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A Note from the President

Serendipity

There are so many things you can learn at the library; current events, history, languages, and the meaning of words. The Oxford Dictionary at the library defines “serendipity” as – “the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way”. So I want to let you know about a serendipitous event that the Friends have experienced in recent months.



Other articles in this newsletter talk about the new Newsletter Editor and Membership Assistant positions that we have filled. Let me tell you how those changes came about. Just before the spring newsletter was ready to be published, Kristin Pitcairn – our editor for many years – indicated that she was planning on stepping down after the spring edition. We put a request for a replacement in the newsletter and also sent the replacement request out to several local papers; the Rochester Post, Community Lifestyles, etc. We were very happy to get a number of responses to our replacement request and after sorting through the resumes were able to select Tim Schulte as our new editor. Tim is also the newsletter editor for the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, so we were able to have a good feel for the kind of product he produces. He’s already been able to help us with a new ad for the Rochester Symphony Orchestra program and the Avon Players playbill.

After we selected Tim as our editor we started thinking about getting an assistant to help our Membership chairperson, Connie Livingston. We told you in a past newsletter that we have begun using a new database (eTapestry) to use for logging membership data and other information on Friends members, volunteers, and program attendees. As our organization grows the need for additional support in our membership area has also grown. So we thought that maybe one of

the people who had been interested in our newsletter editor position might be willing to take on this membership assistant position instead. Sure enough, Susan Wilcox stepped up and has begun working with Connie to keep our database up to date, send out letters to folks whose membership is due, thank you letters to those who have renewed membership and/or sent in a donation, and she has worked with Connie at the membership table at our most recent Summer Book Sale.

We were looking for an editor and received an editor and a membership assistant – that sounds like something that is happy and beneficial – in other words, “serendipity”.

Thanks for being a supporter of the Friends and the Rochester Hills Public Library. It is through your donations that we are able to provide significant funds to give to the library and help it maintain its outstanding support for our community.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Ron Meegan". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Ron" and last name "Meegan" clearly legible.

Ron Meegan
Friends President

2018 Wine, Wit & Wisdom

It's not that far off.

Really? **Really!**

Proof? Make sure you have April 14, 2018 circled on your calendar. That's the date for the Rochester area's "don't miss" event of the spring, the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library's fifth annual "Wine, Wit and Wisdom."



While registration won't open until February 12, there are some early details that have been firmed up.

Reservations are \$55 per person; \$65 after April 2. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with a strolling dinner catered by Rivercrest Manor served at 6:45 p.m.

The event format: Strolling dinner and silent auction bidding, followed by a 45-minute presentation by one of six interesting presenters, followed by liquid refreshments, a second 45-minute speaker presentation and a dessert afterglow to announce silent auction winners. (Due to popular request, we are increasing the presentation lengths from 30 minutes to 45 minutes.)

The speakers for the event:

- Beekeeping - Abi Saeed
- History of the Mackinac Bridge - Kim Nowack
- Language/Linguistics - Ann Curzon
- Auto Racing - Marc Trahan
- Michigan Lighthouses-an aerial photographic perspective - John Wagner
- Detroit in World War II - Gregory Sumner

See www.rhpl.org and in-Library posters for updates as the event nears.

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News from the Friends Store

The Friends Store Celebration Continues

For a retail establishment to remain in business for 25 years, a loyal, satisfied customer base is key. The Friends Store at RHPL is flourishing! On its way to its 26th year, the store has been rewarding its customers with special sales and promotions all year long. The coupon below offers Friends members 25% off their entire purchase. That's on top of their usual 10% off.

Happy anniversary, Friends!

Special on Pewabic Pottery

We are allowed to discount historic Pewabic Pottery only once a year. So, from November 12 – 19, come in to the Friends Store and choose from our wide selection of tiles and vases and receive 20% off your selection. You will also receive your customary 10% Friends member discount. This can only happen once a year.



