



March 2017 Newsletter

Note from the President, Karen Parks

I don't know about you, but it sure feels like spring has already arrived. If you attended the meeting on Valentine's Day with our guest speaker Jill Rumbley Beam, then you would know that even though it was a little gloomy outside, it felt like a ray of sunshine inside while Jill entertained us.

If you loved Jill's energy, don't miss her mother at our next event of "An Afternoon with Friends: Spring Fling with Hats & Tea with Rose-Mary Rumbley". It is on March 28th at 2:00 p.m. and Pat Calhoun is now taking reservations.

The fun will continue at the April 11th meeting with the Reveille Sisters. I am sure that will be another great program of entertainment.

Please note that we will be holding the meeting at the library in May, instead of Rotary Hall as previously stated. Congratulations to our new slate of officers that were voted on and will be installed at this meeting.

If you would like to be a part of the 2017-2018 Standing Committees, please feel free to contact myself or incoming President, Brenda Cross to let us know. Your involvement is greatly needed and appreciated to continue our mission to support the Rockwall County Library.

Thank you again for allowing me to be the President this year. I have made some wonderful friends and have fond memories I will cherish for years to come

MEMBERSHIP

It is time to renew your membership. Here are the **EASY** ways to renew.

- Pick up a membership brochure at the library, complete it and attach your dues. Give your completed form and dues to anyone at the checkout desk and they will make sure we get it. You may also mail the form and your check to PO Box 1371, Rockwall 75087.
- Go online at www.friendsrockwall.com, complete the membership form and pay by credit card.
- Pick up and complete a membership form up at the Friends of the Library March Tea, the April or May Friends of the Library Luncheon and pay your dues at that time.



It is important that you complete the membership form so that we can make sure our Yearbook is up to date when we distribute new copies in September.

Remember, the Membership Year ends May 31, 2017!

PLEASE!! Renew your 2017-2018 Membership as soon as possible to be assured your name is in our Yearbook and avoid receiving a renewal letter. Thanks!!

FUNDRAISING EVENTS



An Afternoon with Friends **“Spring Fling Tea with Hats”** **Tuesday, March 28, 2017, 2-4 p.m.**



Friends of the Rockwall County Library will sponsor a “Spring Fling Tea With Hats” in the Community Room of the Library. This fundraising event is hosted by a local, popular speaker, Rose-Mary Rumbley and her topic will be “The Ides of March”.

Prepaid Tickets are \$25 and reservations may be made with Pat Calhoun at Pat2792@att.net or calling 214-738-7547.

We hope you wear your hat but it is optional. Seating is limited, so please make your reservations now.

Proceeds will go to the Library to help with the many programs they provide. We so appreciate all the support of Friends.

Hope to see you there.

Darlene Bealmear and Edie Zehr Co-Chairs of Fundraising



A Note of Thanks Regarding our Painting With A Twist Event

A huge thank you to Friends of the Library and other Guests that supported our Fundraising Event at Painting With A Twist. We had 46 sign up and Christine Pilling of PWAT, Rockwall, donated every reservation back to the Library for a total of \$1,610.00. Thank you to the Committee that helped with snacks and your reservations. It was a fun evening and we all found out that we could paint a boat on water and it was a great success. You and your support of Friends of the Library helped make this possible.

Many thanks, Co-Chairs – Darlene Bealmear and Edie Zehr

Did you know.....

This spring you can register and pay for the next event on the Friends website. Visit **friendsrockwall.com** and click on the Events tab. You can also register and pay for one guest! After registering, the website sends you to PayPal, where you can pay with your account or with a credit card.

The website committee could use your help! Do you have an interest in website design, layout, and/or maintenance? How about a retired spouse that has useful, underutilized skills? The website committee is recruiting; contact us at info@friendsrockwall.com for more information.



APRIL PROGRAM

Remembering Songs & Memories of the Andrew Sisters”
Presented by: The Reveille Sisters

On April 11th we are extremely happy to have the “The Reveille Sisters” perform for the Rockwall County Friends of the Library. These gals, Amy, Kathy and Annamarie are the modern day version of the “Andrew Sisters”. They began singing together at the Ferris Ave., Baptist Church in Waxahachie. A few years later a friend asked our trio to sing for his navy ship, the USS Chickasaw, reunion and asked that we do some of the Andrew Sister’s songs. According to Kathy, we had so much fun learning the songs and enjoyed the tight harmonies that it just kind of stuck. “The Reveille Sisters” were born. Although these gals would love to sing full time they all have full-time jobs, Amy at Oncor, Annamarie a high school English teacher and Kathy a second grade teacher. If you like hearing uplifting, toe tapping music you won’t want to miss our April 11th meeting, these gals are GREAT!



MAY PROGRAM

“Compassion in Action”
Presented by: Jim & Betty Baker

May 9th we end the 2016-17 Friends of the Library year with Oak Hill Animal Rescue a “No Kill Rescue.” Jim and Betty Baker are the founders of Oak Hill Animal Rescue.

Through their deep love and compassion for animals, plus an extreme amount of hard work, they have brought this rescue from its meager beginnings to where they are today, which is an amazing story. The following are just some of the programs they support currently; Therapy Dogs through Baylor Scott & White, At Risk Youth’s in conjunction with The Dallas County Juvenile Authority Program, a Relocation Program partnering with The Society of Companion Animals plus Adoption & Education for animals in their care. You won’t want to miss their stories, they will warm your heart, bring tears to your eyes, but leave you with a smile on your face. If you would like to learn more about this wonderful rescue go to www.ohar.org.

MAY MEETING

Winners of the Hartman Award and the Celia Hayes Volunteer Award will be announced.

The May meeting will also be the installation of officers for the upcoming 2017-18 year. We are pleased that our District Attorney for Rockwall County Kenda Culpepper will be presiding over the installation.

Ms. Culpepper graduated from Texas A&M University in 1989 and SMU Law School in 1992. She was elected to the Rockwall County Criminal District Attorney’s Office in November 2008 and has been reelected to the office continuously since that time.

Please plan to join us for all the events Friends of the Library has instore for you this spring.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A bylaw change was voted on at the February meeting to add a Fifth Vice-President in charge of all communications, including social media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), website updates and publicity.

The Nominating Committee recommends Ariana Hargrove for this position. Also, Jolene Aicklen has resigned as 4th VP Business Membership. The Nominating Committee recommends Joey Wilhoite for this position.

2017 Hartman Award

The winner of the 2017 Hartman Award will be announced at the May meeting.

THE BOOK ALCOVE

The Book Alcove is 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, SL, GED and citizenship classes as well as purchasing items used in the Library.

Bring your donations of gently used books, DVD's and CD's to the check-out desk to donate.

Book Bag! This study canvas bag is a Fundraiser for Friends. Get yours from a Book Alcove volunteer or at the next Friends meeting.



THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is a beautiful sculpture permanently situated across from the circulation desk in the library. It provides a meaningful way to honor and remember special people in your lives and because it is a permanent display, your children, family and friends can come by and 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 Gold (\$2,000), Silver (\$1,000) and Bronze (\$250).

