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## President Glendy Chiang’s Message



Hello everyone and welcome to our March Newsletter. The Friends started off this New Year with our annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception, at which we recognized and thanked some of our wonderful volunteers for their efforts over the past year. It truly is the people who make the Friends of the Library the amazing organization it is. With good people, working together, there’s nothing that can’t be accomplished!

Speaking of good people working together, our Wine Soirée Committee is working hard preparing for our 25th annual Wine Soirée and Benefit Auction (**which will be held April 22 at the Diamond Bar Center – Save the date!**). The Committee is confident that this Soirée is going to be the best ever! As you may know, the Soirée is our big annual fund raiser, and the revenue raised from the Soirée enables us to support the Library’s activities for the entire year. Something you may not know is that the Soirée is produced entirely by volunteers, and that every one of the Friends who attends the Soirée, including the members of the Committee and including the wine pourers, buys a ticket to attend. We all firmly understand that the Soirée is a fund raiser, and that’s what we’re trying to do – raise funds for the Library.

So please help us! There is still time to donate an item for the auction and to purchase your tickets to attend the best party in town. Tickets can be purchased online at our website: [www.dblibraryfriends.org](http://www.dblibraryfriends.org), or at the following Diamond Bar locations: Basically BOOKS, the Diamond Bar Library, Midas Auto Service Experts or Xavier’s Florist.

The Friends anticipate another busy year in 2018, with many activities and events throughout the year in addition to the Soiree. If you would like to join in and become a member of the Friends, either of our Membership Chairs – Leslie Bellegia or MaryKay Nichols – would be happy to welcome you! You can send them an email through our website using the “Volunteer” or “Contact Us” pages. Please put “Membership” in the first line of your email.

Finally, *thank you* all for your continuing support of the Friends. See you at the Library!

Thank you all,  
*Glendy Chiang*

### Electronic Newsletter?

In future the Friends are intending to offer our quarterly newsletter in digital format for those who would prefer to receive it via email instead of via the post office. Our reasons for doing so are both to reduce our expenses (printing and postage) and to help the environment a bit by reducing our use of paper.

If you would like to receive future copies of this newsletter electronically, please provide us with your email address. You can do that by going to our web site ([www.dblibraryfriends.org](http://www.dblibraryfriends.org)), accessing the “Get Involved” tab, and then going to either the “Contact Us” or the “Volunteer” page and sending us an email. Please include the term “Electronic Mailing List” in the first or subject line of your email, and we will direct your email to our Newsletter editor. Alternatively, you can send your email address to our editor directly at [rickrogers2006@gmail.com](mailto:rickrogers2006@gmail.com). Thank you!

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and at the  
Diamond Bar Library  
21800 Copley Dr.  
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## Volunteer Appreciation Reception



Each January the Friends recognize and thank those who have played a particularly significant role in supporting the Library and the Friends during the preceding year. On January 27th the Friends, relatives and guests gathered at Heritage Park Community Center to acknowledge the contributions of some very special people. The *Bookstore Volunteer of the Year* was **Ms. Lydia Figueroa**. The *Business Leader of the Year* was **Mr. Richard Malooly** of ReMax Universal Realty in Diamond Bar. The *Volunteer of the Year* was **Mr. Rick Rogers**.

Lydia Figueroa has been volunteering at both bookstores for a few years and her contribution has become indispensable! Her boundless energy in organizing and dispensing with the numerous donations is only a small part of her contribution. She spends a lot of time visiting Goodwill, rummage sales and yard sales to find and put together series sets of books to add extra money to the bookstore coffers. This is over and above her seasonal decorating at both stores to make the ambiance so much better. Her friendly greetings make everyone, volunteers included, welcome! This was a well-deserved award!

Richard Malooly has served for years as the Master of Ceremonies at the annual Wine Soirée fund raiser, being onstage throughout the event (the poor fellow never gets to rest!) and helping to keep the Soirée on track and on time. He also makes his office space and resources available for the Friends whenever needed, which is particularly handy when we need to store 20 cases of wine glasses on short notice. Richard is a generous and loyal supporter of the Friends and can always be counted on to lend a hand, a smile and a word of encouragement. His many contributions made him the obvious choice for this much deserved award.



