



*Friends of the Rockwall
County Library Newsletter
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Nominations for 2012-2013 Officers

This year's nominating committee was composed of Kathy Melston, Mary Hanrahan, Darlene Bealmear, Carolyn Duckworth & Darcy Rocha.

President: Kathleen Melston

President-elect : Beverly Stibbens

1st VP Programs/Hospitality: Becky Achenbach/Robyn Liane

2nd VP Fundraising: Jean Gustafson/Carolyn Duckworth

3rd VP Membership: Jane Buie/Pat Calhoun

Recording Secretary: Judy Buffington

Corresponding Secretary: Becky Cecil

Treasurer: Susan Egan

A formal nomination will be made at the February 14th meeting of Friends of the Library. At this time the meeting will be opened to nominations from the floor and a vote will be taken.

Any questions, please contact Kathy Melston at 972-772-4008 or email kmelston@sbcglobal.net.

2012 Calendar

All General Meetings & Lunch Baskets are at 11:00 am
Location: Rockwall County Library, Community Room
All are catered by Zach's Catering

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| February 14 | General Meeting
Program: "Go Red" American Heart Association |
| April 10 | Lunch Basket
Program: Steve Blow, Speaker, Dallas Morning News Columnist |
| May 8 | General Meeting
Program: Installation of Officers by Leigh Plagens |

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT....Kathleen Broze

I would like to extend a huge thanks to Nell Welborn, Pat Calhoun and the Christmas Lunch Basket committee for all of the detailed work that resulted in a flawless event. The hostesses did a fantastic job on the tables, the Rockwall High School Jazz Band provided beautiful music for the occasion, desserts from Rockwall Women's League were delicious and the Zach's catering did a wonderful job on the meal.

If you were not able to attend, Ellen Stelmar, Pumpkin Patch treasurer, presented a check to Friends of the Library for \$7,967.07 which represents our portion of the proceeds from the 2011 Patch. Congratulations to all those involved in Pumpkin Patch for a very prosperous year in spite of the limited supply of produce and the economic climate.

The new year brings the beginning of the process to choose new leadership for Friends. Be sure to examine the slate of officers that is published in the newsletter as prescribed by our by-laws. We appreciate the time and effort by the Nominating Committee and its Chairman, Kathy Melston. The election of the 2012-13 officers will take place on February 14th at our General Meeting. Come participate in the meeting and enjoy lunch with Friends on Valentine's Day. We guarantee you will be amazed by our "Go Red" program presented by the American Heart Association. Another thanks goes to Darlene Bealmear and Becky Achenbach for the great job on our programs this year.

I hope each of your holidays were filled with the spirit of the Christmas season, the joy of family and friends and that you will flourish in 2012.

Friends of the Library has received a gift in the amount of \$42,733 from the estate of Peggy Garrett. Peggy was a long time member of Friends, Library volunteer and regular Pumpkin Patch worker. We will place a sign near the door to the downstairs patio that reads "In Memory of Peggy Garrett". The patio faces the First United Methodist Church where Peggy was an active member.

Hartman Award

The Hartman Award has been given annually since 1980 at the May general meeting. This award is given to a Friends member who has performed over & above the requirements of their position and has promoted the Library & Friends beyond required activities. The current President or a past recipient are not eligible for this award.

Please help us by submitting a nominee you think would be worthy of this prestigious Award. Detach the ballot below and send the name, along with a short paragraph of 100-175 words why this person should be considered, to Carolyn Duckworth, 617 Liechty Ct., Heath, TX 75032 or email to carolyn_smu67@sbcglobal.net.

Hartman Award Ballot

Name of Nominee: _____

Reasons the nominee should be considered:

LIBRARY NEWSFrom Marcine McCulley

Please accept our sincere wishes for a happy New Year from the Rockwall County Library staff! Remember that we have a variety of materials available to help you out with that New Year's resolution, including information on exercise, better nutrition, hobbies, home repair and decorating, and self-help for topics such as parenting and personal relationships. If part of your resolution involves de-cluttering, remember that your donations of gently used books and audios for adults and children are welcome here to stock the Friends Book Donation Alcove. You can bring your donations to the checkout desk near the entry any time during library hours.

The highlight of the holiday season was our very successful Polar Express Extravaganza, including special features that were paid for with generous donations from the Friends. Our staff and faithful volunteers did a fantastic job creating a magical train journey for hundreds of kids of all ages here at the library. Our undaunted children's staff are already thinking about the special holiday event for 2012. The end of the Christmas shopping season means that business at the library is picking up again. Children's programming will resume on January 23.

Did you get a new Kindle, Nook, tablet PC, mp3 player or other gadget as a holiday gift? There are two new book download services available at the library. OneClick Digital from Recorded Books offers audio books to be played on your home computer or portable device through an improved interface. And our new OverDrive service offers both audio books and visual eBooks for computers or a variety of portable devices, including Nook and Kindle. For more information, please visit our website at www.rockwallcountytexas.com/library and select "Databases & Downloads" from the menu on the left.

February 14, 2012 Meeting

Rockwall County Library, Community Room, 11:00 am

Catered by: Zach's Catering

Erica Annise, a spokesperson for the American Heart Association, will present to us the program "Go Red", promoting heart health. Becky Achenbach & Darlene Bealmear, 1st VP Programs

Membership

Please welcome the following new members: Barbara Baumann; Nancy Lee-; Tom & Dana Jacobs, Rd.

9th Annual Christmas Luncheon

The 2011 Christmas Luncheon was a huge success! On December 13th, a crowd of 246 strolled through the Lone Start Room at The Center to greet friends and see 30 beautiful holiday tables decorated by creative area hostesses, service organizations, and local businesses. The occasion was the 9th Annual Friends of the Library Christmas Luncheon. Over the years, this event has become "the" event of the Holiday Season in our community.

The RHS Jazz Band under the direction of Michael Jones provided entertainment. A buffet lunch was served by Zach's Catering. The Rockwall Women's League upheld another tradition and contributed desserts for this annual Friends fundraiser, which netted \$4,353.

Peggy Black, Ken & Kathy Melston, American National Bank, Scott & Jan Self, Harold Eavenson, Jack James, Brian Williams, Nancy Beaty and an anonymous donor were underwriters for the luncheon.

RESERVATIONS

All reservations must be made by 5:00 pm the Friday preceding the meetings and/or Lunch Baskets.

For all reservations Contact Leigh Plagens, 972-771-8976 or email lunch@friendsofrockwallcountylibrary.com. Unless cancelled by deadline, a reservation made is a reservation paid!