

# Between Friends



Friends of the Adams County Library System — October 2020

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## President's Message

by Pat Thorsen/Sharon Graff

On behalf of the Board of the Friends of the Library as well as the members, we would like to thank Jim Gardner, Michele DeLacy and Cathy Gardiner for all their work for the Friends of the Library over the last several years. They each resigned in June for a variety of reasons. As president Jim was incredibly organized and moved us forward. Michele had creative ideas for fundraising and put those ideas to work. And treasurer Cathy knew where all the money was and made her reports understandable to all. At the Annual Meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup> we will honor them appropriately.

With their resignations we lost three key members of our Board and the rest of us worked hard to identify people who would bring new ideas and enthusiasm to our meetings and work. The new members are Maryann Oelkers, Susan Nunamaker, Mark Luongo and Laura Witt Mares. As you read further in this newsletter you will read their personal statements. Welcome to them all!

The pandemic has impacted our fundraising endeavors for 2020. In March the fundraiser, in cooperation with Perkins Restaurant in Gettysburg, was postponed until October. The Annual Summer Book Sale, our largest single fundraiser, was cancelled in July. The Friends summer newsletter wasn't published. Other activities that were in the initial planning stages were also cancelled. The Friends Book Store had been closed due to the closing of the Library building. The Fall Outdoor Antique Sale was cancelled.

On a good note the Friends participated in the Gettysburg Outdoor Antique Sale in May which brought in approximately \$600.00 in donations. The Amazon book sales have been ongoing. We would like to thank the Friends members who have continued to submit membership dues as well as those who have made generous donations.

We have enjoyed having the Breakfast with Friends Annual Meeting each year but that would not be wise this year with the pandemic. According to our bylaws we must have an annual meeting so we are making the necessary changes this year to adapt. The Board will meet via Zoom. At this meeting we will update the membership on the Friends plans, introduce the new Board members and elect new officers. The meeting will be livestreamed on the ACLS YouTube channel. A link to the meeting and election ballot can be found on [www.adamslibrary.org](http://www.adamslibrary.org).

**We look forward to “seeing” you on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.**

## **MEET OUR NEW FRIENDS MEMBERS!**

### **Maryann Oelkers**

An actual "Yooper" (born and raised in Michigan's beautiful Upper Peninsula), I graduated from U of M, met and married my husband Ken in 1980, and we raised our two boys in the Philly suburbs. I worked as an RN for CHOP for 20 years, retiring in 2009, when we moved to Gettysburg. Here I've been working part-time since 2010 as a tour guide, and in visitor services for Destination Gettysburg. I worked for a number of years sorting books in the garage, with Marian Benchoff and Ellie and Nancy. I love to travel, to Europe and to historic locales in the US.

Maryann Oelkers

### **Susan Nunamaker**

My earliest memory of "library" was riding my bike to "downtown" Mummasburg to get books from the Adams County Bookmobile. What a thrill it was walking up those steps and gazing at all those books and then getting to take some home to read. Another memory is walking up the alley after school to the library, located in what now houses the Gettysburg Municipal offices, to wait for my mother or father to pick me up (these were days I did not ride the bus because I had after school activities). Some days I did homework, other days I selected books. Before they passed my parents requested that we put in their obituaries that money be donated to the Gettysburg Methodist Church or the Adams County Library, which of course we did. The Adams County Library has and continues to be important to me. Professionally, I was a classroom teacher for 17 years and a staff developer for 13 years with Montgomery County Maryland Public Schools.

Susan Nunamaker

### **Laura Witt Mares**

Having been born and raised in Gettysburg I have been a life long cardholder of Adams County Library. Prior to having my son in 2019, I worked with my father and husband in the family hotel business. I am looking forward to the library reopening to full capacity for weekly children's story time. I live with my husband Nathan, son Bennett and rescue dog Kate in Cumberland Township.

Laura Witt Mares

### **Mark J. Luongo**

BA History Widener College '78, MA History New York University '91, MS Ed. Wagner College '98. I retired from the New York City Department of Education in 2015 after 17 years of service as a high school AP History teacher. I also worked as an adjunct professor at City University of New York's College Now Program for 12 years. I am a "living historian" and portray the commanding officer of the 39th NY Volunteer Infantry, "Garibaldi Guard", a regiment that fought here at Gettysburg. I live with my wife Crystal in Gettysburg.

Mark J. Luongo

# THE LIBRARY IS OPEN!!

by Laura Goss, Executive Director

The Adams County Library System has reopened for browsing, computer use and more! All visitors are required to wear masks and are encouraged to use hand sanitizer when entering the buildings. After two weeks, usership is building slowly. Although the library is not providing in-person programming, we are continuing to create virtual programming, which is available through our website and on our YouTube channel!

We hope that the Friends Bookstore will be able to reopen soon. I requested that the bookstore not reopen until we began our “new normal” library services. Store Manager Ellen Smith and Volunteer Manager Jane Brown are working to schedule volunteers for what will at first be limited hours. Assistant Director Brandt Ensor has been keeping up with the Friends Amazon sales. Several books are being sold each week!

Once we are able to reorganize the donation intake process and volunteer book scanners and sorters are found, donations will be accepted again. One big kink in the system is that books need to be quarantined for at least 5 days before they can be sorted.

**Thanks for your support and your patience as we move to restart library services and Friends activities!**

## HELP WANTED! BOOK SALE VOLUNTEERS!

**Friends, we are in need of book sale volunteers for the book sale in 2021.**

**We are very flexible and will do our best to accommodate your schedule and needs.**

**Remember that our facility is air conditioned with plenty of parking.**

**If you can help, please indicate on the form in this newsletter. Many thanks!**

## Dine and Donate

The Friends of the Adams County Library System raises an average of over \$60,000 annually for the library. This is achieved through sales at the Friends of the Library Bookstore, at the annual Summer Book Sale at Redding’s Auction House, and recently, through sales on Amazon. Smaller fundraisers bring in additional funds as well. Due to the Covid crisis, the Bookstore has been closed since March, and the book sale was cancelled altogether.

On October 13, Perkins Restaurant in Gettysburg is helping the Friends fill the void. For the entire day, Perkins will donate 15% of your total bill to the Friends. Get a coupon from any library branch or on our website -- [adamslibrary.org](http://adamslibrary.org) (Click “Support the Library” and then “Friends of the Library”). Support your library while enjoying breakfast, lunch or dinner, or even a mid-day snack.

Patrons must bring a coupon to activate this donation. The deal is good for dine-in or carryout, but not while utilizing a delivery service. **We hope to see you there!**

Are you a member of the ACLFOL? It's the best bargain in town.



## SUPPORT ADAMS COUNTY LIBRARIES — Be a FRIEND

### Membership Application/Renewal (20% Discount @ the Friends Store)

Because I believe that the Adams County Library System is essential to our communities, I am enclosing my donation to become a member of the FRIENDS in support of the Library. Please return completed form with your tax-deductible donation to

**Friends of the Library, PO Box 4792, Gettysburg, PA 17325**

\$20  \$35  \$50  \$100  \$250 (Life Member)  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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#### I would like to help the FRIENDS and the Library by volunteering:

\_\_\_\_\_ Process used books \_\_\_\_\_ Process mailings \_\_\_\_\_ Staff the Book Store \_\_\_\_\_ Work at the Book Sale Bonanza

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**BOOK STORE HOURS**  
Mon.-Thurs. 9:30 AM-8:00 PM  
Fri.-Sat. 9:30 AM-4:30 PM  
Sunday-1:30 PM-4:30 PM

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