



From Our President



March is here and I don't know about you, but I'm ready for a change in the weather—warm, sunny days, leaves budding on the trees, flowers blooming, and lawns turning green. **“There's No Time Like Spring Time!”** My favorite time of the year!

I hope you had the opportunity to attend our February Luncheon and hear **Jackie Payne** sing some of our most popular **“Love Songs”** and tell the history of how and why the songs were written. Jackie's enthusiasm and the lovely setting our hostess committee provided put us all in the mood for

Valentine's Day.

NOW, be sure to mark April 14th on your calendar—we have a special treat in store for you! **Rose-Mary Rumbley** will be our guest speaker and talk about her book: **The Unauthorized History of Dallas**. She is an amazing speaker and you don't want to miss her program. (Be sure to make your reservations early to assure a seat for this popular speaker--Everyone loves Rose-Mary!)

Winding down the year, **Dave Tanner** will sing patriotic songs at our General Meeting and Luncheon on **May 12th**. Our newly elected officers for 2020 – 2021 will be installed at this meeting so plan to attend, show them your support and get them off to a good start.

As the end of our Club Year fast approaches, our Fundraising Co-chairs and Committee have two exciting events planned before we reach the finish line:

- **Tuesday, March 24th** - We will have our Fifth Annual Tea. **Dr. M. Joan Terry** is our guest speaker at this event and her subject is: **“The Art of the Tea”!** Mark your calendar, grab your hat and join us for tea, delicious treats and a fun afternoon with good friends!
- **Friday, May 8th** - Friends will produce our very first play: **Murder of the Loaded Librarian**. **Barbara Doubt** is the director, and we have an all-star cast lined up to entertain you. This event will be at **7 PM at The Center at Rockwall City Plaza**. It promises to be a very special evening!

It's also time to **renew your membership dues** and this is a great time to encourage your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to join Friends of the Library. Not only will they have the opportunity to attend our excellent programs and meet with people who share a love for our Library, but their membership dues support our fund raising efforts and enhance the outstanding programs the Library offers our community.

Congratulations to the new FOL Board elected at our February General Meeting. I know that Friends will have an excellent year with the expert leadership of **Madelyn Hill** and the very capable Board Members who will serve with her. If you would like to serve on a 2020 – 2021 Standing Committee, or be a Committee Chairman, please contact Madelyn. We need your support and involvement in order to continue our commitment to support the Rockwall County Library.

Remember: “Friends Make a Difference”!

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president in 2019 – 2020. It has been an honor and a privilege and I thank each of you for your support throughout the year. You are all fantastic, I have wonderful memories of the year, and “It's a WONDERFUL time to be a member of Friends!

Have a delightful Spring and I hope to see you at our upcoming events!

It's time to renew your membership!

Thank you for your continued support of Friends of the Library! Your membership dues constitute a significant portion of the money we give to the Library each year.

With your help, we gave a total of \$23,600 to the Library in 2019.

The 2020-2021 membership year is June 1-May 31.

Know someone who is not a member? Pick up a brochure at the library and invite them to join.

HOW TO RENEW
Please renew by **May 31, 2020.**

- [Download, print, and complete this form](#) and mail with your check to:
Friends of the Library
P. O. Box 1371
Rockwall, TX 75087
- Visit www.friendsrockwall.com and pay with your credit card (PayPal)
- Renew in-person at the April or May General Meetings.

2020 Hartman Award Nominees



The Hartman Award honors Alfred and Grace Hartman and 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.

There is only one nominee for this prestigious award in 2020. The name of this outstanding Friends member will be announced at the May General Meeting.

Upcoming Events & Fundraisers

If you have pictures of Friends events, please share! Send them to Stephanie via email smilberger@rockwallcountytexas.com or text to (972) 802-6436.

Please include your name and the event.

UPDATE: "Hearts Full of Love" Fundraiser



A huge thank you to all who participated in our Painting with a Purpose event. 33 participants painted hearts for our “Wall of Hearts” mural currently displayed in the Children’s Area. These paintings will be distributed by our Children’s Librarian, Doreen Miller, during the children’s Spring Break programs.

We made \$1405 and so appreciate **Christine Pilling of PWAT**, who donated the proceeds of the evening (\$1155) back to the Friends. What a fun evening! Check out the “Wall of Hearts” displayed now.

Friends of the Rockwall County Library
BOOK CLUB
 Monday, March 16
 at 8:50 AM
Meet in the Library's lobby; no membership required.

