



The Officers of the 2016 – 2017 Friends of the Rockwall County Library

It is such an honor to be a part of Friends of the Rockwall County Library as President for 2016-2017. I am excited to be part of such a wonderful organization that has worked tirelessly to provide support to the Rockwall County Library with some amazing people by my side.

Like many of you, the Library holds many wonderful childhood memories for me. From being a library aide in 6th grade at my school library, to spending summers in the cool air-conditioning reading my favorite books, and nights at the library researching for school homework; it is a great place that served me, my friends, and the community

My goal as President for the upcoming year is to have FUN, introduce new people to what Friends is all about, and to continue to increase fundraising. I want us to be able to support the outstanding programs that the Rockwall County Library has come to be known for.

Thank you for investing your money and time to Friends of the Rockwall County Library.

Let's have a great time this year!! Please don't forget to invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us on this adventure to do what we can to support our wonderful library and all it does for community!

Karen Parks

Fundraisers

Book Alcove – Please donate your used books so that they may be available in the Book Alcove. Donations are given to the staff at the desk in a container for the Book Alcove. All Proceeds go to the Friends of the Library to help support the Library's programs.

Kroger.com – To enroll or re-enroll, visit www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com. Sign in to your account or create an account, find and select Friends of the Rockwall County Library (#80320) and click "Save". A percentage of your total purchase price will be donated back to Friends. Shoppers may shop at any Kroger store. You will need to sign up each year in August.

Amazon Smile – If you or anyone you know uses Amazon for purchases, they can register for donations to Friends of the Rockwall County Library. Go to www.smile.amazon.com and sign into your regular Amazon account or create a new account if you don't have one. Type "Friends of the Rockwall County Library" in the search bar and click "Search". Select Friends of the Rockwall County Library located in Rockwall, Texas. Each time you make a purchase through smile.amazon.com, 0.5% of your payment will be sent to Friends.

Friends of the Rockwall County Library will sponsor

Brunch and Fall/Fashion Show on Tuesday, November 15, at 10:30 AM at the Rockwall County Library Community Room, 1215 E. Yellowjacket Lane. This fundraising event is hosted by Chico's/Soma. Tickets are \$25 and must be prepaid and should be sent by email to Pat Calhoun, pat2792@att.net or call 214-738-7547. Seating is limited.

"Painting With a Twist", Tues, January 24, 2017, 7:00 to 9:00 PM at "Painting With a Twist", 513 E. Interstate 30, Suite 155, Rockwall. Special Event - \$35.00 fee with supplies provided (50 seats available). Register online at www.paintingwithatwist.com/rockwall Edie Zehr 972-310-0322

An afternoon with Friends, Spring Fling with Hats - Tea with Rose-Mary Rumbley "The Ides of March" Tues., March 28, 2017, 2:00 PM at the Community Room, Rockwall County Library Special Event \$25.00 Reservations Email, Pat Calhoun, pat2792@att.net, 214-738-7547

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS

As of the beginning of August, Friends has 31 business members for a total of \$6,000. The committee has worked hard, but we still have a ways to go before reaching last year's 38 members and \$7,000. Friends needs every member to think of one business you deal with whom you can excite about becoming a member and being a part of supporting Friends and the Rockwall County Library. Business brochures are available at the Library and will be on the tables at our general meeting in September. Remember this is one of our major fund raisers. It would take less of your time to persuade a business owner to join than the two or three hour shift(s) you used to put in at Pumpkin Patch.

Yearbook pages

Yearbook pages for 2016-2017 will be available at the September and October meetings. Please be sure to pick up your pages with updated information. These pages will also contain the Bylaws and Standing Rules with a new divider. Binders for new members will also be available at the meetings. After the September meeting, pages and binders will be available at the library checkout desk.

A supplement to the Yearbook will be available in January. Any new members or renewals received after August 1st will be in the supplement.

Website News

In time for the September meeting, you can now register and pay online! Visit our website **friendsrockwall.com** and use the link located at the bottom of the home page under Upcoming Events. You can pay via PayPal using your account or using a credit card. A schedule of our 2016-2017 programs can be seen on the Meetings page (under the Events tab).

Visit the Business Partners page (under the Get Involved tab) to see the local businesses that have supported Friends with a membership this year. Thank them for their support!

Denise Fudge

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THANK YOU!!!!

TO ALL THE "FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY" WHO HAVE JOINED OR RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016 – 2017.

DID YOU FORGET TO RENEW??

PICK UP A MEMBERSHIP FORM TODAY AT THE LIBRARY OR VISIT WWW.FRIENDSROCKWALL.COM

BECAUSE YOU CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MANY FRIENDS!

Plans underway for 14th annual Christmas Luncheon

Sign up now to create a holiday table for eight for this special luncheon scheduled for December 13, 2016 at The Center at Rockwall CityPlace, 108 East Washington. Friends will set up 30 large round dining tables covered with white tablecloths. You will add your special touches with your favorite china, flatware, crystal, and centerpiece.

Don't worry about having dirty dishes to take home. Food will be served on clear plates and your dinner plates will be used as chargers. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. so the public will have time to see all the tables before a program starts at 11:30. A buffet lunch catered by Robert Zachary will be served at noon.

Paid reservations will be taken at the September 13th meeting. Reservations are \$25 each. Checks payable to Friends of the Library are preferred but cash will be accepted. It will be helpful if checks are completed in advance or if you have exact change. To make reservations by email or phone, contact: Kathleen Broze, brkathking@aol.com at 972-771-3149 or Pat Calhoun, pat2792@att.net, 214-738-7547.

For more information about hosting a table, contact Pat Calhoun or Nell Welborn, 972-722-3084, nwelborn@sbcglobal.net.



**Rockwall County Library's Secret Treasure:
 The Book Alcove**

The Rockwall County Library has a little known secret, it's called the Book Alcove. Located near the front desk in the library, you can make a monetary donation and take a book, CD or a DVD. The Alcove is operated by Friends of the Library and all proceeds go towards special programs, computer classes, materials used in basic literacy, ESL, GED and citizenship classes as well as purchasing items used in the library. This little library secret is a great place to find your favorite treasure.

The Alcove also accepts donations of gently used books, DVD's and CD's. Bring them to the check-out desk to donate.



GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is a beautiful sculpture permanently situated near the staircase in the main lobby of the library. It provides a meaningful way to honor and remember special people in your lives and because it is on permanent display, your children, family and friends can come by to find the name of that special person. Businesses too, can purchase a leaf to show their support for our library and all it has to offer the community. Leaves for the Giving Tree are available in Gold (\$2000), Silver (\$1000), and Bronze (\$250).