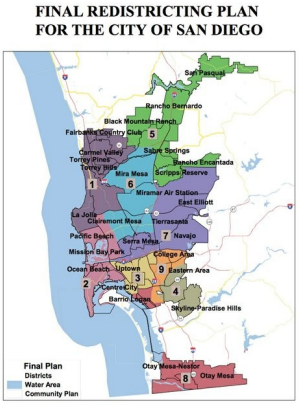
September, 2011

Mira Mesa Town Council

Redistricting: What This Process Means To Mira Mesa Over The Next Ten Years



We've heard a lot about the redistricting process over the last few months, usually in reference to the creation of new boundaries for the City Council districts and the addition of a new ninth council district. While the City Council redistricting process has been the most visible, the process of redistricting takes place at EVERY level of government every 10 years, following the publication of the decennial census results.

At our September 12 meeting, we will review the results of the City Council redistricting process and its effects on Mira Mesa. Additionally, we will review the maps related to redistricting at the county, state, and federal level.

Who will represent Mira Mesa at each level of government? When do these changes take effect? And perhaps more importantly, what will these changes mean for Mira Mesa's representation at every level of government?

We hope to answer these questions for you at our next meeting—and perhaps raise a few more questions.

13th Annual Mira Mesa Street Fair
September 17, 10 AM - 5 PM
Camino Ruiz at Mira Mesa Blvd

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Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting

Monday, September 12, 2011
7 - 9 p.m.

Mira Mesa Senior Center
8460 Mira Mesa Blvd

Agenda:

Redistricting: City, County, State

Business of the Month:
Collins Family Jewelers

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Mira Mesa Town Council Meetings

Mira Mesa Town Council meetings provide a public forum for community issues relating to civic, cultural, social, educational and recreational development and improvement in the area. Regular meetings are held the first Monday of each month at the *Mira Mesa Senior Center* from 7 to 9 p.m., with no meeting held in July.

2011 Mira Mesa Town Council meeting schedule:

January 3	**July - NO MEETING**
February 7	**August 1**
March 7	**September 12 ****
April 4	**October 3**
May 2	**November 7**
June 6	**December 5**

**** Sept meeting is on the 2nd Monday due to Labor Day**

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Want to help your community, but don't know how?

Mira Mesa is made up of people just like you who are looking for ways to get involved in the community. Whether you are interested in local planning, parks and recreation, community appearance, family events or something completely new, there's a place for you.

Ongoing MMTC committees and community groups include:

- **MMTC BANNER DISTRICT COMMITTEE**
- **MMTC COMMUNITY PRIDE COMMITTEE**
- **MMTC FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE**
- **MMTC STREET FAIR COMMITTEE**
- **MMTC MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT COMMITTEE**
- **CLUSTER SCHOOLS COUNCIL**
- **COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**
- **HEROES**
- **MIRA MESA COMMUNITY VISION**
- **RECREATION COUNCIL**
- **RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PATROL (RSVP)**

Come to a Mira Mesa Town Council general meeting or contact one of our directors for more information. Also see page 7 for specific meeting times and locations.

Business Member of the Month: Collins Family Jewelers

Collins Family Jewelers, located in the Mira Mesa Mall, is now in its third decade doing business in San Diego. If you have been involved in any of the events put on by the Mira Mesa Town Council—4th of July, Street Fair, Miss Mira Mesa pageant—Collins Family Jewelers has been a supporter. If you pass by their store in the mall, you can take a look at the crowns that will be awarded in February to the winners of the Miss Mira Mesa and Miss Teen Mira Mesa pageant.

The Collins family—Briana, Sharon, Bill, and Chelsea—are deeply involved in our community and supportive of all of our efforts.

Join us on September 12 in thanking Collins Family Jewelers as our September "Mira Mesa Town Council Business Member of the Month" and say hello to the Collins Family. Oh, and don't forget to stop by their store to view their incredible collection of beautiful jewelry!

President's Message for September

By Ted Brengel, MMTC President

August was quite a month! While many slept your MMTC officers were very busy. The Street Fair Committee directed by Jeff Stevens shifted into overdrive planning for the September 17th event, the Miss Mira Mesa Committee headed by Maria Pankau struggled mightily to get contestants, and the Redistricting Committee led by Bari Vaz worked feverishly to get our message to the Redistricting Commission.

You will be glad to know that this year's Mira Mesa Street Fair will be fantastic as always with many of the same wonderful food, rides, and entertainment, and some new ones as well. Please take this opportunity to make a note on your calendar for the Street Fair on September 17 (one week earlier than usual). Do it now so you don't forget.

