



President Chris Ko's Message

Dear Friends,

It has been an honor serving as the President of the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library for the last two years. I admittedly was a little timid being handed the reins to such a dynamic organization. But being President for two years has confirmed what many people had advised me (and which frankly I already knew), that the Friends are indeed a unique group of individuals who all have their individual talents and passions, and with these passions all come together as an organization to accomplish so many wonderful things for our community.



Please see the inside of this newsletter for articles of some of the wonderful things the Friends have been doing. They include reports on some of the activities of October's Read Together Diamond Bar, an article on Dictionaries by our Board member Gordon Van De Water, and a report on the annual Librarian Luncheon that the Friends host each November.

I personally have been very proud of everything that the Diamond Bar Friends do and stand for, and will undoubtedly continue to support this amazing group in any way that I can. I look forward to – indeed, I cannot wait for – President-elect Glendy Chiang and her Board to take the reins and with their vision and drive lift the Friends to even greater heights of success!

My thanks to all the Board and the Friends for their support over the past two years, and my best wishes to all for a happy and healthy holiday season. If you haven't yet done so, please **save the date for the next Wine Soirée**, that is going to take place on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at the Diamond Bar Center! Tickets make great stocking stuffers!

Sincerely,

Chris Ko



A Message from Librarian Pui-Ching Ho



Get your Passport at the Diamond Bar Library!

The Diamond Bar Library is now accepting Passport Applications. Please call the Diamond Bar Library for more information and to schedule an appointment at 909-861-4978. Passport applications can be picked up at the Diamond Bar Library or downloaded and printed from the U.S. Department of State website at travel.state.gov.

Additional information on how to apply for a passport, associated fees and other requirements is available on the County of Los Angeles Library website at www.colapublib.org/passport.



California Dreamin'

the 24th Annual Wine Soiree and Benefit Auction will be
Sunday, April 23rd, 2017

Fabulous Food from Local Restaurants, Wines from California and beyond to Sip and Savor, Silent and Live Auctions to get your Excitement Level Up, Raffles, Music and Friends Old and New

Save the Date!

At the Diamond Bar Center
1600 Grand Avenue
4-7 pm



20th Annual School Librarian Appreciation Luncheon

School Librarians encourage all students to read. They help students select books, keep the bookshelves well stocked and help many struggling students with online searches. In addition, they take care of textbook checkout and collection and other related duties. It has been our tradition, as we go into the Thanksgiving season, for the Friends to honor our school librarians with a special luncheon.

This year's luncheon was held in the Windmill room on November 3, 2016. In attendance were Diamond Bar Mayor Nancy Lyons and representing the L.A. County Library System, Louix Escobar Matute, East Region Administrator and Jim Allred, Director of Volunteer Services. Also in the audience were Walnut School District Superintendent, Dr. Robert Taylor. Pomona School District was represented by Director of Curriculum and Instruction –Secondary Monica Principe. And our honored guests, our Diamond Bar School Principals and Librarians.

Kiran Kumar shared information about the location of our Bookstores and the variety and range of selections available for classrooms and libraries. Teachers can collect a class set of Thesauruses for a nominal price. We can never tell which book will arouse the curiosity of a child, so it is advantageous to have classroom collections.

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 "Got Taco Party" and enjoyed by all. The centerpieces were a very creative use of old paperbacks. There was raffle for them and the winners happily took them home. 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.

Read Together Diamond Bar



The Friends of the Library and the staff of the Diamond Bar Library thank everyone who participated in Read Together Diamond Bar 2016. RTDB had many interesting and exciting events throughout the month of October that were enjoyed by people of all ages.

RTDB finished with the presentations of the three winners of the annual “How a Book Changed my Life” essay contest at our final event, featuring Sisters in Crime. All winners placed first and are listed alphabetically below:

Livia Chiang is age 16 and she wrote about the book *Me Before You*, by Jojo Moyes. Olivia is from Rowland Heights. As part of her essay, Olivia wrote: “So thank you, Ms. Moyes. Your spectacular story, *Me Before You*, will be that one book on my bookshelf that I will always gravitate toward when I need to ground myself and remind myself to be grateful of what I have.”

Victoria Gruen is age 13 and her essay was on *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott. Victoria is from Chino Hills. As part of her essay, Victoria wrote: “*Little Women* has changed my life in so many ways. It has made me think about why self-sacrifice is noble. Never giving up is important too. If I work hard enough, I can achieve my dreams.”

Miranda Tejada is age 17 and she wrote about *Lord of the Rings*, by J.R.R. Tolkien. Miranda is from Diamond Bar High School. Addressing J.R.R. Tolkien, Miranda wrote: “Your book series of *Lord of the Rings* has changed my life forever. For if not for your books and characters, I would not have made the right choices in many of life’s important questions.”

All essays were inspiring and spoke of the impact reading and literacy has in all of our lives. Stop by the Diamond Bar Library and read all three essays; they are mounted as posters and are on display near the Teen Zone.

There are many more great programs throughout the year at the Diamond Bar Library. Check out the Library website at www.colapublib.org/libs/diamondbar regularly for the most up-to-date information.



Read Together Diamond Bar and Tiny Tots



Mayor and DBFOL member Nancy Lyons worked with the City of Diamond Bar staff to bring *Read Together Diamond Bar* to the Tiny Tots program. The two groups of preschoolers enjoyed hearing *Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine & a Miracle* as read to them by their teacher, Miss Mariela. In addition they enjoyed the craft of making their own dog ears. A big thank you to Children’s Librarian Julie McCasland for supplying the craft materials.

Diamond Bar Friends Of The Library

www.dblibraryfriends.org

23535 Palomino Drive, #232

Diamond Bar, CA 91765

**NONPROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Chino, CA 91708-9998
Permit NO. 797**

Or Current Occupant



Visit Basically *BOOKS* in Diamond Bar



Basically *BOOKS*, the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library's two non-profit bookstores, are friendly places serving the community as a resource for school, work and pleasure reading at exceptionally low prices. **Gift certificates are available if you are looking for useful and unique stocking stuffers for your holiday gifts.** Bookstore locations are at 23447 Golden Springs Road (near the intersection of Golden Springs and Diamond Bar Boulevard) and the bookstore at the Diamond Bar Library, 21800 Copley Drive (across from the AQMD Building). All proceeds from both Basically *BOOKS* directly benefit the Diamond Bar Library. Call Peggy Murphy at (909) 938-0382 or email to nanapeggy3@verizon.net for more information.

And don't miss the next monthly **Buck-A-Bag Sidewalk Sale**
at the Golden Springs store –

Saturday, January 21st 9 am – 3:30 pm

There will be a variety of genres to choose from, and you can bring your own reusable bag or use paper bags that we will provide.

The Diamond Bar Friends' **Book Group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month** at 7 p.m. at Basically *BOOKS* on Golden Springs. New members are always welcome. The book for the January 23rd meeting will be *The All Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion*, by Fannie Flag.

