

eNewsletter

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It's Soirée Time—Sunday, April 26, 2020 “Cruising into the 20s”



The 27th annual Wine Soirée and Benefit Auctions is coming quickly on **Sunday, April 26 from 4:00 p.m. to 7 p.m.** Chairs Dana Cox, Nancy Lyons, Rick Rogers and Tony Tornø are planning an exciting afternoon of community involvement with a souvenir wine glass, delicious food, wine and beer tasting along with interesting and desirable silent, book and live auctions. The Live Auction is always interesting and this year is no exception. This year again we will have the great prize from Total Wine and More of a Wine Education Party for 20 people. Through our generous donors, we will have many prizes such as hotel stays, sports tickets, signed books, great raffle prizes and much more!

There will be music and entertainment around the theme “Cruising into the 20s.” The Wine Soirée will be held at the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue, Diamond Bar, CA. Ticket price is \$75—no one under 21 can be admitted. Tickets are available in Diamond Bar at Midas Auto Service Experts, 796 N. Diamond Bar Boulevard; Basically BOOKS at the Diamond Bar Library, 21800 Copley Drive; and Basically BOOKS at 23447 Golden Springs Drive.

Over the last 26 years, the Wine Soirée has earned the reputation as “the best party in town”—this year it will be “the best cruise in town.” So join with your friends and neighbors

on that special date of April 26—all in support of literacy and our own Diamond Bar Library, and remember: all proceeds directly benefit the Diamond Bar Library!



Basically BOOKS 20th Birthday Party November 16, 2019

Basically BOOKS, our non-profit bookstores in Diamond Bar, celebrated our 20th anniversary serving the people of Diamond Bar and the surrounding areas in November. Thanks to Chair Janice Giardina and her committee, we had a wonderful afternoon with refreshments, cake, face painting and more. Jill Gomez opened the festivities with a beautiful rendition of *God Bless America*. Congressman Gil Cisneros sent his representative to present recognition certificates to Basically BOOKS and to our bookstore manager, Peggy Murphy.

The Friends of the Library opened our first book store in November 1999—just in time for the millennium celebration of Y2K. Basically BOOKS was successful from the beginning, quickly attracting both volunteers and customers. Jan Morf volunteered as our first store manager, setting up procedures that we still use today. Along with many eager volunteers, Jane and her husband, Woody, made an empty space into an inviting and welcoming haven for book lovers. Jane and Woody moved away and turned the store over to Nancy Holdstock—another great manager who managed the store until September 2005.

Then we were very fortunate to find Mary Hackett who was our manager until December 2013. Mary had the distinction of opening the Diamond Bar Library location so she managed both stores—making Basically BOOKS the only chain store in Diamond Bar!

Mary and her husband Jim, moved away in December 2013 (why do the good ones move away?)--, again, we were blessed to find Peggy Murphy who manages our book store into the future. Peggy manages over 50 volunteers in two stores, keeping the stores open approximately 80 hours a week—a herculean volunteer job!

We have been in four locations over 20 years with wonderful managers and volunteers who cheerfully staff our store, offering a happy community place in town. Basically BOOKS raises a huge amount of money with all proceeds going directly to the Diamond Bar Library collections and programs. It is also a positive community resource for so many as a warm gathering place. Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has made Basically BOOKS such a resounding and continuing success!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY?

- Our librarians are continually filling the shelves with wonderful new materials purchased by the Friends. Many of the Library programs are funded by the Friends—so come, participate and enjoy these many interesting and stimulating programs.
- The Friends have also taken on two renovation projects at the Library. Even though the Library is fairly new, some updating is necessary. We have over 220,000 visitors every year making the Diamond Bar Library one of the most visited in the County Library system. Our goal is to keep our Library as beautiful as when it first opened.
- The Friends' Reading Garden renovation with new landscaping, new furniture and lighting is almost completed. The Reading Garden will be brightened with new comfortable furniture and colorful and cheerful new plants.
- Inside the library, fourteen chairs have been recovered in durable and cheerful fabrics so they can be enjoyed for many years to come.
- **Please mark your calendars for Saturday, February 8 at 11 a.m. for the "ribbon-cutting" ceremony to open the renovated Reading Garden to the public.**

BASICALLY BOOKS IN DIAMOND BAR

Basically BOOKS, the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library's two non-profit bookstores, are friendly places serving the community as a resource for school, work and pleasure reading at exceptionally low prices.

Thanks to our generous donors, we have hundreds of high quality books and other media for sale. We have a large and interesting selection of foreign language books including Chinese and Korean. Stop by and check it out.

Besides our regular store hours we have monthly buck-a-bag sidewalk sales held on the third Saturday of each month. Visit us on **January 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** for the great bargains you will find at our monthly sidewalk sale.

Manager Peggy Murphy is actively looking for new volunteers to staff both locations at 23447 Golden Springs Road (near the intersection of Golden Springs and Diamond Bar Boulevard) and the bookstore at the Diamond Bar Library, 21800 Copley Drive (across from the AQMD Building).

All proceeds from both Basically BOOKS directly benefit the Diamond Bar Library. Gift certificates are available and make great birthday or special occasion gifts.

Become a Friend! And stay a Friend of the Diamond Bar Library!

Visit our website www.dblibraryfriends.org

The time of year has come when it is time to renew your yearly membership. You can do this by stopping by one of our bookstores , online at www.dbfriends.org or email Elaine Mickle at elamickle@aol.com requesting a renewal envelope .This is the time to consider becoming a lifetime member of Friends of the Library. Happy New Year!

Thank you all for your continuing support.

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