This Miss Mira Mesa Pageant is alive and well but has been rescheduled to February. We will all redouble our efforts to get some of Mira Mesa's lovely young women to compete in this event. Yes it's about beauty, but also about so much more. And the rewards can be huge. The Miss Mira Mesa Pageant is a stepping stone to the Miss Greater San Diego, Miss California, and Miss America Pageants. Preparation for the pageant instills poise and pride into the competitors and can allow them to compete for scholarships with which to further their education.

Our Redistricting Committee made presentations to the San Diego City Redistricting Commission at every possible opportunity. The message presented so eloquently by Bari Vaz and other committee members was crystal clear and utterly concise: *Don't divide Mira Mesa.* And lo and behold, look at the result. To everyone's great surprise, Rancho Peñasquitos and Clairemont were divided among several districts. In fact, part of each of those communities is in the new 6th District along with us. But in my opinion, due to the efforts of Bari Vaz and other committee members, Mira Mesa remains intact, wholly contained within the 6th San Diego City Council District.

So, here's September. School starts on the day after Labor Day. The Street Fair in on the 17th as I mentioned earlier. Mark your calendars now if you didn't earlier.

One more thing—The Town Council Meeting is the 2nd Monday this month (September 12) because the first Monday is Labor Day. See you at the meeting!

Miss Mira Mesa Pageant Rescheduled to February 4, 2012

By Maria Pankau

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Miss Mira Mesa and Miss Teen Mira Mesa pageants have been postponed until February 4, 2012. In light of the postponement, we will once again be accepting applications for contestants in both the Miss Mira Mesa and Miss Teen Mira Mesa pageants.

The Mira Mesa Town Council and the Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring the Miss Mira Mesa and Miss Mira Mesa Teen Pageant. This first ever, combined pageant is a stepping stone to the Miss Greater San Diego, Miss California, Miss America and so on. The local winners will receive scholarships and gifts packages, as well as, the entry fee for the Miss Greater San Diego Pageant, should they wish to continue. The Miss Mira Mesa pageant will take place on Saturday, February 4, 2012 at the Country Inn and Suites on Mira Mesa Blvd.

All interested girls can visit the Mira Mesa Town Council website at miramesatowncouncil.org or the Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce website at miramesachamber.com to download the pageant information and application. Be the "Face" of our community for the 2012 events. Direct all questions to Maria Pankau at mgpankau@hotmail.com please write "Miss Mira Mesa" in the subject line, or at 858-271-1572.

RSVP Wants YOU!

By Glen Clark

Retired? Semi-retired? Bored? Wandering aimlessly around the house? RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol) may be the answer. Providing a valuable service to our community is only one thing you will do. You will make house calls on senior citizens living alone, housing checks on residents who are going to be away from home, driving or riding in the vehicle and maintaining a presence in the neighborhood, and adding an extra pair of eyes for the police. Our volunteers have donated over 161,000 hours to date. WOW!

Can you spare 3 ½ days a month? You must have a valid California driver's license, 50 years or older, retired or semi-retired, go through a background check, and attend a 40 hour training session. Please contact John Sunde at 858-538-8156 or jsunde@pd.sandiego.gov for more information and what it takes to get started as a RSVP volunteer!!

Mira Mesa Street Fair - Saturday, September 17

By Pam Stevens

Enjoy family fun at the 13th Annual Mira Mesa Street Fair on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Camino Ruiz between Mira Mesa Boulevard and New Salem Street. Over 100 crafters, businesses, non-profit groups, and food vendors will have booths at the Street Fair, hosted by Mira Mesa's non-profit civic group, the Mira Mesa Town Council.

Find out more about what's happening throughout Mira Mesa at the "big top" tent staffed by volunteers from the Mira Mesa Town Council, Community Planning Group, Recreation Council, and Chamber of Commerce. Copies of *Mira Mesa*, a photo history of the community in the Images of America series by Arcadia Press, can be purchased at the Mira Mesa Town Council booth all day. Author Pam Stevens will be at the booth from 3 to 5 PM to answer questions and autograph copies.

Any Mira Mesa Town Council members who would like to assist as volunteers at the MMTC community information booth for an hour or two during the day on Sept. 17 are encouraged to contact Bari Vaz, barivaz@sbcglobal.net, or Pam Stevens, pstevens@san.rr.com. All time slots from 10 AM to 5 PM are currently available. Help with set-up or take-down is also needed. Sign up early for your choice of time!

