

A Letter to a Friend

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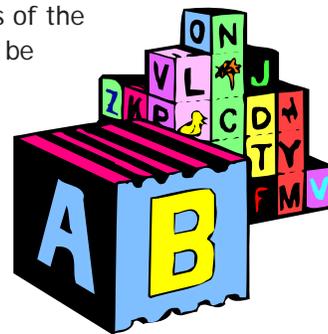
June Zaragoza

Pete Zaragoza

Fran White, Past President

Annual Dinner and Business Meeting "Building Blocks for Education"

Please watch the mail for your invitation to the Friends of the Waukegan Public Library annual dinner meeting which will be held on Saturday, April 19th at Bonnie Brook Clubhouse, 2800 N. Lewis Avenue, Waukegan, where there is plenty of free parking. Cash bar starts at 5 pm and dinner at 5:30 with a delicious menu of Garden Fresh Salad, Herb Baked Chicken, Baked Potato, Green Beans Almandine, and an Ice Cream Dessert. Vegetarian dinners are available upon request when making reservations. Reservations and payments (\$20 each) are required by April 5th.



In addition to our business meeting we will announce the Ray Bradbury Contest Poetry Winners, with the top winner in the adult and high school categories in attendance invited to read their work. Many of you may remember the high quality of the poetry winners two years ago. Also this year we have not one, but two Elmer Stone Scholarships bestowed upon two worthy graduating seniors from Waukegan and Zion. Come find out about these talented writers and students.

Don't miss our Silent Auction. Besides our customary selection of unique books we will also have a special summer package with two lawn chairs, tablecloth, and appropriate summer reading, a barbeque set with apron and book, and a collectable Kellogg's set of cereal bowls. Bidding has already begun since many of these items are on display in the Friends' sale room. Come on down and make your selection. The public is also invited to bid, with the winners announced at the annual meeting.

We are anticipating a large turnout for the dinner and have scheduled it so that those of you who wish to attend the final presentation of the Lake County Community Concert Association will have ample time to do so. Please seriously consider attending. We look forward to seeing you there.

Proposed Amendment to the Friends Bylaws

Proposed section to be approved at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 19th
Article IV, Section 2: The Board of Directors shall meet monthly on a date determined by the Board. Upon agreement by the Directors, this protocol may be altered. A quorum for any meeting of the Board shall consist of half plus one of the elected Directors.



Spring/Summer Bookstore hours

Thursday 3 – 6 pm

Friday 11 am – 2 pm

Saturday 12 – 3 pm

Staff Note: Lourdes Mordini Retires

Best wishes to Lourdes Mordini upon her retirement from the library as Head of Adult Services after 6 years of service and 31 years as a librarian. Originally from Ecuador, Lourdes helped the library strengthen its Spanish language collection and services as the Waukegan population has become increasingly Hispanic. Lourdes will be re-locating within the Chicago metro area, and plans to travel, continue her part-time work at a local college library, and volunteer. The Friends are especially grateful for Lourdes' generous book donations.

Adult Spring/Summer Programming Events

- April** 4th First Fridays @ the Library at noon. Join us for the first in a series of programs on the first Friday of the month. We will be featuring speakers, movies, book discussions or whatever you want us to offer! Our first program will feature the documentary "Mad Hot Ballroom" about a ballroom dance competition held through New York City schools. No registration required, bring your lunch and we will provide coffee and dessert. For further information please call 847-623-2041 ext. 237.
- 12th "Sharing Digital Photography" at 11 am. Attend this cutting edge presentation led by the new Adult Services librarian, Maria Quintero. Bring your digital camera, instruction book, and a USB cable.
- 15th Tuesday Book Group, *The Blind Assassin*, by Margaret Atwood, 2-3:30 pm
- May** 20th Tuesday Book Group, *The Road*, by Cormac McCarthy, 2-3:30 pm

Hinkston Branch Book Cart

Coming soon ... a Friends Used Book Cart at the Hinkston Branch to help us raise more money to support the library. Don't forget the books that are always available in the Waukegan Metra Train Station, free to all commuters needing something to read.