Rick Rogers has volunteered at the Wine Soirée for more years than he can remember, and he is currently the editor of the Friends quarterly newsletter. He also helps with the Beer and Wine Garden that the Friends operate at the City's annual Birthday Party. He is very honored – and a bit surprised - to be recognized for this award, as he well knows that there are so many members and volunteers who support and contribute to the Friends and the Library throughout the year in so many ways.

In addition to the above, President's Awards went to 3 highly-deserving individuals: **Mr. Michael W. Brown, Ms. Helen Lin, and Ms. Susan Pantages**.



Michael Brown is a Diamond Bar attorney and has been providing pro bono legal services for the Friends since our inception in 1994, when he helped us obtain our California non-profit registration. He has helped us repeatedly over the many years, whenever we needed him, asking nothing in return. He is well deserving of this (belated) recognition of his continuous outstanding support for the Friends.

Helen Lin is our Treasurer and has been doing exceptional work for us since accepting the job a few years ago. Helen fulfills all expectations with the skill and care of a true professional, and she does it with a wry sense of humor that keeps us smiling. We are lucky to have her, and are proud to honor her contributions with the President's Award.

Susan Pantages, our Board Vice President, conceived the idea of the Gently-Used-Purse sale. Many Friends were inspired by Susan's vision and helped with collecting, sorting, cleaning and labeling purses, as well as transporting, displaying and selling them on the big day. Over 700 purses were sold and more than met its goal of raising enough to recover the chairs in the Library's Children's Room. We congratulate Susan and her team for a job well done, and with the President's Award we recognize and honor Susan for her innovative ideas and successful leadership.

We congratulate each of the 2017 award recipients and sincerely thank them for their generosity of time and talent in support of our Library!

## Meet PEGGY MURPHY - A Volunteer at Basically Books

by Gordon Van De Water



Peggy Murphy is the hardworking Manager of both the Basically Books Stores (the only chain bookstore in Diamond Bar – one in downtown Diamond Bar, and the other at our beautiful Diamond Bar Public Library on Copley Drive). Peggy has been a volunteer for 11 years, and the manager of the stores since 2013. She has a staff of 50+ people who volunteer their time to sort, clean-up, and sell the donated books to the dozens of customers who are excited to spend time examining the stock available. Of course, there are dozens of categories of books available, and it takes some experience to put many of donations into the proper place. Most books sell for \$2.00 or less, but there are some, recently published, autographed, or special editions, that cost a bit more. Many find real bargains from the cart that stands outside the store at Diamond Bar Blvd. at Golden Springs Dr., and I've witnessed some bringing in an armful of wonderful material for a very small amount.

She is also a member of the Friends of the Library Board and keeps the Board updated on conditions and finances of the bookstores.

Originally from Spokane, Washington, she came to California in 1980, returned for personal reasons, and came back to California in the year 2000. She resides in Pomona, in what is called a “mother-in-law” house behind the main house that houses her daughter, son-in-law, and three grandkids. Another daughter with three more grandkids lives in nearby Rancho Cucamonga. With all those grandchildren she is very involved with sports activities and school programs!

Peggy has been a professional Pet Sitter for twenty years. When pet owners go on vacation and want someone to feed and water the pets, usually cats and dogs, Peggy is the person to call. She has even been known to care for a tarantula, an unusual pet to be sure. She also, if requested, will walk the dog.

Peggy also attends the United Church of Christ, including being a member of the choir. Over time she has encouraged a few church members to serve as volunteers at Basically Books. Peggy Murphy is one busy lady!!



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## Dianne Forbing

The Friends are saddened by the recent passing of Dianne Forbing. Dianne was a long time Board member and was President of the Board in 2007. She volunteered at Basically BOOKS for many years and she and her husband John were strong supporters of the Wine Soirée, where Dianne could usually be found pouring wine at the Zinfandel table. She is survived by her husband John, daughter Stacy and grandchildren Logan and Kamden.



