



## FRIENDS OF THE JAMES BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL LIBRARY MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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### ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting on the FRIENDS of the BML was held on Tuesday, June 13 at 5 p.m. The following officers were elected: President, Richmond Browne; Vice President, Leocadia Sullivan; Secretary, Harriet White; Treasurer, Joan Ahern and Assistant Treasurer, Alice L. Lambert. Vincent Giordano, President of the Trustees, spoke on the current planning of the Trustees. Richmond presented him with a check for \$5,000.00 to be used by the Trustees for the library.

Treasurer Joan Ahern in her Budget report stated that the FRIENDS' donated \$30,880.00 this fiscal year. This amount included \$10,000.00 to the Trustees, payments for various library programs, dues, museum passes, new plastic library cards, copy machine rental and the printing and mailing of Marble Columns. We were also able to contribute some books on tape and CD and movies on VCR and DVD. Thank you all for your generous support, which helps the library provide services we enjoy.

### ANNUAL BOOK SALE

The Book Drop is open every Friday and Saturday morning from 9 to 12 on the ground level of the Volunteer Services Center, Harrison Ave. Volunteers are on hand to collect the books and help you unload your car. Bringing your used books makes you a party to what we hope will be **Book Sale** history on Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning, September 15, 16, and 17.

If you are a new member or have never been called before and would like to help in some way, please contact Pres. Richmond Browne at 315-1237. We need many strong backs to help on Thursday, September 14, in loading the books to bring to the green and unloading them into the tents. Once in the tents volunteers must unpack the books, put up table signs, and set up the books. During the sale we need cashiers and helpers to replenish the books that have been sold. Many volunteers are needed and it's fun!

### BOOK SORTERS

If you stop at the VSC on Friday or Saturday morning from April through September, you will be greeted by special FRIENDS – The Book Sorters. They help to make our BOOK SALE the great success it has been. A sincere thank you to the following good FRIENDS: Betty Eckert, Alexine Wallace, Marie Crowley, Bob Adamson, Marjorie Thompson, Joan Jenkins, Judith Spehar, Faith Tingley, Betsy Klarman, Harriet White, Rosemary Booth, Em Fielding, Kay Kazmaier, Michael Sykes, Bob Rabovsky, Bill Barnum, Tom Wilson, Gerry Reider, Deb Ahlefeld, John Loeb(vintage books) and Fran Dombrowski (children's books). Three other people who give valuable aid to this endeavor are Peter Borgemeister who scours the town for sturdy boxes, Curt Wendler who gives his expertise with vintage books and Jean Hyatt, who edits and types articles for vintage books

## **NEW MEMBERS**

We wish to welcome the many new members who joined recently. They are as follows:

Andrew Amarante, Jo Amatulli, Jean B. Andros, Primula Babcock, Alberta Besso, Fred and Nancy Biamonte, Francesca Bickel, Tom Bracken, Linda and Carly Breslin, Ronald Brimmer, Jennifer Browne, Betty Gene Buda, Gayle Calabrese, Anne Carucci, Michelle Caruthers, John V. Cedillo, Mary Lee and Michele Christoforo, Amy Colson, L. Corcoran, Doreen Costanzo, Barbara Dalton, Bernadette DeMuisis, Dorothy G. Desi, Ralph DeVito, Dorothy Docknevich, Richard Dryzgula, Ann Dumark, Anthony Famiglietti, Farr Family, Jim Fitzgerald, Al and Martha Fordiani, Ralph and Nettie Gagliardi, George Gallacher, Donna Gouvin, Kathryn Gunneson, Barbara Guth, Tim Hackett, Janet Hill, James and Carol Hunter, Marin Karsmarski, Ronald Kent, Nina Kosoroski, Alice and John Lambert, Cathy Lee, Guiying Lu, Leanne Lubeski, Stephanie Lupoli, Tony Marks, Adriana Martinez, Maureen McGuinness, Judith Davis Miller, B.R. Naylor, Jon and Lorie Nicholas, John and Randi O'Brien, Mary Ann Olgin, Tina L. Puziello, Barbara and Douglas Reda, Marta Reisman, John Roberts, Patty Rose, Harvey Rosenberg, Margaret Sassian, Linae Schraeder, Steve Shoemaker, Richard Sperandeo, Susan Suppe, Mehmood Syed, Wesley Tack, Betty Ann Trapasso, Patty Twickler, Mary and Richard Webber, Jeffrey and Theresa Valette, Dotty and Richard Young and Gale Zucker.

## **REMINDERS**

Don't forget to check your mailing label. If you have renewed, it should read 06. If it doesn't, please renew now by sending a check to Treasurer, Joan Ahern, 19 Lincoln Ave.

**LAST DAY FOR BOOK DROP-OFF is Saturday, September 9.**

## **MONTHLY MEETINGS**

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at the library at 5:15 p.m. Any member of the FRIENDS is invited to attend.

**See you at the BOOK SALE.**