Summer Courtyard Concerts

The Friends sponsored Courtyard Concerts, a lovely way to spend lunch on a warm summer day, begin on June 6 this year. The concerts will be held, as always, at noon on Fridays, from June 6th – August 29th. Look for schedule details in your library mailings and on the website (www.waukeganpl.org).

Check Out Our New Friends Merchandise

Show your support for the Friends with one of our new handsome yet sturdy canvas book bags, black with contrasting blue trim and a handy zippered pocket – **yours for only \$10!** Also still available are the Friends T-Shirts in heather green or blue (\$9), and our cobalt blue glass coffee mugs (\$5). Check out all our merchandise in the Friends bookstore open on Thursdays from 3-6 pm, Friday from 11 am to 2 pm, and Saturday from 12 -3 pm.

Celebrating Our Friends

Roz Woolf



Roslyn Woolf, known for her long years of service as a teacher with the Waukegan Public Schools District and her variety of community service involvements, died, Saturday, November 17, 2007, after a two month battle with an aggressive form of leukemia. Roz served on the Friends Board along with her husband David, working particularly on the Nominating Committee and helping at the book sales.

Born on October 2, 1931, and raised in Waukegan, Roz became the second graduate from the first modern dance classes at the University of Illinois, receiving a BA in Physical Education and Dance. On June 29th, 1952, shortly after college, Roz married her fiancé, David Woolf, a professional musician. Focusing on a teaching career in elementary school, her first job was in Wilmette, then in the Waukegan School District at Lyons, Hyde Park and Cooke Magnet, until her retirement in 1988. While a teacher and mother of three, she received her Masters in Education through Roosevelt University in Chicago. After retirement, Roz continued to substitute teach, mentor younger teachers, and remain in the educational field.

The family has set up a scholarship in her name to help a deserving high school student attend college. Contributions can be made payable to: "Waukegan Public Schools" by including "Roz Woolf Scholarship" in the memo section. Inquiries and donations can be addressed to: Mr. Brian Luosa, Director of Business Services, Waukegan Public Schools, 1201 N. Sheridan Rd., Waukegan, IL, 60085. The Friends Organization has donated \$100 to the scholarship fund.

Glenn and Marge Ferruzzi



Glenn and Marge Ferruzzi, two of the more recent Friends Board members, are "dedicated Waukeganites," having lived in the community for many years.

After graduating from Milwaukee State Teachers' College, receiving his Master's Degree from the University of Wisconsin, and teaching for a year in Portland, Oregon, Glenn landed in Waukegan and began teaching at old West School. He left there to teach science and art at Webster Junior High and science at Jefferson Junior High School.

Marge is a graduate of Waukegan High School, Marquette University and received her Masters Degree from Roosevelt

University. After teaching for the Catholic school system, she joined the staff at Waukegan High School in the Business Education Department as teacher and work/study coordinator.

Glenn and Marge both lost their spouses in 1987. Glenn had his own painting and decorating business after retirement, so when Marge needed work done on her house, Glenn was hired on to do the work and the rest is history! Glenn and Marge have been married 16 years and have 5 children, 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren between them. They are happy to serve on the Friends of the Library Board, with Marge currently serving as Secretary. You will see them working at the Friends Bookstore on most Fridays from 9 am until 2 pm. Stop in and visit sometime and browse the store!



Guess whose friend I am!

*Identity of last fall's newsletter picture:
David Maxwell sitting at the piano with
his big sister Maggie, children of the
Friends' Coordinator Mary Maxwell.*

Time to Renew! Friends Memberships Expire in April!

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.

Name _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 City/Zip _____ Date _____

- Type of membership
- Senior/Student \$5
 - Individual \$10
 - Family \$20
 - Patron \$50
 - Lifetime \$250

You may also drop off or mail this form to
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library's website — www.waukeganpl.org.

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