

eNewsletter

March 1, 2020

FOUR SEASONS BOOK GROUP STARTING AT DIAMOND BAR LIBRARY

The Friends of the Diamond Bar Library invites you to join us for the inaugural meeting on Thursday, Marcy 19 at 6:00 pm.

Our first book pick is *Next Year in Havana* by Chanel Cleeton. The author's family fled from Cuba in 1967 and came to the United States as refugees. The stories her grandparents told of growing up in Cuba became a huge part of her daily life. These stories, these memories, this version of Cuba given to her by her family, nurtured in exile, became the foundation for *Next Year in Havana*. Please join us at the Diamond Bar Library Windmill Room for a lively discussion and refreshments.

As these meetings are planned as "Four Seasons," our summer meeting *The Late Show* by Michael Connelly on Thursday, June 18 and our fall book pick will be the Read Together book, *Wild Bird* by Wendelin Van Draanen on Thursday, September 17.

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 Torng 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 (you pick the date). We have an assortment of very special Dodgers tickets and Angels Club tickets. There will also be Disneyland Park Hopper tickets and an overnight get-away in Hollywood with theatre tickets for two. Another unique prize will include a \$175 Tiefs gift card for a pair of trendy Tiefs shoes. Through our generous donors, we will have many other prizes such as hotel stays, sports tickets, signed books, great raffle prizes and much more! 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 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 **Saturday, March 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** for the great bargains you will find at our monthly sidewalk sale. Future Sidewalk Sales will be March 21 and April 18 at the same times.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY?

- 311,089 customers visited the library in 2018 – 2019, a 16% increase over last Fiscal Year. From opening to closing, library customers were busy with internet sessions, selecting and checking out library materials and attending library programs. Diamond Bar remains one of the busiest locations in LA County.

- Our librarians are continually filling the shelves with wonderful new materials, many purchased by the Friends. Diamond Bar boasts the second highest circulation figures in LA County Library: 309,850 items were checked out by customers in 2018 – 2019.
- Diamond Bar handled over 75,000 items on hold for customers in 2018 - 2019, helping customers tap onto the vast holdings of the County Library and our partners.
- Library programs that attract and engage customers has remained the mainstay of services at Diamond Bar Library. Programs focusing on STEAM and STEM have consistently attracted increasing numbers of users, particularly teens and tweens. Weekly toddler and family story times remain very popular and extremely well attended. The addition of Smarty Pants story time has brought a new level of school readiness for children and parents together with Family Place workshops, with local resources specialists in nutrition, dental care and other aspects of child rearing. The addition of STEM and STEAM programs with the collaboration of the MāKō staff have produced greater levels of engagement with our tween and teen customers.
- In addition to programs that challenge the mind, Diamond Bar has also introduced a variety of programs that focus on physical and mental wellbeing. These programs have been very well received by the community and are geared for members of different age groups.
- The library continues to feature Read Together Diamond Bar and annual essay contest for teens/tweens: How a book changed my life. Both programs have helped draw the community together and share in the benefits of lifelong learning and scholarship. The Diamond Bar Friends of the Library continue to generously underwrite these very popular events.
- Classes that focus on language acquisition, computer literacy and immigration provided excellent opportunities for customers to acquire new skills in a supportive environment. All classes are free.
- Many of the Library programs are funded by the Friends—so come, participate and enjoy these many interesting and stimulating programs.
- Don't forget Basically BOOKS, our two non-profit bookstores. You will find one in the Diamond Bar Library and one 23447 Golden Springs Drive. These non-profit bookstores have been operated by the Friends of the Diamond Bar Library for over 20 years.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

With the New Year it is time to renew your annual membership to Friends of the Library. Consider upgrading your membership to a lifetime membership. You won't have to remember to renew annually!

Thank you to **Richard Malooly** who upgraded his annual membership to Lifetime this year. Welcome to the Lifetime Membership community of Friends of the Library. Your name will be included on the page recognizing our lifetime members in the 2020 Wine Soiree Program. The program is distributed to approximately 350 attendees of the Soiree. Names will also be displayed on the big screen during the event.

Thank you to **Nancy Aguilera, Barbara Armstrong, Gloria-Sanchez Baca** and **Patricia Wetzel** for renewing their **annual** memberships. Your membership supports our Diamond Bar Library and many of their educational programs for the community. Welcome to **Vivian Cao** our newest member to the Friends of the Library community.

In order to honor the memory of our long-time member, **Joe Ruzicka**, the Friends is dedicating a book for the library's collection. Joe's love of running will be demonstrated in the book *Born to Run* by Christopher McDougall. The book, with a permanent bookplate honoring Joe, will be circulated in the library's permanent for years to come. Rest in Peace, Joe.

Membership envelopes are our Basically Books Bookstores, at the Diamond Bar Library or become a member through our website. **Become a Friend! And stay a Friend of the Diamond Bar Library!**

Visit our website www.dlibraryfriends.org

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN MARCH

Approximately 30 lifetime members attended an informative meeting in February. It was the first of its kind, filled with energy and enthusiasm for our organization. There was no formal agenda for this meeting, but rather an opportunity to build community among our membership.

One of the members stated "this membership was the best investment she has made in the community!"

We would like to increase our FOL lifetime member community, please consider about making this investment or, if there is someone that may be interested, please tell them about our organization.

Diamond Bar Friends of Library website: www.dlibraryfriends.com

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October	All month	Read Together Diamond Bar	Diamond Bar Library	A month of activities based on our yearly book pick: <i>Wild Bird</i> , a book both adults and teens can enjoy.

The Diamond Bar Friends of the Library monthly board meeting is open to the public.

The meetings will be usually held on the second Saturday of the month starting at 8:30 a.m.

About LA County Library

Founded in 1912, LA County Library is one of the largest and most innovative library systems in the US. It offers free public resources including books, music, multimedia materials, computer and internet access, and educational and recreational services to 3.4 million residents across 3,000 square miles through its 87 libraries and mobile fleet of 18 vehicles, including 3 Bookmobiles, 10 Mākmō maker mobiles, and 5 Reading Machines. LA County Library is dedicated to reducing barriers and increasing access to and equity of public services for all. To learn more, visit LACountyLibrary.org and follow @LACountyLibrary on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)

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