



The Friends Board Meeting is usually the third **TUESDAY** of each month.

Next Meeting:
Annual General Meeting
November 17
8:00PM

Footnotes



Dear Friends,

I am very excited to be writing as the recently appointed president of Friends. This is an especially wonderful time to be leading Friends as we play an important role in the rollout of the Library's emerging strategic plan. As you read through this issue of Footnotes, I think you'll agree that with your support we have been accomplishing the extraordinary and look forward to achieving many new undertakings.

Our membership drive for 2015-16 is off to a great start. While it is still early days, we are actually ahead of the heady pace set last year. We are pleased to have expanded our membership package this year, doubling the number of establishments participating in our Merchants & Members Program as well as offering new benefits including more opportunities to meet and share our progress.

We expanded our Dining for Dollars program, currently working with three area restaurants—Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza, TGI Fridays, and Chipotle—to offer patrons a fun way to help support us. The Dining program offers a variety of cuisines for patrons to enjoy a delicious meal at eclectic eateries. With all of these "benefit days" we offer diners a complimentary item from our ongoing book sale.

With funds raised, we support a wonderful array of programs offered by our Library. The summer saw a wildly successful Summer Reading Program run by our Youth Services Department. Autumn sees the return of live adult programming. Under the auspices of the team of Thea White and Chris Demidowich, patrons can look forward to wonderful programming as part of the Friends-funded Music Matters series, Literary Liaisons, and Think Theater. Friends volunteers have also returned to participate in another season of Senior Happenings.

Planning for BookFEST! is in full swing. With nearly 15,000 items, this may well be our biggest BookFEST! ever. Mark your calendars and remember Friends have pre-public access on Wednesday, October 28.

Finally, I invite you to our Annual General Meeting to be held at 8PM on Tuesday, November 17. During this meeting we look to the year ahead including plans for programming and events. I look forward to journeying with you throughout the remainder of 2015 and 2016.

In Friendship, Mary Jane Dough, President

Meet Friends Volunteer Jill Kravis

When Friends conducts a promotion, our “go to” person is Jill Kravis. Readers of the West Essex Tribune may also recognize Jill as a result of her many volunteer activities. In addition to volunteering with Friends, Jill works with the YMCA and Livingston TV. She will also be helping at the Brendan P. Tevlin Memorial Fund Charity Golf Tournament, the goal of which is to raise funds to redevelop the main athletic field in honor of the 19-year-old Livingston resident who tragically lost his life in June, 2014.

Jill began volunteering with Friends nearly six years ago when we embarked on our first spring fund-raiser which evolved into Taste of the World—a wine tasting and buffet with raffles and an auction. Jill was instrumental in reaching out to local Livingston businesses to garner merchandise for our auction/raffle. Our top seller of event tickets, Jill frequently staffed a desk in the lobby to tell patrons about our event. When our spring event evolved into Take A Chance on the Library, Jill once again worked tirelessly. More recently she sold tickets for our participation in Macy’s Shop For A Cause, along with staffing our table at Macy’s. Jill also performs administrative tasks such as the Footnotes mailing and book plate labeling. She has marched with the Library/Friends contingency in Memorial Day Parades and represented Friends at the Livingston Citizen’s Institute a few years ago.



The organization most dear to her heart, however, is Kayla Cares for Kids, a charitable organization started by her niece, Kayla, whose mission is to help sick kids feel better by providing entertainment and educational items to medical facilities and supporting organizations. Kayla Cares has established contacts with facilities in all fifty states. Jill is in charge of operations in New Jersey, promoting donations of product and arranging for deliveries. She and husband Harold have made deliveries to a half dozen medical centers and children’s hospitals including Saint Barnabas and Overlook. Harold is also known around town from his days as a custodian with the Livingston schools. Semi-retired as a custodian, Harold is currently pursuing his interest in genealogy and has helped many a friend find their roots.

Prior to her volunteer work, Jill held clerical and administrative positions at two law firms and at Lucent Technologies and worked as a lab assistant in Saint Barnabas.

When Jill is not busy with her volunteer work, she often relaxes with music. She plays the guitar, has performed on Open Mike Nights at The Cove in Roselle Park, and has even written songs including one for children. In addition, she and Harold enjoy attending concerts. Jill also classifies herself as a dedicated Yankees fan.

During the recent town-hall style meeting at the Library to solicit community thoughts about the strategic plan, Jill explained why she volunteers and why the Library is important to her: “The volunteering gives me an opportunity to get outside of myself and do something meaningful. As for the Library, it feels like a second home for me.”

It Pays to be A Member of Friends of the Library

Under the **Merchants & Members Program**, as a member of Friends, you are eligible for discounts from the following merchants by showing your valid Friends membership card. It pays for you to carry your card!

