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Website: [www.dlibraryfriends.org](http://www.dlibraryfriends.org)

## **BasicallyBOOKS is Reopening!**

As many of you know, our used book stores – BasicallyBOOKS – have been closed since mid-March. We are extremely happy and excited to announce that our book store at 23447 Golden Springs Rd in Diamond Bar is being readied to reopen in the next few weeks!

Cleaning and reorganizing have started, with a goal of offering our volunteers and customers a safe and welcoming experience when working and shopping in our store.

Opening date will be announced soon! We so look forward to again seeing our friends, customers, and community members who share our love of reading, at our Golden Springs store later this fall. We are very grateful to Jim and Mary Hackett who are coming back as manager of BasicallyBOOKS. Mary (with Jim at her side!) was our dedicated volunteer manager for over eight years so we are very grateful to them for taking on this much-needed but daunting task.

If you would like to be a part of our bookstore volunteer team and spend 3 hours per week or per alternate week, give Mary Hackett a call at (909) 702-1095. Training and scheduling will begin in mid-September.

## **NEWS FROM BASICALLY BOOKS**

Until her recent retirement, Peggy Murphy had been the manager of the two Basically BOOKS non-profit bookstores in Diamond Bar for over six years. This is a full-time, but unpaid position, needing many hours a week. Peggy does this all efficiently and cheerfully. Peggy worked to help the community in her quiet and dedicated way adding so much to making Diamond Bar a more welcoming and positive place.

BasicallyBOOKS stores are a great source of revenue for the Diamond Bar Library and also bring a sense of community to Diamond Bar as these are the only bookstores in Diamond Bar and some surrounding areas. As the volunteer manager, Peggy organized scheduling and meetings for the over 50 bookstore volunteers. She also managed a monthly and a very large annual book sale in the Windmill Room—with all proceeds supporting the Diamond Bar Library. She is also a Diamond Bar Friends of the Library board member advising and helping on all Friends' activities such as the annual Wine Soirée as a cashier and Read Together Diamond Bar.

Peggy has three children, Kristy, Kathy and Jeremy (who are twins). She is dedicated to her family especially her six grandchildren and three step grandchildren. She also is a small business owner helping people and animals through her company, Pampered Pets.

Peggy has volunteered for over 13 years as a volunteer and manager giving untold hours of her time to keep the bookstores welcoming and profitable.

We send a very heartfelt “Thank You” to Peggy for her years of dedication to the Diamond Bar Library and literacy in our communities!

## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

By Membership Chair Elaine Mickle

Our prayers continue go out to all our members and their families of the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library. We continue to pray you remain safe and healthy.

A big thank you to **Diane Wilks** for her generous donation to the Friends of the Library. Her donation helps aid in the support of the Diamond Bar Library.

The Diamond Bar Library continues to be a tremendous resource for our community. Although closed to onsite patrons, the library continues to provide virtual educational programs and provides curbside pickup for book loans. Recently the Friends of the Library approved funding for the purchase of new books. In addition, when the library reopens look for our lifetime membership recognition display.

The Friends of the Library used bookstores have been closed this year but the Friends remain active remain active in support of literacy in our community. Please join us!

A yearly donation to the Friends of the Library helps support this great community resource. The donation levels are as follows:

<b>Junior Reader</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Adult Reader</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Bookworm</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Book Lover</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Lifetime Friend</b>	<b>\$250.00 and above</b>

*Through your donation you become a Friend of the Diamond Bar Library.*

*Mail donations to:*

***Diamond Bar Friends of the Library  
23535 Palomino Drive #232  
Diamond Bar, Ca 91765***

***Become a friend today and stay a friend tomorrow***

### **UPDATED WEBSITE COMING SOON!**

By Website Chair Rick Rogers

The Friends of the Library website is currently being upgraded. During the month of August the website's infrastructure is being rebuilt, and we hope to unveil a redesigned, easier to use and more interactive website in September. The Friends' website address is [www.dblibraryfriends.org](http://www.dblibraryfriends.org). We hope you'll like our new website!

### **Virtual Wine Tasting set for October 24<sup>th</sup>**

By Soiree CoChair Rick Rogers

The Friends are very pleased to announce that a virtual wine tasting has been scheduled for **2 pm, Saturday, October 24, 2020**. The tasting has been arranged with award-winning Eberle Winery of Paso Robles. This event is a Fun-Raiser for the Friends, and any other friends who would like to participate!

The tasting will consist of a 2019 Chardonnay, a 2017 Eberle Estate Cabernet Sauvignon and a 2019 Muscat Canelli. The regular retail value for these 3 wines is \$98.00, but Eberle has very generously arranged a discount price of \$58.80 (plus tax). Additionally, Eberle has agreed to ship directly to participants for a flat shipping rate of

\$20 (for California residents). And last but certainly not least, Gary Eberle himself is scheduled to conduct the wine tasting.

The plan is to for participants to register for the wine tasting and purchase the wine through the Eberle website using a special code. Wines will be shipped as purchased, along with tasting notes and instructions on how to login to the virtual wine tasting. At this time plans are still being finalized, and **interested parties are encouraged to check back to our new website frequently for updates on this very special opportunity!** You can also follow up on our website: [www.dblibraryfriends.org](http://www.dblibraryfriends.org)

### Wine Soirée Food Host Suggestions

As we all know the Coronid-19 pandemic has turned our lives up-side-down for the time being. The Friends had the benefit of many generous food hosts ready to support the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Wine Soirée that was to be held on Sunday, April 26. Many of these are struggling but still open offering delicious take-out food for your nourishment and enjoyment.

Please look at this list and consider ordering from any of these community-minded restaurants: **Albertson’s Market, Aljibani Halal Market, Basil & Company, Chili’s Grill & Bar, Claro’s Italian Markets, Dilliwalla Indian Restaurant, Encore Teppan, Fusion 2 and 1, Graber Olive House, Holiday Inn Diamond Bar, It’s Everyday Coffee House, Jade House, Jeseca Creations, Julie’s Café, King Bap, Kyala Japanese Restaurant-Mori Sen, Mandarin Taste Restaurant, Mr. G’s Pizza, Nini Bakery, Old Chengdu Restaurant, Round Table Pizza, Spaggi’s, VITA Italian Bar & Grill.**

All are in or near Diamond Bar. Of course, please check out who is open for take-out and patronize these and all the restaurants who are open for business during this stressful time.

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Date 2020	Time	Activity	Location	Remarks
Saturday October 24	2 p.m.	Eberle Virtual Wine Tasting	Online from Eberle Winery, Paso Robles	Enjoy our latest FUN-Raiser—just to get together
<b>Sunday April 25, 2021</b>	<b>4-7 p.m.</b>	<b>Annual Wine Soirée</b>	<b>Diamond Bar Center</b>	<b>This will be the BEST Soirée ever—worth the wait!</b>
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. (suspended right now)				

Visit our website [www.dblibraryfriends.org](http://www.dblibraryfriends.org)

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