



2023-2024

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Rockwall, Texas 75087
www.friendsrockwall.com

- *A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.*
~Henry Ward Beecher
- *The richest person in the world - in fact all the riches in the world - couldn't provide you with anything like the endless, incredible loot available at your local library.* ~Malcolm Forbes
- *The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them.* ~Mark Twain
- *I cannot live without books.* ~Thomas Jefferson, in a letter to John Adams, June 1815
- *Without libraries what have we? We have not past and no future.* ~Ray Bradbury
- *I did what I always do when I am in a strange place, in dreadful circumstances, without an idea in the world of what to do next. I went to the library.* ~Mary Kittredge
- *Read the best books first, or you may not have a chance to read them at all.* ~Henry David Thoreau
- *There's nothing to match curling up with a good book when there's a repair job to be done around the house.* ~Joe Ryan
- *If we encounter a man of great intellect, we should ask him what books he reads.* ~Ralph Waldo Emerson
- *A great library contains the diary of the human race.* ~George Mercer Dawson



ROCKWALL COUNTY LIBRARY

Opened September 8, 2008

Serving Rockwall County

1215 East Yellowjacket Lane

Rockwall, Texas 75087

972-204-7700

www.rockwallcountytexas.com/library

A Note from our President



Dear Friends of the Rockwall County Library,

I am pleased and honored to serve as President for 2023-2024. The Board of Directors and Standing Committees are excited to bring you a year of enriching programs featuring local authors and fundraisers that attract our local Rockwall vendors and community.

Last year, we saw increasing numbers at all of our events. Along with the Book Alcove, we supported the library with a contribution of \$25,000.00! The summer programs, children, teens, and adults, rely heavily on this funding, as does the Literacy Center, with classes taught by trained volunteers. Supporting the library and its staff in their endeavors is a great joy. Last year we began what will surely be a repeat event honoring the librarians for both Rockwall and Royse City ISDs.

FRIENDS is a dedicated group of volunteers passionate about literature and the library. Each of the board members has fond recollections of libraries from their youth. We know the library's importance and how it is multi-faceted, and we know that a voice is necessary, and that voice is yours.

We are excited to carry the torch that was lit FORTY years ago by dedicated individuals invested in the success and growth of the Rockwall County Library. There is always something happening at the library. See you there!

In FRIENDship,

Carrie Pickell

2023-2024 President, Friends of the Rockwall County Library

1972-73 Dorothy Kiesler

Friends of the Library Past Presidents

1973-74	Boots Tolan	1999-00	Marcia Gilbert
1974-75	Betty Bowen	2000-01	Charlotte Norris
1975-76	Jean Gustafson	2001-02	Genell Lively
1976-77	Lenelle Bright	2002-03	Nancy Beatty
1977-78	Carmen Sittle	2003-04	Nell Wellborn
1978-79	Linda Hill	2004-05	Carolyn Duckworth
1979-80	Irene Carmichael	2005-06	Marvis Kisselburgh
1980-81	Edie Barton	2006-07	Sheri Fowler
1981-82	Harriet Robertson	2007-08	Sandi Miller
1982-83	Carolyn Smith	2008-09	Leigh Plagens
1983-84	Fran Bagley	2009-10	Darlene Bealmear
1984-85	June Hillman	2010-11	Linda Garrett
1985-86	Lucille Bell	2011-12	Kathleen Broze
1986-87	Barbara Coleson	2012-13	Kathy Melston
1987-88	Janet Jolly	2013-14	Beverly Stibbens
1988-89	Linda Edwards	2014-15	Debbie Daniels
1989-90	Violet Sloan	2015-16	Gloria Bishop
1990-91	Claudette Hatfield	2016-17	Karen Parks
1991-92	Vernie Miller	2017-18	Brenda Cross
1992-93	Barbara Allan	2018-19	Lynette Coughlin
1993-94	M. Joan Terry	2019-20	Nancy Barnett
1994-95	Dottie Abernathy	2020-21	Madelyn Hill
1995-96	Gladys Skiles	2021-22	Madelyn Hill
1996-97	Jo Splawn	2022-23	Dr. M. Joan Terry
1997-98	Patricia Marshall		
1998-99	Lowell Moon		

Officers 2023-2024

President	Carrie Pickell
President-Elect	Kathleen Evans
1st VP Programs	Joy Hosey
2nd VP Fundraising	Jen Lewis
3rd VP Membership	Susan Sisto
4 th VP Business Membership	Darlene Reed
5 th VP Communication	Stacy Johnson Heidi Lauber
Secretary	Lea Carlson
Treasurer	Karen Frederick
Parliamentarian	Kathleen Broze
Past President	Dr. M. Joan Terry

Board Meetings 2023-2024

Location: Rockwall County Library at 4pm

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Wednesday , May 8, 2024

Standing Committees

Book Alcove	Lynn Fate
Book Club	Gloria Daniels, Joan Wells
Business Membership	Darlene Reed
Celia Hays Award	Marcine McCulley
Christmas Luncheon	Kathleen Broze
Communications	Stacy Johnson & Heidi Lauber
Fundraising/Special Events	Jen Lewis
Hartman Award	Edie Zehr
Historian	Kathleen Evans
Hospitality	Jan Self, Pat Booth, Cindy Ramsey
Membership	Susan Sisto
Programs	Joy Hosey
Reservations	Jeannie Wheeler
Sunshine	Lesli Johnson
Volunteer Coordinator	Tresa Thornton
Yearbook	Leslie Hamrick

Background

Friends of the Rockwall County Library promotes the importance of the Library to our community and enhances Library programs and facilities through our service.