- **18/8 Fine Men’s Salon**, 4145 Town Center Way, 973-241-8188: Benefits vary by membership category:
Director’s and President’s Circle: 1 free Executive Shave Package (executive haircut & classic shave) + 15%-off discount on haircuts
Sponsors Circle: 1 free executive hair cut (cut, scalp cleansing, conditioner, hot towel treatment, 5 minute neck & shoulder massage), + 15%-off discount on haircuts
Members Circle: 1 free classic haircut (cut, scalp cleansing, conditioner, hot towel treatment) + 15% discount on haircuts
Patron: 1 free manicure + 15%-off discount on haircuts
Booster/Supporter/Cheering Section/Lifetime: 10%-off discount on haircuts
Senior: \$29.00 Classic haircuts
 All discounts must be used Monday – Thursday, 10AM-4PM. Non-transferrable. Cannot be combined with other offers.
- **ACL Art Gallery**, 2010 Town Center Way, 201-247-8787: 15%-off discount. Cannot be combined with other offers.
- **Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey**, Performances at College of Saint Elizabeth, Morristown and Grace Episcopal Church, Madison, 973-538-7562: \$5.00 off adult and senior tickets for the cardholder and guest(s) for at door sales for any regular season or Summer Festival concert. Valid for up to 4 tickets.
- **Chocolate Works**, 1170 Town Center Way, 973-740-9090: 10%-off discount on products. Cannot be used on parties or workshops.
- **Dunkin Donuts**, 464 W. Mt Pleasant Ave (Route 10), 973-207-0302: 10%-off discount. Not valid on pound coffee, K-cups, and items already on sale or discounted.
- **Eye Level Learning Center**, 184 South Livingston Avenue (CVS Plaza), 973-992-8008: 50% off first month’s tuition for new customers. Valid only at the Livingston location. Cannot be combined with other offers.
- **Grooves Unlimited**, 355 Eisenhower Parkway # 214, 973-878-2836: 25% discount towards first month’s tuition. Valid for new dancers only. Cannot be combined with other offers.
- **Ike’s Bagel Café**, 277 Eisenhower Parkway, 973-369-7526: 10%-off discount on purchases. Not valid for catering. Cannot be combined with other offers.
- **Jay’s Shoe Box**, 20 East Mount Pleasant Ave, 973-992-0338: \$5.00 off on purchases of \$50.00 or more. Excludes sale items and Uggs. Cannot be combined with other offers.
- **Morris Tutoring**, 38 Park Terrace, East Hanover, 213-709-4085: 50% off first month's tuition for new customers. Valid only at the East Hanover location. Cannot be combined with other offers.
- **Philly Pretzel Factory of Livingston**, 21 West Mt. Pleasant Avenue, 973-994-1004: Buy 3 pretzels and get 3 pretzels free. Available on equal or greater value purchases.
- **Skybox Sports Collectibles**, 517 S. Livingston Ave, 973-740-0060: 15%-off discount on products. Cannot be combined with other offers.
- **West Essex YMCA**, 321 S Livingston Ave, 973-992-7500: Two sets of benefits as follows:
 Receive a one week free trial as a guest of the Y; one-time use only.
 Become a member of the Y and pay no joiners fee for your Y membership (a \$50 savings for families, a \$25 savings for individuals); valid for first-time members of the Y only



Programming

The Livingston Youth Department was busy this summer with the Every Hero Has a Story Summer Reading Program (SRP), which Friends was again pleased to sponsor. Turning it back around to every story has a hero, the hero of the Livingston SRP story is the terrific team in Youth Services—Anna Coats, Karen DeWilde, Latha Nair, Gina Vaccaro, and Amanda Winter. Thanks to their efforts, children of all ages participated in a great set of age-appropriate programs along the SRP main theme: Ready to Read for ages birth – three, Every Hero Has a Story for grades PreK – Grade 5, and The Summer Game for grades 6-12. The SRP is a combination of reading and participatory events that stimulates and helps ensure that reading skills honed during the school year do not regress.



For children, Nursery Rhyme Time, Tiny Toddler Time, and Little Listeners engaged babies from birth through pre-K while PAWs to Read, Book Buddies, Little Sidekicks, and Hands on Heroes, were targeted for elementary school children. After hearing a story, the children did a craft or participated in an activity such as tasting different allergen-friendly cookies, getting a visit from a therapy dog, making dog tags, or making super hero-symbol shaped soaps.



Youth Services held reporting hours every day of the week for youngsters to “report on” what they read. The Reporting Table was staffed by our librarians and volunteers including those from Friends. Children also participated in the weekly Decoder Riddle Raffle where Amanda prepared a riddle with coded answers. Children who found the answer were entered into a raffle.

