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Spelling Bee Buzz



The Spelling Bee Committee (aka Worker Bees) is busy planning the Friends of the Claremont Library's (FOCL) major annual fundraiser, the **Adult Community Spelling Bee**. This year's event will be held on **Sunday, April 3rd, 2011, at Taylor Hall, 2-4 pm**. The Bee is patterned after the Scripps Howard national competition, and includes 24 teams, each made up of three adult members. The Sunday afternoon extravaganza includes brave spellers, Claremont cheerleaders, lively music, entertaining masters of ceremonies, snack bar treats, activities for children, an opportunity basket drawing, and many enthusiastic fans and supporters of the teams. There are even prizes for best team costume and best fan club!

Proud past winners have included the League of Women Voters (2006), Sunrise Rotary (2007 & 2009), and House of Ruth (2008). Last year, a group of library supporters called Bee-Winged Victory took home the honors. Winning teams earn a spot in the Claremont 4th of July parade and a year's worth of bragging rights. While winning is glorious, the event more importantly celebrates community spirit and helps support all of the valuable programs and materials at the library that are funded by FOCL.

Consider forming a team to spell, or sponsor your favorite group in town. Team entry fee is \$300. Additionally, we welcome donations or ads in the Bee program. All donations are tax-deductible and all donors are acknowledged at the event. For more information, visit

<http://www.claremontlibrary.org> or email claremontspellingbee@gmail.com.

Be a part of this great event that was voted as one of Claremont's best community events in the Claremont Courier's annual Almanac. Has your team registered yet?



Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Claremont Library Spring Book Sale is scheduled for **May 19-21, 2011**. We welcome donations (except for magazines, encyclopedias, and damaged books) **up to one week prior to the sale, May 12**. We will accept donations again after the sale, beginning May 24.



SAVE A TREE!

Help the library go green! We are trying to save paper, postage, and energy. Please share your email address with us so future newsletters and other notices from the Friends of the Claremont Library can be sent to you electronically. It's better for the environment and it's better for us!

Send your email address to: friendsofclaremontlibrary@gmail.com

A Message from our President

This is a busy time of year for our Friends of the Claremont Library. You've probably seen flyers around town announcing our annual fundraiser, the Adult Community Spelling Bee. This is our sixth year holding this exciting community event. Records show that 189 different people in our community have spelled in this event over the last five years. That doesn't include the hundreds of financial supporters, cheerleaders, workers and attendees who have enjoyed this day of fun celebrating community and literacy. If you haven't been involved in this event in some way, please read more about it (see the front page and insert of this issue) and consider participating.

Our committee for "On the Same Page," our community read program, is getting ready to announce the book for 2011. This program started in 2007 by encouraging everyone to read *Cannery Row* by John Steinbeck and last year selected *The God of War* by Marisa Silver. The 2011 book will be announced at the Spelling Bee on April 3rd.

We hope you noticed that the Friends of the Claremont Library website www.claremontlibrary.org has a new look. If you haven't seen it lately, please take time to look through the site and see everything we do. Consider getting more involved in our many activities. Thank you again for your support of our library.

Laura Bollinger
President, Friends of the Claremont Library

COMPUTER DONATION RECEIVED!

The Friends wish to thank **Ed Ansell** for his generous contribution of a computer and monitor. It is greatly appreciated and is already being put to use!



Friends of the Library Poetry Series

As Winter courses into Spring, the Poetry Series at the Claremont Library surges forward with an impressive line-up of readings. Please join us on the fourth Sunday at 2pm in the Community Meeting Room of the Claremont Library (but note changes in time or place for April, May, and June).

The **March 27** program features **Judy Kronenfeld** and **Eileen Duncan**. Judy Kronenfeld of Riverside makes her third appearance in our series. Widely published, she has authored three poetry books, most recently *Light Lowering in Diminished Sevenths*, which won the Litchfield Review Poetry Prize. She taught Creative Writing at U.C. Riverside. Eileen Duncan is a former Claremonter, a Scripps College graduate, and the mother of a current Scripps student. Her poems have appeared in numerous journals. She also reviews poetry and has served as Associate Editor of *Alaska Quarterly Review*.