- We act as a voice and advocate for the Library to the community, the Rockwall County Commissioner's Court, the Library Advisory Board and other governmental entities.
- We encourage and support life-long learning and literacy initiatives for people of all ages.
- We create additional resources for the Library, as a 501(c)(3) organization, by raising money, securing grants, and increasing community support and awareness of the Library.
- We serve in a variety of volunteer opportunities at the Library and within Friends.
- We connect with each other in friendship and through the love of the Library and reading.

Friends was formed in 1972 and has served the Library and community continuously since then. A person may join Friends of the Library for as little as \$15.00 annually however, many individuals and businesses chose to give at a higher level to support library programs. Friends is governed through an elected Board of Directors. The Library Director or a representative participates in each Board meeting. Meetings for the public and members are held six times a year - September, October, December, February, April and May. Special fundraisers are held throughout the year.

Proceeds from Friends activities are used for the benefit of the Rockwall County Library. In addition to buying books, DVDs, and CDs, the funds are used for the Adult Literacy Program, summer reading programs for children and adults, special activities for children and teens, and subscriptions to newspapers and magazines available in a special reading area.

Special Events 2023-2024

FriendsGiving & Fashion Show

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 11:00 AM—\$30
Community Room, Rockwall County Library
Info Jen Lewis, jenjolew@gmail.com, 214-326-8124

20th Annual Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 11:00 AM—\$25
The Center at Cityplace, 108 East Washington, Rockwall 75087
Holiday Table Settings by Area Hostesses
Program: to be announced
Info Susan Egan, segan0554@gmail.com, 972-771-8126

Hospitali-TEA

Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 11:00 AM—\$30
Community Room, Rockwall County Library
Info Jen Lewis, jenjolew@gmail.com, 214-326-8124

To make Reservations via PayPal, go to www.friendsrockwall.com,

All Special Events are open to the community.

Prepaid Reservations are required (see each event for details). Event costs and locations may vary. Unless cancelled by deadline one week prior to the event, payment is required.

General Meetings 2023-2024

Program: Missy Buchanan **September 12th, 2023**

Popular local motivational speaker and author of more than nine books on aging well and faith will give us some insight into “*Communication through the Generations*.” Missy has appeared on Good Morning America, Focus on 4 and Total Living Network.

Program: Mick Tune **October 10th, 2023**

Did you know one of the Mosasaurs at the Perot Museum is from Rockwall, Texas? Local author, speaker, amateur paleontologist and former past of twenty years, Mick Tune will motivate us to get outdoors and to start “*Hiking with a Purpose: Fossil Hunting on the North Sulphur River*.”

Program: Kathleen Cunningham **February 13th, 2024**

Kathleen Cunningham will bring us a love story book review from “*Here We Go Again*” by the lovable Betty White, and “*Life (and Wife) of Allen Ludden*” by Adam Nedeff. Betty and Allen were Mr. and Mrs. TV in the 60’s and 70’s. Love is on the Air!

Program: Jill Beam **April 9th, 2024**

Wear your pearls and get ready for Breakfast at Tiffany’s! Jill Beam, FOL’s favorite Dallas Book reviewer will be here to review “*How to be Lovely: The Audrey Hepburn Way of Life*” by Meslissa Hellstern.

Program: SSgt. Jason Morgan **May 14th, 2024**

Jason Morgan SSGT (retired) is a local author, motivational speaker, military Paralympic athlete, national spokesperson for Canine Companions, and co-founder of the Veterans Outpost—a retreat for military veterans to relax and remember.

Prepaid Reservations via PayPal: friendsrockwall.com or contact Jeanie Wheeler, sunny42@mail.com 214-789-7184.

Note: All General Meetings are open to the community and require reservations. A \$20 reservation includes meeting, program, and lunch. A \$5.00 reservation includes meeting and program only, for a maximum of ten persons.

Hartman Award

The Hartman Award was started in 1980. Recipients of the Award have been members who gave of themselves willingly for the good of Friends and the Library. The Award was named for Alfred and Grace Hartman. Alfred Hartman was the Librarian from 1966-1976. Grace Hartman was instrumental in the formation of a public library in Rockwall. Each year a piece of Hartman's hand-painted china is given to the recipient, or a book is donated to the Library in the recipient's name. The Award is presented at the May meeting.

