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Book & Technology Endowment Fund

President Glendy Chiang's Message



Welcome to our December Newsletter! The year is drawing to a close, and as I think about everything the Friends accomplished in 2018, I am amazed, proud and thankful. What a year it has been!

In January, the Friends hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Reception to recognize and thank all the volunteers who silently and generously contribute to our community. Thanks go to Rosette Clippinger and Paula Block for managing this event successfully.

In the spring, the Friends participated in Diamond Bar's annual City Birthday Party in Pantera Park by hosting the Beer and Wine Garden. This is an event during which we get to introduce ourselves and our mission to hundreds of local residents. It is also a lot of work setting up, staffing and cleaning up after the Birthday Party is over; all credit goes to Dennis Giardina and Camille Jones for their organizational skills in making this a fun and successful event. Also in the spring, we held our 25th annual Wine Soirée and Benefit Auction. This is our major annual fund raiser. It takes the efforts of scores of volunteers over several months to prepare for the Soirée, and then to staff it on the day it is held. The success of the Soirée determines the level of support we will be able to provide the Library in the year to come. Many thanks to the Chairs: Dana Cox, Nancy Lyons, Rick Rogers and Tony Torng.

Throughout the year our BasicallyBOOKS book stores operated six days a week, staffed entirely by volunteers. The stores also held several *Buck-A-Bag* book sales, each sale drawing great crowds of happy book lovers. And in August we held our annual summer *Big Sale of Books* in the Library's Windmill Room, selling thousands of books to hundreds of readers in the course of a very busy 6 hours. Many thanks to our more than 50 dedicated book store volunteers, and to our wonderful manager Peggy Murphy who directs their efforts to keep the stores operating throughout the year.

In September, the Friends jointly worked with the LA County Library to promote the concept of the *Power of Reading* as well as the fantastic array of services that LA Libraries provide to residents. The Director of the LA County Library, Skye Patrick, and her team set up 6 booths and more than 15 representatives from the news media attended the Media Conference at the Diamond Bar Library. The response to this unique event was overwhelmingly positive. We are proud of the support that the Friends provided the LA County Library.

The entire month of October was filled with *Read Together Diamond Bar* events focused around the books *Lion*, *Far From The Tree* and *Wall* (each dealing with the theme of family separation). RTDB and culminated in a wonderful afternoon featuring a presentation by *Far From The Tree* author Robin Benway, and the introduction of the three winners of our annual *How a Book Changed My Life* student essay contest winners. Many thanks to Rachel Kirk, Kathleen Newe and Community Library Manager Pui Ching Ho for making RTDB a resounding success.

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In November, the Friends hosted our annual *Librarian Appreciation Luncheon*, with which we recognize and thank the librarians of our local middle and high schools for their dedication and efforts in promoting the love of reading and books to young students. Many thanks to Kiran Kumar for again successfully managing this special annual event. November also saw our second *Gently Used Purse Sale*, which was again a big success. Special thanks to Susan Pantages for leading this fund raiser, as well as to the many donors of purses and to the volunteers who helped sort, clean, label, transport and sell over 500 purses.

Quite a year! All of these activities, and many more, are undertaken by very special people who like reading and want to help their community. They volunteer their time and work many hours to make these projects come to reality. I am so grateful for each of them and wish to sincerely thank them all. And I want to thank you, gentle reader, for your support of the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library. Together with the Board of the Friends, I wish you a safe and happy holiday season, and a peaceful and healthy New Year in 2019.

Lastly, I want to say that it has been my honor to serve as the President of this fantastic organization during the past two years. As my term as President draws to a close, I want to sincerely thank each Board member for their unwavering support and unselfish dedication. It has been a busy, exciting and rewarding two years and I shall always be grateful for serving with the BEST community organization in Diamond Bar – the Friends of the Library!

P.S. – *Save the Date* – April 14, 2019 – the 26th and best ever **Wine Soirée!**

Thank you all,
Glendy Chiang



A Message from Librarian Pui-Ching Ho *New LA County Library App is Here!*



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Now available in the App Store and Google Play, simply search LA County Library in the store. Enjoy the new LA County Library App!



Annual School Librarian Appreciation Luncheon

It has been a tradition during the Thanksgiving season for the Friends of the Library to honor our school librarians with a special luncheon.

This year's luncheon was held in the Windmill room on November 8, 2018. In attendance were Council Member Nancy Lyons and City Manager Dan Fox. Representing the L.A. County Library System, Jim Allred, Director of Volunteer Services. Also in the audience were Walnut School District Superintendent, Dr. Robert Taylor and Interim Assistant Superintendent Jackie Brown. Pomona School Superintendent Dr. Richard Martinez and Director of Curriculum and Instruction –Secondary Monica Principe. And our honored guests, our Diamond Bar School Principals and Librarians.

The Diamond Bar Library offers a variety of activities and workshops for children and adults. School Principals and Librarians were given the November calendar to share with teachers. The County Library website provides updates about monthly activities. We hope teachers will encourage students to use our Library resources to extend classroom learning.

The lunch was catered by “Chili’s” and enjoyed by all. The centerpieces were a very creative use of magazine jackets. Book bags for all attendees were donated by our Founding Member Maya Lalvani, and Thank You to Adesu Company for a generous donation of wireless computer mice.

Returning School Principals and Librarians look forward to this annual event and newer staff members enjoyed the introduction to the resources available. We hope our partnerships continue.

