



# of the Rochester Hills Public Library

DEDICATED TO PROMOTING A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE LIBRARY & ITS CONSTITUENTS

## The Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library Holiday Home Tour 2016 Events:

### Holiday Kickoff Gala Party

November 9, 2016

Location: Hepplewhite's Furniture  
322 South Main, Rochester  
6-8 PM

Wine, Champagne,  
Non-alcoholic Drinks  
Appetizers  
Entertainment  
\$25.00

### Holiday Home Tour & Boutique

November 13, 2016

The home tour includes 5 homes and a  
boutique at the VanHoosen  
Museum Calf Barn  
12-5 PM  
\$25.00

**Visit the Holiday Home Tour Boutique** at the Van Hoosen Museum's newly renovated calf barn! Think holiday gifts, hostess gifts, or gifts for yourself.

- **Boutique items include Michigan made products,**
- **bakery items, cards, decorative socks, toffee,**
- **candles, scarves, and much, much, more.....**

The Friends store will have a table at the boutique. Tickets for each event may be purchased at:

- Lytle Pharmacy. Sharon's Hallmark - 2 locations
- Dillman & Upton, Hepplewhite's Furniture
- Friends' Store inside RHPL
- and [rhpl.org/friends-of-rhpl/special-events](http://rhpl.org/friends-of-rhpl/special-events) *payment is via Pay Pal*
- *or credit card*

***Ticket sales will begin in early October.***

Library programs will benefit from the proceeds of HHT 2016

**The Kickoff Gala Party** on November 9th allows attendees to start the holiday season in style and also meet the home tour homeowners in the festive Hepplewhite showrooms. The Holiday Home Tour and Boutique 2016 on November 13th will continue this 'tis the season' feeling:



Seven trees will truly transform a 1966 colonial home into the House of Trees. Each one decorated with a unique theme giving a special holiday spirit to this 50 year old house.

The newest home is elegantly decorated in a red and gold theme. From the main 12 foot tree to the outside tree that required a basket loader to properly position holiday lights, this home is a show stopper.



A major remodeling project in a 4000 square foot ranch provides a perfect showcase for the owner's festive trimmings. It is truly ready for the holidays with dazzling decorations.

A Craftsman-style bungalow in the Stoney Creek Village, built in 1917, is a historic showplace on the tour. The owner's holiday decorations truly compliment this cook's house for the original Van Hoosen Farm.



Across from the Van Hoosen Farmhouse is a cozy Cape Cod home decorated with natural greens. The 8 foot natural tree showcases Mark Roberts Santa Faeries. An extra bonus behind the house is their

1837 barn complete with a crystal chandelier ready for the holiday season.



**From the Friends President**

You may have brought a bag of books to the Library's information desk or you may have brought several boxes to the loading dock at the library. Ever wonder what happens to your donation of books, CDs, DVDs, audio books, etc.?



Ron Meegan

The first stop is the book sale sorting room where volunteers determine where each and every item should be sent. If the item is damaged - broken spines, stained, moldy or missing pages, chewed (yes, Fido can do damage) or frayed corners, missing discs, etc. - they are discarded into our recycle bins. We then look at the date of the item. If it is very recent, and in excellent shape, we give it to the Library personnel so they can determine if they should add it to the library collection or use it as a replacement for an item that may be worn or damaged. There are approximately 2000 items each year that the Library is able to use, saving the cost of purchasing those items.

The next step is to scan the item's bar code to see what Amazon and other book resale sites say the item is worth. We have a hand held scanner that is tied into a

program that updates a database periodically with new values. We have the scanner set to "ding" when an item shows up to be \$5.00 or more. What if the item doesn't

have a bar code? We then go to Amazon on the

computer to search for the title or ISBN (International Standard Book Number introduced in 1970) and see what the item is worth. Items over \$5.00 are sent to the On Line Sales Group for further research to determine whether we should offer them for sale on our On Line Amazon Account.