A new format designed by Karen for the teen SRP, generated tremendous engagement. Teens completed “Challenges” and “Quests” to earn points. “Challenges” for instance included activities such as doing community service and learning to use the new self-checkout machines. Teens had great discussions with online posts such as Dragons: Friends or Foes?

There was also a series of Drop In & Family Programs on five evenings in July. Early in July, many excitedly watched the new SpongeBob movie on the big screen. Then Ron Sopyla a talented storyteller, shared a variety of stories such as The Other Side of the Jungle and The Twisted Family. Ron showed the children how the shadow puppets worked, and shared some of the stories with the lights on first so that children would not be scared. The positive feedback from parents was overwhelming. July 16 presented Polka Dot, an interactive musical performance. A perfect toddler drop-in program, children got to sing-a-long, dance, and move in musical trains around the room while Polka Dot sang and played guitar, and gave fun movement activities. The following week, local author Betty Larrea took children on a magical yoga adventure by reading her book, Lucinda's Magical Yoga Adventure, and doing yoga poses throughout. The family programs concluded with Board Game Night as the Youth Services Department set up board games and let patrons play as they liked.

Programming (cont'd)

Teens also had their special events. On Villain Night teens competed to be the Most Evil Villain during this fun drop-in event. Activities included “Toss the Rat at the Princess” (featuring lifelike rubber rats to be tossed in a crown), “Balloon Battle” (teams competed to get more of their color balloons to the other side of the square), and “Villain Trivia”. Some arrived dressed as their favorite villains and everyone had a great time. In Murder in the Library the script was “Murder at Comic Con,” developed through improvisation and shared on Google Docs so that all cast members could write and edit dialog. The resulting script was creative and funny. After the skit, audience members questioned suspects, examined evidence, and solved the “crime” in record time, identifying the culprit and the weapon, which was a selfie stick. In D.I.Y. (Do It Yourself) teens were invited to explore robotics, cooking, and crafts at weekly sessions. Anna taught teens how to do Mehndi (henna art), and make their own



mustard and nut butter using a food processor. Another member of the library staff, Jan Aji, a skilled quilter and seamstress, taught teens basic sewing skills as they created adorable sock monkeys. Karen designed the box bot, a simple robotics project and taught teens to make and use royal icing to decorate cookies.

In addition to these special SRP programs, the Yoga for Kids classes and Music for Me! for Special Needs Children, also supported by Friends, continued during the summer.

All-in-all it was a remarkable summer. Nearly 2,400 children and more than 1,000 teens participated in events. Some 750 children and another 150+ teens participated in SRP reading incentive programs.

This Fall, younger patrons can enjoy an evening with Kazu Kibuishi, #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Amulet series, on October 15. Friends volunteers are staffing a table to sell the Amulet books which Mr. Kibuishi will sign after the event at 7:30.

The Adult Department showed great movies during the summer. With the start of Fall, live adult programming restarts. Friends volunteers supported Senior Happening when it began on September 18. Looking ahead, Friends *Literary Liaisons* series will fund two wonderful programs. As we go to print, author Melissa Klapper is preparing to speak about her book, *Ballots, Babies, and Banners of Peace: American Jewish Women's Activism, 1890-1940*, in October. The ever-popular author/lecturer Dr. Elliot Engel presents “The Curious Case of James Michener” in December. The *Music Matters* series sees a return of Ballet Enchante in October and a musical tribute to Frank Sinatra in December. Stay tuned for more exciting news.

In Other News

National Night Out; Friends joined Library personnel on August 4 at the Oval. Visitors to our table learned more about Friends and were given complimentary books.

Shop for a Cause: Friends participated in Macy's Shop for a Cause for the 4th consecutive year. We sold a near record number of tickets leading up to the event on August 29. Our book give-away at Macy's also publicized our upcoming BookFEST! As a result of our participation, Friends received a generous contribution of \$100 of Macy's money coupons. These coupons will be part of items in a free drawing for baskets (adult and children) at our upcoming BookFEST!

Dining for Dollars: Friends expanded our program with local eateries. Under this program, the participating restaurant donates a % of the check for any diner joining our "benefit night" by showing our coupon. August 11th was "Give Back" Day at Anthony's Coal-fired Pizza. Pictured right is Friends Board member Barbara Bye receiving a check for \$275 from Anthony's manager Erica Rodriguez. Friends' Treasurer Teresa Allard and daughter Claire advertise "Eat for Change" with Chipotle, held on September 20. On Thursday, November 5, TGI Fridays will host its 4th Benefit Day for Friends. Look for flyers in the Library and online as the date approaches.

