



of the Rochester Hills Public Library

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2014 Friends Annual Meeting

The Friends of RHPL held their annual meeting on Thursday the 23rd of October. Minutes from the 2013 meeting were read by the secretary, Karen Calavenna; and a financial report was given by the treasure, John Coombs. **Friends president, Ron Meegan presented a check for \$125,000 to the library director Christine Hage. This was in addition to a \$50,000 donation made to the library in April to help with construction costs for the library addition.**

President Meegan gave a report on the past years' accomplishments and got approval for two reelected board members as well as the slate of officers for the next year. Memorial gifts were presented to the families of two long time 'friends' who passed away in 2014, Chris Wilder and Doris Griffis. The 2014 Volunteers of the Year were introduced - Mark and Pat Pierce. The meeting was adjourned with President Meegan introducing the speaker for the evening - Frank Cardimen talking about 'The Man Who Never Was', a World War 2 deception by the Allies.



Library Directors Report

On behalf of the Library Board of Trustees and the residents of Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Township I want to thank all of you for your ongoing generous support of the library. The \$125,000 that the Friends give to the library at the Friends' Annual Meeting goes a long way to making this library special. We use the money to pay for speakers, purchase new public computers / monitors, print and mail the library's quarterly newsletter and purchase materials and equipment that would not be accommodated by the library's regular budget. The extra \$50,000 that was given earlier this year will allow us to finish the second floor addition, which will be used by the Friends' online book sales team and for storage of book sale materials between sales. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Construction on the new addition to the library has finally started and because of the late start we'll have ... a late finish. The schedule now has us completing the parking lot work in April. I truly apologize for the difficult parking we will all be coping with over the next 7 months or so. We've also had to relocate the outdoor book returns because when they were next to the curb rain was getting into the bins. Now everyone

has to get out of their car, but the library materials have been remaining dry. *I'm confident that the new addition will be worth the parking hassle and wait.*

Christine Hage



Holiday Home Tour 2014

It's time to mark your calendars for a Rochester-area holiday must-see!

2014 Holiday Home Tour is set for Sunday, Nov. 16.

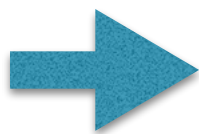
The Holiday Home Tour features six area homes, all highly and uniquely decorated for the upcoming festive season. Tour participants will see a wide-array of décor styles and several one-of-a-kind displays put together by the homeowners. All of them have volunteered to open their homes to let others peek at what usually only close friends and family see. It's all to help raise funds for the Friends, the Rochester Hills Public Library's volunteer arm. (Details on the homes are on the following page.)

Holiday Home Tour Chairperson, Kathy Dorn, said "We the homeowners who offered to get an early start on decorating to help the Rochester Hills Public Library. businesses and individuals have donated money to the to help underwrite the cost of the event. The tour truly singular design options and ideas and shouldn't be who enjoys this time of the year. Friends President Ron "This has become a signature annual event for the area everyone will make room on their schedules to take in decorated residences."



are very grateful to their holiday Many local Holiday Home Tour presents some missed by anyone Meegan added: and we hope these seasonally

The Home Tour homes will be open from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 16. Docents will be at each home to guide visitors through and answer questions. Tickets are \$25 per person and go on sale Oct. 1. They are available at:



- **The Friends Store** inside the Rochester Hills Library lobby, 500 Olde Town, Rochester and at rhpl.org by clicking on the "Friends of the RHPL" tab.
- **Lytle Drugs**, 340 S. Main, Rochester.
- **Sharon's Hallmark**, 115 S. Livernois and 3038 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills,
- **Dillman and Upton**, 607 Woodward, Rochester.

In addition to the Sunday tour, there are two other related events. One of the homeowners opens their home on Friday Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. for a Preview Party Fundraiser. The homeowners of all the homes are the guests of honor and will talk about what you'll see two days later. Tickets for this event are \$25; wine and heavy appetizers will be served with proceeds to the Friends. It's a great way to kick off your holiday season. Tickets are available at the Tour Ticket outlets listed above.

"We were honored and excited to be included in the 2013 Holiday Home Tour. The docents treated our home with respect and were extremely friendly to those who attended. All attendees were enthusiastic and gracious. We really enjoyed this opportunity to support the Rochester Hills Public Library and encourage others to do the same."