Any items that haven't gone to the Library or the On Line Sales area are evaluated to see if they should be considered for our Quality or Lobby Book Cart areas. If the item looks brand new and is dated within the last three years, our Quality coordinator looks to see if we should sell it in our quality area of the quarterly book sale for \$3.00 or more. If the item is in good condition and is dated within the last 5 years for fiction or 10 years for non-fiction our Book Cart personnel determine if it should go on the book cart that is in the Library lobby every day from 11 am to 3 pm and 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm on

Sundays. These books sell for \$2.00 for softcover books and \$3.00 for hard cover books with other items (CDs, DVDs, etc.) priced as noted. Anything that doesn't go to the Library, On Line, Quality or Lobby Book Cart is then sorted into categories on carts for shelving in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Used Book Room.

Note that all books are thumbed through before sending them on to the various stops to make sure that nothing was left behind when they were donated. We have come across money, pictures, excerpts from diaries, airline stubs, gift cards, etc. and these are all removed and the proper owners notified if possible. It should also be noted that some older items - computer and travel books older than five years, business books older than 10 years, etc. are set aside to be given to charities since we have determined that they don't sell well at our book sales.

After all the sorting is done, the items are shelved, and we hold a book sale each quarter where our faithful patrons purchase items; read, listen to or view them; and then often re-donate them so the process can start all over again. Thank you for making the Used Book Sales at the Library so successful. All proceeds go to support the Rochester Hills Public Library.

**Order from AmazonSmile and donate to Friends of RHPL at the same time**

- Do you order from Amazon.com? If so, you can contribute to the Friends of RHPL at the same time at no additional cost to you.



The Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library have signed up to be a part of the AmazonSmile program. Before you start your shopping just log into Amazon via smile.amazon.com, sign in with your current Amazon account information and select a charity to support - who else but the "Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library Inc". Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase total to the Friends every time you shop.

*It's that simple!!*

## Mark Your Calendar for Wine, Wit & Wisdom 2017

Now is the time to set aside the date for the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library's fourth annual "Wine, Wit & Wisdom" fundraiser. This year's event is set for Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 6:45-10:00 p.m. at the library.



Wine, Wit & Wisdom has quickly become one of the Friends' most popular fundraisers as word of mouth has spread about this unique and entertaining event. People return year after year to enjoy the lively mix of food, drink and engaging presentations, all for \$55 a ticket.

The evening will begin with a strolling dinner, and beverages (beer, wine and soft drinks). Participants will attend two presentations they've selected from a list of six intriguing speakers from the world of art, dining and the social sciences. Attendees also have the opportunity to bid on unique items, services and entertainment in a silent auction.

Details about the speakers and their topics will be made available in December with registration opening January 23, 2017.

This year, to help you with that difficult to buy for person on your holiday shopping list, we are offering Friends' members the opportunity to purchase Wine, Wit & Wisdom tickets as holiday gifts prior to registration officially opening in January. Send an email requesting purchase information to [winewitwisdom@rhpl.org](mailto:winewitwisdom@rhpl.org) by December 9, 2016 to surprise someone with this unique gift!

All proceeds benefit our library. It's an evening you won't want to miss!



## Sweet Delights at the Friends Store

Your Friends Store is proud to offer Michigan-made products. We love that we now offer not one, but two lines of Michigan fruit products. From *Traverse Bay Farms*, award-winning Red Raspberry Barbeque Sauce brings lip-smacking goodness to your grilling experience.

And one taste of *Cherry Republic* jam, salsa, dried cherries or chocolate covered cherries, will transport you Up North, reminiscing about days on the beach, visiting bountiful farm stands or walking through verdant woods. There's a bit of the essence of northern Michigan in every one of these sweet and savory treats.



While you're in the store, be sure to check out our other Michigan products. There's a great selection of books dealing with many aspects of our state. Mugs and coasters, as well as cutting boards shaped like our Mitten State, Michigan-shaped cookie cutters, car magnets and stones make wonderful gifts that become treasured mementos. Also, unique jewelry by a local artist will help you get your bling on.



### December Quality Sale - December 9-10, 2016

Every year we get wonderful donations of materials that are like new. Some of them are even still in their shrink wrap. These are the kinds of items available in our December mini-sale. In addition to books, we will have DVDs, CDs, puzzles, games, toys and other miscellaneous items. The sale will be in the library lobby on Friday, December 9 from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm and on Saturday, December 10 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to shop for holiday gifts at very reasonable prices.