The Street Fair features a carnival, as well as continuous entertainment on two stages, including ethnic dance performances, martial arts demos, and a variety of vocal artists and bands. Special attractions include large earth-moving equipment – take a family photo inside the giant shovel or climb up to the cab for a bird's-eye view of the Street Fair below you! See how bombs get defused at MCAS Miramar's EOD (explosive ordnance disposal) exhibit. A military fire truck will also be on display. Vulcan Materials will host a free rock-painting booth for children to create their own "rock art," a Street Fair highlight in past years. Another popular returning attraction is the dunk tank (and face painting) operated by the Mira Mesa High School boys' and girls' water polo teams.

SDG&E will again offer a lamp and light bulb exchange, providing compact fluorescent bulbs and torchier lamps for the less energy efficient incandescent bulbs (up to 5) and halogen torchiere lamps (up to 2), free to SDG&E customers – bring your bill for ID. The lighting exchange starts at 10 a.m. and continues while supplies last. Friends of the Mira Mesa Library will hold their biggest book sale of the year from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the library's community room.

"This year's Street Fair is a week earlier – the third Saturday in September – and a half hour longer than previous years. We moved it up so that it's not immediately before the Air Show weekend at MCAS Miramar, and extended it to 5 PM so people will have more time to visit booths until late afternoon. We've got a good variety of food vendors this year. I plan to buy food from more than one of them myself," said Mira Mesa Town Council Street Fair co-chair Jeff Stevens.

The food court will have an international flair, with lumpia and other Filipino food, gyros and hummus wraps, tacos, Jamaican jerk chicken or pork, roasted corn, lemonade, soft drinks, shaved ice, frozen yogurt, kettlecorn, and several different kinds of sausages – bratwurst, kielbasa, Polish, and all-American hot dogs. Among the booths by homecrafters and other vendors, two vendors will offer gourmet packaged fudge.

"The Mira Mesa Street Fair is THE annual event to get out and meet your neighbors (upwards of 20,000 of them!), shop local crafts/vendors, and generally have an awesome day in your own neighborhood and back yard...plus all the profits go right back into YOUR community improvement efforts, sponsored by the MMTC," said Street Fair co-chair Mike Davis.

Among the acts scheduled at the "Vulcan Rocks" Music Stage (in the library parking lot) are the alternative pop/rock band, "West of I-5," which got its start in June 2007 when the band performed at the Epicentre in Mira Mesa, and pop/acoustic singer/songwriter/guitarist Jordan Reimer. Acts on the Community Stage (on Camino Ruiz near Chick fil-A) will include a variety of vocalists, as well as the Kealo Hilani Dance Troupe (Hawaiian), JING Institute of Chinese Martial Arts, Swiftkick karate, Antarnaad School of Dance (Indian dance troupe), and FASCA Filipino traditional and line dancing. Pro DJ Ray Pinnock (www.djundaground.com) will host the Community Stage line-up.

Many other local non-profit, youth, educational and recreational groups will have booths, such as RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol), Miramar College, Mira Mesa Women's Club, Friends of Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve, Girl Scouts (with information about Scouting and crafts for kids), and Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts (a kids' game booth). Mira Mesa now has two community theatre groups, and both the Mira Mesa Theatre Guild (whose annual Monster Manor and Lite Frite is due to open in October) and Pacific Coast Theatre Company will have Street Fair booths. There will be crafters with handmade jewelry and other handcrafted items, as well as other vendors with a variety of interesting wares.

From 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. there will be a Community Ceremony at the Community Stage featuring the Mira Mesa High School AFJROTC and presentations by Mira Mesa Town Council president Ted Brengel and other dignitaries. Come meet some of the MMTC Street Fair Committee volunteers who have worked all year behind the scenes to make the event possible.

The 13th Annual Mira Mesa Street Fair program included in this September/October issue of *Mira Mesa Living* contains a list of participating non-profit groups, businesses, food booths, crafters, and other vendors, as well as a map showing the sections of the street where particular vendors' booths and other activities are located. The program also includes the entertainment schedule for both stages. For more information, see www.miramesatowncouncil.org.

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Police/Fire/EMS 9-1-1
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Utilities
Fire hydrant open 619-515-3525
Gas leak 800-411-7343
Power/phone line downed 619-811-8081
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Nuisances
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Animal, rodents/rats 858-694-2888
Building abandoned or dangerous 619-236-5500
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Code Compliance 619-236-5500
Trash: uncollected, overflowing dumpster, trash-strewn lot, or recyclables 858-492-5055

