

Shore Lines

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1: Member Joan Nielson with authors Matt Coyle, Liska Jacobs, and Naomi Hirahara at the Meet the Authors Luncheon on February 24

From SCFOTL President Mary Lou Wakefield:

Greetings to our San Clemente Friends of the Library members. In February we hosted the annual Meet The Authors (MTA) Luncheon with over 140 guests at the Talega Golf Club in San Clemente. Our authors were Matt Coyle, Liska Jacobs, and Naomi Hirahara (*pictured at left with Joan Nielson, a member of SCFOTL and a former Board member*). Joan was instrumental in the search and selection of the authors. Kudos to the MTA committee for a very successful event. We are beginning to search for new authors for the next event February 23, 2019. Mark your calendars. We will keep you posted.

We are always looking for new ideas to increase our revenue to support the San Clemente Library. Our Volunteer Director Fred Bruhn has scouted out book kiosks as a way to increase our presence in the community. Fred and our Bookstore Manager Cass Jones have met with the owner of Café Calypso on Del Mar Street downtown as a possible location for a book kiosk. This location has great public exposure for this project. Fred and Cass are checking out kiosk sizes and styles. The kiosk / bookcase will be stocked with a variety of interesting books for purchase. Look for it soon at Café Calypso.

SPECIAL REPORT by Karen Wall, San Clemente Library Branch Manager:

The 2108 summer reading program theme is “Reading Takes You Everywhere!”. This rings especially true for several Orange County community members. On Wednesday, June 13th at 7:00 pm, San Clemente Library and the Friends of the Library will host the first graduating class of the Career Online High School. The group is small, but mighty! Four adults, surrounded by many family and friends, will be honored. Through much hard work, dedication, and scholarships provided, these individuals have taken time to complete the required curricula, and have received an accredited high school diploma, as well as career guidance.

This life-changing event is due, in large part, to the tireless efforts of the SCFOTL, and its President Mary Lou Wakefield in particular. She was the driving force behind applying for and receiving matching grant funds from the California State Library to bring the Career Online program to OC Public Libraries.

Career Online High School provides an accredited high school diploma, not just a GED. This opens up many more opportunities for participants. There is a fairly rigorous application process, including a self-assessment, two week prerequisite career course, and personal interviews before applicants are accepted. Once approved, students have up to 18 months to complete the self-paced online program. All of our graduates are over-achievers, having completed in well under a year! In addition, they are all residents of Orange County, at least 19 years old, and have library cards in good standing.

We are grateful to the SCFOTL whose funds brought this valuable program to the library. We are honored to be a part of the graduates' educational journey. Finally, we are very pleased to report that OC Public Libraries has committed to continue to provide Career Online High School opportunities in the coming years.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Figure 2: Standing left to right, SCFOTL President Mary Lou Wakefield and San Clemente City Council member Lori Donchak.

From Publication Director Jim Wall:

City Council member Lori Donchak (*at right in photo*) represents San Clemente on the Orange County Library committee. Here at the Meet The Authors Luncheon, she presents a certificate of recognition to Mary Lou Wakefield for the contributions that the Friends of the Library has made to support the San Clemente Library in its service to the community.

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! <https://www.charity.ebay.com/charity/San-Clemente-Friends-of-the-Library/2165508>

- 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: <https://www.charity.ebay.com/charity/San-Clemente-Friends-of-the-Library/2165508>
- 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 tax-deductible 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.

BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT by Karen Wall:

As avid readers, we all know that "Reading Takes You Everywhere!". This year's Summer Reading Challenge promises to do just that. Children, teens, and adults are sure to enjoy stepping up to meet the challenge. Sign up, log the time you spend reading, and stop by the library weekly for small prizes and drawing tickets. Everyone can participate for fun and prizes. Summer reading programs run from Monday, June 18th through Monday, July 30th. Special shows are on Thursday mornings at 10:30 am next door in the Community Center Auditorium, and include magicians, live animals, music, and fun! Teen volunteers help run the programs by signing kids up and handing out incentives.

Movie buffs will enjoy our Monday Movie Matinees, beginning June 18th. Films will be shown weekly at 10:30 am. Creative juices can really flow in several ways all summer long. Stop by for Fabulous Flair Friday on July 20th @ 10:30 am to design and create your own stunning button designs. Design a 3-D Printed Bubble Wand on July 3rd, then pick it up and make some bubbles on the 10th, both at 2:00 pm. Adults and teens can learn to knit or crochet, create and help give back to the community during Needlework Circle, every Tuesday 12:30 to 2:30 pm.

As always, regular programs such as storytimes for children, Woof! Let's Read, and book groups for adults continue throughout the summer. Summer reading programs are fun not only for the community but for staff as well. We love seeing folks get excited about books, reading, learning and creating, winning prizes, and enjoying the performers. Local service organizations help sponsor some of these weekly shows, and local businesses donate a variety of items to support the community, which also helps defray program costs.

Membership in the Friends of the Library, shopping in the Bookstore, and donations all help support programming at the library year-round, and especially during the summer. We'll look forward to seeing all of you soon. Thanks for all you do!



From Membership Director Sharon Hein:

Welcome to our new members this past quarter: Melinda Baer, Jennifer Massey, Daniel Sarmento, Jeanne Schuler, Robert Stephen, and Laynie Weaver.

I hope all who have joined or renewed this year have received your postcard. Be sure to use it on a “one time” purchase prior to the expiration date. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me through the bookstore.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you in the bookstore.

“Here is a poem by Mary Jo West, a longtime volunteer, writer, and book lover. She is an amazing cook and has also written an Italian cookbook.” *(submitted by Mary Lou Wakefield)*

PASSION

*My affliction and addiction
for books has
exasperated my husband
and amused my friends
for over forty years.*

*It doesn't matter
whether or not
I've read every book
in my collection
or even needed them.*

They're mine.

*My library anchors me
to my home.
It would be
a monumental task
to shift it.*

*The thought of having to
face the ordeal of a move
is overwhelming.*

*Would there be
enough shelf room
in my new house for
two thousand books?*

*Would it be necessary
to sink to the horror
of a stack room, or storage
in a dark, musty garage?*

*One thing
that never occurs to me
is to get rid of books,
or promise
I won't buy any more.*

It will keep going until I die.

*And that's
what being a
collector is all about.*