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## 2016 Volunteer of the Year, Ruthann Bajorek, Announced

In April of 2002 the Friends Library Store became acquainted with *Ruthann Bajorek* when she applied to become a volunteer. Over the past 14 years, her knowledge of advertising, literature, art and photography, along with her kind and creative personality, has been beneficial for not only the store but the Friends Board and Used Book Sale as well. Ruthann's involvement includes:

- Volunteers at the store every Friday and fills in other days when needed.
- Writes articles and takes photos for the store to submit to the Library's News & Views and the Friends Newsletter.
- Has helped edit the Friends Newsletter.
- Has written articles and description of homes for the Holiday Home Tour, and has been a docent for the tour. Also helps to set up and manage the store table at the Holiday Home Tour Boutique.
- Has written press releases for the store and the board.
- Takes photos of store merchandise to post on Facebook.
- Creates the volunteer name tags for use in the store.
- Has traveled to various wholesale markets for the store and helps unpack and price merchandise.
- Served as a member of the Friends Board for eight years.
- Has been a cashier at many used book sales and is a regular volunteer on the Lobby Book Cart.

From this list you can see what an asset Ruthann has been for the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library for many years. *We salute Ruthann Bajorek, the 2016 Friends Volunteer of the Year.*

## #GIVINGTUESDAY™

This year, on **Tuesday, November 29, 2016**, the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library is participating in #GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to giving monetary donations to charity.

We would like you to consider giving a monetary donation this #GivingTuesday to the library's charity, The Friends of the RHPL, which is a nonprofit organization that is entirely volunteer run. Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, November 29, and then go to the library's website at [www.rhpl.org/friends-of-the-rhpl](http://www.rhpl.org/friends-of-the-rhpl) and click on the "Donate money to the Friends of RHPL" tab. Click on the PayPal link to allocate a donation to the Friends. Remember---this is a one-day event and donating should take only a few minutes, even during this busy time of year.

If you would like to take your donation a step further, please check out the Friends tab on the RHPL website for volunteer opportunities you may enjoy; spending time helping out at one of our book sales, waiting on customers in the Friends store, sorting donated books, or assisting with the Holiday Home Tour or the Wine, Wit, and Wisdom events we hold each year.

We at the Friends appreciate every donation from our community. Even if you have the means to give monetary donations this #GivingTuesday, we welcome you to consider giving your time as well, and for that, you don't have to wait until November 29. Volunteer today! **Your generosity is very much appreciated.**

**Black Friday. Cyber Monday.**

## #GIVINGTUESDAY™

**November 29, 2016**



**From the Library Director Christine Hage...**

Four times a year I give “Behind the Scenes” tours of the library. These tours usually take 1 1/2 to two hours. People always learn something new about the library and I’m happy and proud to brag about our building, staff and services. I explain how the library is governed, how we select and deselect materials and how we are funded.

Two of the facts I share are how many employees we have at the library and how many volunteers we rely upon. We have 130 employees; however, there are another 150 people who volunteer at the library. They check our shelves for missing items, or items requested by other libraries. They assist in preparing programming materials, check people into library

programs, staff one of our six mini branches and many other jobs.

The Friends have their own volunteer corps that includes hundreds of people who work on book sales, the Holiday Home Tour, Wine, Wit & Wisdom and other special projects. I truly appreciate all that you, our Friends, do for the library and ultimately for the community.

Many of our volunteers join us upon retirement from their career jobs. Others join us for something to do while children are in school. So it is at this time of the year that I like to recruit volunteers. If you know someone who has some time available, particularly during the day, wants to get more involved in the library and give back to the community, please have them contact me (248/650-7122). We train volunteers and monitor their success.

And if you would just like to learn more about the library, I invite you to join me on one of my “Behind the Scenes” tours. They are free, and I can guarantee you that you will learn new things about your library.

**Friends Online Sales**

We are about three quarters of the way through 2016, and Amazon Online Sales is \$350 ahead of last year’s record breaking sales year. This is thanks to the Online volunteers who sort, list, reprice and ship books and AV items. It is also thanks to the patrons who donate books for sale Online.

