

Friends Newsletter

Annie Halenbake Ross Library • 232 West Main Street • Lock Haven, PA



Friends board members, from left, Leslie Smith, Alice Bryerton, Mary Shepard, Judy Lantz and Wayne Allison provide a visual for the money raised during the radio auction.

A Message from the President...

As current president of the Friends Board, I would like to thank our previous president, Lew Magent, and prior secretary and chair of the popular Santa luncheon, Carole Reeser, for their contributions throughout their tenure.

In their honor, books have been given to the library from the grateful Friends.

Our annual meeting in May introduced our newest board members, Alice Bryerton, Holly Eisman, Carson Keiser Jr., and Mary Shepard. Summer is traditionally laid back vacation time; however our board has been very active.

All had to hit the ground running to help with our recent successful library radio auction. Welcome, and thank you for your hard work.

We are filling the library's wish list for 2009-2010.

To aid the Friends have upgraded seven computers, supported adult programming, summer reading for children

and young adults, paid for binding books in the Pennsylvania Room, donated honor books, paid for some postage, and purchased many new audio and CD books.

We will be able to complete this year's list with current allocated funds and are working to refill our account for the wish list to come.

The fall months will be just as busy as summer.

The board members will host a luncheon for the library staff to thank them for the job they do and their help with our various activities.

Booked for Lunch will restart soon, and the Santa Luncheon will be the first Saturday in December.

Budgets have been tight so we would not be able to help the library as much as we have if not for the continued support of the Friends.

Thank you for your generosity.

Fundraising projects for library continue

ROSS LIBRARY - On September 11th, the Friends Radio Auction Committee saw their weeks of hard work pay off big time. Over 170 items were auctioned for a little more than \$5,000.00.

The key to having a successful auction is having good items to sell. With this in mind, Alice Bryerton, Ted Forbes, Holly Eisman, Carmen Banfill, Judy Lantz, Mary Shepard, and Carson Keiser tried to contact every restaurant in the greater Lock Haven area. Food always sells.

These folks did a great job considering the state of the local economy. Over \$8,500, in goods and services were contributed by our library-friendly merchants.

The Friends want to thank the committee for working so hard on this phase of the project. As usual, the Ross staff members were a great help during the project. They willingly gave of their time, computers, and space for the committee to conduct its business.

We also appreciate the use of display cases and the Gross room to make selected items available for view by potential bidders.

John and Janine Lipez once again made the auction possible through their donation of airtime on the day of the auction. Michelle Grove also assisted in the preparation of the bid forms.

The committee also received valuable assistance from Wendy Siver and Rick Noll at the Express.

Wendy wrote two informative articles to help alert the public to the upcoming auction. Rick and his advertising staff were very helpful in preparing our ad for the paper.

The ad was made possible through generous donations from Brigand-Reminger Realty, Big Twins Motorcycle Club, Hanna Electric, Snowvis, Steinberg & Faulkner Law Firm, and several members of the Ross Library Board of Directors.

Judy Lantz arranged for a great group of telephone operators for the day of the auction.

They included Mary and Len Shepard, Lana Weaver, Bebe Fultz, Carmen Banfill, Leslie Smith, and Alice Bryerton. They handled the



Newly appointed Friends president, Judy Lantz, works on organizing the auction board as bids came in for the library fundraiser.

flood of calls with ease and accuracy.

Sue Foust and her staff at KC Net donated the site and generously provided their expertise in setting up for the broadcast.

Their willingness to help made it possible to handle more calls and therefore raise more money this year.

The Friends are also indebted to Dick Hepler of Hepler Auctioneering Service for conducting the auction.

The project was a lot of fun for those involved and the committee is eager for the work on the 3rd Annual Auction to begin. If you would like to get involved, call Wayne Allison at 748-8458.

Domino's Pizza and The Friends Partner to Raise \$888 for the Ross Library

Jim Gregory and his staff at Domino's Pizza in Lock Haven have offered an easy way for everyone to help the Ross Library. Domino's will

donate \$2.00 for every order that it receives on Wednesday nights from now to the end of November. It is as easy as 1-2-3!

Step 1: Get a coupon - available online at the Ross Library website, the Express, WBPZ, D. Dashem Bookstore, the desk of the Ross Library, and in this newsletter.

Step 2: Place your order at Domino's on any or all of the Wednesdays between now and the end of November.

Step 3: When you pick up your order or it is delivered to your house, present the coupon to the Domino's person and enjoy your food Ross Library.

Like Spaghetti? Mark your calendar for January 13

Once again the Friends will have a spaghetti dinner at the Sons of Italy Club on January 13th, 2010. Last year, we raised over \$2,000.00 thanks to the men of the Sons. We hope to raise more this year.

Tickets will be available in November. If each member of the Friends will buy two tickets, the night will be a tremendous success.

The Friends would like to thank the Men of the Sons for making this event possible again this year. The food they prepare is second to none.

Judy Lantz will handle the logistics for this year's dinner. If you would like to help serve or make a dessert, contact Judy at 748-7377.

For tickets, call Wayne Allison at 748-8458 or pick them up at the Ross Library.