General County Services Information
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Manhole cover missing or damaged 619-515-3525
Street, flooded 619-527-7500
Street, light out (see below for traffic lights) 619-527-7500
Street, pothole 619-527-7500
Street, sink hole or collapse 619-515-3525
Street, traffic light non-functioning 619-525-8650
Swimming Pools..... 858-689-6296
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 **Mira Mesa Street Fair Committee** – 6:45 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center	2	3 **Fil-Am Sr. Citizens Assn** – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center
4 **FAASDNC Meeting** – 12 pm, Mira Mesa Recreation Center	Labor Day 5	*6* **Golden Friends** – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center **Mira Mesa Maintenance Assessment District** – 7 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center	7 **Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** – 7:15 am, Mimi's Restaurant	*8* **Mira Mesa Street Fair Committee** – 7:00 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center	9	*10*
11	*12* **Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors** – 6:00 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center **Mira Mesa Town Council**—7pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center	13 **Golden Friends** – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center **Epicentre Oversight Committee** – call for information **Mira Mesa Women's Club** – 7 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center **Friends of the Library** – 7 pm, Mira Mesa Library **Recreation Council** – 7 pm, Lopez Ridge Rec Center **Black Mountain Masonic Lodge #845 F.& A,M,** – 7:30 pm, Mission Valley Scottish Rites Center	14 **Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** – 6:30 am, Mimi's Restaurant **Exchange Club of San Diego** – 6:30 pm, Mandarin Garden Restaurant	*15* **Mira Mesa Street Fair Committee** – 6:45 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center	16	*Street Fair* *17* Mira Mesa Street Fair 10 AM—5 PM
18	*19* **Mira Mesa Community Planning Group** – 7 pm, Vulcan Materials Office, 7220 Trade St, Suite 205	20 **Golden Friends** – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center **Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce**—7:00 am Mimi's Café, 10788 Westview Pkwy	21 **Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** – 7:15 am, Mimi's Restaurant	22 **Sr Center Board of Governors** – 2 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center **Mira Mesa Theatre Guild** – 6 pm, location varies **Community Pride –** 6:30 pm, call for location **Black Mountain Democratic Club** – 7 pm, Mesa Village Rec Hall 1	23	24
25	26 **Mira Mesa Cluster Schools Council** - 6 pm, Mira Mesa High School Media Room	27 **Golden Friends** – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center Banned Book Club—6:45 pm, Mira Mesa Library	28 **Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** – 7:15 am, Mimi's Restaurant **Exchange Club of San Diego** – 6:30 pm, Mandarin Garden Restaurant **Mira Mesa Banner District** – 6:30 pm, location TBD	29	30	

Highlights of the August 1, 2011 MMTC Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Minutes from June meeting, by acclamation
- Recognition of our "Business of the Month" - RC Realty

POLICE AND FIRE REPRESENTATIVES

San Diego Police Department

- Northeastern Division—Officer Ray Silva
  New trend regarding burglaries, especially in Villages—burglars entering open windows; homes being fumigated also being burglarized.
  17 cars stole in Mira Mesa last month; Honda, Ford, Civic, Acura most stolen. Use a Club or other device.
  New scam - elderly being called and told relative needs money, please send by Western Union.
- Northwestern Division - No one in attendance

San Diego Fire Department

- No one in attendance

PRESENTATION—NEIGHBORHOODS FOR CLEAN ELECTIONS

- Chris Gommel, volunteer, representing NFCE
- Video presentation, suggesting communities set aside $5 per citizen in the general fund for candidates who agree NOT to accept other donations including their own.
- Motion by Virgil Harris that MMTC endorse Clean Elections Initiative; seconded by Sylvia Ollinger and Greg Newbold; motion was passed by a vote of 18-8-0.

PRESENTATION—FOURTH OF JULY PARADE AWARD WINNERS FOR 2011 PARADE

- Best Decorated Float—Praise Fellowship
- Marching—Girl Scouts
- Decorated—FASCA
- Comic—Stranglehold
- Commercial Category—RC Realty
- Marching Band—MMHS
- Non-Marching—RACES
- Overall Parade—United States Marine Color Guard

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

City Councilman Carl DeMaio (John Ly)

- Medical marijuana restrictions passed, then rescinded. Can be brought back with significant changes in one year.
- Download the Guide for San Diego 311 at http://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd5/pdf/sd311instructions.pdf
  311 can be used to report pot holes, abandoned vehicles, streetlights out, etc.
- Redistricting: Mira Mesa intact in District 6; will be represented by Lori Zapf after 2012 elections, through 2014.
- New fiscal year brings an end to fire dept brownouts, but adds new fees on alcohol permits, entertainment, etc.

County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (Nadia Moshirian)

- Opposed to Governor's Fire Prevention fee of $150 per household; residents already pay property tax for fire prevention.
- ACLU presented a redistricting map asking for more minority representation.
- $3,500 grant to Chamber of Commerce for banners to be erected in Mira Mesa Banner District.
- Prescription discount cards now available for seniors from Coast to Coast Rx, providing discounts at your pharmacy.
- If you disagree with your assessment for property tax, you have until November 15 to file an appeal.
- Whooping cough (Tdap) vaccinations required this year for all school children.

