



April, 2012 Newsletter

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Friends Annual Gift reflects banner fundraising year...

At the Friends Annual Meeting in February, President Donna Woody announced gifts of \$7,000 to the Library. As a result of the successful year just ended, a check in the amount of \$6,000 was presented to Library Director, Cara Russell, and an additional \$1,000 is also committed for the Summer Reading Program. Said Russell, "This will allow the Library to embark on some exciting new initiatives. It means a lot to know the community is behind us, and we are very pleased to receive this ongoing support."

In addition to the Friends' Board of Directors, Trustees of the Library were on hand to celebrate the occasion, together with a number of interested volunteers and Library staff. Woody also introduced new Board member, Karen Crowther, who has volunteered to serve as Secretary in the coming year, and stressed the need for new volunteers to get involved and share their ideas and enthusiasm. Continued Woody, "Everyone has worked hard to make this a successful year and I know the team spirit of our group will insure an equally successful effort in the year ahead."



Pictured at left, Vice President, Bobbie Hentschel presents a mock up of the check for \$6,000 to Library Director, Cara Russell. Looking on is Library Trustee, John Sone.

President's Message...

Hello spring! Spring is the time of rebirth and growth. It is so beautiful around here this year that it is hard to stay inside and work on anything. However, the Friends board is working at growing our membership and getting more members to become active.

We're still looking for people to join us in our efforts to raise additional money for the library so it can provide more services, books and programs to the community it serves. A good place to start is donating baked goods for our bake sale at Founder's Day. We also need people to work a two hour shift at the booth on Saturday and Sunday. Call me if you can help at 858-2937 or email me at woodydj04xx@yahoo.com.

Here is our leadership for the coming year:

- We have one addition to the board, Karen Crowther, who is our new secretary. She is a graphic designer who recently retired from the University of Texas Press and is also a volunteer at the library helping with the historical documents.
- Kim Frederick is back with us as Chair of the Tour of Homes. She served two years as the Membership chair before she took a break. She didn't step totally away, because she still helped with last year's bake sale and graciously hosted our first wine tasting event at her home.
- My good friend, Bobbie Hentschel, has been promoted to Vice President, which means she is the president in training. She's doing most of the work, and I'm coaching her.
- Marla Sone, our outgoing treasurer, is relinquishing her duties to another officer, but stands ready to 'show the ropes' to an incoming treasurer as soon as one volunteers.
- John Hoag, our eminent newsletter editor, is also a poet, photography enthusiast, Chamber of Commerce board member and commercial property developer.
- We still need to fill a couple of board positions: membership chair and public relations. We need you!

Best wishes and good reading, as always, Donna

Christmas Home Tour On Pace For Major Success...

This year's Home Tour Chair, Kim Frederick, is already hard at work to make sure this December's event, and primary fundraising activity, will be more successful than ever. She has already secured four commitments for homes for the tour, including the second annual wine tasting event site. If you or an acquaintance would be willing to open your home as part of the tour, please give that idea serious consideration.

When asked what the Home Tour and support of the Library means to her, she responded, "The Holiday Home Tour is an excellent, fun opportunity for residents to promote Dripping Springs and our local library. Our library continues to expand its services and collections with the added support of our annual fundraiser. So many look forward to this open house tradition; sharing the warmth and kindness of the season, greeting neighbors and friends, meeting new folks, reaffirming a sense of place."

Adds Frederick, "Please consider helping us maintain the library as an important partner in community connections. New moms connect at toddler story times. Elderly people, often facing difficult life transitions, attend events and find they make new friends. Teenagers meet up after school to work on projects and readers discuss current events found in periodicals. And there are plenty of homeschoolers who know how important our local library is in contributing to their kid's education. It is more important than ever in these challenging times to offer valuable resources to all, regardless of socioeconomic status. "

As part of the day's activities, we will also hold our second annual International Wine Tasting event. This will be held in the early evening, following the Tour of Homes. Event chair, John Hoag, indicates that tickets will be offered separately, but that a specially priced combo ticket will include both the Home Tour and the wine tasting. Hoag promises an outstanding lineup of wines from around the globe.

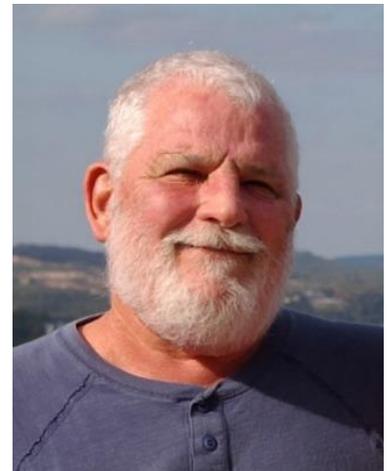
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Donna Woody



Kim Fredrick



John Hoag

Help Wanted! Lend a hand if you can...

Special message from Vice President, Bobbie Hentschel.



It's springtime! Wild flowers are blooming, the weather is warming up and so are the Friends of the Library.

We're getting ready to see all of you at the Founder's Day Festival, April 21 and 22, at our booth. Come visit with us under our brand new banner. You won't be able to miss us. We're going to have a bake sale, a cool raffle item and lots of other goodies to give away. Mostly we will be having fun! It will be the perfect time to get your questions answered about becoming a Friend of the Library yourself. There are many ways to do it, just ask us how.

One way to get an early start on being a Friend of the Library is to help us with the bake sale. We'd love for you to donate some baked goods like cookies or brownies, nutbreads, muffins- goodies without frosting (that might melt in the heat). There's a sign-up sheet at the circulation desk in the library to make it easy for you to let us know about what you will be making . And you can always call me, Bobbie, at (512) 771-3217 if you have a question.