Quoted by Doris and Jim VanDoorn - 2013 Holiday Home Tour Homeowners

Homes Featured on the 2014 Holiday Home Tour



The first house on the tour is a tranquil, singular, mid-century modern home with a lovely floor plan that winds around. The home's décor is East-Asian inspired. But for the season, we'll find many "tasteful, but not ordinary" holiday trees and trims. Decorating many rooms throughout this house with family treasures makes this a special stop.

Our second home is a warm, mid-90s home boasting a number of unique, custom-carved mantles, many of them made by the owner himself, all "hugely embellished" for the holiday season. The décor is aesthetically appealing, while embracing many interesting items resurrected from flea markets. There are decorated trees: at least four on the main floor, plus a few others upstairs. Look for the collection of handmade Santa's.



"Our third home is a 70's style colonial. The owners have so many trees and holiday decorations that they throw a party each year to get help trimming it all with their extensive collection of ornaments. There's a 12-foot tree in the foyer, and about sixteen others, in addition to wreaths and 18-foot garlands, all themed. And how about hand-blown glass (mostly from Poland), Swarovski crystal, snowmen, and so many more decorations. This is a real treat to take in.

Walk into this 1900 Dutch Colonial, nestled in the woods on two acres, and you'll slow down. Feel the serenity and tranquility; notice the home's character and history. Trims will be natural, including pine cones and boughs from the back yard. The main tree will be decorated with ornaments collected by the owner throughout her life. A collection of Danbury Mint ornaments will be on display. You'll also find a "huge collection" of children's book, including Golden Books. Several wonderful items from her travels and special nativity sets will be on display, as well.



This five-level contemporary condo is transformed into a bit of a Winter Wonderland. For the Christmas season every room will declare "Christmas has arrived." There is a sizeable Santa Bear collection; as well as a reindeer herd (indoors of course), angels, snowmen, and about 300 ornaments, each one with special meaning to the owner.

Walk into the foyer of this lovely, late-80s house and you will be struck by the elegance of the banister and chandelier; and to top off the appeal it will be completely "decked out" for the holidays. Beyond that, each recently renovated room is tastefully decorated, mixing traditional and vintage in pleasing colors. Notice the placement of table and chairs for coffee and conversation in the living and family rooms. A must-see display, considering year-round household adornments are removed and replaced with festive décor for a style that makes one wish for a cup of hot cocoa while admiring.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!! TIME TO GET OUT THE ORNAMENTS. CONSIDER ADDING TO YOUR COLLECTION ONE OF THE FRIENDS PEWTER ORNAMENTS: **LITTLE READER, KEEP THE BALL ROLLING, AND THE LIBRARY BUILDING.** THEY CAN ONLY BE PURCHASED IN THE FRIENDS STORE FOR \$1200 OR 2 FOR \$20.00.



FROM THE FRIENDS PRESIDENT - RON MEEHAN

The Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library Bylaws begin with a purpose statement as noted in the sidebar. I thought I'd take this opportunity to let you know how well we are meeting our 'purpose'.

1) The Friends are all about **relationships**. As a volunteer for the Friends, you get to meet and know many other volunteers who are also focused on helping the Library. You also get to meet and know many of the Library Staff who are always so appreciative of the efforts of the Friends volunteers. We currently have over 350 "friends" on our rolls and can always use more.

2) Through the Friends page on the Library website, through event advertising, through the Friends Newsletter, and through word of mouth, the Friends help promote the Library and all it does for our community. Through **knowledge** comes **interest** and involvement, and we are proud to be a part of educating our community about the Rochester Hills Public Library.

3) The Friends hold 3 major book sales a year, plus several smaller ones. At each major book sale, about 150 volunteers are involved in setting up, conducting and cleaning up the sale. And there are also volunteers that come in daily during the year to accept, sort, package, inventory and store all the books and other media that make up a sale. When you include the hundreds of patrons that attend the book sales, I'd say that's a pretty good definition of "**community participation**".

4) The primary reason the Friends of RHPL exists is to **raise funds** for the Library. We do this through the book sales already mentioned, and through other fund raisers like the annual Holiday Home Tour and Wine, Wit & Wisdom events. We also raise money at the Friends Library Store, by selling books and other media on line, from the sales of items on the 'book cart' that is in the lobby daily and by hosting cooking classes, tours of the GM Heritage Center, etc., etc. For the last several years the proceeds from all this fund raising has allowed the Friends to give the Library at least \$100,000 per year and sometimes as much as \$175,000. Yea Friends!!

5) The money we raise provides **support for programs** that the Library holds - youth programs, Sunday Concerts, evening speakers. We also purchased one of the Bookmobiles, the aquarium, the computers in the computer room, one of the motorized scooters, and many other items that the Library uses to serve the community.