Congressman Brian Bilbray (Will Zasadny)

- House voted to amend standoff; more cuts than raising debt ceiling. Vote in Senate tomorrow.
- CRC released final congressional drafts; Mira Mesa will remain in the same district (52nd Congressional)
- Nominations for military academies is from now through October 28.
- Visit house.gov.bilbray for assistance with Federal government issues.

Congressman Duncan Hunter (Ellen Malin)

- Job Fair August 26—50 companies confirmed.
- Congressman Hunter will represent our area until 2013

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Miss Mira Mesa—Deadline for applications in one week
- Street Fair is September 17; last day to sign up for a booth without late fee is Friday (August 5)
- Banner District—New banners are going up, and special 4th of July banners will be in place for the parade

COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS

- RSVP—John Lunde, Scripps Mesa had the most people in both classes for new recruits. RSVP can now patrol on Saturdays due to increased membership. Minimum age to join RSVP is 50.
- Epicentre—Junior Achievement Team came in 2nd in the nation, the first time anyone from the west coast has come in this high. Also in 2nd place for Fed Ex Global Award.
- Scouts at tonight's meeting are Eagle Scouts from this area; invited by Chuck Sweet.
- Theatre Guild—This Saturday, 3:30 pm at Epicentre, coordination of this year's Monster Manor—www.monstermanor.org
- Bob Surret from Newbreak Church (meets at Hage) is looking for ways to help in the community. Offered to pick up shopping carts, etc.
- Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee—Weather is hot, don't forget plenty of water if hiking.
- Banned Book Club—August 9, discussing *Brave New World*
- Meet and Greet for Carl DeMaio on August 3 at Jennifer Kvalvik's home, 7435 Andosol St, 6 pm

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.
Next meeting Monday, September 12, 2011, 7 PM, Mira Mesa Senior Center; ONE WEEK LATER DUE TO LABOR DAY.

Board meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Senior Center at 6:45 PM.

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Mira Mesa Banned Book Club to Choose Titles to Read in 2011-2012

By Pam Stevens

When a 30-year ban was lifted in November 1960, Foyle's Bookshop in London sold 300 copies of what novel in the first 15 minutes?

Hint: It's possible that book may be among those selected at the Sept. 27 meeting of the Mira Mesa Banned Book Club when everyone interested is invited to take part in choosing books to read and discuss from October 2011 through July 2012.

The Mira Mesa Banned Book Club's annual title selection meeting will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 27 , 2011, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Mira Mesa Library community room, 8405 New Salem St. No advance reading required for this meeting! Come prepared to suggest any titles you'd enjoy reading and talking about, and/or to vote and help choose the titles the group will discuss.

The monthly book group, open to all interested readers, focuses on reading and discussing books that have been banned or challenged, as well as other thought-provoking titles that tie into a "freedom to read" theme. This fall the group is starting its eighth year.

Among the titles discussed last year were Elie Wiesel's haunting World War II memoir*, Night*, T.C. Boyle's *Tortilla Curtain*, and Aldous Huxley's classic dystopia, *Brave New World*, all books that have been challenged or banned at some point, as well as *The Gangster We Are All Looking For*, a semi-autobiographical novel by lê thi diem thúy, a Vietnamese-American author born in Vietnam who grew up in Linda Vista, not a banned/challenged book but one which was selected as the 2011 "One Book, One San Diego" title.

The group's book selection meeting occurs during the American Library Association's "Banned Books Week," an annual celebration of the freedom to read. (For more information or titles that have been banned or challenged somewhere recently or in the past, see www.bannedbooksweek.org or www.ala.org/bbooks.) The group meets regularly on the last Tuesday of the month (except August and December) in the Mira Mesa Library community room from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (Social time at 6:30, discussion of current month's title starts promptly at 6:45 p.m.) Drop-in participants who'd like to talk about a particular month's title are welcome, as well as regular members.

Anyone who'd enjoy recommending and/or helping choose titles to read and discuss in coming months is encouraged to attend the Sept. 27 meeting. For a list of books previously discussed by the group, see http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/news-events/bookclubs.shtml and follow the links under Mira Mesa Banned Book Club.

The answer to the question at the start of this article: *Lady Chatterly's Lover*, by D.H. Lawrence.

For further details about the group, email Banned Book Club facilitator Pam Stevens, pstevens@san.rr.com, or call the Mira Mesa Branch Library, 858-538-8165.

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