"We need more books like *Maid*, with the view from behind the bridge and under the couch. Stephanie Land has something to teach us about both sides of the inequality divide. Neither is what you are expecting."
 —BARBARA EHRENREICH
Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America

**HARD WORK, LOW PAY,
 AND A MOTHER'S WILL TO SURVIVE**

maid
 stephanie land

Friends of the Rockwall County Library
AFTERNOON TEA & SILENT AUCTION

The Art of the Tea
Guest Speaker: Dr. M. Joan Terry

Tuesday, March 24 at 2-4 PM

Please make your reservations for our annual Afternoon Tea and Silent Auction now! We expect 100 and have ten table hostesses to provide the centerpieces.

During this delightful fundraiser, **Dr. M. Joan Terry** will humorously enlighten us on tea etiquette. Ana's Catering will provide the tea menu and Brenda Sterling Meyers will provide the tea, including a *special blend just for Friends!* Hats are optional but we will award door prizes for hats.

Contact Cathy Boewe with questions: Cathyboewe@gmail.com or call (972) 400-9934. Registration is \$30 per person.

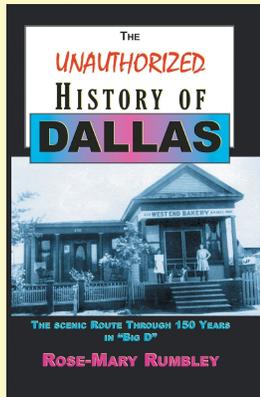
[Register Online](#)

Murder Mystery Tickets On Sale 3/25

Registration for our last fundraiser, "The Murder of the Loaded Librarian," will begin **Wednesday, March 24.**



\$30/person includes intermission refreshments.



The Unauthorized History of Dallas by Rose-Mary Rumbley

Tuesday, April 14 at 11 AM
Luncheon Registration: \$20

When Dallas turned 150 years old, **Rose-Mary Rumbley** celebrated the occasion by writing *The Unauthorized History of Dallas*. She shares stories of Dallas landmarks and personalities with humor and a wit that only Rose-Mary has.



For questions about registration, email Leigh Plagens at cplagens65@aol.com or call (972) 771-8976.



General Meeting & Luncheon: Patriotic Songs by Dave Tanner

Tuesday, May 12th, 2020 at 11 AM
Rockwall County Library Community Room

Lunch: \$20 | Lunch Provided by Ana's Catering

During our final 2019-2020 Friends of the Library program, actor and musician **Dave Tanner** tells the courageous, humorous, and incredible stories behind heart-stirring patriotic songs from "Yankee Doodle" to "God Bless America", with many stops in between. Get to know the composers and their times while discovering the common thread that unites these wonderful tunes: "'American' ends in 'I can'."

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#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

Friends of the Rockwall County Library
BOOK CLUB

Monday, May 18
at 8:50 AM

Meet in the Library's lobby; no membership required.



Business Memberships

Calling all members who deal with businesses in Rockwall County each day. **YES, YOU!**

Friends needs your help increasing the number of business members. Take a brochure from the rack in the lobby of the Library and give it to just one business you deal with. Tell the person the importance of Friends and the Library to the people of Rockwall County. Friends of the Library supports the wonderful programs offered by the Library for children, teens, and adults, and helps purchase materials and equipment. We are the main support of the Literacy Program, which changes lives by helping people learn to read, learn English, earn a GED, and achieve their goal of becoming citizens.

We need to spread the word and YOU CAN HELP. Will you?



Giving Back

Each time you make a purchase at Kroger or Amazon, these vendors will donate a percentage of your total purchase to Friends.

Kroger

Use your Kroger Plus card to create or sign into your online account at Kroger.com. Under "Save", select "Community Rewards" and choose "Friends of the Rockwall County Library" (#80320). *Please note you must*

Book Alcove

Located near the front desk in the Library, the Book Alcove stocks books, DVDs, and CDs that may be "purchased" by donation.

Here's how you can help:

- Bring your gently used books, DVDs and CDs to the Library to donate.
- Shop at the Alcove and donate generously for your selections.

Giving Tree

Looking for a way to honor and remember family and friends? Add a leaf to this beautiful permanent display in the Library! Businesses can purchase a leaf as a way to show support for the Library and its mission.

Visit the [Friends' donation page](#) for more information about the Giving Tree and donation options.

re-enroll each year.

To volunteer at the Book Alcove,
email info@friendsrockwall.com

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Visit smile.amazon.com and select
"Friends of the Rockwall County Public
Library" as your charity. You do not need
to re-enroll annually.

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