You'll find Michigan-themed and nature tiles in traditional Pewabic glazes at the Friends Store on sale for a limited time.

25% Off
Entire purchase

Excludes Pewabic Pottery and Friends Ornaments.
Original coupon must be presented in store at time of purchase.

One use only. Expires 11-30-2017



Our customer models her favorite purchase, a lightweight yet warm open shrug.

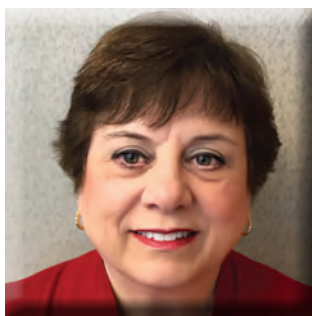
The Latest Style, Perfect for Fall and Winter

Right on trend, women's ponchos, shrugs and open front cardigans will keep you warm when it's cool. Come in and check out what we have to offer. From classic neutral to brightly colorful tones, there's something to fit your personal style.



From the Director

I have been a librarian for over 46 years and have worked with four different Friends organizations. Although I appreciate the work of all Friends of the Library organizations, I have never worked with one as dedicated and successful as the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library.



We are fortunate to have had so many wonderful Friends boards and leaders. These dedicated volunteers meet monthly to talk about their current fundraising events, and to plan future events.

Work on the hugely successful book sales is an ongoing project. Over 300 people sort and price books, list them online, and staff the book cart in the lobby. The major book sales provide the majority of the profits, but the special season sales, book cart sales and online sales are also crucial to our book sale success.

Work on the Holiday Home Tour (November 11, 2017) starts early in the year when a committee of volunteers starts looking for homes for the November home tour. I hope you and your friends will purchase tickets to tour this year's fabulous homes.

The Wine, Wit & Wisdom Committee already has all the speakers lined up for the next WWW on April 14, 2018! The caterer is booked and we are already working on the publicity, registration packets and silent auction. If you have something to donate to the silent auction please let me know and I can have the appropriate person get in touch with you. Please put us on your spring calendar and bring your friends to this interesting and entertaining event.

Moreover, although the Friends will give the library \$190,000 this year, what I appreciate the most are the wonderful apostles that the Friends are in our community. By sharing your positive library experiences with your friends, families and neighbors, you are able to promote the library in a way I, as an employee, cannot. I also want you to share any negative experiences or concerns you may have regarding the library with me. I will do my best to help you!

Therefore, to our many friends and our special Friends, I want to say a hearty thank you! Thank you for your support of the library. Thank you for your support of the Friends, and thank you for allowing us to provide quality library service to you and your family.

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**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. Since we started with amazonsmile, your purchases have brought in \$115 to help support library programs. Thank you.



Holiday Home Tour 2017

B E T T E R T H A N E V E R

Saturday November 11 • Noon - 5:00 pm • Tickets \$25 ea.



Get ready for a couple of big changes to one of the area's most popular holiday events, the Friends of the Rochester Hills's Public Library 2017 Holiday Home Tour.

This year, the showcase of five area homes done up in high style for the holidays for all to see, *will move from the traditional Sunday date to Saturday, Nov. 11 from noon-5pm.*

The shift avoids a conflict with an increasing number of other holiday-oriented events scheduled for Sundays in November. It also hopes to take advantage of people being out-and-about on Saturdays and adding it to their agendas, rather than making a special trip on a Sunday.

Another big change: The tour's popular Gift Boutique – ideal for filling out holiday shopping lists – will be hosted at a very familiar sixth stop, the Rochester Hills Public Library's multi-purpose room (at 500 Olde Towne Road in downtown Rochester) from 1-6 pm on the same day. The boutique will be open to anyone visiting the library. Cider and donut refreshments will be available for each person with a HHT ticket.

Be sure to save the date for your personal calendar. Home information and ticket sale details will be released in late September. Check the www.rhpl.org website for the latest information.

