



January 2017 Newsletter

Note from the President, Karen Parks

Happy New Year! I hope everyone got to spend some time with your family and friends over the holidays. We had a wonderful time at the 14th Annual Christmas Luncheon in December. I can't say enough about the hard work of the co-chairs (Nell Welborn, Pat Calhoun, & Kathleen Broze), the committee members, and the hostesses for this event. For the people that attended, thank you for continuing to support Friends. I hope you loved it as much as I did.

We are kicking off the New Year with our first fundraiser for 2017. Please join me for a night of fun at Painting with a Twist on January 24th from 7:00 to 9:30pm. Sign up at www.paintingwithatwist.com/rockwall and click on the link to register on their calendar or follow the link on our website. The cost is \$35 and every penny goes to Friends of the Library! I promise no artistic talent is needed to enjoy this event.

We will be having our first meeting for the year on Valentine's Day with our guest speaker, Jill Beam. How fitting is it that the program is about loving yourself in the program titled "You're Not Getting Older, You're Getting Better!"? I hope to see everyone there for this great message. We will also be voting for the slate of officer for next year at this meeting. Please look at the people nominated in this newsletter. I am thankful for the people willing to serve this great organization.

In Library news, I wanted to share the latest thing that we have done for the library. The Friends was able to purchase two new Literacy Station Computers in the children's area to replace the older units. This is very popular and includes educational games for pre-school children.

February 14 Program

You're Not Getting Older, You're Getting Better

Presented by: Jill Rumbley Beam



February 14th kicks off the 2017 Friends of the Library Programs. Our speaker Jill Rumbley Beam is known to many, as Rosemary Rumbley's daughter. Jill, however, stands on her own as a dynamic personality who brings enthusiasm and a wealth of knowledge to everyone who knows her.

Jill is a graduate of East Texas State University in Commerce, TX with a B.S. degree in Elementary and Physical Education. She did graduate study in Recreation Administration and obtained a Gerontology Certificate from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. Her career began as a Physical Education Teacher, followed by YMCA Instructor, Activity Director, Dance Instructor, Jazzercise Instructor, Adjunct Professor at Dallas Baptist University working in the Kinesiology Department instructing Jazzercise, discussing proper eating habits and the importance of keeping an active lifestyle. She is also an Event Management Professional, capable of coordinating everything from conception to completion. After 28 years with the City of Dallas Jill retired from her position as Events and Reservations Manager in 2015. After a short time she was offered her current position as Seniors Recreation Programmer for the City of Rowlett Parks and Recreation Department.

Meetings begin at 11:00. Reservations are required. An optional lunch may be ordered for \$20 with a reservation. Deadline is 5:00, Tuesday, Feb. 7, email Leigh Plagens cplagens65@aol.com or call 972-771-8976. Unless cancelled by deadline, payment is required.

FUNDRAISERS & SPECIAL EVENTS

FUNDRAISER

Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 7:00 pm, \$35, Painting with a Twist

All proceeds will be donated back to the library. Supplies are provided. You can bring your own drink and we will have small snacks. Register online www.paintingwithatwist.com/rockwall. The address is 513 E. I-30, Suite 155, Rockwall. Invite a group or a Friend to help us fill the room. 50 seats available. Any questions, call Edie at 972-310-0322.

SPECIAL EVENT

Tuesday, March 28, 2017, 2:00 pm, \$25, An Afternoon with Friends: Spring Fling With Hats Tea with Rose-Mary Rumbley, featuring "The Ides of March".

Make your prepaid reservations with Pat Calhoun, pat2792@att.net or call 214-738-7547.

A Note of Thanks Regarding our Fashion Show Event

Thank you so much for helping to make our Chico's/Soma Fashion Show Event a success. We were so pleased with the turn out and we made right at \$3,000 for Friends of the Library. Thanks to the committee and to our models along with Chico's and manager, Danielle Graham and her staff. Thanks to our special guest, Mr. Brandon Sears of Guaranty Bank & Trust, our sponsor and partner for this event. We had a lot of help from the Community. Edible Arrangements, Kroger, Walmart, Tom Thumb, Costco, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Zach's Catering, Bunches Flowers, Cate's Touch Spa Basket, L'Oreal Basket from Keesha Dillard, Our music was by Larry Petty and our emcee was Alma Howard. Our goals were met and you as Friends of the Library helped make this possible.