1980	Shirley Williams	1999	Jo Splawn
1981	Andrew Lowe	2000	Patricia Marshall
1982	Irene Carmichael	2001	George & Toni Humes
1983	Bill & Tucker Holy	2002	Ruth Peck
1984	Celia Hayes	2003	Marcia Gelbert
1985	Eddie Barton	2004	Leigh Plagens
1986	Claudette Johnson	2005	Nell Wellborn
1987	Barbara Hill	2006	Jim Baid
1988	June Hillman	2007	Karen Hall
1989	Stephanie Galanides		Marvis Kisselburg
1990	Vernie Miller	2008	Nancy Rothacker
1991	Ann Kenney	2009	Phylis Pierce
1992	Claudette Hatfield	2010	Pat Calhoun
1993	Barbara Coleson	2011	Carolyn Duckworth
1994	Violet Sloan	2012	Mary Hanrahan
1995	Regina Ploch	2013	Darlene Bealmear
1996	Barbara Allen	2014	Kathleen Broze
1997	Gladys Skiles	2015	Kathy Melston
1998	Karen Mahoney	2016	Susan Egan
2017	Debbie Daniels	2021	Nancy Barnett
2018	Jan Perman	2022	Jane Buie
2019	Holly Mapel	2023	Eddie Zehr
2020	Karen Frederick		

Celia Hays Volunteer Award

The Celia Hays Award was started in 2001 to honor an outstanding library volunteer. The Award was named in honor of Celia Hays, the Library County Director from 1976 to 1981.

Past Celia Hays Volunteer Award Recipients

2002	Wilma Foster	2012	Joan Parrish
2003	Betty Irwin	2013	Madi Hartley
2004	Beverly Skalberg	2014	Pat Calhoun
2005	Joan Wells	2015	Suzanne Vancil
2006	Ruth Willis	2016	Susan Laszynski
2007	Toby Bailey	2017	Jan Pearman
2008	Lucy Wrightson	2018	Paul Hamm
2009	Cecelia Gavaldon	2019	Julia Pughes
2010	Glenna Phillips	2020	Susan Murray
2011	Joseph Pelegreen		

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is a beautiful sculpture permanently located near the main lobby of the library. The sculpture provides a meaningful way to honor and remember special people in our lives. It is on permanent display, where children, family and friends may find the name of that special person. Businesses may purchase a leaf to show support for the Library and all it has to offer the community.

Leaves for the Giving Tree are available in Gold (\$2000), Silver (\$1000), and Bronze (\$250). Informational brochures are available in the Library. Donor Forms are available at the front desk.

History of the Rockwall County Library

A Rockwall teacher, Beuna Eaves Martin, started the Library with the help of other teachers and friends. On May 5, 1945, the Rockwall County Library was officially established in one room of the County Courthouse. In 1978 the Library was moved to a 2,840 square foot facility on the corner of Washington and Fannin. In 1991 the Library moved to 105 South First Street. With a 2003 expansion, the Library had a total of 10,000 square feet of space. In 2000 and 2004 voters approved the use of bonds to purchase land and build a 52,000-square-foot Library. The new facility opened on September 8, 2008.

Rockwall County Library Director

Marcine McCulley received her Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of North Texas. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature & Behavioral Science from Rice University and a Doctorate from the University of Houston.

Marcine became Public Services Manager for the Rockwall County Library in 2007. She was appointed Library Director in December 2008.

Rockwall County Library Advisory Board

Precinct 1: Sarah Lawson, Doreen Miller
Precinct 2: Margaret Davidson, Mary Ann Webster
Precinct 3: Lynn Fate, Rich Krause
Precinct 4: Nichole Hahn, Heather Buegeler
At Large: Beth McCrackin
Ex-Officio: Marcine McCulley
Friends of the Library Rep: Carrie Pickell

Adult Literacy Program

The Adult Literacy Program Library is located in the foyer of the Rockwall County Library. The Literacy Program provides classes for GED preparation, English as a Second Language, Citizenship, and basic literacy. Classes are held 6 days a week and Tuesday and Thursday evenings. First United Methodist Church of Rockwall partners in the program. If interested in being a tutor or other volunteer support staff, contact Carol Cease, at 972-204-7705.

Book Alcove

Friends offers a selection of used books, magazines, etc. Selections are donated to the Book Alcove by loyal supporters. The Book Alcove is located on the first floor between the checkout desk and café, and is maintained by volunteers. Shop the Alcove and place your anonymous donation in the Friends of the Library container located on the checkout desk.

The Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group meets at the Rockwall County Library on the third Monday of each month at 9:00 AM. Members participate in discussions of books read by the group. To join, call or email:

Joan Wells 972-771-8265 joanwells@sbcglobal.net
Gloria Daniels 972-771-5618 gloriadaniels7210@gmail.com

Friends of the Rockwall County Library

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I—NAME

The name of this organization will be Friends of the Rockwall County Library, further referred to as Friends. Friends is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.

ARTICLE II—PURPOSE

Friends of the Rockwall County Library promotes the importance of the library to our community and enhances library programs and facilities through our service.