So when your goodies are cooled and ready to share, just bring them to the library on Friday 4/20 by noon. We will get them organized and priced for you, ready to sell on Saturday. Then stop by on Saturday or Sunday to visit with us, get some goodies, buy a chance to win the raffle prize and learn more about opportunities to help your library by being a " Friend". We're looking forward to having you join the fun! So see you all there, Bobbie



Library launches "Get A Clue!"

Is it really April already? Yes! That means Miss Marie, our Children's librarian, is hard at work putting together another summer of fun and enjoyable programs. This year's theme is "Get a Clue...at the Library" with programs aimed at the wonderful discoveries found at your library. Some of the programs scheduled so far are: Get a Clue at your library - It's a Mystery, Mystery Writing camps for children age 8+, Family Mystery movie night, Old Time Radio Reader Theater with Ms. Linda, Story and Movie time for younger children ages 4-9, and Animal Clue Safari.

Also remember to participate in the exciting summer reading incentive program. Ms. SuzAnne, our Young Adult and Adult Services librarian, is excited to offer the Teen Reading Buddy program again this summer, as well as the enjoyable reading incentive program for teens and adults. Don't forget the volunteer opportunities available for teens 14+. Miss Marie and Ms. SuzAnne are adding more programs daily, and the programs will begin June 4. Be sure and stop by the library or check our website at www.dscl.org in late May and find out what other wonderful programs the library has planned for our patrons this summer!



Library Director, Cara Russell

Circle these dates!

- ✚ Founders Day Booth and Bake Sale – Saturday & Sunday, April 21 and 22, 2012
- ✚ Christmas on Mercer Street, Ticket sales and Bake Sale – Saturday, December 1, 2012
- ✚ Annual Hill Country Christmas Tour of Homes and International Wine Tasting – Saturday, December 8, 2012
- ✚ Board of Directors monthly meetings - Second Tuesday of each month, 10 AM to noon, at the Library

Why we give...

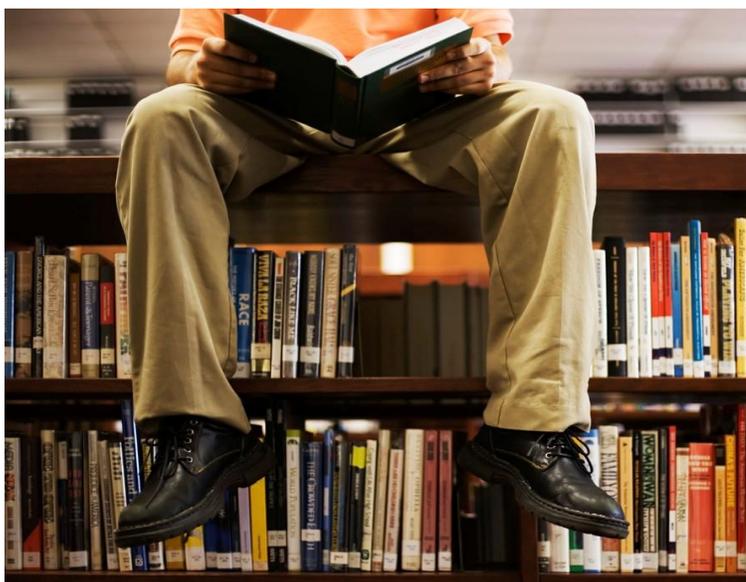
Small children sitting earnestly
their heads tilted at a curious angle
their minds tilted likewise
and that is a good thing
Story time...



An intense senior taps impatiently
on the unforgiving keyboard, willing
the computer's blinking eye
to give up its hidden treasure
The internet search...



A restive teenager, way too cool to
be found buried in a book, nonetheless
plows ahead eagerly, vicariously
echoing the hero's triumphal battle cry
Lost in intergalactic warfare...



This is but a tiny sampling of the infinite
benefit and pleasure your contributions
to the Friends of the Library will bring.
Your gift represents an anchor for the
present, building blocks for the future...

Thank you

From Acting Membership Chair and Treasurer, Marla Sone...



There is still time to renew your membership in the Friends of the Dripping Springs Community Library, maybe even increase your level of support. In 2011, thanks to memberships and our fund raising efforts, your library is adding a subscription to Ancestry.Com and will also use the funds to start an e-reader library! The Dripping Springs Community Library is doing more every year to stay "cutting edge". Your membership helps in more ways than we can possibly express in this space. Check out the web page, <http://www.dscl.org> to discover more about the Library. You will be able to access the Friends web page from this link also.



Thank you for your past contributions. We hope you will continue on the roll of the Friends as we help our library move from good to great!

Sincerely, Marla

Friends of the Library Membership

You can provide much needed support to the library by becoming a member of the Friends of the Dripping Springs Community Library, Inc. To join, simply complete the form below and return with your dues to: **Friends of DSCL, Inc., 501 Sportsplex Drive, Dripping Springs, TX 78620**

Annual Membership Levels (circle one)

Caldecott \$25

Nobel \$50

Pulitzer \$100

Carnegie \$200

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address (receiving your Newsletter via email saves tremendously on printing and postage):

Phone: _____

I am interested in the following volunteer opportunities

- _____ Serving as a board member or chairperson.
- _____ Helping with the Christmas in the Hills Tour of Homes.
- _____ Other fundraising events for the library.
- _____ Serving on a committee (e.g. membership, public relations, etc.)

Please return this form, together with your check made payable to:
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