



Your quarterly news & updates

Inside, find the Friends of the Rockwall County Library's slate of officers, info on upcoming events, and more great news!

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A Note from the President

Happy New Year!!! I hope everyone got to spend some time with your family and friends over the holidays. The 15th Annual Christmas Luncheon in December was a huge success. This event is organized and planned by three amazing and dedicated ladies, (Nell Welborn, Pat Calhoun and Kathleen Broze). I cannot say enough about how hard they work with their committee to make everything perfect. They are true treasures to the Friends of the Library!!

We have some fun events coming up this year. Keep reading for all of the details.

Welcome to 2018!!



The next Friends of the Library meeting is February 13, 2018, at 11:00 A.M.

Our speaker will be Anna LeBaron, daughter of infamous cult-leader Evril LeBaron. Ms. LeBaron will discuss her autobiography and life as the child of a polygamist.

Cost: \$20 for lunch and program.

On the menu: Chicken Tetrazzini, green beans with bacon, salad, rolls, and strawberry shortcake.

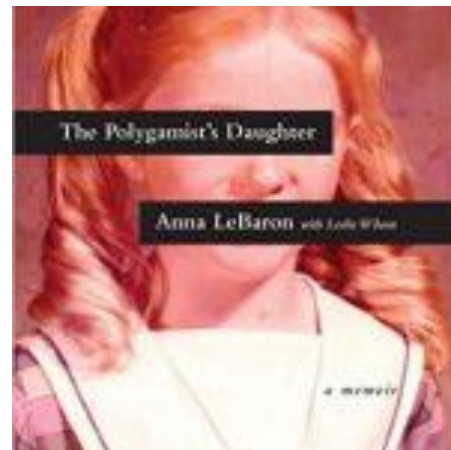
Reservations are being taken now (deadline is 2/5/2018).

Contact Gloria Bishop at 972-475-7738, gloriab4@verizon.net or Susan Suchand at 972-979-7669 swsuchand@hotmail.com.

[Click here to pay with Paypal](#)

Reservation must be made even if you are attending the program only.

A confirmation email will be sent when you make a reservation. If you do not receive an email back after making a reservation, please contact Gloria Bishop.



Fundraisers!

Painting With a Purpose

The next fundraising opportunity is Painting With a Purpose at Painting With a Twist Rockwall, 513 E I-30 on January 23, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. Reservations are \$35.00 and can be made by calling the studio at 469-314-8110 or online by clicking [here](#).

We'll be painting the lovely picture at right. All proceeds are given to the Friends of the Library. Join us!





The Madhatters Tea will be March 27, 2018, 2:00-4:00 P.M. at Hidden Creek, 215 Chris Cuny Pkwy, Heath, TX 75032. Wear your most creative hats! Prizes will be awarded for most beautiful and most unique with the theme of the tea.

The speaker will be Donna Arp Weitzman, author of *Cinderella Has Cellulite*. Tickets are \$25.00 for individuals, and \$250.00 for Table Sponsors (tables seat 10). Table Sponsors will decorate their tables with tea party decor, Cinderella and/or Alice in Wonderland theme. Prizes will be awarded!

Ringling out 2017 with another successful Christmas Luncheon

The 15th annual Christmas Luncheon is in the books as another sellout. A capacity crowd filled the Lone Star Room at The Center on December 12th 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. In addition to the table hostesses, a 15-member committee pitched in on the day of the event to carry out detailed plans for the luncheon.

Thanks to committee members Nancy Barnett, Gloria Bishop, Judy Buffington, Jane Buie, Becky Cecil, Carolyn Duckworth, Susan Egan, Elaine Henderson, Mindy Lovell, Kaaren Mahoney, Margaret O'Connor, Leigh Plagens, Jan Self, Susan Suchand and Edie Zehr.

Kathy Melston and her committee sold \$1,010 worth of raffle tickets for a Sapphire Pendant with a suggested retail price of \$899. The pendant was donated by Professional Custom Jewelry Design and Repair. Marvis Kisselburgh Rathmell was the lucky winner of the pendant.

Walk the Line, Rockwall High School's Acapella group, entertained the audience with a Christmas themed program.

Zach's Catering served lunch to 263 Friends members and guests. Organizers report the fundraiser netted \$4,076.

New Slate of Friends Officers

The nominating committee proposed the following slate of officers to serve with President Lynette Coughlin in 2018-2019:

President Elect - Nancy Barnett
1st VP Programs - Erin Kincaid
1st VP Programs - Gloria Bishop
2nd VP Fundraising - Karen Straughan
2nd VP Fundraising - Madelyn Hill
3rd VP Membership - Holly Mapel
3rd VP Membership - Pat Calhoun
4th VP Business Membership - Kathy Melston
5th VP Communication - Madelyn Hill
Secretary - Shelli Miller
Secretary - Lea Carlson
Treasurer - Karen Frederick

Voting will be held during the February 13 Friends meeting and luncheon.

Sincere thanks to the nominating committee Lynette Coughlin, Holly Mapel, Jan Pearman, Nell Welborn, and Pat Calhoun.

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our 10 Benefactor level members will be honored at the Friends of the Library February 13th meeting.

They are:

Cate's Touch Salon, Dallas Glass and Door Company, Fergusson Engineering Services, Guaranty Bank and Trust, Inwood National Bank, Painting with a Twist, Professional Jeweler's, Roma's Books, Susan Satterwhite, Attorney at Law, and Stonebridge Veterinary Hospital.

Hartman Award Nominations accepted now

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, 2018. Please take time to nominate a deserving member. Send nominations to Debbie Daniels, ddaniels@sbcglobal.net, 972-772-8016.

Renew your membership

Renew your Friends membership now, and your membership is valid through May 2019. You can find more information [on the Friends Membership page](#).

Ways to help the Friends of the Library

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!

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).

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