- ◆ We act as a voice and advocate for the Library to the community, the Rockwall County Commissioners Court, the Library Advisory Board and other governmental entities.
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- ◆ We create additional resources for the Library, as a 501(c) (3) organization, by raising money, securing grants and increasing community support and awareness of the Library.
- ◆ We serve in a variety of volunteer opportunities at the Library and within Friends.
- ◆ We connect with each other in friendship and through the love of the Library and reading.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- A. Any person or business interested in the promotion of the Rock-

Wall County Library and who pays specified dues will be eligible for membership in this organization. The amount of annual dues will be determined by the Board, established by Resolution and listed in the Standing Rules.

- B. There will be various membership levels for individuals eighteen (18) years of age or older and for businesses who support the organization with annual dues.
- C. Names of all Friends will be listed in the yearbook unless otherwise requested.
- D. The membership year will be from June 1 through May 31.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

- A. General Meetings will be held the second Tuesday in September, October, February, April and May. Business may be conducted at any General Meeting.
- B. Special Meetings may be called by the President or five members of the Board.
- C. Officers will be elected at the April meeting.
- D. The May Meeting will be the Annual Meeting at which new officers will be installed.
- E. Twenty members attending a properly called meeting will constitute a quorum.
- F. The Board and all committees are authorized to meet by electronic communication so long as all members are notified. The President will initiate such communications and notify members of the outcome.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND BOARD

- A. The elected officer of Friends are: President, President-Elect, First Vice-President for Programs, Second Vice-President for

Fundraising and Special Events, Third Vice-President for Membership, Fourth Vice-President for Business Membership, Fifth Vice-President for Communication, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Parliamentarian is an appointed officer. All offices except President, President-Elect, Treasurer and Parliamentarian may be held by two persons, each having equal status. The term of office will be one year.

- B. The officers and the Past President will constitute the Board and will manage the business of the organization in the intervals between meetings. Insofar as possible, officers will attend all Friends meetings.
- C. The elected officer of Friends are: President, President-Elect, First Vice-President for Programs, Second Vice-President for Fundraising and Special Events, Third Vice-President for Membership, Fourth Vice-President for Business Membership, Fifth Vice-President for Communication, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Parliamentarian is an appointed officer. All offices except President, President-Elect, Treasurer and Parliamentarian may be held by two persons, each having equal status. The term of office will be one year.
- D. The Board will meet at least four times a year. The President or five members of the Board may call Special Board Meetings.
- E. A simple majority of members of the Board will constitute a quorum.
- F. Any member of the Board may be removed with or without cause by a two-thirds vote of the Board.

ARTICLE VI - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. The Board will elect a five-member Nominating Committee at least three months prior to the April Meeting. This committee will be composed of three members from the general membership, a member of the Board, and the President-Elect who will be chair.

- B. The Nominating Committee will present the proposed slate of officers to the Board at least two months in advance of the April Meeting. All nominees must be members of Friends at the time of nomination. The Board may approve as submitted or may amend the proposed slate.
- C. The slate of officers approved by the Board will be published and circulated to the general membership at least three weeks in advance of the April Meeting. During the election, this slate of officers will be placed before the members and the meeting will be opened to nominations from the floor.
- D. Officers will be elected at the April Meeting, installed at the Annual Meeting in May, and will assume the responsibilities of office immediately upon the close of the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. President
 - 1. The President will be Chair of the Board and preside at all meetings of Friends.
 - 2. The President will be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and the Internal Financial Review Committee. The President or a Board member designated by the President will represent Friends at all meetings of the Rockwall County Library Advisory Board and will keep the Board informed of its actions.
 - 3. The President will appoint all Standing Committees. In the event of a vacancy in any office other than the President-Elect, the President, with the approval of the Board, will appoint a replacement.
 - 4. At the end of the year the President will prepare an annual report, which will be available to the members.
- B. President-Elect
 - 1. The President-Elect will be familiar with all details of the organization. In the temporary absence of the President, the President-Elect will preside and assume all authority and responsi-

bility of the President. The President-Elect will serve as the chair of the Nominating Committee.

2. Upon resignation or removal of the President from that office, the President-Elect will become President and hold office the remainder of the term. If the President-Elect assumes the Presidency they will have the option of serving as President for the following year or having another President elected at the general meeting in April.
 3. If a vacancy in the office of President-Elect occurs, the most recent Nominating Committee will be convened. As the President-Elect chairs the Nominating Committee and that office is currently vacant, the President will appoint one of the remaining four members to chair the committee and appoint one additional member from the Board to complete the five-member Nominating Committee. The committee will submit a nominee for President-Elect to be approved by the Board and elected at the next General Meeting.
- C. First Vice-President for Programs: In charge of scheduling and presenting programs and making arrangements for locations and food for all meetings.
- D. Second Vice-President for Fundraising and Special Events: Responsible for all fundraising and special events and will present the necessary fundraising financial reports at Board Meetings.
- E. Third Vice-President for Membership: In charge of individual and family memberships. This office will:
1. Maintain a list of names and addresses of all members of Friends.
 2. Compile lists of member volunteers and distribute these lists to the appropriate committee chairs.
 3. Be responsible for recording all information from the Membership Forms.

