.96
Dorothy Renon Endowment Fund	25,970.29
David M. Carson Mural Fund	13,352.13
Library Garden Trust Fund	1,045.98
Temporary C/D	\$16,059.60 (to be transferred when principal C/Ds mature)

We will also be adding additional monies to the above C/Ds from our fundraising profits at their maturity dates.

*Includes internet sales

**Silent Book Auction, Fireman's Barbecue, Birthday Bash, Erle Stanley Gardner Mystery Weekend

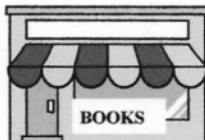
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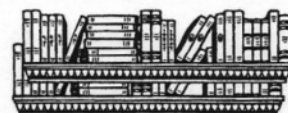
FRIENDS BOOKSTORE

Murrieta Gateway Center
39445 B Los Alamos Road
(Across the parking lot from the Library)
PHONE: 677-5350

HOURS:
Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Sat.
10:00 to 4:00
Wed. & Fri. 10:00 to 6:00



**GOOD
USED BOOKS NEEDED**



VOLUNTEERS Wanted
Must be a member of the FRIENDS
Come in and sign up or call
Nancy Dixon, Manager

No experience necessary.
Pleasant working conditions.



PROCEEDS BENEFIT MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY

(Cut off and mail form below - - - - -



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NEW MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL FORM

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY, ZIP CODE _____
PHONE: _____ Date: _____

Specify Any Special Committee Interests:

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P.O. 235, MURRIETA 92564

MEMBERSHIP DUES
(Subject to change)

Individual	10.00
Family	15.00
Supporting	25.00
Patron	50.00
Business	100.00

LIFETIME 250.00

Lifetime Members will be honored with an engraved leaf on the "TREE" in the library.

Membership expiration date is shown on your address label to enable you to renew on time.

AMOUNT

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