On **April 17**, our program will feature **Hillary Grayendyk** and **Maureen Alsop**. Grayendyk recently joined the Pomona College faculty after moving from the Bay Area, where she pursued her Ph.D. in 20th Century American Literature at U.C. Berkeley and curated The Holloway Series in Poetry. Her poems are collected in a chapbook, *The Naturalist* (Achiote Press), and published widely in journals. Palm Springs poet Maureen Alsop is an associate poetry editor for the on-line journal *Poemeleon* and a workshop leader for Inlandia Institute. An award-winning poet, she is the author of *Apparition Wren* and six poetry chapbooks.

On **May 22**, we take our program to the **Forum Bookstore** in the West Village Packing House. **Ruth Nolan**, editor of *No Place for a Puritan, The Literature of California Deserts* (Heyday Books), will read from her own work and that of other desert writers featured in the anthology. An Associate Professor of English at College of the Desert near Palm Springs, Nolan also has work featured in *Inlandia: A Literary Journey through California's Inland Empire*.



In our previous newsletter, when listing our Friends and Supporters, we inadvertently left off Tracey Stoll. We apologize for the error.



Thanks to our Weekly Bookstore Volunteers!

The Friends of the Claremont Library maintain a bookstore in the front of the library. The selections are very competitively priced and reflect the wide-ranging interests of our reading community for adults, children, and teens. The store features, as available, music, book tapes, videos, CD's, DVD's, and LP's. The education cart contains textbooks, teacher aides and general education material. The bookstore offerings are refreshed weekly.

The Friends also offer even bigger book and VHS bargains on the "Five for a Dollar/Twenty-Five Cent" carts located adjacent to the library's checkout desk. These selections are also changed on a weekly basis.

Our weekly volunteers provide many hours of community service in the operation of the bookstore that provides our community with affordable reading materials and financial support of our library. **Jill Finegan** has for many years guided the fortunes of this Friends' enterprise and we gratefully acknowledge her past and current contributions, and anticipate her on-going commitment to this project. **Barbara Musselman** currently manages the semi-annual book sales and assists Jill in the management of the Friends' bookstore. If you love books, please consider volunteering to sort donated books for our sales. We need volunteers for Wednesday and Thursday mornings, but if you'd like to work other times, let us know. Contact us at friendsofclaremontlibrary@gmail.com if you are interested in this project.

Special thanks to our weekly volunteers: Ellen Berke, Jim Berke, Conrad Casler, Sally Ellis, Jill Finegan, Jim Fraggos, Kathy Gysin, Betty Heaton, Marie Linder, Lynn McBride, Barbara Musselman, Judy Perkins, Connie Rodriguez, Priya Srinivasan, Dan Walsh, Dave Wishart, and Sally Wishart

Claremont: On the Same Page

As this newsletter goes to print, readers for the Claremont: On the Same Page committee are frantically poring over the last few books on our short list. Will it be non-fiction? Will it be a romance? Or a gripping mystery? Come to the Spelling Bee on Sunday, April 3rd, for the big announcement of this year's book and find out what we have chosen.

This is the fifth year for our community reading program. We have read a classic in John Steinbeck's **Cannery Row** and a contemporary novel with **The God of War** by Marisa Silver. Bo Caldwell's **The Distant Land of My Father** gave us an opportunity to read and discuss a book that took place during a tumultuous era in China and Southern California. We enjoyed listening to music, hearing Steve Lopez speak, and reading **The Soloist**. With each book selection we have had programs to enhance and expand the reading experience - from learning to play mah jong to hearing about the birds of the Salton Sea.

For the past two years, our final event has been an essay contest, open to anyone in the community. At the reception for the winners we have heard moving and heartfelt essays on themes that are central to the book. Please join us in reading our next book and come to the activities we plan for October. As always, the book will be available at the library or you may purchase it at the Spelling Bee.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 26 - Alf Museum of Paleontology Presents: Dynamic Dinosaurs - 2pm - Library
- March 27 - Poetry Series - Judy Kronenfeld and Eileen Duncan - 2pm - Library
- April 1 - Claremont Library Book Club meeting - 10am - Library
- April 3 - Adult Community Spelling Bee - 2pm - Taylor Hall
- April 6 - Peace Corps Information Session - 6pm - Library
- April 12 and 14 - Magic Workshops for Claremont Tweens - Library
- April 17 - Poetry Series - Hillary Grayendyk and Maureen Alsop - 2pm - Library
- May 19 - Semi-annual FOCL Book Sale - Friends-only Preview Sale - Library

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