



Message from the President...

It's been a very busy three months for the Friends! The 20th Wine Soiree was a big success and a good time was had by all. The Friends also hosted the Beer and Wine Garden at the City of Diamond Bar's birthday party. The Spelling Bee brought over 100 spellers and their families together for an exciting competition. And to top that off, our members and County and City leaders celebrated the retirement and contributions of our dear friend Eileen Tillery.

Many thanks to the members of the Board and dedicated volunteers who made all of those events the successes that they were.

June is the month to celebrate Dads and graduates. Please drop by Basically BOOKS for a special gift to commemorate the occasion. It's a great place to

meet friends and an enjoyable way to spend some time.

Also, please be sure to check out summer programs at our library. The librarians have planned wonderful programs for readers of all ages.

Whatever your plans are for the summer, I hope you'll include fun, relaxation and a few good summer reads.

See you at the library,
Ruth Low

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

The 20th annual Wine Soirée and Benefit Auction was held Sunday, April 21st and was the most successful in many years. The Friends extend their sincere thanks to all of the many volunteers who worked so hard to make the Soirée happen, as well as the many guests who attended the Soirée and enjoyed the food, the wine, the live and silent auctions, the raffle and the music. It was a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon, and to help the library.

Co-chairs Nancy Lyons, Tony Torng and Rick Rogers would especially like to thank the donors who generously contributed all of the many auction items, and to also thank all the restaurants that donated their food and the manpower to serve it to the Soiree's guests.

The annual Soirée has become an event that many look forward to each year. It is indeed inspiring to contemplate that this annual fund raiser for the Diamond Bar Library is entirely the product of volunteers! Congratulations to all who had a hand in the success of the 20th Soirée. And save the date – the 21st Soirée will be held Sunday, April 27th, 2014.



Community Honors Eileen Tillery



On Tuesday, May 7th a ceremony was held in the Reading Garden of the Diamond Bar Library to honor the lifetime of philanthropic service of Eileen Tillery.

The Board of the Friends, the Diamond Bar City Council, representatives from the County and the State Senate, and many friends and relatives gathered to thank Eileen

for her decades of generosity and support to community service organizations throughout the eastern San Gabriel Valley. Eileen's contributions are many, including serving on the Board of the Friends of the

Library for over 19 years, and her donation of the wine that has been served at the Wine Soiree every year since its inception in 1993!

Eileen is respected and admired for her abilities and accomplishments; she is loved for her generosity and her unwavering support for education and for those in need, particularly women and young children. The City, the County and the Friends are collaborating on the creation of a plaque in Eileen's honor, to be placed in the Reading Garden.

Thank you, Eileen, for all you do and have done!



Endowment Fund Update

"Plant a tree today, and your children's children will enjoy its shade"

That was the motivation when the Friends of the Library established the Endowment Fund last July to benefit the Diamond Bar Library. The Endowment is alive and well. It is now over \$35,000 and growing. We believe one of the fastest ways to grow would be

corporate contributions. Please check to see if your company contributes to non profits and help make our fund grow. Obviously, personal contributions are more than welcomed. Please call Jim Hackett at (909) 573-6811 for contributions or questions.



BasicallyBOOKS News

The June Giant Sidewalk "Buck-A-Bag" Book Sale will be at the Golden Springs Location on June 22 from 10am to 3pm. Fill a bag (provided) with books from across all genres, pay only \$1!

Gift Alert!! \$5 Gift Certificates now available in both locations for your friends and family who love reading!

Both Stores' Monthly Specials:

June: Red dotted books throughout store only 25 cents (mass market paperbacks) and 50 cents (softcover and hardback)!

July: Authors whose last names begin with A through L on sale all month at half our usual low prices: just 50 cents to \$1 each (Excludes Specially Priced books, which are priced as marked)

August: Authors whose last names begin with M through Z on sale all month at half our usual low prices: just 50 cents to \$1 each (Excludes Specially Priced books, which are priced as marked)

Hurray for the Spelling Bee!

By Betts Griffone



Over the six years we have been holding the Inland Valley Regional Spelling Bee, we have been surprised and encouraged by the level of dedication we see in our spellers.

