# A Letter to a Friend

Spring, 2007

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## Good Friends, Good Food, Good Fun

Our annual dinner and business meeting on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, will have almost more good food, entertainment, and literature than is possible to fit in one night. It all starts at 6 PM with punch and coffee, while you browse our selection of better quality books, gift baskets and another special baseball offering for our silent auction. The 6:30 PM dinner, catered by *It's All Good Coffee and Expresso* of Zion, will feature sandwich wraps, fresh fruit platter, and gourmet salads. You can enjoy listening to the Don Martin Trio while you dine. Dessert, provided by Chef Chocolate, will please all of our chocolate lovers. The business meeting immediately follows the dinner. We will vote on the new slate of officers and the revised bylaws (see enclosed changes in italics).

And last, but not least, the Ray Bradbury Writing Contest winners, (this year featuring short stories), plus the winner of the Elmer Stone Scholarhsip Award will be our special guests.

The cost of the dinner, held in the Ray Bradbury "Bistro," is \$15. Street parking is available, but you will need to feed the meter. City Lot B and the brick parking garage north of the library will be used for a Genesee Theater event at 8 PM. Free street parking is available north of Grand Avenue on West, County and Genesee Streets. We hope to see all our members there to help raise money for the Friends, and receive our thanks for your support. Please mail in the enclosed reservation form by the **April 20**<sup>th</sup> deadline to Mary Maxwell.





## **Adult Program Events**

- April 16<sup>th</sup> Monday Movie, *Venus, 2 PM* 24<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Book Group, *Water for Elephants*,
  - by Sara Gruen, 2-3:30 PM
    - 30<sup>th</sup> Monday Movie, *The Queen*, 2 PM
- May 14<sup>th</sup> Monday Movie, F*lag of Our Fathers, 2 PM* 22<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Book Discussion, *Jane Austen Celebration*, 2-3:30 PM
  - 28<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day! No movie.
- June 11<sup>th</sup> Monday Movie, *Marie Antoinette, 2 PM* 19<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Book Group, *Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay*, by Michael Chabon, 2-3:30 PM 25<sup>th</sup> Monday Movie, *Man of the Year*, 2 PM

## **Annual Meeting Dinner**

Dinner Reservation Form    Deadline for reservations is April 20, 2007, please call Mary Maxwell at 847-623-2041, Ext 257    Name:	
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### "It's All Good ... Good Friends, Good Food, Good Fun"

Friends Annual Dinner & Silent Auction Friday, April 27, 2007 \$15.00 per person

Ray Bradbury "Bistro" Lower Level Waukegan Public Library 128 North County Street

6 PM Punch and Coffee Shop our Silent Auction of better quality books, gift baskets, and a special baseball offering.

6:30 PM Dinner and Music by the Don Martin Trio Sandwich Wraps

Fresh Fruit Platter Gourmet Salads Assorted Beverages Dessert provided by Chef Chocolate

followed by a brief business meeting

Special Guests the Ray Bradbury Writing Contest and Elmer Stone Scholarship winners

## Friends Slate of Directors 2007-2008

#### **Returning Board Members**

President: Frances White Vice President: Patricia Mallory Secretary: Margaret Ferruzzi

Directors: Glenn Ferruzzi Barbara Hottle Jean Strus Joan Wilts Pete Zaragoza

Charles Heberer Mark Schubert Tom Strus June Zaragoza

#### **Board Members Elect**

Treasurer: Scott Castillo

Dorothy Evenhouse Elinor Leech Mary McCoy Myra Minarik

## Friends of the Waukegan Public Library Constitution and By-Laws

proposed revisions to be approved at the Annual Meeting on Friday, April 27, 2007, are indicated by *Italics* 

ARTICLE I. Name of the Association

Section 1.	The name of this association shall be the Friends of the Waukegan Public Library, Inc.,
	hereafter known as the Friends of the Library.

Section 2. This association shall be an unincorporated, voluntary, educational, nonprofit organization. New: This association shall be a non-profit, all volunteer organization incorporated under the laws of the state of Illinois.

