



Shore Lines



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Kathy LaMonte and Cass Jones

Friends of the Library boasts two nominees for San Clemente Volunteer of the Year

On July 7, San Clemente Mayor Kathy Ward hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at the Ole Hanson Beach Club. Two exemplars from the Friends of the Library were recognized for their many hours of service – Kathy LaMonte and Cass Jones. No doubt you've noticed that the Friends Bookstore regularly observes its operating hours and is staffed, morning and afternoon, by teams of trained volunteers ready to assist you : that's evidence of Kathy fulfilling her role as Volunteer Director. Also, many of you have commented that the Friends Bookstore feels more like a new bookstore than a used one : the cleanliness of the space, the organization of the materials, and their overall condition are largely the result of practices put into place by Cass as Bookstore Manager.

Please join us in applauding them for all they do!

From Mary Lou Wakefield, SCFOTL President:

Findings in the SC Friends of the Library

Our volunteers accept donations and clean, price, and shelve books each day. Our bookstore is in great shape as testified to by our wonderful patrons who find great books to purchase. Imagine as each of us works a shift how tempting it is to buy more books. Well I am just as interested in our findings. Here are some of my books that I have read from our store and some are being re-donated so you can go in and buy them.

The City of Falling Angels by John Berendt, a true story of the fire in the Venice Opera House in 1996, full of intrigue and the history of the people of Venice.

Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown, a children's book about a cardboard boy who is mailed all over the world and his adventures. Teachers use him as a class project - my grandson shared his project with us.

For All Who Love the Game by Harvey Penick, all golfing men know Harvey from his Little Red & Green books on golf. Imagine my surprise when I found there was one written for the female golfer by Penick. (Wondering when my golf will improve)

The Universal Tone by Carlos Santana, a biography of the musician's form of life in Mexico to his travels with world-class musicians. How his life changed through his different spiritual beliefs.

Baltasar & Bluminda by Jose Aramago (translated from Portuguese to English) Historical fiction about the Spanish Inquisition featuring a Padre who believes he can create a flying machine (thought of as heresy during that time). Also based on a true historical event.

Findings in the SC Friends of the Library (continued)

Soldier Girls by Helen Thorp, a true story of three women from Indiana who join the National Guard for very different reasons and find themselves deployed to Iraq. It's about the impact of war and the difficult return to home.

Night School by Lee Child, a story of Jack Reacher, an Army Major who receives a medal and then is reassigned to school with an FBI agent and a CIA analyst. This is just one of the Reacher series and I have read them all, what a tough dude!

Come in and see us, we can help you find **Treasures**.



From Cass Jones, Bookstore Manager:

Thank you to our loyal members and customers for visiting us during the hot muggy days of summer . . . I realize it might have been for our air-conditioned store . . . rather than our great selection of books.

Each time you visit the bookstore, please check out the "New Arrivals" cart. Here you will find current best sellers and books of note published during the year.

If you have FICTION paperbacks or hardbacks to donate, please bring them anytime Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

BOOK FLASH . . . Look for Members Only ½-Price Sale coming in October!

Thank you for your continuing support and I look forward to seeing you in the bookstore.



From Karen Wall, San Clemente Library Branch Manager:

Whew! Another summer has come and gone. We here in the library could not have made it through summer without a great deal of help, which we receive in many ways. First and foremost is, of course, through the tireless work of the Friends of the Library. Volunteers in both the Bookstore and on the Board work countless hours and raise money for library materials, programs*, and summer performers. In addition to bookstore revenue, sizable donations were received from both the Kiwanis and the Junior Woman's Clubs.

Summer Reading programs were a great success. The almost 1,000 participants included 142 adults, who collectively read 237 books. Children and teens read for 116,831 minutes...that's almost 2,000 hours! More than 1,800 patrons came to the 32 programs for children, adults, and families. One of my particular favorites was the Knit/Crochet for a Cause. The weekly attendees are currently assembling blankets for pets and people from the more than 150 squares created and donated over the month of July.

A number of programs are already scheduled for the fall, including weekly films in September to celebrate Banned Books Week, a full slate of storytimes, and several musical performances. The first of these is Coffee & Tea Flute Duo, performing Saturday, August 26 at 2:00 pm.

If there's one thing the summer months always does, it's reinforce my belief that community spirit and community service are alive and well in San Clemente. See you soon at the library!



*One program funded by Friends of the Library was Dino Encounters, held at the San Clemente Community Center Auditorium on Thursday, August 3. To the left is pictured the 14-foot (from nose to tail) baby T-Rex "Rocky" following library employee James into the venue. The program afforded the audience an opportunity to learn all about prehistoric giants.



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.

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS. CAN YOU HELP? (continued)

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.

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From Pete Wilkens, 1st Vice-President:

eBay Invitation

The San Clemente Friends of the Library is now selling rare and collectible books and DVDs on eBay. We are registered as a charity direct seller, so 100% of the proceeds benefit the Friends. To view and purchase our offerings, please follow these steps:

1. Go to www.charity.ebay.com
2. Between the Search Window and the blue "Search" button, you'll see "charity listings" in a drop-down menu; it is important that you select "charities" from the menu. (If you leave this set to "charity listings" your search will yield all items with any of our name terms, like "friends", in both the charity and item listings - our items will be there, but mixed in with countless others).
3. Type "San Clemente Friends of the Library" in the Search Window, and select the blue "Search" button
4. San Clemente Friends of the Library will be displayed in Charity search results; select the blue "Learn more" button
5. The Friends page will come up; scroll down to view all of our current offerings
6. Thanks for looking, and thanks for bidding

The San Clemente Friends of the Library appreciate your continued support, through bookstore and online purchases!



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