

**Friends of Rochambeau Branch Library Annual Meeting
6:30 PM, Monday, June 7th, 2010**

Agenda

Welcome and opening remarks – Chris Suchmann

Acceptance of Annual Reports – Ellen Foley

Election of Board Officers – Melissa Dubose

Friends Recognition Awards—Chris Suchmann

Hope High School Recognition Awards – Marcus Mitchell

Nieforth Book Fund – Caryl-Ann Nieforth

Friends Special Award – Chris Suchmann

Librarian Recognition Awards – Tom O'Donnell

Nieforth Award – Marjorie Martiesian

Introduction of Speaker – Neeltje Henneman

Keynote Speaker – Glenn Laxton

Book Signing and Collation

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF ROCHAMBEAU LIBRARY JUNE 7TH 2010

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

When I was speaking with Glenn Laxton concerning tonight's meeting, I asked him if he wanted a title for this evening's topic. He said: "Not-to-be-Forgotten", which is in reference to the subtitle of his book, HIDDEN HISTORY OF RHODE ISLAND, a collection of people, places and events in Rhode Island history that have been overlooked by the mainstream history books.

What a perfect theme for an evening in which we celebrate all of the hard work that our Friends have invested in our beloved library. Not just this year, but in years past. As is often the case there are the obvious heroes, figures who stand in the foreground and play starring roles in the great work done by our organization. But equally important are the not so visible and extremely dedicated members who plug away day after day year after year attending to every detail no matter how mundane.

All of them are not-to-be-forgotten.

Not to beat a metaphor to death, but there are some other things that are "not to be forgotten"...

Our new community library system is approaching its first birthday. On July 1st we will congregate at the library, light a candle, eat some cake and celebrate. As we do, let us not forget the hard working advocates, many of them former or current Friends of Rochambeau library, that fought to keep all of our libraries open. They were successful, but not without a struggle. Can you remember any of their names? And the struggle continues. There is a battle raging right now, to gain control of the buildings so that the Providence Community Libraries can apply for grants that are vital to the success of their organization and our libraries.

Thank you for supporting them. I know they appreciate it.

We should also remember the people whose quality of life depends on these libraries: children who need somewhere to go after school because life at home is too difficult, homeless people who are struggling just to survive, people who can't afford "luxuries" like movies, books or computers, and people who need a little companionship or a feeling of belonging to something.

All of us here tonight are to be remembered (and thanked) for supporting this very important part of our community. Whether you are a star or play a supporting role, we appreciate what you are doing for our libraries and won't forget you.

We promise!

Membership Committee Annual Report

June 7, 2010

The membership is currently managing a database of approximately 565 past and present members.

The Book Sale continues to be our most successful forum for enlisting new members. The Membership Committee staffed a membership table at both the Fall and Spring Book Sale Friends Night. As a result of those efforts and the continued presence of membership forms in the library, we have added 82 new Friends this year.

The Membership Committee also launched a new fee structure this year. This new structure includes a \$20.00 family membership along with the \$25.00 BFF (Best Friends Forever) category. These new price points have resulted in increased revenue for the Friends.

The Membership Committee now regularly notifies current members of their upcoming or recently past renewal dates by means of a “membership expiration date” on the mailing label affixed to their newsletter.

Moving forward, the Committee is exploring the possibility of soliciting and accepting memberships online. Additionally, we are planning a new member recruitment event in an effort to expand our reach in the community.

The Membership Committee, like all the committees of the Friends of Rochambeau, is interested in harnessing the ideas, talents, and energy of our vast membership pool. If you would like to join the Membership Committee and/or assist the committee in either a large or small way, please contact the committee at <http://friendsofrochambeau.org/volunteer> to indicate your interest.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa DuBose

Emily Maranjian

Membership Committee Co-chairs

Report of the Programming Committee

June 2010

One of Librarian Tom O'Donnell's goals for Rochambeau is for it to be a destination library. To that end he has been offering an impressive series of programs. The programs are usually on Monday and Thursday evenings – the Library's nights to be open until 9. Typically there is a book-themed program on a Monday early in the month and a musical program on a Thursday late in the month.

The music programs are coordinated by pianist Mike Miller, whose trio serves as the Library's house band. The Friends provide \$300. a month to help pay for the programs. Among the musicians featured this year were "The Prince of Bebop" Greg Abate, the young jazz accordion virtuoso Corey Pesaturo, Lloyd Kaplan's Aristocrats, and Mike's own trio.

Other programs ranged from Helen Hudson talking about her book, Dinner at Six, which highlights the voices and stories of the people that she met while working in a soup kitchen, to our observance of Darwin Day in February with photographer Jim Scott showing his slides of the Galapagos.

