Nonie Fickling & Cass Jones

**SCFOTL President's Message**

**Thank you, thank you Nonie Fickling**

Nonie has served on the Board as a Volunteer Director where she helped recruit and train new volunteers for the book store. She had the responsibility for scheduling all of our volunteers for our hours of operation. She became First - Vice President for our group and in short order became the President of the Board.

Nonie and the former Bookstore Manager spearheaded the construction of our new bookstore. She worked with the City of San Clemente, the County of Orange, the OC Public Libraries, and yes, even the Parks and Recreation Departments. She could be seen traversing the new building in a hard hat with the construction crew and our Branch Manager Karen Wall. She spent many hours in meetings working on plan changes to make the construction project a success.

Nonie has been our main contact with the City Council and numerous non-profit groups spreading the good word about the San Clemente Friends of the Library. She has been an exemplary leader and we will miss her vision for the Friends of the Library. We truly thank you for your hard work and perseverance. Nonie will continue to volunteer at the Friends of the Library Bookstore and she will assume some great and wonderful grandmother duties.

-Mary Lou Wakefield

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**CAREER ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL**

**Earn your Accredited High School Diploma and a Career Certificate.**

The San Clemente Friends of the Library has been instrumental in donating funds to the Orange County Libraries for High School Diploma Scholarships. Four scholarships are still available for San Clemente residents or persons working in San Clemente. In order to apply, the applicant must have an Orange County Library card and be 19 years of age or older. Applicants may get further information by going online to [http://ocpl.org/libloc/cohs](http://ocpl.org/libloc/cohs) or call Beatriz Preciado at 714-566-3065 or Rebecca Bruan at 714-566-3070. Tell your friends, family, and fellow workers, this is a fabulous opportunity for adults who want a High School Diploma.
Bookstore Manager’s Message

The Bookstore continues to acquire great books through our many recent donations. Even though it might be raining, our loyal customers still come to see us despite the weather. Thank you one and all.

I realize it has been some time since we have had a Members 1/2 Off Sale and you can look forward to one coming in early March.

If you haven't been in the bookstore lately, we have a 'new arrivals' cart showcasing recent 'best sellers' in hardback and paperback. You never know what treasure you will find.

Thank you for your continued support.

Happy reading,

-Cass Jones

RALPHS COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM

All SCFOTL members and supporters can help the organization meet its financial goals by linking their Ralphs Rewards card with San Clemente Friends of the Library. Ralphs generously donates a percentage of eligible purchases made using the Rewards card, to the organization linked to the card. As of last fall, linking can only be done on line, as follows:

1) Log in to www.ralphs.com. If you have already registered your rewards card on line, skip to Step 6; if you have not registered your card, proceed to Step 2.
2) Click on ‘No Account’ Register
3) Follow the easy steps to create an online account
4) You will be instructed to go to your email inbox to confirm your account
5) After you confirm your online account by clicking on the link in your email, return to www.ralphs.com
6) Click on ‘Sign In’
7) Enter your email address and password
8) Click on ‘Welcome, Valued Customer’, and select ‘My Account’
9) Link your card to SCFOTL by clicking on:
   a) ‘Enroll’ in the Community Rewards section at the bottom of the Account Summary page
   b) Type in the NPO number (93958) or name (SAN CLEMENTE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY)
   c) Remember to click on the circle to the left of the SCFOTL name
   d) Click on Enroll to finish your enrollment process

Thank you so much for your continued support. Last year, participation in the Ralphs Community Contribution Program generated over $1100 for SCFOTL, so this is a very worthwhile fundraiser!

“If truth is beauty, how come no one has their hair done in the library?”

-Lily Tomlin
**BRANCH MANAGER’S REPORT**

Spring has sprung at the Library, and our program offerings are growing! Beginning in March, the library will add several events to our roster. **Woof! Let’s Read!** will be the first Wednesday of every month at 4:00 pm and offers children 5 and older a chance to practice their reading skills to a certified therapy dog eager to hear a good book. March also sees the start of film showings twice a month. **Throwback Thursdays** will be the first Thursday at 4:00 pm, while **Family Movie Matinees** will be the second Saturday at 2:00 pm. Initial offerings are *Romancing the Stone* and *The Peanuts Movie*, respectively.

