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From SCFOTL President Mary Lou Wakefield:

## San Clemente Friends of the Library Updates

**Halloween Treats** – We had fun with the Parks and Recreation Department and the Downtown Business Association passing out candy to the children who came out for the spooky movie and for Halloween treats. In addition our Bookstore Manager Cass Jones made out cards to be passed out to the children, giving each a \$1 credit for the purchase of books. We actually ran out of the cards after 100 had been given out but we continued to pass out treats until the film started in the park next to the bookstore.

Annual Thank You Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon – A luncheon was hosted at the Talega Golf Course for our volunteers to thank them for their work over the past year. Thanks to Mary Chase and Cass Jones for the gift bags that were presented to our volunteers. Our store is fully staffed Monday thru Saturday, with a special sale on the first Sunday of each month, with our volunteers generously donating their time, work, and effort in making our patrons welcome.

**Happy Holiday Season** – Happy Holidays to all of our members. Please remember us as a great resource for gifts. We have over 9000 books in the store with over 90 categories. Our books are in perfect condition for gift giving. You will find many treasures in the store with the most reasonable prices.

From SCFOTL Vice-President Pete Wilkens:

# Thank you, Staples Foundation!

The SCFOTL wishes to thank the Staples Foundation for the generous 2017 grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 in support of Educational Programming. The grant was provided based on our commitment to improving the local community, which aligns with Staples' goal of enriching the areas where their associates and customers live and work.

This funding was provided to us as part of 2 Million & Change, a program supported by Staples Foundation that is designed to give \$2 million per year to non-profit organizations that support the Foundation's mission and are nominated by Staples associates. Staples believes that the best way to give back to local communities is to give

their associates a voice and let them choose; our local Staples store in the Pico Plaza nominated the SCFOTL for this grant.



From Bookstore Manager Cass Jones:

We all know changing our clocks back one hour means we are into the final months of another year ... where has the year gone ?

Our bookstore continues to grow. Currently, we have over 10,000 books divided into 95 categories.

Copying a great Library idea, the bookstore now has a "Lucky Day" shelf

where you will find current best sellers and popular authors at half price.

### "Fun Facts"

Longest sentence ever printed - 823 words - found in Les Miserables by Victor Hugo.

President Theodore Roosevelt read a book a day.

Three most read books in the world - Holy Bible, Harry Potter, and Quotations From Chairman Mao Tse-Tung.

Wishing you Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

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Historian and novelist Shelby Foote on libraries : "A university is just a group of buildings gathered around a library."

### From Publicity Director Carol Luetz:



Matt Coyle

## Meet The Authors Luncheon

Be among the first to know and save the date! The San Clemente Friends of the Library is excited to announce the line-up of authors for its upcoming Meet the Authors Luncheon to be held on Saturday, February, 24, 2018 at the Talega Golf Club. This year's authors are exceptional. **Matt Coyle**, winner of the Anthony Award and the Benjamin Franklin Silver Medal, is celebrated for his popular Rick Cahill mystery series. Coyle has a penchant for penning popular books that have autobiographical elements. **Naomi Hirahara** is best-known for *Summer of the Big Bachi*. It's about a Japanese-American gardener, Mas Arai. Though he has a

degree, prejudice

keeps Arai from other work and he becomes a gardener, mirroring Hirahara's father's experiences. Hirahara is a writer of both fiction and non-fiction books. Los Angeles native, **Liska Jacobs**, is a nominee for the Kirkwood Literary Prize in Fiction. Her essays and short fiction have appeared in the Los Angeles Review of Books, Literary, Hub and the Hairpin. Her debut novel *Catalina* is a



Liska Jacobs

contemporary masterpiece. Tickets go on sale January 2nd at \$60. The purpose of



Naomi Hirahara

the Friends of the Library is to raise funds for the San Clemente Public Library for programs for children and adults and to support its efforts to engender the love of reading and learning in the community. For more information email scfotl@gmail.com or contact Debbie Wilkens at 949-322-4892.