As part of our efforts to support the programs hosted by the library, the Friends (Gil Mason in particular) have lent the lights that have been a great improvement over the usual fluorescents for the performers. Next on the wish-list is to get proper stage lighting put in.

Aside from supporting Tom any way we can, the programming committee also coordinated the annual Limerick Contest in March and the Volunteer Appreciation/Recruitment Bash. In April we recognized our extraordinary and much appreciated library staff with food, drink, and gift cards to Seven Stars -- just small tokens of thanks for all they do.

David Berman and Neeltje Henneman co-chairs

Communications Committee

Annual Report

June 7, 2010

The communications committee successfully mailed three newsletters and updated the website.

The committee appreciates the content and feedback provided by so many people for the newsletters and the volunteers who spent time preparing the newsletters for mailing.

In the website, we look forward to adding additional content and integration with other resources in the future.

The Communications Committee is always interested in ideas, talents, and energy from the Friends of Rochambeau members. If you would like to join the committee, please contact <http://FriendsOfRochambeau.org/volunteer> to indicate your interest.

Steven Lagasse and Douglas Itkin
Communications Committee Co-chairs

BOOKSALE REPORT 2009/2010

JUNE 7, 2010

The net income derived from the daily lobby sales from the honor system carts was four thousand, two hundred dollars (\$4,200) while the net income derived from the two major book sales (October 2009 and April 2010) was eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000)

The funds collected by the book sales contributed to many of the essential programs at Rochambeau and also provided a means for our library to enrich the community with cultural, education, and entertainment programs. Notable among these contribution (to name only a few) were the replacement of much of the Russian collection, purchase of audiovisual material for both the children's and adult collections, purchase of repair and rehabilitation equipment for damaged CDs and DVDs held by all of the PCL libraries, the extensive program of entertainments at Rochambeau produced by Tom, our librarian, also the purchase of much needed multi purpose folding tables. None of this would have been possible without the tireless efforts of our dozens of volunteers who collected, sorted, boxed, toted, displayed, advertised, maintained our web site, and sold the thousands of books contributed by the generous public and from the excess shelves of the library, Thanks are due to them all!!

Submitted by Gil Mason (chair)

Friends of Rochambeau Library Financial Report 2009-2010												
Month	Jun. 09	July 09	Aug. 09	Sept. 09	Oct. 09	Nov. 09	Dec. 09	Jan. 10	Feb. 10	Mar. 10	April. 10	10-May total
Beginning Balance	16998.68	16515.33	15466.73	12175.96	14793.74	20782.26	20785.85	20286.41	20116.51	21390.15		24960.46
EXPENSES												
Community	83.83											83.83
Hope High	540.85		38.57									579.42
Tom's Program	400	720	470		400	400		500		850	350	250
Appreciation	345		56						50		150	1101
Food	116								50	231.94		21.91
Postage	17.6	10.53							202.6	400		630.73
PCL	111.06		330.00*	50								496.06
Bank Fees	220	0.35	25						0.35			245.7
Membership Cost			50.99	297.29	125.23				52.32			198.36
Dues & Subscription		863.72	350		404	550			625.43	512.7	600	722
Other Programs												4027.85
Newsletter									147		210	357
PPL						0	185.32				1238.81	1424.13
Plants & Flowers		50										63.64
Book sale			164.07		312.04			57.97			500	165.47
Tax Accountant			2493.75	2176.75	7000**	86.81*						1199.55
TOTAL EXPENSE	1834.34	1644.6	3814.31	9688.11	1328.08	550	1304.07	557.97	1127.7	1812.7	3280.75	1421.38
INCOME												20682.2
Cart Book sale	580.99	246	523.54	411.5	11,499.39*	226.4	374.48	259.63	283.07	431.34	455.26	219
Semi Book Sale					6322.5						5898	12220.5
Membership	660											6329
Donation				335	710	130	100	85	1900	565	1574	270
T-shirts	40	330.00*										450
Notebooks	10	20										465
Others	60											30
TOTAL DEPOSITS	1350.99	596	523.54	12305.89	7316.6	553.59	804.63	388.07	2341.34	1030.26	7693.5	489
Ending Balance	16515.33	15466.73	12175.96	14793.74	20782.26	20785.85	20286.41	20116.51	21390.15	20547.71	24960.46	23539.08
12 months CD \$18703												
8 months CI CD\$7030												
checking												
Total	49272.08											

*wrong charge
 47.39 39.11=86.81 reimbursed the acct.

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