Our 2 highest sales this year are: “Harris Michigan Industrial Directory 2015” that sold for \$265. This was a library discarded book. “Banacek”, a complete DVD series sold for \$235. This was a patron donation.

“Girl on the Train” continues to set records for number of books sold. When this went to print, we had sold 30 books total, 7 in 2015 and 23 in 2016.

Our most popular categories are Music CDs, DVDs, Textbooks, Fiction and How-To books.

In an ongoing effort to keep expenses down, we are always looking for small boxes (that would hold a hardcover book), wrapping paper (to protect the books during shipping), and blank address label sheets (as we use a return address label on every package we mail). Any of these donations can be dropped off at the information desk.

We are blessed to have the staunch support of the RHPL employees, who are always looking for ways to help the Friends. It is wonderful to work in such a welcoming environment.



**NEW FRIENDS MEMBERS**

Angel Bakos	Ruth Smith	Mary Ann Kerstein	Nicole Gordon & Family
Melisa Bruce	Margaret Vanstone	Tammy Maceacher	Linda Hildebrand
Matthew Charlebois	Timur Yakubox	Linda Morris	Dave Kivisto
Janice Derry	Sandy Birge & family	Nancy & Robert Rewold	Paula Masson
Carol Hansen	Len Buczkowski	Susan Smith	Katherine Moy
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Marie Lang	Liz Gibson	Chris Broquet	Ann Strombeck
Charlotte McCarthy	Jane Haugen	Paola Castelao	Lorene Wojtyniak
Kathleen Noonan		Christa Crist	



New Friends Board Member

Diane Dusza Weber, CPA, is our newest Board

member. A Western New York native, Diane was raised in Lackawanna, New York, and earned her Bachelor's degree in accounting from Canisius College in Buffalo. She and her husband, Norm, lived in East Aurora, NY, where after working nearly 10 years in public accounting, Diane decided to be a stay-at-home mom for their children Adam and Rachel. They have been residing in Oakland Township for 10 years. Diane has been an active Friends' volunteer since 2013. She sorts, shelves and ships books weekly and cashiers during the Used Book Sales. Diane is honored to be a Friends Board member.

**DOCENTS NEEDED FOR Holiday Home Tour 2016 NOVEMBER 13th**



Would you like to be a docent in one of this year's festive homes? It would be a 2 1/2 hour commitment between 12 and 2:30 p.m. or 2:30 and 5:00 p.m. on November 13th.

Please contact: Juanita Mallman  
248-670-2792  
[juanitamallmann@prodigy.net](mailto:juanitamallmann@prodigy.net)

Library programs benefit from this Holiday Home Tour Friends' event. Thank you for your support.

**2016 Friends Annual Meeting Held in October**

The Friends of RHPL held their 2016 Annual Meeting at the Library on Thursday the 20th of October. Minutes from the 2015 meeting were read by the secretary, Karen Calavenna; and a financial report was given by the treasurer, John Coombs. Friends' president, Ron Meegan, presented a check for \$150,000 to the Library. President Meegan gave a report on the past year's accomplishments and got approval for three re-elected board members and the slate of officers for the next year. The 2016 Volunteer of the Year was introduced – Ruthann Bajorek (see article elsewhere in the newsletter). The meeting was adjourned with an introduction of the speaker for the evening – Harlan Neville talking about "Inside Stories from the Control Room of the Apollo Mission".

**Thank You Holiday Home Tour Sponsors**

Many local businesses donate money and other items to help sponsor the Holiday Home Tour. The Friends would like to acknowledge the following individuals and businesses for their support of the 2016 Tour. Please support these businesses when you can. \$3300 was donated this year.