- F. Fourth Vice-President for Business Membership: In charge of business memberships. This office will:
 1. Maintain a list of names and addresses of all business members of Friends.
 2. Be responsible for recruiting and retaining business members.

- G. Fifth Vice-President for Communication: In charge of all communications including social media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), website, newsletters, and publicity.

- H. Secretary: Keep a record of the minutes of each meeting of Friends. The Secretary will:
 1. Disseminate draft copies within two weeks after the meeting.
 2. Prepare, mail, read and file all correspondence.
 3. Prepare Resolutions as appropriate.

- I. Treasurer: Receive all money and keep an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures. The Treasurer will:
 1. Submit a financial report at all meetings.
 2. Make records available for an annual internal financial review.
 3. Chair the Finance Committee (Article VIII, Sect. D).
 4. Administer electronic methods of payment such as PayPal, credit card, or other electronic payment methods approved by the Board.

- J. Past President: Serve as a resource person for the Board and be responsible for or assist with special projects as requested.

- K. Parliamentarian: Appointed by the President. The duties will include:
 1. Ruling on parliamentary procedure.
 2. Giving advice to the chair, and when asked, to other members.
 3. Writing, interpreting and maintaining Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Special Development Funds Policies and Procedures.
 4. Chairing a committee to make an annual review of the Special

Development Funds no later than April and make a report at the May Annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - FUNDS

- A. Friends will be authorized to accept funds from any individual, as sociation or business to be used for any purposes consistent with the By Laws. (See Article II.)
- B. All funds will be deposited to the accounts of Friends of the Rock-wall County Library and will be disbursed by the Treasurer upon the authorization of the Board. All checks must bear the signature of the Treasurer or the President.
- C. In the event of the dissolution of Friends, all assets will become the property of the Rockwall County Library.
- D. There will be a Finance Committee chaired by the Treasurer. Other members will be the President, President-Elect, and the current and incoming Second Vice-Presidents for Fundraising. This committee is responsible for:
 - 1. Preparing the annual budget, presenting the first draft in March of each year.
 - 2. Presenting the final draft to the Board no later than the April board meeting.
 - 3. Recommending no-risk investments of Friends funds.
- E. At the annual May meeting the membership will vote on a budget prepared and approved by the Board.
- F. The Board will elect a three-member Internal Financial Review Committee at the April or May Board meeting. The chair should have a working knowledge of accepted accounting practices. The members should have an understanding of financial procedures.
 - 1. The Committee will meet each year to conduct a review of the financial records for the fiscal year ending May 31.
 - 2. The outgoing Treasurer will have the financial records completed and available for review within two weeks following the end of the fiscal year.

3. The outgoing Treasurer does not serve on this Committee but will be available at the time of the review to answer questions.
4. The Committee will submit their findings to the current incoming President as soon as possible, but no later than July 15.

ARTICLE IX—PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

In conducting business, Friends will be governed by the rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

ARTICLE X—ADOPTION & AMENDMENTS OF STANDING RULES

Standing Rules were created to provide instructions for the day-to-day operation of Friends and may be adopted or modified by the general membership at any properly called meeting at which a quorum is present. If the proposed changes have been submitted to the members at least two weeks prior to the meeting, a simple majority of those present may approve the rules or changes; otherwise a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present is required.

ARTICLE XI—ADOPTION & AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended if the Board approves the proposed amendments and the members are advised of the proposed amendments at least three weeks prior to a meeting where the issue is presented. The amendments must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present.

Amended:

May 2000, September 2002, May 2005, May 2006,
May 2008, May 2011, February 2016, February 2017
May 2017, April 2019, April 2023

STANDING RULES

I. PURPOSE

Standing Rules are authorized in Article X of the Bylaws and provide instructions for the day-to-day operation of the organization. Procedures that are a general policy or way of operating are written in Standing Rules.

II. MEMBERSHIP

A. An annual membership drive will be conducted in April and May, with dues payable by June 1st. The amount of the annual dues will be determined by the Board no later than December 15th and established by Resolution. For new members who join on or after January 1st, their payment will cover the next full year's membership which begins June 1st.

B. The membership list will not be given, loaned, leased, rented, or sold to any person, persons or entity. Members will not use the list for any purpose other than Friends-related business.

C. Categories of membership and dues

1. Individual and family membership:

Individual: Individual 18 years and older	\$15.00
Family: One or more individuals in a family	\$30.00
Supporter: Individual or family	\$50.00
Patron: Individual or family	\$100.00
Sponsor: Individual or family	\$250.00
Partner: Individual or family	\$350.00
Benefactor: Individual or family	\$500.00

2. Business memberships may be purchased by any business and will offer the following benefits:

Patron	\$100.00
Business card ad in Friends Yearbook, name on Friends website, and name on plaque in library display case.	