3213 St. James Court

The Joys of Christmas abound in this spacious (4,600 square feet) home. You'll see the result of over 40 years of doing the season up big! The 12-foot-



tree in the living room bay window is paired with a coordinated wreath over the fireplace. There is a six-foot revolving tree displaying ornaments collected from Royal castles and landmarks all over the UK. The Nutcracker collection, including two-five-foot high models, is paired with the 9 foot revolving collectable glass ornament tree. There's garland

on the staircases and blooming red geraniums in the family room. There are numerous other unique and fanciful displays throughout the house. And that's just the inside. Outside you'll be greeted by a pair of 48-inch deer planters as you enter and the decorations on the Friend's Porch as you exit past the 12 foot high decorated pergola gate.

3355 Edmunton Drive

This home looks like Christmas Tree Central! Count 'em: Five trees in the house and one on the front porch. The biggest is in the Great Room and is dominated by



silver and gold ornamentation. But the trees are only part of the story here. The dining room table is set for Christmas dinner with Lenox Holiday Dinnerware, Silverware place settings and Waterford Crystal stemware. Looking for something that's especially cherished? A hand-painted Nativity Scene discovered at an art fair several years ago will be displayed in the Great Room on the sofa table. And a final explanation for why people open their homes every year for this event: "We cherish our library."

1281 Harding

Prepare to be wowed when entering this eclectically-furnished cathedral-ceilinged wonder! It actually starts before you get indoors where you'll encounter a 22-foot Nutcracker figure and an 8-foot Christmas bear to greet you. Once inside look for the all-purple ornamented Christmas tree in the living room,



a dining room tree done up with Fostoria glass and glass-spun ornaments, a tree done up to honor firefighters (one of the home owning couple is a fire department retiree) and another tree with Hallmark bird-series ornaments. Not to mention lots of other seasonal eye-catchers.

5245 N. Adams Road

This historic farm house has seen plenty of holiday seasons. It was built in 1835, with major renovations undertaken in 1941 and 2010! And as you might expect, there are many unique things to see. For example, how many homes have a pump organ in the living room that dates to 1845? Yuletide-wise, this is a house of specialty trees: One is a traditionally decorated tree, with others featuring Barbie ornaments, Wizard of Oz décor and another with bear ornaments. All but one room will be done up, so time your visit accordingly. Incidentally, the owners have been told that back in the day, Jimmy Hoffa would stop by to play cards.



538 Ludlow

Looking for a family-friendly Yule motif? This 4-bedroom, 2,500-foot transitional-style home should fill the bill. Envision holiday décor that kids can identify with and you're where you want to be. One of the co-owners is a librarian who decorates with the idea of "catching the magic of Christmas" with children in mind. Look for a 9-ft. tree in the great room, a fairy-themed tree for the daughter who resides here and a Pokemon tree that would grab the interest of tween boys. Another eye-catcher? Look for the Hummel nativity scene.



Thank You Holiday Home Tour Sponsors

Many local businesses and individuals donate money and other items to help sponsor the Holiday Home Tour. The Friends would like to acknowledge the following for their support of the 2017 Tour. \$3150 was donated this year.

Please support these businesses when you can to thank them for their support of the Friends and the Library.

- 148 South Street Studio
 - Adams Cleaners
 - Tom & Mary Asmus
 - Dick & Julie Bates
 - Balian Eye Center
 - Jac & Mary Jo Caldwell
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 - John Coombs
- Crittenton Foundation
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- Golden Eagle Restaurant
 - Bill & Jean Kroger
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 - Lucido's Jewelers
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- Judge Jeff & Kimberly Matis
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 - Ron & Theresa Meegan
- Millman-Derr Center for Eye Care
 - Modern Art Jewelers
- Modetz Funeral Homes
 - Jeannine Moreland
- North Hill Marathon
 - Mark & Pat Pierce
- Pixley Funeral Home
- Rochester Cider Mill
 - Rochester Elevator
- Rochester Hills Tire & Service
- Rochester Periodontics & Dental Implants, P.C.
 - Nancy Stocking
- Sandy & Dennis Tabacchi
 - The Toffee Store
- Diane & Norm Weber
 - Yates Cider Mill

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

November 28, 2017

Giving Tuesday

This year, on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library is participating in #GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to giving monetary donations to charity.

