## The Friends of the Long Beach Public Library

## invite you and your friends to attend the Annual Meeting and Literary Luncheon

LONG BEACH AUTHOR, LIBRARIAN, AND HISTORIAN CLAUDINE BURNETT



For historian and author **Claudine Burnett**, "**Soaring Skyward**", her sixth and most recent book, is about unveiling times and people that have long been forgotten. Focusing on stories about aviation - from early years to now - in Southern California and Long Beach. The book is published by **AuthorHouse**, and written based on years of research done by **Burnett**, who discovered much of the information while she helped organize the historical archives at the **Long Beach Public Library**.

Claudine Burnett has been actively pursuing Southern California history since 1971. She has written Long Beach related history books: *Haunted Long Beach, Strange Sea Tales, Along the Southern California Coast, Murderous Intent.* Burnett, a semi-retired librarian who started working at the library in 1971, said she's had more time in the past few years to focus on her writing and has a strong emphasis on biographies about people in the aviation industry who have been forgotten.

Burnett said flying was a perilous adventure, where many pilots lost their lives in pursuit of their dreams." These are people whose stories have been forgotten, but these were such daring men and women, "she said. "They embraced the dangers and challenges of flight, and they should be remembered." She believes history should be "fun" as well as "factual" and her entertaining accounts make learning history an enjoyable experience.

DATE: Saturday, May 19, 2012

TIME: 11:30 am Hospitality (no host bar)

12:00 pm Luncheon 12:45 pm Meeting 1:15 pm Speaker

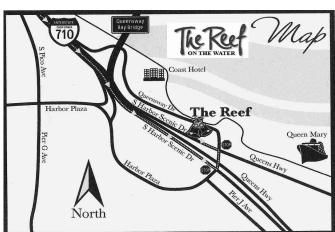
WHERE: THE REEF ON THE WATER 'PACIFIC ROOM'

800 Harbor Scenic Dr., 562-435-3717

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Get on the 710 South for approximately 3 miles
Stay to the right toward Port of Long Beach/Queen Mary
Take the exit toward Piers F-J/Queen Mary
Exit Piers H-J/Harbor Scenic Drive/Harbor Plaza
(The third and final 'Harbor Plaza' exit)
At the stop sign turn left onto Harbor Plaza
Turn left at the next stop sign onto S Harbor Scenic Dr
The entrance for the Reef will be on your right

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