These new programs join an already busy schedule of weekly Toddlertimes, Preschool Storytimes, After School Club, and Bilingual Storytimes for children. Adult offerings include two monthly book clubs at 10:00 am; Wicked Wednesdays on the second Wednesday and our long-standing Adult Book Group on the last Wednesday.

Special offerings each month range from lectures, recycled crafting, and writing workshops for adults to S.T.E.A.M (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) programming for children and families. Attendance at these special events fills quickly. For complete listings of all library programs, please stop by the library for an event calendar, or check online at [www.ocpl.org](http://www.ocpl.org).

If the 17th Annual Authors’ Luncheon wasn’t enough of a good thing, don’t despair! The 11th Annual Literary Orange, an all day event, will be held on Saturday, April 1 at the Newport Beach Marriott. **Literary Orange** is Orange County’s premier literary event, bringing authors, readers and libraries together for a celebration of literature. Keynote speakers are Fannie Flagg (*The Whole Town’s Talking*), Marcia Clark (*Blood Defense*), and Christina Baker Kline (*Orphan Train*).

Fifteen author panels will be held during the day, and authors’ books will be available for purchase and signing. Panel discussion topics range from Mysteries and Pets to Food and Southern California. $80.00 guarantees you access to a full day of authors’ insights (all 40+ of them!), book signings, as well as morning refreshments, lunch and a late dessert! Online preregistration ends on March 27th and attendance is limited. Check the Library’s home page, or go to [www.literaryorange.org](http://www.literaryorange.org) for more information. **If you haven’t yet discovered Literary Orange, maybe you should “check it out”!**

-Karen Wall, Senior Branch Manager

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**WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS. CAN YOU HELP?**

The Friends Bookstore has an all-volunteer staff: our purpose is to raise funds for the San Clemente Public Library and to support its effort to engender the love of reading and learning in our community. We in turn are supported by the generosity of the people of San Clemente, who donate books and other printed materials, CD’s, and DVD’s in support of our enterprise.

Our volunteers clean and prepare the books/media for sale, determine pricing based on fair market values, shelve materials according to type, and assist customers. The Bookstore is open from 10:00 to 4:00, Monday through Saturday, and has two shifts of volunteers daily – a three hour morning shift to open and a three+ hour shift in the afternoon to close and justify the cash register. Each shift has a minimum of two volunteers. Some prefer working on a fixed schedule while others prefer serving as substitutes.

There are many notable exceptions to the scheduling routine outlined above. One worthy of mention is the Bookstore Manager Cass Jones who sets a high standard in every aspect of the business. Another is Volunteer Director Kathy LaMonte who matches volunteers with scheduling needs, and rather than closing the Bookstore for want of volunteers, personally stands in when no one else is available. **That brings us back to you**: If you can volunteer your services to this worthwhile endeavor, please call Kathy at 714-292-4761.
SCFOTL Membership Levels

INDIVIDUAL........$15.00
FAMILY............$25.00
PATRON............$50.00
BUSINESS..........$100.00
(Name listed in Newsletter for one year)
SPONSOR...........$250.00
(Name listed in Newsletter & Business
Card size ad on website for one year)
LIFE................$1,000.00
(Name on Honor Roll Plaque in
Bookstore)

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Email__________________________________________

Please make checks payable to San Clemente Friends of the Library.
Our address is 242 Avenida Del Mar, San Clemente, CA 92672.
Thank you for your support!

Member Interest Survey

(    ) I would like to volunteer in the Bookstore.

(    ) I would like to donate funds in addition to
     Membership dues.

(    ) I have the following skills (check):
     (    ) Computer
     (    ) Book Research
     (    ) Web design/updates

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