



From Our President



Happy New Year! We had a fantastic finish to 2019 with our spectacular 17th annual Christmas luncheon. A big “Thank You” to our three outstanding co-chairs for planning this very popular and beautiful special event: **Nell Welborn, Pat Calhoun, & Kathleen Broze**; to all committee members; to our more than 30 hostesses and co-hostesses; to the 263 people who had reservations for the event; and to our “Santa”, Jack Zehr, who made a “surprise” visit to draw the winning raffle ticket number. **Our lucky winner of the gorgeous 14-karat gold necklace donated by Professional Jewelers was Jean Gustafson.** Congratulations, Jean! Entertainment for this event was provided by Sting, an award-winning group of 17 talented young ladies from Rockwall High School who sang festive Christmas songs for all to enjoy.

We look forward to another exciting year for Friends of the Library as we begin the 3rd decade of the 21st Century. **We kick off the year with our first fundraiser, Painting Hearts Full of Love at Painting with a Twist on February 4th, from 7 to 9 PM.** Details for this special event and fun-filled evening are listed later in this Newsletter.

Another important date to mark on your calendar is **February 11th: Our first General Meeting and Program in 2020.** This is an important meeting as we will vote for our officers for next year. You will find the proposed slate of officers for 2020-2021 listed in this Newsletter. Following the General Meeting, we also have the perfect program for Valentine’s Week: **Love Songs by Jackie Payne!** Jackie will share the history of how/why some well-known love songs were written and then sing the beautiful love songs.

Visit our website: <https://friendsrockwall.com/events/> to learn more about all of our upcoming fundraisers and the fantastic programs planned for the remainder of this Club Year. Remember: “Friends make a Difference.” Your support of these events is an opportunity to make contact and connect with others who share your love for the Library.

I hope each of you had a joyous Holiday Season and I look forward to seeing you in February.

Nancy Barnett
President
Friends of the Rockwall County Library

PROPOSED

2020-2021

Friends of the Library Officers

The Proposed Slate of Officers for 2020-2021 was approved by the Friends Board at a meeting on December 5th and will be presented to the general membership at the February 11, 2020, Business Meeting. Prior to a vote, this meeting will be opened to nominations from the floor.

Many thanks to the members of the nominating committee for their service: Madelyn Hill, Jane Buie, and Jolene Aicklen.

- **President-Elect** - Karen Straughan
- **1st Vice Presidents, Programs** - Jane Buie & Nancy Barnett
- **2nd Vice Presidents, Fundraising** - Milly Cundy & Edie Zehr
- **3rd Vice Presidents, Membership** - Pat Calhoun & Stephanie Milberger
- **4th Vice Presidents, Business Membership** - Jolene Aicklen & Darlene Reed
- **5th Vice President, Communication** - Stephanie Milberger
- **Secretary** - Lea Carlson
- **Treasurer** - Karen Frederick
- **Parliamentarian** - Kathleen Broze
- **Past President** - Nancy Barnett

2020 Hartman Award



Now Accepting Nominations for the 2020 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 is March 1, 2020.** There are several outstanding volunteers in Friends. Please take time to nominate a deserving member.

Send nominations to Holly Mapel at hollym.dye@gmail.com (Please put “Hartman Award Nomination” in subject line.) You may also send them to:

Holly Mapel
2220 Garden Crest
Rockwall, TX 75087

Please contact Holly at (972) 520-6441 or email with any questions or concerns.

Upcoming Events & Fundraisers

If you have pictures of Friends events, please share! Send them to Stephanie via email smilberger@rockwallcountytexas.com or text to (972) 802-6436.

Please include your name and the event.

Chico's Fashion Show: THANK YOU

A **huge thanks** for helping us make the Chico's Fashion Show a success. It was a fun day with our enthusiastic Friends models. Our Emcee, **Alma Howard**, is always a hit with the audience. **Congratulations to Karen Cornelius** for winning the raffle prize generously donated by **Cate's Touch**. We came very close to the \$2000 goal, and we couldn't have done this without the support of Friends of the Library. Again, a huge thank you to all that attended and helped.