Libraries are more about doing than borrowing – more about connecting than simply plugging in – and your local librarian is your expert guide. Whether you want to get involved in your community, find a job, start a business, or build your digital literacy skills, your library is the key to your transformation. In order to support these essential public endeavors, 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 28, and then go to the

library's website at www.rhpl.org/friends-of-the-rhpl/special-events. Click on the PayPal link to allocate a donation to the Friends. Also, you may work at a company that doubles donations made by employees through matching gift requests – please check with your employer to see if a matching gift may be made. 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 28. Volunteer today! Your generosity is very much appreciated.

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. Please include your name and address since some email addresses are cryptic, and we want to update our mailing list correctly. Thanks.

2017 Friends Annual Meeting Held in October

The Friends of RHPL held their 2017 Annual Meeting at the Library on Thursday the 19th of October. Minutes from the 2016 meeting were read by Secretary Karen Calavenna, and a financial report was given by Treasurer John Coombs. Friends' president, Ron Meegan, presented a check for \$190,000 to the Library. President Meegan gave a report on the past year's accomplishments and got approval for two re-elected board members and the slate of officers for the next year. The 2017 Volunteer of the Year was introduced – Kathy Wentz (see article elsewhere in the newsletter). The meeting was adjourned with an introduction of the speaker for the evening – Anneke Burke-Kooistra talking about "Harboring Jewish Refugees in WWII".

Kathy Wentz Volunteer of the Year 2017

Kathy Wentz began as a volunteer for the Rochester Hills Public Library Friends organization in 1993. As a member of the Used Book Sale team she has served in many capacities, including sorting donations, organizing paperback novels for sale, printing labels, scanning DVDs, and evaluating book sets and series. Plus, she initiated the idea for having a book cart in the library lobby for daily sales that has proven to be very popular with our patrons. Currently, she researches pricing for book donations using media book sale sites to achieve the highest possible sale price for the library online sales. Almost every Wednesday, she packs a lunch and comes to the library to spend the entire day working on the Used Book Sale wherever she can be useful.



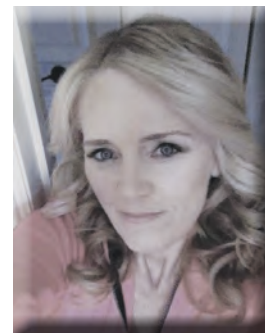
For her fellow team members she is the extremely dependable go-to person to ask about books, especially vintage books. Her wealth of knowledge on a multitude of books can't be found on a computer or in a reference book.

She also served on the Friends Board as well as various other fund raising events for the Library over her 24 years of service.

This octogenarian can't be stopped. On a personal level, she has not only traveled the world but has lived in far away places like Australia. She continues to travel by car, plane, or ship whenever the opportunity arises.

New Membership Assistant joins the Friends Team

Susan Wilcox has recently joined the Friends of RHPL as a volunteer. She assists Connie Livingston with processing membership renewals and donations. Susan has an MBA from the University of Michigan and previously worked in corporate finance. She and her husband, David, are long-time Michigan residents and have two sons, Mathew and Joseph. Susan enjoys helping out at the library especially since the environment accommodates her current work as a Michigan author. She has written three middle-grade books using the pen name of Suse Wilcox. Susan is happy to be part of an amazing group of people who promote reading and work to benefit the RHPL.