#### **ARTICLE II.** Association Purposes

Section 1. The purpose of the Friends of the Waukegan Public Library shall be to maintain a permanent organization of the individuals interested in promoting an active community interest in and knowledge of the present and future resources, services, and needs of the Waukegan Public Library; to initiate and sustain book and library-related programs for the community at large; and to provide such gifts as would be of value and benefit to the Waukegan Public Library. *New: The Purpose of the Friends of the Waukegan Public Library shall be to create public interest in and support for the resources and services of the Waukegan Public Library, and to supplement the Library's collections and facilities with funds generated from memberships, book sales and other fundraising projects.* 

#### ARTICLE III. Membership and Dues

- Section 1. Membership in this association shall be open to all individuals, *corporations, and organizations who support* the purpose of this organization upon payment of appropriate dues. Dues shall be payable annually in April and the membership year runs from April 1 - March 31.
- Section 2. There shall be six classes of membership: A. Individual adult B. Senior/Student C. Family D. Patron *E. Individual Life Member F. Corporate/Organization Current dues shall be available in the membership brochure.*
- Section 3. Each member shall be entitled to one vote at association meetings.

#### ARTICLE IV. Officers and Directors Structure of Organization

- Section 1. The officers of the Friends of the Waukegan Public Library shall be a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer. There shall be at least six directors at large and such honorary directors as determined by the Board of Directors. *This organization shall be governed by a Board of Directors which includes the Executive Committee plus at least six directors at large, and such honorary directors as determined by the Board of Directors. Members of the Executive Committee, to be elected from among the members of the Board of Directors by a majority vote, shall include the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Director and the Volunteer Coordinator of the Waukegan Public Library, and the Past President of the Friends shall be ex-officio members of the Board, without vote.*
- Section 2. The Friends of the Waukegan Public Library shall hold at least one meeting per year, for the purpose of election of Directors and to conduct other business to come before the general membership. A quorum shall exist whenever 10 members or more are present. This meeting shall be scheduled near or within the time of National Library Week. Members shall be given notice at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.
- Section 3. Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the general membership in attendance at the annual meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee. Directors shall serve staggered two (2) year terms, and no Director may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. New terms begin on May 1 following elections.

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- Section 4. *Should a* Director resign during his term of office, a replacement shall be appointed by the president with the approval of the Board. The person so appointed shall complete the term of the resigning Director; if he wishes to remain in that position, he must be reelected at the appropriate time.
- Section 5. Should any Director be absent without reasonable cause or without notification of the Secretary and/or the Volunteer Coordinator for three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings, the absence shall be understood as an implied resignation from the Board.

ARTICLE V. Duties of Officers Responsibilities of the Board

- Section 1. The Board of Directors shall have the power to conduct the affairs of the organization at and between annual meetings.
- Section 2. The officers shall perform the duties pertaining to their respective offices as well as other responsibilities as may be delegated by the president. *Job descriptions are available for all Executive Committee positions as well as for chairpersons of all committees in the log book and from the Volunteer Coordinator.*
- Section 3. The Executive Committee shall be authorized to act for the Board Friends of the Waukegan Public Library between regular meetings of the Board. All Executive Committee actions must be reported to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.
- Section 4. The president shall appoint the chairpersons of all committees. All members of committees must be members of the Friends of the Waukegan Public Library.
- Section 5. The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE VI. Committees

- Section 1. Standing Committees include:
  - A. Membership Committee
  - B. Book Sale Committee
  - C. Events Committee
  - D. Nominating Committee
  - E. Scholarship Committee
  - F. Promotions Committee
- Section 2. The chairpersons of the committees shall be members of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3. Ad Hoc committees shall be appointed by the president as needed.