We had 101 schools register for our Bee this year. The preliminaries were held March 16th, for the first time in our beautiful new library,

and Jesse Lanz, our very capable (former) library manager served as pronouncer. It was an exciting day with the kids cheering for each other during the oral round. From this group we moved 35 spellers on to the finals which were held, once again, at the Clark Theater on the

campus of Mt. San Antonio College on March 23rd. We were delighted to have Dr. Bill Scroggins, the Mt. SAC President, welcome our spellers to the Bee. The finals were just as exciting as in past years, with a group of nervous spellers that came prepared to compete. After eight rounds, Jonathan Sun of South Point Middle School went out leaving Madeleine Salam, a 5th grader from Rhodes Elementary School and a 6th grader, Hannah Silvestro of St. Margaret Mary School.

For seven more rounds these two excellent spellers went back and forth spelling words that few adults, let alone elementary school kids, could spell. At the end of the 15th round Hannah Silvestro prevailed, and she will go on to compete in Washington DC at the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Hurray for you Hannah!

Friends Helping Friends

The mission of the Friends is to support the Diamond Bar Library and to encourage literacy in the community. Our activities often find us working with or along side other service organizations with similar missions - to support and improve the Diamond Bar community. Two such organizations are the Diamond

Bar Community Foundation and the Rotary Club. The Friends of the Library are pleased to include in our newsletter a flyer from the DBCF and Rotary on a fund raiser they are currently conducting. Please take a moment to read the flyer, and good luck to all who purchase raffle tickets!

MEET THE VOLUNTEER! Ellen Wyse

By Gordon J. Van De Water



Ellen Wyse is a people person – you know it the moment you meet her! You can meet this wonderful lady on Tuesday afternoons at Basically BOOKS, 23447 Golden Springs Drive (909)396-9954. She will greet you, and joke that you can't leave the store without a buying a book, but of course that's

not true! You are free to browse all you want and leave without a purchase, but the prices at this store are so low it will be a difficult thing to do.

She sometimes entertains the children who come to the store by reading to them from the extensive selection of books designated especially for kids. Why does she volunteer at the store? Mainly, it is to enjoy the bookstore staff and the wonderful customers she meets and with whom she chats. If you want cookbooks, she is the

lady who knows that area quite well. She has many interests that include swimming, gardening, watching baseball games, organizing family history documents, and even putting together jig-saw puzzles in any spare time. She is also into the Internet, and enjoys electronic items such as Kindle, and her iPhone.

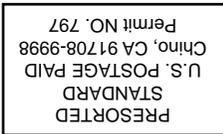
Her husband of over 50 years is Don, a man she says, is Santa Claus! Don makes an appearance during the Holiday Season at the Diamond Bar Library where the little believers love to be near him as he hands out some favored candy with many Ho-Ho-Ho's!

Reading interests for Ellen are biographies and entertaining fiction such as titles by Jodi Picoult whose well-researched medical novels are intriguing.

Drop in and say hello to Ellen. She will enjoy your company, and you will be the beneficiary once you meet her!



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Librarian’s Message...

The Summer Reading Program is here! Sign up online at SummerReadingLA.org starting June 1st, or at the Library beginning on June 17th! We are inviting everyone to join us and Read! Read! Read! Our theme for this year is “Reading is soooooo delicious!” We have a lot of great programs planned for children, teens and adults this summer at the Diamond Bar Library.

For kids: on **June 20th at 2:00 P.M.** Let’s cook up balloon story with Annie Banannie! And don’t miss Rafael & Katia’s Magic Show **on June 28th at 2:00 P.M.** On **Mondays, July 1st, 15th and 29th at 2:00 P.M.** Chef Julie is cooking up fun art activities at her *Reading is Sooo delicious Art Activity Workshop.*

For teens: on **June 11th at 2:00 P.M.** Let’s design your own travel mug which is perfect for deliciously hot beverages on the go. For those sushi lovers, we will teach you how to make a wax candle that look exactly like delicious sushi **on July 16th at 2:00 P.M.**

For adults: on **June 29th at 2:00 P.M.** We will present a Wine Pairing Workshop – Join professional sommelier Ian Blackburn to gain the skills necessary to navigate a menu, serve your friends a perfectly paired meal, and highlight flavors you may not have known existed! **On July 20th & 27th at 2:00 P.M,** come and learn the easy and effective ways to grow food at home. **On August 3rd, 10th & 17th at 2:00 P.M,** learn where to find coupons, how to shop for FREE at local area drug stores with coupons, and how to reduce your monthly grocery bill by using coupons at our ULTIMATE couponing workshop series.

Make sure to check our website, colapublib.org, for any additional programs this summer! *Many of the programs mentioned above are sponsored by the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library. Become a Friend of the Library and volunteer!*