

A Hearty Greetings to SoCal DF, fellow Dickensians!

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The Southern California Dickens (SoCal DF) Fellowship meets every other month to discuss a selected novel or a specific Dickensian theme. If a Guest Presentation opportunity avails, we will calendar in the between month.

We will resume Zoom meetings in January 2023. Attempts at live meetings at our beautiful downtown library have not been well-attended, so such have been suspended until enthusiasm arises. Considerations for a quarterly live meeting are ongoing.

In November we began reading and discussing the chosen novel for the **2023 Dickens Universe**, *A Tale of Two Cities*. Wayne Batten introduced us with Book the First, chapters 1-6.

Here are our upcoming 2023 Saturday meeting dates, along with our presenter, topic, and/or chapters that will be read and discussed:

- **January 28** (*TTC*, Book the 2nd, Ch. 1-12) presented by **Kendall Mattern**
- **February 11** *Bleak Health*, author **Nicholas Cambridge**
- **March 25** (*TTC*, Book the 2nd, Ch. 13-24) presented by **Wayne Batten**
- **May 13** (*TTC*, Book the 3rd, Ch. 1-15) presented by **Kendall Martin**

Also: Our newsletter, **SoCal DF Greetings**, is published prior to each meeting.

Our annual Fellowship dues are designated to support local sponsorships and charities. We have chosen the following groups to bestow Holiday gift donations and sponsorships to this year:

1. David & Margaret Youth Family Services (local Orphanage)
2. Operation Safehouse (abused and battered women)
3. Riverside City Mission
4. Salvation Army
5. The Dickens Project (Dickens U.)
6. Neighborhood Academic Initiative (NAI high school Lit. program at Foshay)