Sponsor	\$250.00
Business card ad in Friends Yearbook, name on Friends website, name on display case plaque, and recognition at each meeting.	

Partner \$350.00
Business card ad in Friends Yearbook, name on Friends website, name on display case plaque, recognition at each meeting, and recognition in local newspaper advertisement.

Benefactor \$500.00
Business card ad in Friends Yearbook, name on Friends website, name on plaque in library display case, recognition each meeting, recognition in a local newspaper advertisement, individual plaque for business display and an invitation to be honored as a guest at a meeting.

3. Champions is a donor category that includes all donations/gifts by any business, organization or individual and will receive all the benefits of a Business membership at the Benefactor level listed above. Gift designation levels will be:

Bronze	\$ 1,000.00
Silver	\$ 2,500.00
Gold	\$ 5,000.00
Platinum	\$ 7,500.00
Legacy	\$ 10,000.00 Plus

III. MEETINGS

A. Publication of Dates

The schedule of General Meetings, Special Events, and Board Meetings will be published annually in the Yearbook. Additional meetings may be called as provided for in Article IV of the Bylaws.

B. Electronic Meetings

At the President's discretion, the Board may be asked to make decisions or vote on motions by e-mail. All responses should be addressed to the entire Board, and a majority must approve any decision unless a two-thirds vote is required. The President will notify Board members of the outcome. Actions and voting results will be recorded as minutes and filed accordingly by the Secretary.

C. Minutes

1. The Secretary will prepare minutes of all meetings where business is transacted. This includes the General and Special Meet-

ings, Board Meetings, workshops and planning sessions, and meetings held via e-mail.

2. Board Meeting Minutes: Draft minutes will be sent electronically to Board members for review and correction within two weeks of the meeting. Board members will submit any corrections to the Secretary. Minutes will be declared approved as published unless additional changes are made at the next meeting, then signed by the President and Secretary.
3. General Meeting Minutes: The President will appoint a 3-member committee to review and approve or amend minutes from these meetings. The minutes should be signed and dated by the Secretary and the chair of the committee. At the next General Meeting the President will announce that committee approved the minutes and that copies are available upon request.
4. The Secretary will maintain the approved, signed and dated minutes in a binder. At the May Meeting all minutes for the previous year will be turned over to the President who is responsible for placing them in the Friends official records. Minutes should be in printed format as well as an electronic copy so they may be stored on the Friends computer.

D. Resolutions

A Resolution is used when the motion is of great importance or is very long. A Resolution includes the reasons for the motion as well as the actual action that is being proposed. Resolutions follow a certain format and are filed in chronological order at the front of the Minutes binder.

E. Agenda

The President will prepare an agenda for all meetings. Board members may request an item to be listed on the agenda by contacting the President at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting date. The President will provide the Board an agenda, Treasurer's report, and minutes of the previous meeting at least two days prior to the next Board Meeting.

IV. COMMITTEES

- A. The President may form *ad hoc* committees and appoint their mem-

bers unless otherwise specified in the Bylaws. The President will specify the frequency and type of reports to be made to the Board. An *ad hoc* committee automatically ceases to exist when its work is completed and the final report is received.

- B. In the course of committee duties, there may be occasions to write letters, devise or revise forms, or create other material that will be distributed under the name of Friends of the Rockwall County Library. Such material will be reviewed and approved by the President and/or President-Elect before it is disseminated.

Note: This does not refer to informal notecards, messages of condolence, internal committee correspondence or e-mails between individuals.

- C. The following Standing Committees will be composed of a chair appointed by the President unless otherwise stated in the Bylaws or Standing Rules. Additional members may be recruited by the chair or appointed by the President with the concurrence of the chair:
 - 1. Book Alcove: The chair will be responsible for maintaining the Friends Book Alcove located on the first floor of the Rockwall County Library. Books are not sold in the Book Alcove, but patrons may make donations and suggested donations may be posted. This committee is responsible for:
 - a. Coordinating Book Alcove activities with the Library staff.
 - b. Recruiting and scheduling volunteers.
 - c. Assigning leaders and organizing teams for various tasks.
 - d. Selecting books donated to the library for use in the Book Alcove.
 - e. Preparing, categorizing and placing books in the appropriate designated area.
 - f. Purchasing cleaning and other supplies as needed.
 - g. Replenishing books on the Book Alcove shelves as needed.
 - h. Creating/scheduling Book Alcove presentations and fundraisers.
 - i. Collecting monies and preparing deposits in coordination with the Treasurer.
 - j. Coordinating decorating of the Book Alcove top shelves to fit the occasion.
 - k. Coordinating transport of donated books to the library.
 - l. Coordinating transport of surplus books/magazines to resale vendors and other groups.

