



# DIAMOND BAR FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

March 2013

## 20th Annual Wine Soirée and Benefit Auction

The 20th annual Wine Soirée and Benefit Auction will be held Sunday, April 21st from 4 to 7 pm in the Diamond Bar Center. **Don't miss it!** This is the premiere event in the Diamond Bar social calendar, the signature fund raiser for the Diamond Bar Library, and the absolute best way to spend 3 hours on a Sunday afternoon in support of a great cause.

The Soirée will offer food from more than 15 local restaurants, wines from around the world, and many interesting and exciting items to bid on in the live and silent auctions. Just some of the auction items that will be available at the Soirée include—

**A 2-night stay at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on Nob Hill in San Francisco**

**The use of a 2004 Lamborghini sports car for 3 days**

**A week in October at a 3-bedroom luxury condo in Park City, Utah**

**4 passes to Disneyland**

**A 3-night stay at the Hilton Resort in Sonoma**

**Lunch with Miss Diamond Bar and her Court**

And many more! *Soirée tickets* which are \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door, are available at:

Diamond Bar Library, 21800 Copley, Diamond Bar

US Bank, 1175 Grand Ave., Diamond Bar, and

BasicallyBOOKS, 23447 Golden Springs, Diamond Bar

California Bank & Trust, 1200 S. Diamond Bar Blvd

Tickets are also available by calling (909) 861-2002

If you can't attend the Soirée, please consider making a donation – your support is vital to our Library's ability to continue to offer its many programs and services. *Thank you, and see you at the Soirée!*



**March 23**

Sidewalk Sale at BasicallyBOOKS

**March 26**

Book Discussion, BasicallyBOOKS  
*The Orphan Master's Son*  
by Adam Johnson  
7pm

**April 13**

Diamond Bar City Birthday Party  
at Pantera Park

**April 20**

Sidewalk Sale at BasicallyBOOKS

**April 21**

20th Annual Wine Soirée  
Diamond Bar Center  
4 - 7pm

**April 30**

Book Discussion, BasicallyBOOKS  
*The Lotus Eater*  
by Tatjana Soli  
7pm

**May 18**

Sidewalk Sale at BasicallyBOOKS

# Message from the President...

Dear Friends,

Next to my nightstand is a stack of books. There's a murder mystery book, a biography of an unknown pioneer, a collection of short stories, a how-to book, and of course, a cookbook or two. After a long day, a short story is just the antidote. Other days, working out the murder mystery is pure fun. And reading a cookbook of southern cooking feels like a field trip. Books -- good stuff!

What else is good stuff? Working and sharing with other people who also love books. In this town, they are members and friends of the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library. These folks love their books! They love reading, they love talking about books, they love their bookstore, they love their community, and they want to share that with everyone. It's my very great honor to serve as President of the Friends this year. We have a dedicated and creative Board of Directors, and I hope that you'll join us for good fun and in giving back to our community.

Have you visited our new library yet? It opened on July 28, 2012. It's beautiful, it's spacious, it's quiet, and it's warm & inviting. Open a travel book and take a trip. Open a children's book and share it. Lose yourself in a novel or find yourself by discovering your place in this world. Listen to music, see the latest video, or surf the internet and connect with

someone else. Even take a class. You can do it all at our library. And it's free.

That's where the Friends of the Library come in. We raise money to support the library and its programs. We buy lots of books, magazines, newspapers, and videos for the library. We fund special programs for children, teens and adults. But we need your help - and here's how you can help.

Our Annual Wine Soiree and Benefit Auction turns 20 this year, and all of the proceeds go to benefit the library. Join us by buying a ticket, taking an ad, or giving a donation. Also, every sale from our BasicallyBOOKS bookstore goes to support our library. It's a great place to buy a book for yourself or as a gift. Check out our website for other ways to participate and to give back to our community.

On that note, a special "Thank You" to Rosette Clippinger for her dedicated service over the past two years as President of the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library! Besides taking care of business, she always went out of her way to "Be a Friend" as she welcomed new members and volunteers. Great job, Rosette.

See you at the library.

