



# Shore Lines



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## From SCFOTL Board President Pete Wilkens:

### **Welcome New Board Members**

I want to welcome our two newest members of the Board of Directors; elected to fill the remaining terms of positions vacated earlier this year due to resignations:

Erin Spriggs has joined the board as 1st Vice-President. Erin brings experience in public relations, has served on several non-profits boards, and has led many non-profit fund raising events.

Barbara Feige has joined the board as Publicity Director. Barbara has a master's degree of Library and Information Science, has interned and worked in several public and private libraries, and has performed volunteer work in children's classrooms doing book procurement for teachers as well as art projects.

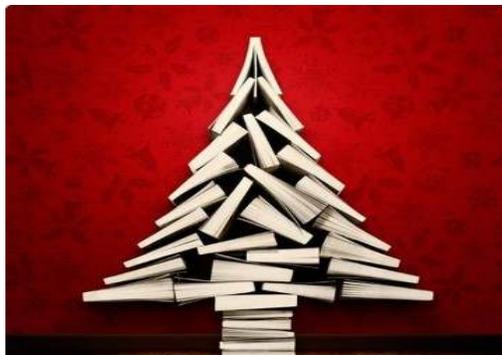
Please join me in welcoming Erin and Barbara to the board.

### **Annual Member's Meeting**

Our annual member's meeting will be held on Saturday January 25, 2020 at 10:00 AM in the San Clemente Library meeting room. During this meeting, reports will be received from each of the Directors on their areas of responsibility, elections will be held for the four Directors whose terms expire, other business will be conducted as needed, and questions will be taken from the members in attendance.

I encourage all of you to attend.

### **Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for 2020**



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### 2019 Board of Directors

#### President

Pete Wilkens <sup>1</sup>

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

Erin Spriggs <sup>2</sup>

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> VP / Bookstore Manager

Cass Jones <sup>2</sup>

#### Secretary

Mary Chase <sup>1</sup>

#### Treasurer

Bill Rhodes <sup>2</sup>

#### Volunteer Director

Fred Bruhn <sup>2</sup>

#### Membership Director

Sharon Hein <sup>1</sup>

#### Publicity Director

Barbara Feige <sup>1</sup>

#### Publication Director

Jim Wall <sup>2</sup>

#### Senior Branch Manager

#### Advisory Member

Pamela Chesney-Algar

**1** : Board members whose term will expire on January 25, 2020.

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

## *From Bookstore Manager Cass Jones:*

It's that wonderful time of year, the holidays! You will notice the bookstore is like a Nordstrom store .... Holiday books are not displayed until after Thanksgiving. However, if you need a holiday book before then, our volunteers will point you in the right direction.

The bookstore has had a great year. Our shelves have seen some great finds. We had one lady in our bookstore that found a book she had been trying to find for 20 years. She was so excited, and it made our day.

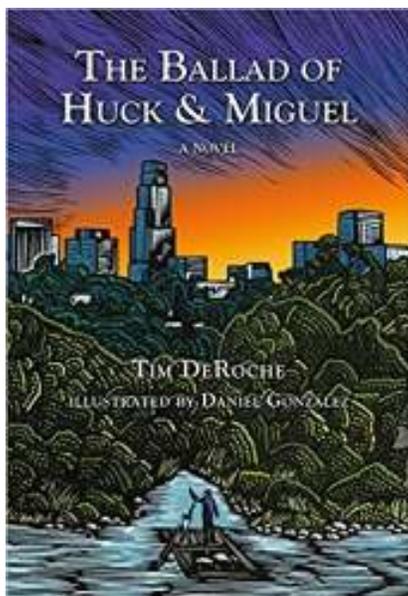
We are always asked for recommendations whether it be for a child or an adult. In the coming year we will have "recommendations" displayed on our shelves. Who knows you may find a new author you have never read? We will also include "customer" favorites. Be sure to let us know your recommended book.

The 75 categories of books we have will sometimes change based on the donations we receive. If you had a favorite section and it is no longer, it is because there were no donations in that category ... but don't worry it will be back. We strive to keep the bookstore shelves full. If you are looking for a particular book, please remember to fill out a "Request Card". Any volunteer will provide you a card. Just fill it out and these cards are checked a couple of times a week to be sure we don't miss your book.