Edie Zehr & Milly Cundy
Co-chairs of Fundraising

"Hearts Full of Love" Fundraiser



Join us for this special *FUN*raising event! We'll paint "Hearts Full of Love" to be displayed in the Library's Children's Area during February. In March, Children's Librarian, Doreen Miller, will distribute the paintings to children during Spring Break. Snacks and water provided by Friends.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 4 at 7-9 PM

COST: \$35.00 fee* (supplies provided) | 50 seats available | ***100% will go to Friends!**

LOCATION: Painting with a Twist, 513 E. Interstate 30, Suite 155 (Rockwall)

Questions? Contact Edie Zehr at (972) 310-0322

[Register Online](#)

Love Songs by Jackie Payne

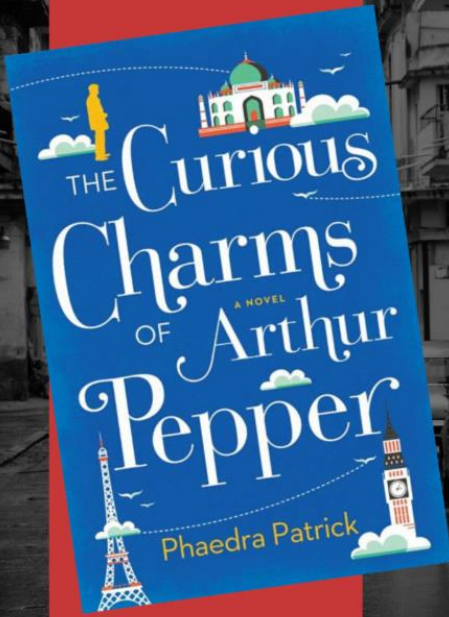
Tuesday, February 11 at 11 AM

Jackie Payne will share the stories behind many popular and well-known love songs, plus details of how and why a song was written, and then will accompany herself on the keyboard as she sings those beautiful love songs.

For questions about registration, email Leigh Plagens at eplagens65@aol.com or call (972) 771-8976.



[Register Online](#)



Friends of the Rockwall County Library

BOOK CLUB

**Monday, January 13
at 8:50 AM**

Meet in the Library's lobby; no membership required.

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**Monday, February 10
at 8:50 AM**

Meet in the Library's lobby; no membership required.



Yearbook

Be sure to pick up your 2019-2020 Yearbook pages from the Circulation Desk at the Library. If you are a new member and have not picked up a binder, there are binders for you at the Circulation Desk also.

Membership

Do you know someone that's not a member of Friends of the Library? Pick up a Friends brochure at the Library and invite them to become a Friend and help support the Rockwall County Library.



Business Memberships

Calling all members who deal with businesses in Rockwall County each day. **YES, YOU!**

Friends needs your help increasing the number of business

members. Take a brochure from the rack in the lobby of the Library and give it to just one business you deal with. Tell the person the importance of Friends and the Library to the people of Rockwall County. Friends of the Library supports the wonderful programs offered by the Library for children, teens, and adults, and helps purchase materials and equipment. We are the main support of the Literacy Program, which changes lives by helping people learn to read, learn English, earn a GED, and achieve their goal of becoming citizens.

We need to spread the word and YOU CAN HELP. Will you?



Giving Back

Each time you make a purchase at Kroger or Amazon, these vendors will donate a percentage of your total purchase to Friends.

Kroger

Use your Kroger Plus card to create or sign into your online account at [Kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com). Under "Save", select "Community Rewards" and choose "Friends of the Rockwall County Library" (#80320). *Please note you must re-enroll each year.*

Amazon

Visit smile.amazon.com and select "Friends of the Rockwall County Public Library" as your charity. You do not need to re-enroll annually.



Book Alcove

Located near the front desk in the Library, the Book Alcove stocks books, DVDs, and CDs that may be "purchased" by donation.

Here's how you can help:

- Bring your gently used books, DVDs and CDs to the Library to donate.
- Shop at the Alcove and donate generously for your selections.

To volunteer at the Book Alcove, email info@friendsrockwall.com



Giving Tree

Looking for a way to honor and remember family and friends? Add a leaf to this beautiful permanent display in the Library! Businesses can purchase a leaf as a way to show support for the Library and its mission.

Visit the [Friends' donation page](#) for more information about the Giving Tree and donation options.