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Marisa Silver signing books
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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

In this time of giving thanks, the theme of this newsletter is gratitude for our many volunteers and supporters that make the Friends of the Claremont Library such a vibrant organization.

First, we'd like to thank you, our many "Friends" who are donors and members of Friends of the Claremont Library. Obviously your financial support is vital to the many programs we support. For the first time, we are listing all of our current Friends in our newsletter. We'd like to extend a hearty thanks to all of you. Many of you also attend the poetry readings, the book discussions, the book sales, the Spelling Bee and many other events we have during the year, sharing the love of literacy and reading with like-minded people in our community.

We also have many volunteers to thank. We are an all-volunteer group with no paid staff. Like many other nonprofits in town, our board is very active and is responsible for organizing the events, publicizing them, chairing our various committees, taking care of the finances and being advocates for our library in many ways. Our reading program, *On the Same Page*, just finished this year's events and next year's committee will meet this month to start their planning and book selection. The Poetry Committee plans monthly poetry presentations to a loyal following of poetry lovers. The Spelling Bee committee pulls together library supporters from all over town.

Our biggest fund-raiser is our book store and biannual book sales. We are very appreciative of the many hours these volunteers spend to make this profitable program run smoothly. This program also requires the largest number of volunteers to sort books year round, keep the book store stocked and set up and run our huge book sales twice a year. This program relies on the continued donations of your used books. Thanks to all of you who have supported us in this way. We are grateful for all of our "Friends". If you would like to get involved with the Friends and our many activities, you can reach us by email at friendsofclaremontlibrary@gmail.com.

Laura Bollinger, President, Friends of the Claremont Library

Claremont: On the Same Page - Naomi Howland

Last November a stalwart group of readers gathered with a huge stack of books to consider. We read and read and talked and talked. Four months later, the clear favorite was Marisa Silver's *The God of War, A Novel* because of its beautiful writing, indelible characters, and sense of place. The readers were Deena Benjamin, Tina Brooks, Ken Corhan, Deckard Hodge, Naomi Howland, Jennifer Mawhorter, Joan Presecan, Garry Schneider, Ellen Taylor, and Linda Yao. Thank you to each of them for the time and thought that went into this choice.

Joel Cinnamon of Cinnamon Designs designed our handsome yard signs again this year. Thank you to everyone who put up one of our orange yard signs. It is time to take down the signs and recycle them. Thank you to Dan Guthrie, President of the Pomona Valley Chapter of the Audubon Society, who spoke to us about the birds of the Salton Sea. And thanks also to Marisa Silver who talked about the writing process and her book. Deckard Hodge, a professor at Chaffey College, wrote our essay prompt. Dave Chamberlain, an English teacher at CHS, offered extra credit to his students for participating. Thirty-five students took him up on that and our 2nd Annual Essay Contest was another success. The students wrote movingly about their experiences with people in difficult circumstances and conditions. Finally, thank you to everyone who read the book or participated in our programs. *Claremont: On the Same Page* was begun so that members of the community could share the experience of reading one book, to talk about it, and to enjoy it.

THANK YOU to our OCTOBER BOOK SALE VOLUNTEERS! - Barbara Musselman, Sale Chair

The success of the Friends semi-annual book sales is the result of many individuals volunteering their efforts. Thank you so very much for all the time and effort involved in providing your assistance! If your name was not included in the listing below, please let us know so that we can make corrections in the next newsletter. Thank you to the Claremont Forum's Prison Library Project who accepted the books left over from the sale, and thank you to Damien and Claremont High School for their terrific student helpers.

SUNDAY BOOK SALE SET-UP - Danny Bollinger, Patrick Bollinger, Lillian Comba, Melanie DeLaCruz, Aaron Llanusa, Alex Llanusa, Alaina Rasheed, Sharon Rasheed

SUNDAY BOX-UP - Danny Bollinger, Patrick Bollinger, Laura Bollinger, Mario Diaz, Jill Finegan, Nikki Loi, Vivian Long, Aaron Llanusa, Alex Llanusa, Eric Llanusa, Steven Llanusa, Terry Miletich, Matt Miller, Bill and Megan Parnell, Isandar Sarusi

BOOK SALE

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**Friends of the Library Poetry Series**

On **November 28**, the Claremont Library Poetry Series is finishing up its successful and well-attended 2010 program with its annual **November All Poets Around Town Open Mike** reading. For 2011, we have some exciting readings lined up. **January 23** features two award-winning Los Angeles poets -- **Linda Dove** and **Charles Harper Webb**, both highly entertaining and wise. On **February 27**, L.A.'s famous and influential poet **Eloise Klein Healy** will read, and our own steering committee co-chair, **Frances Ruhlen McConnell**, is honored to join her in the program. On **March 27**, **Judy Kronenfeld**, one of Riverside's favorite and most accomplished poets, will share the stage with **Eileen Duncan**, former Claremont resident and graduate of Scripps College (whose daughter is a Senior there now). Other poets reading in 2011 include 2010 Pulitzer Prize-winning poet **Rae Armantrout** and two influential Web personalities: **John Amen**, publisher of the highly regarded online journal, *The Pedestal*, and **Richard Garcia**, who teaches workshops and tutors poets online. Stay tuned for more updates in future newsletters. We wish to thank all the members of the Poetry Series Steering Committee: Karen Greenbaum-Maya, Ken Austin, Nancy Wing, and co-chairs, Lucia Galloway and Frances McConnell.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS THIS YEAR!

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