Student Essay Contest Winners

Each year as part of the Read Together Diamond Bar activities the Friends of the Library, in concert with the American Association of University Women, sponsor a writing contest for local students. The contest involves writing an essay explaining “How a Book Changed My Life.” Students from ages 13 to 18 are encouraged to write a personal letter to any author, living or dead, explaining how that author’s work changed their way of thinking about the world or themselves. The committee reviewing the essays has a very difficult job, as so many excellent entries are received. The committee made its selections and the three winning students for this year were recently announced:



Ryan Chan’s selected book was *Hooked on Games: the Lure and Cost of Video Games and Internet Addiction* by Dr. Andrew P. Doan. (Note: Ryan Chan is a repeat winner of the annual essay contest.)

Zara Fiaz’s selected book was *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer.

Valerie Tran’s selected book was *The Yellow Wallpaper* by Charlotte Gilman.

The three winning essays are currently on display in the Diamond Bar Library. They are each very powerful, very personal, and extremely well-written. The Friends encourage our newsletter readers to visit the Diamond Bar Library and seek out the winning essays. We are sure you will be as impressed as the judging committee was with the work of Mr. Chan, Ms. Fiaz and Ms. Tran.



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Membership envelopes are available at:

The Diamond Bar Library
21800 Copley Dr.
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Basically BOOKS
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Or you may mail your membership dues or donation to:

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Thanks for being “A Friend!”

Meet PATI KUBO - A Volunteer at Basically Books



Ok, here it goes. My name is Pati Kubo. Age 63. Married 30 years but just celebrated our 7th wedding anniversary (just a little brain teaser! Will reveal the answer to that puzzler later on. Now you will have to read the complete article). My husband is Steve and we have two children, Riley (daughter) and Harry (son).

I retired as pharmacy manager from Kaiser in 2015, where I worked for 37 years,

I am a resident of Diamond Bar. When we first bought our home we were residents of an unincorporated area of Walnut. So I claim dual citizenship of both Walnut and Diamond Bar. We have lived in this house for 28 years.

No, I am not currently a member of the Friends of the Library, but you have now shamed me into applying for membership. Hopefully the rigorous pre-screening won't be an obstacle.

I have volunteered for 2 years plus. I had just retired and decided I would like to try some community work. As it was my first foray into the wonderful world of volunteering, I did not know what to expect, I was warmly welcomed by Peggy Murphy. A gem of a manager, I found myself surrounded by friendly and caring individuals with different strengths and expertise. I quickly realized that flexibility with scheduling and Peggy's patience were a perfect fit for me.

I enjoy volunteering at both the library store and the Golden Springs bookstore. I work every Saturday afternoon, unless traveling interferes. So you can either find me at the library or the bookstore on any Saturday.

I love murder mysteries and crime novels. Currently my favorite author is Karin Fossum. The main character is a Norwegian detective. Just finished *HellFire*. I plan to read the PBS Great Reads list. So I have chosen *Bless Me Ultima* as my first book from the list. I have read about 20 of the 100, so I have a ways to go. One of my favorite books of all time is *To Kill a Mockingbird*. It was voted the number one on the list. Some favorite books I read this year were *The School of Essential Ingredients*, *The Gentleman from Moscow* and *A Man Named Ove*.

Two things I care to share with the membership. One: my most unusual job was bunching green onions during the summer. Two: the answer to the brain teaser: Steve and I were married on leap year day. Married 30 years but only celebrated 7 anniversaries.



Save the Date! - Sunday, April 14, 2019

The 26th annual *Wine Soirée and Benefit Auction* will be held at the Diamond Bar Center – food, wine and friends, live and silent auctions, raffle and door prizes –the best event in town! Join us as we remember Hollywood with:

Lights, Camera, Auction!

Mark your calendars now and don't miss the 26th Soirée! More information will be available on the Friends of the Library web site at www.dblibraryfriends.org

Read Together Diamond Bar

Read Together Diamond Bar is sponsored by the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library each October. RTDB is intended to help bring the community together by encouraging residents to read and discuss the same book, sharing viewpoints and encouraging communication and understanding. Each year a book is chosen for adult readers, as well as similarly-themed books for young adult readers and for children.

This year the book *Lion* by Saroo Brierly was chosen as the adult book, *Far From The Tree* by Robin Benway was chosen for young adult readers and *Wall* by Tom Clohosey Cole was chosen as the children's book. Each of the books dealt with family separation. Throughout RTDB events were held at the Library focusing on the books and their theme, culminating on November 17th with a presentation by *Far From The Tree* author Robin Benway. RTDB is a very popular program and each event draws a large and appreciative audience. The formidable organizational skills of Community Library Manager Pui-Ching Ho is a major factor in the success of RTDB, together with the vision, dedication and enthusiasm of Board Members Rachel Kirk and Kathleen Newe.



Library Endowment Fund



Thinking of charitable giving this holiday season? Or maybe Estate Planning? We humbly suggest you consider the Library Book & Technology Endowment Fund. Some years ago the Friends of the Library established an Endowment Fund which is devoted solely to the support of Diamond Bar's Library. "Books" are the items in the Library's collections, and include printed materials (such as books) and digital materials (CDs, DVDs, etc.). "Technology" refers to the electronic devices (such as computers) that assist library patrons in accessing and reading materials.

Please consider the Endowment Fund as you are making your holiday gifting decisions. For more information please contact Friends of the Library Endowment Chair, Mr. Jim Hackett, at (909) 573-6811 or at jim@diamond-pointe.net



The Friends of the Library



The Diamond Bar Friends of the Library is a registered, tax-exempt 501c3, non-profit community service organization. The Friends are governed by a 24-person Board of Directors. Board meetings are held monthly and are open to the public. Meetings are normally held at 8:30 am the second Saturday of each month in the Windmill Room of the Diamond Bar Library.

The Friends are an *entirely volunteer organization* – there is *no paid staff*. The Board members, the staff of the book stores, the workers at our fund raising events, are all volunteers. If you would like to become a member of this special organization, we welcome you – please contact us!



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