Teresa explains that the variety of restaurant experiences is designed to add spice and give patrons dining options. The patron's checks are NOT increased as a result of this program. The restaurant makes the contribution on behalf of the diners. As an added incentive, patrons also receive a free gift from Friends for participating. Select one complimentary item (book or non-print item) from our Ongoing Book Sale shelves and drop your receipt in the cash box in lieu of payment; there is no expiration date on use of receipts.

Senior Happening: On September 18, some 100 attendees filled the Program Room for the season opener of the Senior Happening series. Dr. Dubious & the Agnostics Dixieland Jazz Band shook the rafters and the audience was enthralled as the 7-piece band played. The band performed jazz classics and some lesser known pieces. Livingston resident Fran Friedman, who attended with her husband Dr. Frederick Friedman, exclaimed that the program was, "Absolutely inspirational. I grew up in Shreveport, Louisiana and I heard music like this in my home. I have goose bumps."

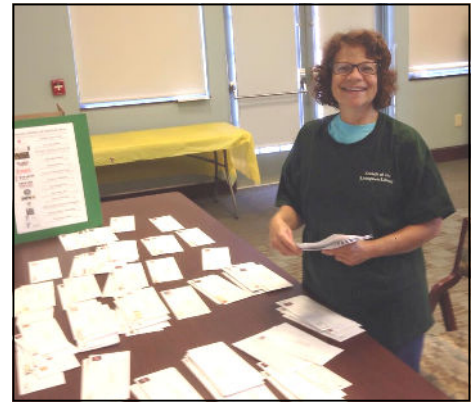


In Other News (cont'd)

For the Friends of the Livingston Library volunteers who helped staff the event by serving coffee and dessert before the start of the program, another highlight of the afternoon was a presentation of thank you gifts by Livingston resident Buhoslava Reiss. Ms. Reiss made small beautifully decorated bird houses for each volunteer. (Pictured right)



Membership: Our 2015-16 membership drive is well underway. Membership remains our primary source of funding, accounting for about half of our annual revenues. We are deeply touched and highly appreciative of, you, our wonderful supporters. As we say, “**Your** support makes our support possible.” We are especially gratified that new members account for 20+% of our memberships for the new year so far. This means that we are both bringing in new friends, while our “old friends” are staying loyal. Pictured right is Jill Kravis sorting membership forms.



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Book*FEST!*****

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Sunday, November 1**

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Friends is seeking donations of gently used books, board games, electronic games, CDs, DVDs, books on CD, and toys for our sales.

973-992-4600 X505

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In Memorium

Friends is deeply saddened by the loss of two wonderful individuals who were part of the Friends community.

Sue Cone

Susan Cone died on October 2, 2015, precisely one month shy of her 75th birthday. She was born in Glen Ridge and grew up in North Caldwell. Sue attended high school at Northfield Mount Hermon School in Gill, Massachusetts before matriculating at Cornell University, where she received a bachelor's degree.

A lifelong student of animal psychology, Sue volunteered for many years teaching dog obedience classes for Ramapo Kennel Club and served as president from 1979 to 1981. A nationally renowned trainer of Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, she was the first in the nation to earn the Obedience Trial Champion (OTCh) title on a Chesapeake, and continued on to train a total of four Chesapeakes (more than any other trainer). Sue served on the board of directors for the American Chesapeake Club (ACC), co-authored the definitive ACC book "The Chesapeake Bay Retriever," received the ACC's Outstanding Sportsmanship Award in 2008, was the ACC liaison to National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA), was a member of the National Association of Dog Obedience Instructors. Sue also volunteered for many years with the ambulance services in Cedar Grove and Livingston, inspiring both of her children to do the same.

Sue worked tirelessly for the Friends of the Library for many years. She managed book sorting throughout the year, enabling Friends to accept donations year-round which, in turn, allowed us to create the Ongoing Book Sale. She also co-directed our big book sales. She served on the Friends Executive Board for several years and held the office of Secretary. Her absence leaves a gap and for all her wisdom and efforts she will be truly missed.

Sue is survived by daughter, Jenny Cone Chciuk, and her children Caitlin, Kylie, and TJ, and son David, and his wife Kim, and their children Ben and Andy.



In Memorium

Josh Hyfler

Joshua Arrick Hyfler, aged 30, died Sunday, September 13, 2015. He was the adored husband and best friend of Krystl Wells and the loving son of Amy and Bob Hyfler..

Josh received his under graduate degree at the University of Hartford and his master's degree from Loyola University in Chicago in special education. His passion was education and teaching children with special needs. His interests were many and diverse.

We are grateful for his love and his ability to make us better people. He will be missed dearly by all who knew and loved him.