New Volunteer, New Look

Tim Schulte, after 35 years in the advertising/graphic design business has volunteered to produce the Friends Newsletter. Raised in St. Clair Shores, Tim has lived and owned his own business in Rochester Hills for the past 40 years. In fact Tim's company, Schulte & Assoc., produced the limited edition commemorative library dedication poster for the Friends. He's always been an active volunteer in the community from designing the Clinton River Trail logo to years of producing the Rochester-Avon Historical Society newsletter, *The Era*, and presently producing the quarterly *Museum Visitor* newsletter for the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. Tim looks forward to working with the Friends and we're excited to see our new newsletter look.



New Friends Members Since Last Newsletter

Jennifer Bigelow
 Julie Bruder
 Nathaniel & Bryn Broch
 George Ellenwood
 Benjamin Carney
 Maryan Chiles
 Frank Donley
 Theresa Elliott
 Dye Family
 Rosa Maria Farrugia
 Melissa Fiutak
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 Ophelia Gregory
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 Sindi Palic
 Jeffrey Piotrowski
 Bob & Patsy Ramsey
 Joseph Roosencal
 Quiad Saiffee
 Joseph Seeley
 Thomas & Sara Sampeer
 Marlene Satkicwicz
 Lyn Sieffert
 Judy Sloan
 Elizabeth Smith
 Andrea Stromar
 Jerry Stutz
 Anna Tansey
 Janet Taylor
 Shirley Winn

A Unique Shopping Opportunity



The 2017 Quality Sale will be held on December 8 and 9th in the Library hallway. During the year, the used book sales receive donations that are like new, sometimes even still in the original shrinkwrap. These are the items we put in our annual December sale. Besides some beautiful books, we have sets of books by various authors, DVDs, CDs, books on CD, jigsaw puzzles, games, and toys, along with a Star Wars corner, a Disney corner, a poetry corner, and who knows what else! Come and see. These items make great gifts and are all reasonably priced.

Sale hours are:

Friday December 8th, from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm
 Saturday December 9th, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm



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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.

- Alpha Chi Omega
- Tom & Mary Asmus
- Nathaniel & Bryn Brock
- George & Carol Burkett
- Anthony & Karen Calavenna
 - Al & Marcia Decker
 - Dye Family
- Ron & Naomi Feldman
 - Al & Bonnie Fisk
 - Cherrill Flynn
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- Michael & Stevie Riley
 - Judy Rosenberg
 - Fredrika Simmons
- Norm & Diane Weber
- John & Barbara Wolak

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



Watch Movies & Help the Friends

H O W C O O L I S T H A T ?

One of the profitable activities of the used book sales is selling items on line through Amazon. As of September 25, we have sold 2171 items for a profit of \$25,700.

One of the most popular things we sell are used DVDs. Customer satisfaction is very important to us, and we are very proud of maintaining a 100% satisfaction rating. Therefore, we want to make sure that the DVDs play properly before we list them for sale. If you like to watch movies, we could really use some help previewing the ones we wish to offer online.

If you are interested, call (248) 650-7178 and leave a message, or send an e-mail to rhplfriends@aol.com.

2018 Book Sale Dates

Winter January 31 - Feb 4

Spring April 25 - 29

Summer July 25 - 28 and Bag Day Monday July 30,
10 am - 1pm

Fall October 24 - 28

Times are the same for all sales

Wed	5:30 - 8 pm (Friends Members Only)
Thu	10 am - 8 pm
Fri	10 am - 5 pm
Sat	10 am - 5 pm
Sun	1:30 - 4:30 pm (Bag Day except as noted above)

Quality Book Sale December 7 - 8

Fri	9:30 am - 5:30 pm
Sat	9:30 - 4:30 pm

Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library...What We Do!

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Friends' Store

Our lovely store at the RHPL is stocked with some of the nicest gifts you can buy anywhere at very reasonable prices with great sales year round. The stock is changed often so there is always something new to find as a gift or as a new treasure for yourself.