From Membership Director Sharon Hein:

### Welcome, New Members!

A big WELCOME to this quarter's new members: Nicole Brough, Linda Conklin, Barbara Feige, Kanta Gupta, Joshua Host, Joyce Humman, Foss Kauffan, Kathleen Lowe, Kevin Moir, Angelia Raspatella, Bill Rhodes, Marcia Soltani, William Thomas, and Shirley Vega. Thank you all for becoming a part of the San Clemente Friends of the Library!

### From San Clemente Library Branch Manager Karen Wall

The holidays are once again upon us. We have much to be thankful for in the library. We're making new friends every day, our programs continue to thrive, and we feel we make a positive impact on our community. We welcomed a new staff member at the end of September...Shawna Bird is our new Adult Librarian!

Business keeps growing; we continue to issue new library cards every day! Programs are well attended, and staff continues to bring new offerings to the table. For younger folk, we offer Toddlertime, Preschool Storytime, and Bilingual Storytime weekly. Families can Stay and Play after each of these programs. School-age children can enjoy After School Club weekly, as well as Read to a Dog the first Wednesday of every month. Teens are invited to ongoing training to volunteer at the library...it's never too early to earn experience and credit for college applications! A new homework help program, Inspire To Be, begins mid-October. Teen Tutors are available Saturdays from noon to 2:00 pm to help K-8 students.



There are two Book Clubs for adults: Wicked Wednesday is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, focusing more on mysteries, gothic and horror, and our traditional book

group meets the last Wednesday, with a more literary and nonfiction bent. Dr. Jane Mahakian continues to offer a monthly Brain Boosters class for adults; everyone can benefit from increasing our knowledge and memory! Knit and Crochet for a Cause continues to grow; participants meet weekly on Tuesdays from 12:30-2:30 pm to chat, create, and donate finished projects to local service organizations.

The library's annual Winter Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm. Please join us for music, crafts and refreshments.

Your continued hard work on the library's behalf is greatly appreciated, and we want you to know we are extremely thankful every day for your support.

#### From SCFOTL Vice-President Pete Wilkens:

## eBay For Charity

Since its program launch in 2003, eBay buyers and sellers have donated over \$725 million through the eBay for Charity program to social causes around the world. To help us reach our goals, we invite YOU—our San Clemente Friends of the Library community—to participate in the eBay for Charity program.

Start now with these easy steps:

Add San Clemente Friends of the Library as your favorite charity on eBay today! <u>https://www.charity.ebay.com/charity/San-Clemente-Friends-of-the-Library/2165508</u>

- As YOUR favorite charity on eBay, you can now directly donate to San Clemente Friends of the Library at checkout when you purchase any item.
- You can shop for any items on eBay in which the proceeds are donated to our charity. Check out San Clemente Friends of the Library's charity shop here: <u>https://www.charity.ebay.com/charity/San-Clemente-Friends-of-the-Library/2165508</u>

 You can sell your own items on eBay and donate a percentage of the sale price to benefit San Clemente Friends of the Library

All of these efforts allow you to easily support the San Clemente Friends of the Library. Your donations are taxdeductible and as a charitable seller, eBay rewards your support by offering you a fee credit based on your donation percentage to San Clemente Friends of the Library.

Your generosity makes you an example of why the San Clemente Friends of the Library community is so special and shows the impact we can have together through individual acts of kindness.

From Publication Director Jim Wall

# Attention, Booklovers!

If you enjoy the company of books and the people who read them, then you may be uniquely qualified to serve as a volunteer in the Friends of the Library Bookstore. Additional benefits include:

\*meeting our cadre of volunteers, a diverse group of people from our community who have a common interest in supporting the San Clemente Public Library;

\*meeting other members of the Friends of the Library, who support the Bookstore with their membership dues and book contributions;

\*and meeting our customers, who hail from all parts of the globe and frequent our store to renew their quest.

We are all in the same boat : all of us are volunteers. Come to think of it, our books are volunteers too! Please contact Fred Bruhn at the Bookstore to learn more about volunteering.