If I was grading the Friends on meeting their 'purpose' as stated in the bylaws, I give us an 'A'.

Thank you to the many volunteers and library patrons that have made the Friends of RHPL so successful for 53 years and counting. We appreciate your work and your support.

IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS CORPORATION IN COOPERATION WITH THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ROCHESTER HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY TO:

1. Establish a closer relationship between the library and its constituents;
2. Promote knowledge of and informed interest in the library's functions, resources, services and needs;
3. Encourage community participation in library activities;
4. Raise funds for projects, activities, or acquisitions in excess of those provided for by the general library budget at the discretion of the Friends Board;
5. Provide support for programs for

December

Quality Mini Sale

Saturday December 6, we will be selling quality, gently used books that are suitable for giving as gifts. We will also have some DVDs and CDs, many in their original shrink wrap. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase some unique holiday gifts at very reasonable prices. The sale will be in the lobby of the library from 10:00 AM to 5:30

Wine Wit and Wisdom



Mark your calendars now for the evening of March 14, 2015, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. for the second annual Wine Wit and Wisdom, a fund-raising activity sponsored by The Friends of RHPL. You won't want to miss this engaging evening, modeled on last year's highly successful inaugural event. The evening's activities will once again feature talks from six interesting and entertaining speakers interspersed with a strolling dinner, wine and dessert.

Robin Moore, Chairperson of Wine Wit and Wisdom, is excited about the event. ***"The response to last year's event was so favorable that we knew we needed to develop it into an annual affair. Participants enjoyed being able to select from a variety of interesting speakers and topics. Great food, wine and the opportunity to mingle with friends were additional highlights,"*** said Moore.



Included in the event will be a silent auction of exciting items donated by area businesses and supporters of the Library.

Registration will begin January 19, 2015. Look for registration forms in the information rack by the front desk in the library or go online to www.rhpl.org/friends-of-rhpl/special-events and register. Tickets are \$50. Moore says: "Like last year, we believe this will be a very popular event." She encourages everyone to register early.

THANK YOU SPONSORS – Many local businesses donate money to help sponsor the Holiday Home Tour. The Friends would like to acknowledge the following individuals and businesses for their support of the 2014 Tour. Over \$3100 was donated this year!

Adams Cleaners
Balian Eye Center
Bill & Jean Kroger
Cocco's Music Studio
Commissioner Jeff & Kimberly
Matis
Dick & Julie Bates
Dillman & Upton
George's Coney Island
Golden Eagle Restaurant
George & Heather Tweed
Hollywood Market
Independent Expressions
Photography

James Thomas, DDS
Juanita Mallman
Ken & Kathy Dorn
Krazy Greek Restaurant
Lucido's Jewelers
Lytle Pharmacy
Manny's Liquor & Wine
Mark & Pat Pierce
Mattina, Kent & Gibbons, P.C.
Millman-Derr Center for Eye Care
Modern Art Jewelers
Modetz Funeral Homes
Nancy Stocking
North Hill Marathon

Paul's on Main
Paul VanRaaphorst, DDS
Robin & Dick Moore
Rochester Elevator
Rochester Hills Tire & Service
Rochester Plumbing & Heating
Ron & Theresa Meegan
The Toffee Store
Yates Cider Mill



Friends New Board Member

John Coombs recently joined the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library. John has over 20 years of experience working as a public accountant and has spent several years working with

non-profit organizations. John is a graduate of Walsh College and a recent graduate of the Leadership of Greater Rochester Program where he gained a greater insight into the Rochester Community. It was through this program that John was first made aware of the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library and the value it brings to the Library.

John is very active in his church and enjoys volunteering on a weekly basis. John also volunteers in various Rochester area programs such as the Art N Apples Festival, marching with a banner in the Rochester Christmas Parade, and serving and delivering meals with the Rochester Community House.

John lives in Hazel Park and has worked in the Rochester area for 7 years as a Certified Public Accountant with the accounting firm of Mattina, Kent, & Gibbons, P.C. John is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Michigan Association of CPAs. John looks forward to using his experience working with non-profit organizations to assist the Friends.