- m. Providing estimated income and expenses for the annual budget.
- 2. Book Club: Friends sponsors a book discussion group that is open to everyone. The time and place of meetings will be published in the Yearbook.
- 3. Business Membership: The Fourth Vice-President for Business Membership will chair this committee and make regular reports of its activities to the Board. This committee will focus on developing membership and support from the business and corporate community.

This committee will be responsible for:

- a. Pursuing business membership renewals and soliciting new members.
- b. Creating a business membership form.
- c. Maintaining an electronic record of all business members including names, addresses and all other information on the business membership form.
- d. Keeping the business membership information current on the lobby display plaques and Friends website.
- e. Providing members' business cards or electronic files to the Yearbook chair.
- f. Writing thank you letters to business members.
- g. Placing an ad in a local newspaper in May acknowledging Champions, Partner and Benefactor business members.
- h. Conducting a raffle of any items donated by businesses at the Friends Christmas Luncheon.
- i. Providing and distributing plaques to Champions and Benefactor business members.
- j. Inviting and recognizing Champions and Benefactor business members at a meeting.
- k. Providing estimated income and expenses for the annual budget.

4. Celia Hays Award: The Celia Hays Award honors an outstanding Library volunteer. The Library Director and staff will select the recipient. The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting in May.
5. Christmas Luncheon: This committee will organize, plan and execute an annual fundraiser to be held during the month of December and make periodic progress reports to the Board. The chair(s) will have primary responsibility for taking reservations, selecting the venue and caterer and will arrange for the program, if any. The chair(s) will provide estimated income and expenses for the annual budget.
6. Communication: The Fifth Vice-President for Communication will chair this committee and make regular reports of its activities to the Board. This committee will be responsible for:
 - a. Publicity - Publicizing the Friends meetings, projects and accomplishments by announcing programs in advance and writing articles with photographs after the event. Publicity will emphasize that although reservations are required, visitors and prospective members are welcome to attend.
 - b. Social Media - Maintaining Friends social media accounts in a timely manner including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and other social media platforms by posting Friends meetings, projects and accomplishments as appropriate.
 - c. Website - Creating, maintaining and updating the Friends website with input from the Board and committee chairs as appropriate. The Fifth Vice-President for Communication may serve as webmaster or appoint a committee member as webmaster.
 - d. Newsletter - Publishing a newsletter four times a year. In June the editor will prepare and distribute a schedule of deadlines, publications dates and reminders about primary content for each issue. The committee will be responsible for distributing the newsletter. The following schedule will be followed to ensure time sensitive information delivered promptly:
 - 1) August newsletter will be published no later than mid-August and will give information about the September

- and October Meetings.
- 2) November newsletter will be published the first week of November and will feature the November Special Event and the Christmas Luncheon.
 - 3) January newsletter will be published the first week of January and will include the call for Hartman Award nominations with a closing date, and information about the February Meeting.
 - 4) March newsletter will be published the second week in March with the slate of officers for the upcoming year, Ballots for Hartman Award, the March Special Event and reminders about the April and May Meetings.
- e. Working closely with Marketing Committee to coordinate dissemination of information to area civic and service organizations and the implementation of innovative techniques to promote Friends and the Purpose of the organization.
 - f. Providing estimated income and expenses for the annual budget.
7. Fundraising: The Second Vice-President for Fundraising and Special Events will chair this committee and make regular reports of its activities to the Board. This committee will be responsible for:
 - a. Planning and implementing fundraising projects and special events.
 - b. Providing estimated income and expenses for the annual budget.
 8. Hartman Award: The Hartman Award is given annually to a Friends member who has performed over and above the requirements of their position and has promoted the Library and Friends beyond required activities. The recipients of this award have been people who willingly gave of their time for the good of the Library and Friends.
 - a. The selection of the Hartman Award will be managed by a committee of three (3) previous Hartman Award recipients appointed by the President. At least two (2) members shall have served previously on the committee. The chair shall be selected from those that have served at least one (1) year on the committee.
 - b. An article in the January newsletter will explain the Hartman Award criteria, nominating statement format, obtain-

ing nominees' permission and include the nomination deadline.

- c. Any member in good standing may submit a nomination.
 - d. Previous Hartman recipients and the current President are not eligible for nomination.
 - e. Nominations will be in writing with a brief statement of between 100 and 175 words, giving the reasons why this member deserves to receive the award. Before submitting the nomination, the individual will be contacted for permission to place their name before the general membership for a vote. This is also an opportunity to get information to include in the supporting statement.
 - f. The unedited nomination statements as submitted, rules for voting, a ballot and voting deadline will be published in the March newsletter.
 - g. Members may vote by completing and mailing the ballot from the newsletter or by sending an email to the address shown on the ballot.
 - h. Each member may vote once. A member is any person whose name is listed on the membership application regardless of the type of membership. The President will help count the ballots.
9. Historian: The Historian will keep a history of publications, announcements, and photographs concerning the work for the current year. The records may be in a scrapbook or in electronic format.
10. Hospitality/Meeting Decorations: This committee will consult with the Second Vice-President for Programs and set up and arrange meeting rooms as necessary. The committee will be responsible for:
- a. Providing table decorations for meetings. Decorations may be sold at the meeting to recoup costs.
 - b. Preparing name badges.
 - c. Welcoming members and guests at the door.

