



# Shore Lines



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## *SCFOTL President's Message – Pete Wilkens*

### **Thank you Mary Lou Wakefield**

Due to family time commitments, Mary Lou Wakefield resigned from her position as President of the SCFOTL Board of Directors. During her time with the Board, Mary Lou made many significant contributions.

As a means of securing donations to support the renovation of the Library and the SCFOTL Bookstore in 2015, Mary Lou spearheaded the program to place donor tiles in the courtyard patio of the bookstore. She solicited and selected artist submissions, worked with Fired Up to obtain the blank tiles, and helped paint the tiles. The program was very successful, as the space for tiles was completely filled and significant funds were provided by the SCFOTL to the Library for the capital expenditures.

Mary Lou actively promoted the Career Online High School program in the community to secure applicants for the available scholarships and organized and presided over the June 2018 commencement ceremony for the program graduates. The scholarships and resulting diplomas will have lasting value for the recipients and their families.

Mary Lou will continue to volunteer in the bookstore.

### **Best Wishes to Karen Wall**



*Karen Wall and Pamela Chesney-Algar*

As a result of a rotation of Orange County Public Libraries management, San Clemente Library Branch Manager Karen Wall was reassigned to the Laguna Niguel branch in early August. Pamela Chesney-Algar is our new Branch Manager, transferring from the El Toro branch.

The Library Branch Manager is a non-voting member of the Board of Directors. We've enjoyed working with Karen in selecting and funding the programs and equipment acquisitions for the library. Karen was instrumental in promoting and securing our funding for a 3-D printer, which provides educational programming opportunities.

We welcome Pamela, and look forward to working with her.

## Thank you to the family of Gail Harrison

The family of Gail Harrison has made a generous donation in the amount of \$1000 to the SCFOTL. Gail was an avid reader and enthusiastic volunteer in the bookstore. She was familiar with countless authors of both fiction and non-fiction and enjoyed assisting buyers in finding books that met their interests.

We thank the family for the donation, and her sister Sally Holmes for the heartfelt accompanying letter.

### *From Bookstore Manager Cass Jones*

The summer seems to have flown by. And now we head into Fall with the holidays just around the corner. Unlike some retailers, we will put out our holiday books in October.

This summer we added the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month (through September) to be open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It's an added day to the week and does not replace our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday's.

If you haven't been in the bookstore for a while, we have added Architectural Design as a category and have quite a few Bridge Books in a separate section.

Our hardback fiction has received a lot of good titles recently; however, we could use some history and military books. It's not often those two sections are sparse.

October will bring our ½ Off Members Only Sale, a good time to look for early holiday gifts.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope to see you in the bookstore soon.

### 2019 Board of Directors

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**1** : Board members in the middle of their two-year term.

**2** : Board members elected to a two-year term at the Annual Meeting held on January 19, 2019.

## ***BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT***

By Pam Chesney-Algar

Thanks to all the hard work and the generous support from our Friends, this year's Summer Reading Challenge was a success! All ages participated in a variety of activities that enlightened, engaged, and entertained our community. We can't do this without you, our Friends!

As the library gears up for fall, back to school and holiday programs are planned. Children's programming begins the last week in August. Storytimes start again August 26 with toddler-time on Mondays, preschool stories on Tuesdays, and bilingual storytime on Thursdays - all starting at 10:30 a.m. Attendees are encouraged to stay and play after the program.

Children's Specialist, Melissa Dolby has arranged for a BARK (Beach Animals Reading to Kids) program to start in September. Elementary school students can practice reading to a certified therapy dog. Afterschool Club on Tuesdays will feature stories, crafts, and sharing. Builders Club continues the first Wednesday of the month. We'll be screening the movie *How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World* during back to school week. Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Holiday events are still in the planning stage.

Adult Services Librarian, Josh Hartel, will continue with our second and last Wednesday adult book groups at 10:00 am. Fall reads are informative, intriguing and suspenseful with a mix of fiction and non-fiction titles.

Several special events are planned for our adult patrons. OC Waste will present a composting program on Saturday, September 8th. On Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> we'll have the Daniel Bennett Group performing jazz music. Writer Robin Rockey will be here November 16<sup>th</sup> to share unique stories about Southern California's places and people. The Alzheimer's Association of Orange County will be presenting a series of three informational programs Wednesdays in September, October, and November.

## ***BRANCH MANAGER'S ADDENDUM***

Did you know...? From May to July 2019, the Friends of the Library (FOL) gave to the library:

- \$ 15,265.58...
- \$ 10,133.74 worth of books
- \$ 2,078.76 worth of DVDs and books on CD
- ALL programs funded by the FOL
- \$ 3,053.08 worth of programs
- 119 programs and classes, attended by 5,147 people.

Thank you for all your hard work!

Your membership in the Friends, shopping in the bookstore and donations all help support programming at the library year-round! We thank you for your support and hard work.

## ***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/SanClemente-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

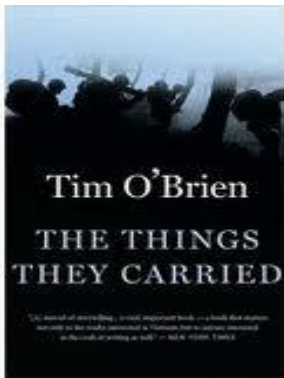
All of these efforts allow you to easily support the San Clemente Friends of the Library. Your donations are taxdeductible and as a charitable seller, eBay rewards your support by offering you a fee credit based on your donation percentage to San Clemente Friends of the Library.

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.

## ***WAYR : What Are You Reading?***

From Jim Wall

History is my siren song : its volumes seem to call me by name in a library or bookstore. Tim O'Brien's *The Things They Carried* is a recent example.



Veteran infantryman Tim O'Brien opens his book with an accounting of the stuff that he and his brothers in arms carried into battle in the Vietnam War. Most of the items in his inventory are assigned a weight value since it was their lot as grunts to hump that war-gear through the country in search of the enemy. Encounters seldom resulted in pitched battles; more often they experienced sniper-fire and hit-and-run attacks.

Each soldier carried a steel helmet weighing 5 pounds, a flak jacket weighing 6.7 pounds, and an M-16 assault rifle weighing 8.2 pounds when fully loaded. They also carried personal items – small comforts, according to individual preferences.

For one, it was photos and letters from home; for another, extra rations; and for yet another, tranquilizers. O'Brien observes, "They carried all the emotional baggage of men who might die." And when one did, his comrades wrapped him in his standard-issue green plastic poncho, carried him across a rice paddy, and lifted him into a chopper to begin his journey home.

## *From Publication Director Jim Wall*

### **WAYR : What Are You Reading? An Invitation**

If you're interested in submitting a short introduction to a book you've read for possible publication in a future edition of Shore Lines newsletter, then you may send it to me at [justjim137@gmail.com](mailto:justjim137@gmail.com). This invitation is open to members and family of the San Clemente Friends of the Library. There are no age restrictions. Please limit your submission to one page. To be considered for the fourth-quarter edition of the newsletter, your submission must be received by Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**WAYR** became a regular part of Shore Lines beginning with the 2019 editions. To see other articles in the series, you may access the archived newsletters on [www.sanclementefotl.org](http://www.sanclementefotl.org).