2014 Board of Directors

Officers

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| President | Ron Meegan |
| Vice President | Bill Kroger |
| Secretary | Karen Calavenna |
| Treasurer | John Coombs |
| Asst. Treasurer | Jac Caldwell |

Board Members

Tom Asmus
Kathy Dorn
Kimberly Matis
Robin Moore

Ex Officio

Library Director - Christine Hage,
Membership - Connie Livingston
Friends Store Manager - Darlene Tomczyk
Used Book Sale - Ann Gruenewald

Phone Numbers

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| Friends Membership | 248-650-7160 |
| Friends Events | 248-650-7176 |
| Friends Store | 248-650-7179 |
| Used Book Sale | 248-650-7178 |
| Main Library | 248-656-2900 |

Newsletter: Published Spring and Winter

Editor/Publisher - Kristin Pitcairn
Mailing Coordinator - Karen Calavenna

Website: www.rhpl.org/friends-of-rhpl

Shop and help the Friends

You have an opportunity to pick out a new outfit or two and help provide some money for the Friends of RHPL. **Chico's in the Village of Rochester Hills has arranged for**

the Friends to get 10% of the sales made to Friends customers on Thursday November 6th, from 10AM to 9PM. In order for us to receive a benefit you need to tell your sales person you are a Friend of Rochester Hills Public Library.

With the Holidays coming it is a great time to do some gift shopping and/or pick up a couple of new things for yourself. Tell your friends about this opportunity especially about advising the sales person that you are a Friend of RHPL.

2014 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR - MARK & PAT PIERCE

In 1955 Frank Sinatra recorded a song called "Love and Marriage". The ending of the first and last verses goes like this - "you can't have one without the other". When it comes to the 2014 Friends Volunteers of the Year, Mark and Pat Pierce, that phrase is very fitting. Whenever there is a Friend's event and you talk about Mark and Pat Pierce, you can't have one without the other.



Mark and Pat Pierce have been an invaluable part of the Used Book Sales the last 7 years, and especially the last three years as Co-Chairman. They are always willing to do more than expected, and do it well. As the saying goes, "no job too big, no job too small". They are at the library 4-5 days a week, making sure that everything is taken care of, and are at the book sales every day. They have taken over the Summer Sale the last 2 years. They not only have gone to people's houses to pick up donations, but have packed them up too.

Mark has taken complete responsibility for the over 1300 boxes of books that need to be stored between sales and keeping up the inventory. When we wanted to have wooden shelves to display more books at the sales, he designed and built eight of them. Mark was also a member of the Friends Board of Directors for three years, filled in to take minutes when the secretary was not at meetings, and was active on the 50th Anniversary Committee to prepare a display of area businesses that were in operation 50 years or more.

Pat has taken on the job of checking all the donated audiovisual materials that come in, helps with the on-line shipping, works as a book sorter, and works on the book cart in the lobby. Also, Pat is a prolific quilter and has donated quilts to the Friends for various fund raisers. She also made the "Friends" quilt that adorns the membership table at book sales and during membership week in April.

The work that Mark and Pat Pierce have done to support the Friends of RHPL has gone a long way to making us as successful as we've been these past few years.

WE SALUTE MARK AND PAT PIERCE, THE 2014 FRIENDS

The Friends Store bids a fond farewell to long-time volunteers **Barbara Bell** (22 years), **Rejeanne Jarmosevich** (16 years) and **Susan Kruse** (21 years), *pictured*. All have decided to "retire" after their many years of cheerfully serving the customers of the Friends Store.

"I've enjoyed my time in the store and the people I've gotten to know there," says Sue Kruse. "There are such pleasant surroundings at the library, and I've always loved being around books." Kruse's late husband, **John**, was also involved with the Friends, first volunteering in the store with Sue, and later, serving on the Friends board for a time as board president.

"We really miss these wonderful ladies already," says **Darlene Tomczyk**, Friends Store manager, "as well as **Doris Griffis**, one of our founding members, who recently passed away." It's a tribute to the store that so many of its volunteers stay on for so long and form lasting friendships that extend beyond their duties at the store.



Pewabic Pottery Stars at the Friends Store

Beautiful tiles and vases from nationally renowned Pewabic Pottery take center stage in November at the Friends Store. By agreement with Pewabic, the store is allowed to put the tiles and vases on special sale only once a year. **November 9 – 12, customers will save 10% on their purchases of these highly prized pottery items.**



Founded in 1903 by Mary Chase Perry Stratton, Pewabic Pottery produces ceramics with distinctive colors and glazes, in patterns both historic and innovative. The tiles have been incorporated in the design and architecture of many notable homes and buildings in Michigan and throughout the United States, including Meadow Brook Hall, the DIA, and the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

The unique tiles and vases make wonderful gifts, and are lasting keepsakes of our rich cultural heritage in southeastern Michigan. The store will have a wide range of styles and colors available.

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