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

Visit the Friends website at friendsrockwall.com - Online registration is now open for the February event featuring Jill Beam. The website also provides a link to register for the January Painting With a Twist event. Click on the **Events** tab to see links and more information.

14TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

A capacity crowd filled the Lone Star Room at The Center on December 13th to admire the 30 holiday tables designed by creative hostesses. The event was the culmination of months of work by co-chairs Nell Welborn, Pat Calhoun and Kathleen Broze. A 14-member committee pitched in on the day of the event to carry out detailed plans for the luncheon.

Co-hostesses Ruth Peck and Linda Oistad's table donated their centerpiece, a papier-mache St. Francis handcrafted by Linda for auction. The successful bidder paid \$250 for the unique piece of art.

Walk the Line, an *a Capella* group from Rockwall High School, entertained the audience with a Christmas themed program.

Zach's Catering served lunch to 263. The fundraiser netted around \$5,195.

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP

The raffle for the handcrafted sterling silver bracelet at the Friends Christmas Luncheon netted \$1,303. The bracelet, created by Professional Jewelers, was won by Friends member Barbara Mahaffey.

At the February meeting we will be presenting plaques to our \$500 Benefactor level business members: Atmos Energy, Dallas Glass & Door, Fergusson Engineering Services, Guaranty Bank and Trust, Inwood National Bank, Law Office of Susan Satterwhite, Professional Jeweler's, and Stonebridge Veterinary Hospital. If you are in need of any of their services, consider visiting these members and thanking them for their support of Friends of the Library.

THE HARTMAN AWARD

The Hartman Award honors Alfred and Grace Hartman and is given annually to a Friends member who has performed over and above the requirements of their position and has promoted the Library and Friends beyond required activities. The recipients of this award have been people who willingly gave of their time for the good of the Library and Friends.

Any member in good standing may submit a nomination. Previous Hartman recipients and the current President are not eligible for nomination. Nominations shall be in writing with a brief statement of between 100 and 175 words, giving the reasons why this member deserves to receive the award. Before submitting the nomination, the individual should be contacted by the person submitting the nomination for permission to place their name before the general membership for a vote. This is also an opportunity to obtain specific information to include in the supporting statement. The nominees and a ballot will be published in the March newsletter.

Deadline for nominations: March 1, 2017. Please take time to nominate a deserving member. Send nominations to Susan Egan, segan0554@gmail.com, 972-771-8126.

Nominating Committee Recommendations for 2017-2018 Officers

President	Brenda Cross
President-Elect	Lynette Coughlin
1 st VP Programs	Gloria Bishop Jamie Godfrey
2 nd VP Fundraising	Karen Straughan Sheryll Holloway
3 rd VP Membership	Holly Mapel Madelyn Hill
4 th VP Business Membership	Jolene Aicklen Debbie Branch
Secretaries	Shelli Miller Lea Carlson
Treasurer	Nancy Barnett
Past President	Karen Parks

Many thanks to the members of the Nominating Committee: Brenda Cross, Gloria Bishop, Judy Buffington, Susan Laszynsky and Holly Mapel.

Bylaws change to be voted on at February General Meeting

Please note that we will be voting on amending the Bylaws to include a Fifth Vice-President to be over communications and serve as publicity chair. These will be the changes made if the vote passes:

Article V- Officers and Board

A. The elected officers of this organization will be: President, President-Elect, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, Fourth Vice-President, Fifth Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Parliamentarian is an appointed officer. All offices except President, President-Elect and Parliamentarian may be held by two persons, each having equal status. The term of office will be one year.

Article VII- Duties of Officers

Fifth Vice- President: In charge of all communications including social media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), website updates, and publicity.

Kroger Community Rewards: Once you have your Kroger Plus card:

Go to www.kroger.com, click on the “Community” tab at the top, and then select “Community Rewards”. Sign into your online account or create an account.

If you are a new account, click “Sign Up Today” in the New Customer box, provide the requested information and follow the steps provided. If you already have an account, click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step. Select Kroger Community Rewards. Find and select our organization – Friends of the Rockwall County Library – 80320. You are contributing to Friends of the Rockwall County Library.



Amazon Smile: Like Kroger, Amazon donates to Friends for each purchase made through Amazon Smile. 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, TX. Each time you make a purchase through smile.amazon.com, 0.5% of your payment will be sent to Friends. Amazon Smile does not require re-enrollment each year, so once you’ve enrolled, you’re done!



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 Fund-raiser 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).