Domino's Pizza Night

Benefit for Friends of the Ross Library

Wednesdays during September, October & November
On Wednesdays during September, October and November, Domino's will donate \$2 to Friends of the Ross Library for every order that is accompanied with this coupon.

Name _____	Order # _____
Address _____	Date Wednesday _____
Phone _____	

Notes from Nancy

What's happening in your children's library

Ross Children's Library has received a very generous offer of collaboration from the Lock Haven Catholic School.

They have arranged to have the children's book author/illustrator, Tedd Arnold come to their school on Friday, November 13, 2009, for an author visit.

School librarian, Theresa Rae has suggested that a small group of attentive children may enjoy sitting in on a presentation with the classroom groups. She has scheduled two times: 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

She asks that the library group meet at the Ross Library and then walk to the school together, so that they could be signed into the building as a group.

If any you are interested in taking advantage of this special opportunity, please let me know by November 12 at the very latest. A cut-off may be necessary, so call early.

Tedd Arnold is the author of the very popular Green Wilma, No Jumping on the Bed,

Parts and More Parts, the Huggly series, Fly Guy, and more.

Our Night Bugs program is under way for any of you who may like to continue story time, but cannot schedule a time to come on Wednesday/Thursday morning.

We meet on the second and last Monday evening of the month.

I have decided to postpone my first Lap Bugs session until the new year.

Please let me know if you are interested in this program, an interactive 20 minute library program for lap-sitting babies that focuses on rhymes and fingerplays. Spread the word.

We build literacy and the love of our library from the bottom up, so to speak!

At the other end of that love of library spectrum is the Teens/ Tweens.

We're hoping to get something planned for the YA's in the new year. I'll keep you posted.

Ross Library is 'Booked for Lunch'

ROSS LIBRARY - Booked for Lunch is beginning its tenth year of programs. This program features readers who have a favorite book they are willing to share. Sometimes it is a book they have written themselves.

The presenters have included mystery, romance, travel, fantasy, spy and detective stories, history, biography, children's literature, and some that have been hard to classify. We hope to continue this successful program as

long we have readers willing to talk about their favorite books to an appreciative and friendly audience.

The presenter chooses his or her manner of presentation, most often simply talking about the book.

Occasionally, some have used visual aids. Anyone wishing to participate may contact Theresa at 748-7866 or Judy at 748-7377.

In addition to the book talk, an optional luncheon prepared by Friends

members is served at a cost of \$7.00. Reservations are needed for lunch only.

The program is open to community members whether they choose to come for lunch or just for the program.

Karolina remembers

This fall's program begins on October 21 with Karolina remembers, written as told to the presenter, F. Gerry Szymanski Cierpiolowski, by her cousin Karolina Uchman Sadek. This

memoir relates the experiences of a Polish girl deported from her home by the Soviet Union to forced labor camps during World War II.

On November 18 Dr. John Irwin will discuss Another River, Another Town, a memoir of his experiences during World War II.

Look for more information about these programs in The Express and on a bulletin board display in the lobby of the library.

Friends Newsletter gets a new look, new venue

Friends of the Ross Library members will now receive the bi-annual Friends news in a different way.

Beginning with this fall issue, the information will be published as part of The Express community newspaper. The reason for this change is twofold. First, it is much more cost effective and allows the organization to channel the newsletter expense into important library causes.

Second, it provides a significantly larger readership so those who may not be familiar with the group's work will have a better understanding of the Friends' goals and accomplishments.

The group is dedicated to acquiring additional funding for important

library services through fundraising, including an annual radio auction and spaghetti dinner, and a yearly membership drive.

The Friends have been able to provide finances in many areas from technology to maintenance and repair to funding for special programs.

Community members are encouraged to join the Friends to help keep the library and its programs in place.

Yearly budget cuts of state and federal funding put this valuable community resource in jeopardy. Annual membership rates are \$10 for individuals, \$25 for families and \$50 for a lifetime membership.

2009 Fall Membership Report

ROSS LIBRARY - The membership committee has adjusted the mailing timetable of the Ross Library fund raising drive.

This year the membership letters were posted in April.

All incoming membership contributions will now be aligned with the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Report.

The generosity of all Ross Library members has been greatly appreciated. This year's Life Member donations totaled \$1,940.00 and another \$500.00 was received from General Membership contributions.

The donation totals of \$2,440.00 plus an additional \$2,400.00 received in membership dues allowed the Friends fundraising efforts to total \$4,840.00. This generous response to the yearly membership drive will allow the Friends to continue

Fall Membership Drive Report Oct. 2, 2009

Membership Dues Received: \$2,440.00
Donations Received: \$2,440.00

YTD breakdown by category of membership renewals/memberships:

Individual:	55 @ \$10.00 = \$550
Family:	48 @ \$25.00 = \$1,200
Life:	7 @ \$50.00 = \$350
Life:	0
Couple Life:	2 @ 150.00 = \$300
For a total of 112 people at \$2,440	

their support to the staff and programs of the Clinton County Ross Library in the upcoming year.

Thank you for your continued support.