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## Basically BOOKS

Basically *BOOKS*, the Friends of the Library's two non-profit bookstores, are friendly places serving the community and staffed by helpful volunteers. Both locations – 23447 Golden Springs (across from Lorbeer Junior High) and 21800 Copley Drive (inside the Diamond Bar Library, across from the AQMD building) offer hundreds of books to appeal to both casual and serious readers, and at remarkably low prices! Come in and see for yourself; the stock of books for sale rotates at a regular pace and there are always new selections to choose from.

Don't miss the famous Buck-A-Bag Sidewalk Sales held each month at the Golden Springs location. Dates for upcoming Buck-A-Bag sales are April 21st, May 19th and June 16th. The sales run from 9 am to 2:30 pm.

**Diamond Bar Friends Of The Library**

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## **Hello Friends!**

The Diamond Bar Friends of the Library would like for you to “BE A FRIEND” supporting our membership! Annual membership costs are as follows:

Senior Citizen	\$5.00
Individual	\$10.00
Merchant, Business, Organization Sponsor	\$100.00
Lifetime Membership	\$150.00
Donation	\$_____

Membership envelopes are available at:

**The Diamond Bar Library**  
**21800 Copley Dr.**  
**Diamond Bar, CA 91765**

**or**

**Basically BOOKS**  
**23447 Golden Springs Dr.**  
**Diamond Bar, CA 91765**

Or you may mail your membership dues or donation to:

DIAMOND BAR FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY  
23535 Palomino Drive, #232  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

*Thanks for being “A Friend!”*



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**25TH ANNUAL  
WINE SOIRÉE AND  
BENEFIT AUCTION**

**Sunday, April 22, 2018, 4 – 7 pm**

**Diamond Bar Center**

1600 Grand Avenue,  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

***Food, Wine, Music, Auctions, Fun!***

**Tickets: \$65**

**Tickets are available in Diamond Bar at**

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Or online at [www.dblibraryfriends.org](http://www.dblibraryfriends.org)

No one under 21 admitted

All proceeds benefit the Diamond Bar Library  
and Literacy in the Community

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## Ross Dress for Less Supports the Friends

Ross Dress for Less recently opened its long-awaited new store in Diamond Bar, and on Saturday March 10th a ceremony was held to officially mark the event. Ross employees and members of the Friends of the Library met in front of the store, and, after welcoming remarks, Ross District Manager Miguel Villalobos delivered to the happy and grateful Friends a check for \$2,500. As Mr. Villalobos and store manager Freddy Appling explained, it is Ross policy to “give back” to the communities in which they do business. They recognized that the Friends are a vibrant community service organization and were pleased to assist us in our efforts to support the Diamond Bar Library and improve literacy in the community. Friends President Glendy Chiang, on behalf of the Board and membership, welcomed Ross to Diamond Bar and sincerely thanked them for their very generous donation. Then everyone went shopping! The new Ross store is located at 251 S. Diamond Bar Boulevard. Please try to visit them soon and thank them for their support of the Library.



## A Message from Librarian Pui-Ching Ho

### Introducing our new Children's Librarian Yu Ting Lin



Yu Ting Lin started as the Children Services Librarian at the Diamond Bar Library in September 2017. Yu Ting received her B.A. from the University of California, San Diego and acquired her Masters of Library and Information Science from San Jose State University. Yu Ting started as an Adult Services Librarian at Rowland Heights Library in 2016. During the Rowland Heights Library's closure for renovation, Yu Ting helped plan the library's weekly family programs and assisted with the children programs at the La Crescenta Library. Her experiences working with children inspired her to move into the field of Children Services. Yu Ting is excited to begin her Children Services career at the Diamond Bar Library and get to know the community. Outside of work, Yu Ting enjoys food, photography and travel. Please help us welcome Yu Ting to Diamond Bar, and stop by and say hello the next time you visit the Library!

