

## March 2019 Newsletter

Friends has lots of exciting events happening this Spring! Don't miss ANY of them!!

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### Mad Hatter's Tea is almost sold out!

Make your reservation for the 2nd annual *Mad Hatter's Tea*, Tuesday, March 26, at 2:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room. Entertainment by Brad Ackland.



It promises to be a wonderful afternoon with prizes for the Best Hat and the Best Table Decor! We also have some wonderful silent auction items. You WON'T want to miss this!!

Make your \$30 paid reservation [here](#), or contact Pat Calhoun by phone at 214-738-7547 or by email at [pat2792@att.net](mailto:pat2792@att.net).

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### Watch for Proposed Bylaws and Standing Rules Revisions

The Bylaws and Standing Rules Review Committee has met and are proposing several revisions. Look for an email from Friends with the proposed documents attached and a summary of the major changes. Because of the number of changes, we are proposing the adoption of the revised documents in their entirety instead of each change as an amendment. Several revisions were made for clarification, consistency or brevity without changing the meaning of the section.

We are asking each of you to read both the proposed Bylaws and Standing Rules and *be prepared to vote on adopting them at the April meeting.*

I want to thank committee members Pat Calhoun, Nancy Barnett and Nell Welborn for all their time, expertise and hard work!

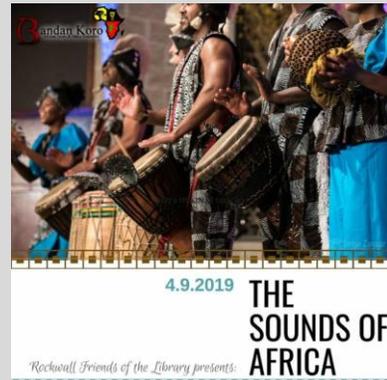
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# Upcoming Program Meetings and Luncheons

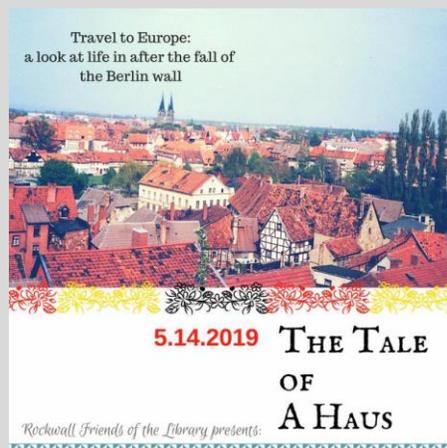
## April's Program brings us the African Drum and Dance Ensemble

Join us on April 9, at 11:00 A.M. for the Sounds of Africa. The luncheon menu includes roasted pork loin with wild rice dressing, a vegetable medley, garden salad, rolls and glazed almond cake.

Reservations are due April 2, by 5 p.m. To pay at the door, call Leigh Plagens at 972-771-8976 or email her at [cplagens65@aol.com](mailto:cplagens65@aol.com) or click [here](#) to reserve your spot and pay online.



## May's Program takes us to Germany



On May 14, at 11:00 a.m., we will hear about life in modern day Germany. The luncheon menu includes stuffed chicken breast with cornbread dressing, cranberry sauce, green beans, mashed potatoes, garden salad, rolls and lemonade pie.

Reservations are due May 5, by 5 p.m. To reserve now, call Leigh Plagens at 972-771-8976 or email her at [cplagens65@aol.com](mailto:cplagens65@aol.com) .

## Hartman Award Ballot

The Hartman Award 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 recipient of this award has been people who willingly give of their time for the good of the Library and Friends.

This year's nominees are two Board Members who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to promote and benefit the Library.

**Holly Mapel** is our nomination for the 2019 Hartman Award. She joined Friends in 2015 and immediately started working. She has served or is currently working on Publicity, Marketing, Display, Membership, Communication and I Believe committees. Here are some of her accomplishments.

- Recruited new members at Story Time. Holly had a table in the Library Lobby with Friends information.
- During National Friends of the Library Week set up a daily presence of volunteers in the Library Lobby.
- Represents Friends at the Blaze Family Farm Pumpkin Patch.
- Posts photos and videos of Friends events on social media.
- Hosted a table at the Christmas Luncheon - 2016-2018.
- Serves as Vice-President of Membership since 2017 to present.
- Created a Friends float for the 2018 Kiwanis Christmas Parade.
- At-Large Member of the Rockwall County Library Board, 2016-present.
- And last but not least, walked the runway in a pink fluffy robe and fuzzy slippers in the Chico's Style Show.

“Working willingly, graciously, and performing beyond the job requirements” describes this deserving nominee.

**Karen Straughan** has been an important member of Friends of the Rockwall County Library for several years. She is an active member of the Friends Board of Directors, most recently serving as second Vice President, Fundraising. Karen is the person responsible for the lovely Fashion Show Friends hosts each November, and she is the creative mastermind behind the Mad Hatter's Tea. She is passionate about raising funds to support the Library's programs and she is immensely creative with her fundraising ideas, never failing to deliver a fun, innovative way to raise money for our wonderful organization. Thanks in large part to her efforts, the Friends of the Library has a healthy checking account, affording many opportunities to help fund the many wonderful programs our Library offers.

Karen is clearly a huge contributor to the Friends of the Library organization and is deserving of this award.

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**Corrected Ballot for the 2018 Hartman Award**  
**Deadline April 30, 2019**                      **One vote per member**

Please indicate your vote below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Holly Mapel  
\_\_\_\_\_ Karen Straughan

Please send completed ballot to Jan Pearman, 536 Yacht Club Dr., Rockwall, 75032 (**postmarked no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>**)

**OR** Email your vote to Jan at: [jan.pearman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jan.pearman@sbcglobal.net)