I want to thank our volunteers for another great year and for the countless hours they spend making us look good and organized. They are the best!

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

## *WAYR : What Are You Reading?*



### What I'm Recommending Now-

By Erin Spriggs

Working in the SCFOTL bookstore I notice that many patrons still want to read the classics. Our classic shelves are constantly turning over, with books going out as fast as they come in (That's also a hint to bring any donation of classics or other books that you may have lying around).

One of my latest book club reads was Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn", the saga of Huck and Jim's adventure down the Mississippi River. As a complement to Huck Finn we also read a new novel "The Ballad of Huck & Miguel" by Tim De Roche.

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“The Ballad of Huck & Miguel” is modern day retelling of the story with a twist. The book features Huck, a young boy from Missouri running from his abusive alcoholic father and an illegal immigrant stable hand Miguel who is falsely accused of murder. The two make their escape to the beach on a raft down the rainstorm swollen Los Angeles River. The cast of characters are names you would recognize: Tom Sawyer, Pap, Judge Thatcher, Aunt Polly, the Mss. Douglas and Watson, but all have a new role to play in this story. De Roche captures the uniqueness of the lives we live in southern California and Huck’s awe at all the new things he sees. Especially enjoyable was nine-year-old Huck’s twists and turn of words as he experienced a whole new world in California. Like the original, Huck & Miguel’s experiences are wonderfully illustrated in lino-cut prints by Los Angeles artist Daniel Gonzales.

The book was both an entertaining and interesting tribute to the original and a worthwhile read for the topical issues it raises about immigration and other modern-day issues.

### **BRANCH MANAGER’S REPORT**

By Pam Chesney-Algar

The library has been busy this fall! Storytime attendance for August, September and October was 768 children and 650 adults. Stay and play program attendees of all ages numbered 1,437. The most popular children’s programs were our annual Halloween show and parade. We had lots of little ghouls and goblins, fairy princesses and superheroes. After the performance children showed-off their costumes with a parade around the library. Elementary school-age kids and teens enjoyed our sugar skull decorating programs--crafts are always popular.

Adult programs were well attended for a total of 24 programs and 276 adults. Programs included book groups, author lectures, “how-to” presentations, and jazz music.

Coming up to celebrate the winter holidays on December 4<sup>th</sup>, we will have a marionette puppet show for the children at 3:00 p.m. At 4:30 we’ll have seasonal harp music and refreshments for all our patrons—we hope our San Clemente Friends of the Library volunteers will stop by to enjoy. After all, you make it happen!

This last quarter Friends of the Library spent \$3,300.24 on books and media for our collection. \$1605.13 went to support our youth programs, and \$1474.53 was spent on adult programming here at the library.

Thanks goes out to each and everyone of you for supporting the library and the community of San Clemente!

### **From Publication Director Jim Wall:**

The annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was held at the Talega Golf Club on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Our Volunteer Director Fred Bruhn informed us that 42 of the 55 active volunteers were in attendance. The event was organized by Board President Pete Wilkens, Bookstore Manager Cass Jones, and Secretary Mary Chase. Mary was also responsible for preparing the gift bags distributed to volunteers. We were treated to a three-course gourmet meal and enjoyed rubbing elbows with our peers. Overall there was a tangible sense of solidarity in the room. It was a distinct pleasure to be in the company of such a diverse group of people who share the same goal - promoting literacy in San Clemente.

## SAVE THE

San Clemente  
20<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Luncheon

Saturday,

## DATE

Friends of the Library  
Meet the Authors

February 22, 2020

**Kate Quinn** New York Times and USA



Today bestselling author of historical fiction has written four novels in the Empress of Rome Saga, and two books in the Italian Renaissance, before turning to the 20th century with “The Alice Network” and her latest book “The Huntress.”

New York Times Bestseller Thriller Author



**Christopher Reich’s** books include his newest title “Crown Jewel”, “The Take”, “Numbered Account”, “Rules of Deception”, “Rules of Vengeance”, and “Rules of Betrayal”. His novel “The Patriot’s Club” won the 2006 International Thriller Writers award for best novel.

Tickets are \$60 and are on sale Monday, December 2, 2019 at [www.sanclementefotl.org](http://www.sanclementefotl.org)

For more ticket information email [MTAtix@cox.net](mailto:MTAtix@cox.net) or Debbie Wilkens at 949-322-4892

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