*Ruth Low*

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## Farewell to Opal and Kattie



Opal and Kattie, front row, with friends

Long-time BasicallyBOOKS volunteers Opal McKinsey and Kattie Johnson bid their friends and fellow volunteers farewell earlier this month. They have sold their home in Diamond Bar and are moving to a new home and new life in Texas, where they will be closer to family. Anyone who has visited BasicallyBOOKS on a Saturday afternoon over the past dozen years will have met them. Bookstore manager Mary Hackett, and their many, many friends, are sorry to see them go. Best wishes, Opal and Kattie! You *will* be missed.

## From the Librarian's Desk

It is with mixed emotions that the Friends bid farewell to Jesse Lanz, Diamond Bar's Community Library Manager. Jesse arrived three years ago (has it been three years already?) and made an immediate impact with his energy, ideas, professionalism and of course, his unfailing good humor and helpfulness. Jesse's accomplishments did not go unnoticed by County Library Management, and at the last Board meeting the Friends wished him well on his new assignment, as the CLM of the West Hollywood Library. We are very sorry to lose him, but are happy for him on his promotion and new assignment. You're welcome back any time, Jesse – and we'll

be looking for you at the Soirée!

Until a new CLM is appointed for Diamond Bar we are indeed fortunate that the Library will be in the very capable hands of Julie McCasland (the Children's Librarian) and Josh Murray (the Young Adults/Teens Librarian). Both are seasoned veterans at Diamond Bar and know the community and the library patrons well. They will both be working extra hard with additional duties until the new CLM arrives, so please take a moment to speak with them the next time you're in the library and thank them for their great work. They deserve it!

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### *Legacy Giving*

That was the motivation when the Friends of the Library established the Endowment Fund to benefit the Diamond Bar Library.

The local library is a resource that benefits everyone. It contains books in the printed, audio, and digital forms, videos, reference materials, special magazines and newspapers, foreign language materials, and many special publications. All the resources contained in the library are free, but maintaining the collections is not.

*"Plant a tree today, and our children's children will enjoy its shade."* - A Greek proverb

The Endowment Fund provides a steady source of supplemental funding so that our library maintains the highest level of resources to our patrons.

Your donations to the Endowment Fund will be specially earmarked to provide books and materials. Please consider planned giving or a bequest, so that our library can provide resources in the years to come. Donations are gratefully accepted at anytime and in any amount. Please contact Jim Hackett at [info@dblibraryfriends.org](mailto:info@dblibraryfriends.org) for additional information.

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### MEET THE VOLUNTEER - Loretta Nelson



Loretta has volunteered at Basically BOOKS for the past several years. You can find her welcoming customers, old and new, at the store located near the corner of Golden Springs Drive and Diamond Bar Boulevard at 23447 Golden Springs Drive on Tuesday mornings and Friday

afternoons. She also looks after business on alternate Saturday mornings in the newest store located on the ground floor of the new Diamond Bar Library now located at 21800 Copley Drive which also houses the City Hall.

Asked why she volunteers, Loretta said that she really likes to help people find books and also enjoys chatting with others about books and reading. Her own reading centers on mysteries and suspense – M.C. Beaton, Tony Hillerman, and Daniel Silva. She also

finds fascinating the fiction of Alexander McCall Smith.

But Loretta has other activities which intrigue her. Being in a bowling league is one of them where her game is "pretty" good, and a favorite Spring Time pursuit is being a part of the Diamond Bar Senior Soft Ball team. You can find her in the outfield wearing a shirt with the number 24 (Kobe Bryant's number) on it. When you come to Basically BOOKS, you can ask Loretta when and where the next game takes place.

Loretta also serves on a Federal Grand Jury and has learned much about the legal system. She now has a greater respect for government services, such as the FBI and DEA, in their efforts to keep the bad guys off the street.

When in the area, drop by and say "hello" to Loretta. She'd enjoy helping you, and maybe even offer you a book or two at bargain prices!

**SAVE THE DATE!**



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## **WINE SOIRÉE & BENEFIT AUCTION**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2013, 4 - 7 P.M.**

**DIAMOND BAR CENTER  
1600 GRAND AVE., DIAMOND BAR**

**TICKETS: \$50 ADVANCE, \$60 AT THE DOOR**

For tickets or information call:  
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