#### ARTICLE VII. Finance

- Section 1. The President may appoint a Finance Committee, subject to the business needs of the organization, as indicated by the Treasurer. The Finance Committee will be chaired by the Treasurer.
- Section 2. The President and Treasurer, respectively, shall have the power to make contracts and expenditures, on behalf of the organization when authorized by the Board of Directors, or to designate a member of the Board of Directors to do so, as necessary.
- Section 3. All funds of the organization shall be deposited in such financial institutions as the Friends Board may select.
- Section 4. The Friends Board may accept on behalf of the membership any contribution for the general use or designated purpose of the organization.
- Section 5. The fiscal year of the organization shall begin on April 1 and end on the last day of March of each year.
- Section 6. An audit of the financial records of the organization shall be performed as required by the State of Illinois under the articles of incorporation.
- Section 7. A finance report, showing income and expenditures, shall be provided to the membership at the annual meeting by the Treasurer and/or a member of the Finance Committee.
- Section 8. No director shall receive compensation for his services, but directors may receive reimbursement for reasonable expenses as approved by the Board.

#### ARTICLE VIII. Amendments

- Section 1. Revisions to this constitution and amendments to the by-laws may be made at any meeting of the general membership by a two-thirds vote of those present, after they have been given notice not less than two weeks prior to the meeting at which the voting is to take place.
- Section 2. This Constitution and By-laws shall be effective upon their passage by a majority vote of the general membership of the Friends of the Waukegan Public Library present at the annual meeting.

#### ARTICLE IX. Parliamentary Procedure

Section 1. Robert's Rules of Order, when not in conflict with this Constitution and By-laws, shall govern the proceedings of this organization.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_(date)

Signature of President

#### Book store hours are:

Tuesday 10 am – 1 pm Thursday 3 – 6 pm Friday 10 am – 1 pm Saturday 10 am – 2 pm

### Saying Goodbye to Our Friends

The Friends newsletter welcomed Jack Hottle and his wife Barbara as new Board members in the fall of 2005. Unfortunately it now has to say goodbye to Jack, who died too swiftly from prostate cancer. In our introduction we traced Jack's life as a native Chicagoan who married Barbara after serving in the US Army in Korea and Hawaii. After his schooling at Northern for his bachelor's and master's, he embarked on his career as a teacher and then administrator in the Waukegan and Zion



public schools. In retirement he was able to spend time with his children and grandchildren and enjoy traveling abroad and in the US, and continue his interest in gardening and service to the Lake Country Retired Teachers Association. The Board members will miss his sometimes firmly stated opinions, particularly last year, as he gave his committed service to yet another community organization. Our sincere condolences go to Barbara, his daughter Kim and family, and son Jeff. The Friends has purchased the book *Castles and Palaces of Europe* in his memory.



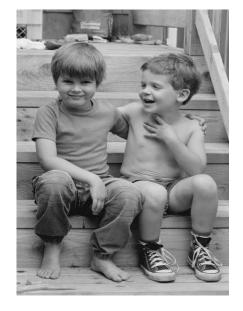
Harold Callahan, a Life Member and longtime library supporter, fell on the sidewalk after going to dinner at Louie's with his wife Joan on Wednesday, November 1st. After a 7-hour operation to repair his smashed femur and the beginning of a lengthy rehab all seemed well. However, he suddenly took a turn for the worse and died on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Harold, with the exception of college at the U of I in Urbana-Champaign and service in the Pacific in WW

II, never lived more than a half of a block off of North Avenue in Waukegan. He married Joan Pfau on October 22, 1949 and their happy union produced eight children. Harold owned and retired from his family business, North Shore Printers Inc. of Waukegan, in 1995. The library is purchasing *Ultimate - The First Four Decades*, a book about the history of Ultimate frisbee because of their son Henry, who gave much of his life to the sport and in whose memory an award is dedicated. Henry tragically lost his life in a robbery in Colorado. The Friends Board gives its condolences to Joan and her family.

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## Friends Memberships Expire in April!



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#### **Everyone Needs Friends**

If you're already a Friend, considering renewing your present membership or encourage your friends to join the Friends. You can do this at any of our book sales or by calling 847-623-2041 ext 257.

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