- d. Providing estimated income and expenses for the annual budget.
11. Marketing: The President-Elect will chair this committee and make regular reports of its activities to the Board. This committee is responsible for developing innovative techniques to promote Friends and the Purpose of the organization as stated in the Bylaws, Article II .
 - a. The committee will work closely with the Membership Committee and the Communication Committee to coordinate the dissemination of Friends information to the community.
 - b. The committee will keep the Library display case updated with current event information.
 - c. The chair will provide estimated income and expenses for the annual budget.
 12. Membership - Individual and Family: The Third Vice-President for Membership will chair this committee and make regular reports of its activities to the Board. This committee will maintain a spreadsheet of all members, which includes names, addresses and all other information on the Membership Form. They may initiate special projects for the purpose of membership recruitment. This committee will be responsible for:
 - a. Keeping updated membership forms and brochures available at the Library circulation desk and in the lobby for patrons to join or renew membership.
 - b. Having a committee member sit at a table with membership forms and brochures at each Friends meeting for renewals and new memberships, along with a current list of members that have already paid membership dues.
 - c. Sending membership forms by mail or e-mail to members who have not renewed and a follow-up letter to those who have not renewed by mid-summer.
 - d. Sending a welcome note to new members.
 - e. Providing the Yearbook chair with a list of all current members and copies of the printed and electronic member-

ship forms for use in preparing the Yearbook by the deadline set by the Yearbook chair.

- f. Making lists from the membership spreadsheet that contain names and contact information and sending to appropriate committee chairs listed below, and others as requested:
 - 1) Hospitality - names for making name badges.
 - 2) Communication - names and emails for newsletter distribution, meeting reminder and email blasts.
 - 3) Nominating Committee - members with an interest in serving in a board position.
 - 4) Committee Chairs - members with an interest in serving on their committee.
 - 5) Library staff - members interested in volunteering inside the library.
 - 6) Volunteer Coordinator - coordinate volunteers with committee chairs.
 - g. Keeping the above lists current by sending new members' information as received through the year.
 - h. Checking the post office box for membership and picking up membership and renewal applications left at the library.
 - i. Saving a copy of the membership spreadsheet on the Friends computer at the end of the membership year.
 - j. Providing estimated income and expenses for the annual budget.
13. Programs: The First Vice-President for Programs will chair this committee and make regular reports of its activities to the Board. This committee will be responsible for:
- a. Securing and scheduling programs for the General Meetings no later than the deadline for the Yearbook publication.
 - b. Securing a caterer, deciding on menus and negotiating prices for lunches at General Meetings and coordinating activities with the caterer.

- c. Making arrangements for the physical set-up of the Community Room and any audio-visual needs for meetings and programs.
 - d. Providing estimated income and expenses for the annual budget.
14. Reservations: The chair will receive and maintain an accurate record of names with contact information for individuals who will attend luncheon meetings. The chair will also confirm reservations made on the Friends website.
- a. The chair will send a copy of the reservation list to the First Vice-President for Programs, the Third Vice-President for Membership, the Treasurer, and the Hospitality Committee member who will prepare name badges.
 - b. After the meeting, send the Treasurer a list of those who fail to attend, did not cancel by the deadline and have not paid.
 - c. The Treasurer will contact and request payment from those who did not to pay.
15. Sunshine: In the event of the death of a member or spouse of a member, this chair will notify the Library Director to select a book as a memorial for the Library. In the event of an illness or tragedy in the family of a Friends member, this chair will send a note or card of condolence. This chair will provide estimated income and expenses for the annual budget.
16. Yearbook: This committee will publish the Yearbook and be responsible for:
- a. Establishing a schedule for timely publication to have the Yearbook ready for distribution by September of each year.
 - b. Obtaining proofs from the printer to double-check margins, pagination and other elements.
 - c. Distributing Yearbook inserts and replacement pages at the September and October Meetings.
 - d. Publishing and distributing an addendum in January with a list of family, individual and business memberships received after the Yearbook deadline.

- e. Ensuring a supply of complete updated Yearbooks and binders are available for new members.
- f. Saving an electronic copy of each Yearbook on the Friends computer.
- g. Providing estimated income and expenses for the annual budget.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

A month-by-month Calendar of Work Guide of tasks for the President was created by a previous president and has been added to by successive presidents. The President will refer to this document and make additions and changes as needed. A review of this Guide will be part of an orientation discussion between the outgoing President and the President-Elect.

VI. ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS OF STANDING RULES

Standing Rules may be adopted or modified by the general membership at any properly called meeting at which a quorum is present. If the proposed Standing Rules or modifications have been submitted to the membership at least two weeks prior to the meeting, a simple majority of those present may approve the Rules or modifications. Otherwise, a two-thirds vote of those present is required.

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