Adams Cleaners	- Jac & Mary Jo Caldwell	Lucido's Jewelers	Pixley Funeral Home
Balian Eye Center	- John Coombs	Lytle Pharmacy	Rochester Elevator
Dick & Julie Bates	- Bill & Jean Kroger	Juanita Mallmann	Rochester Hills Museum at VanHoosen Farm
CoccoMusic Studio	- Judge Jeff & KimberlyMatis	Manny's Liquor & Wine Store	Rochester Hills Tire & Service
Crittenton Hospital	- Ron & Theresa Meegan	Mattina, Kent & Gibbons, P.C.	Rochester Periodontics & Dental Implants, P.C.
AI & Marcia Decker	- Sandy & Dennis Tabacchi	Millman-Derr Center for Eye Care	Rochester Plumbing & Heating
Dillman & Upton	- Diane & Norm Weber	Modern Art Jewelers	Nancy Stocking
Friends Board of Directors and spouses	Golden Eagle Restaurant	Modetz Funeral Homes	The Toffee Store
- Tom & Mary Asmus	Hollywood Market	North Hill Marathon	Yates Cider Mill
- Karen & Anthony Calavenna	Krazy Greek Restaurant	Mark & Pat Pierce	

**Donations to the Friends**

The Friends of RHPL are thankful for the donors who help support our organization and through us the Rochester Hills Public Library. Below is the list of donors since our last newsletter.

- Mary & Tom Asmus
- Richard Bates
- Patricia Check
- Mary Jane Croissant
- Ronald & Naomi Feldman
- Bonnie Fisk
- Cherill Flynn
- Barbara Gardels
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- Diane Weber
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*You may send a donation to the Friends of RHPL at 500 Olde Towne Rd, Rochester, MI 48307 at any time ..... We will be pleased to publish your name in future newsletters.*

**2016 Board of Directors**

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- President Ron Meegan
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- Asst. Treasurer Jac Caldwell

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- Friends Membership 248-650-7160
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- Friends Store 248-650-7179
- Used Book Sale 248-650-7178
- On-Line Sales 248-650-9790
- Main Library 248-656-2900

**Website**

www.rhpl.org/friends-of-rhpl

**Newsletter**

- Published Spring and Winter
- Editor/Publisher - Kristin Pitcairn
- Mailing Coordinator - Karen Calavenna

**Newsletter by Email??!**

Would you consider getting your future Friends of RHPL Newsletters by email rather than getting a hard copy in the mail? The benefits of an email newsletter include:

- Email version will be in color
- You can easily save back issues for future reference
- The Friends of RHPL will save money on printing and postage

If you would like to have future newsletters sent by email please send a message to [friends@rhpl.org](mailto:friends@rhpl.org). Please include your name and address since some email addresses are cryptic, and we want to update our mailing list correctly. Thanks.

**Friends of RHPL Fundraiser at TALBOTS at the Village of Rochester Hills**

MARK THE DATE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2016, 5-8PM

- We are trying a new fundraiser this year and it won't cost you anything extra! **TALBOTS** at the Village of Rochester Hills has graciously agreed to donate 10% of all net sales transacted on Thursday, December 1 from 5-8pm to the Friends. All you have to do is mention the Friends during this time and 10% of your net purchase is donated to us. Easy! All purchases (regular, sales and clearance), net of discounts, are eligible for the 10% **TALBOTS** donation.
- REMEMBER: Thursday, December 1st, from 5-8pm is the date and time. **TALBOTS** at the Village of Rochester Hills is the ONLY location. Get ready to shop!

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**2017 Used Book Sales**

- WINTER: January 18-22
- SPRING: April 26-30
- SUMMER: July 26-29 & 31
- FALL: October 25-29
- QUALITY SALE: DECEMBER 8 & 9

**SAVE  
THE DATE**

Friends of RHPL

# Barnes & Noble Bookfair

Saturday, November 26th  
Barnes & Noble  
2800 Rochester Road

It's Thanksgiving weekend when so many begin their Holiday shopping. Stop in Saturday through Monday and a portion of your purchase will be donated to the library.

Volunteers of the Friends will be around on Saturday to remind you and assist with gift wrapping.

Use the coupon – share one with a friend – and help the library!

### Can't attend our bookfair at Barnes & Noble?

Visit [BN.COM/bookfairs](http://BN.COM/bookfairs) to support us online from 11/26/16 to 12/3/16 by entering Bookfair ID 11977303 at checkout.



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Please present this voucher prior to making your purchase. A percentage of the net sale will be contributed to your school/organization.\*

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