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MAJOR BEQUEST FROM A TRUE FRIEND

Through the generosity of private contributions and gifts, FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY, in the fifty eight years since it was formed, has been able to contribute substantial funding to the Collier County Public Library System.

Recently, we received a major bequest, exceeding a quarter of a million dollars, from the estate of a FRIENDS member has chosen to remain anonymous. Her magnanimous gift will be noted under the Diamond Contributor Plaque mounted at the Naples Regional Library located on Central Avenue.

With the support of members, FRIENDS has been able to fund the substantial number of Adult and Children's programs and activities requested by the Collier County Public Library. The superb agenda offered at its ten Library Branches encourages reading, furthers learning, and broadens the horizons of the Southwest Florida community. Information brochures listing programs and activities are announced quarterly, are available at branches, and are published in the FRIENDS Newsletters.

The partnership between FRIENDS and the Collier County Public Library continues to thrive with the generosity of the entire community. Support of this significant civic asset will enable future generations of Collier County citizens to prosper intellectually and personally.

By considering the FRIENDS Planned Giving Program, participation in this ongoing and vital public service is possible. To find more information, visit

www.collier-friends.org and click on the Planned Giving tab.

JOE HESSENTHALER

FRIENDS BOOK CLUBS

Bay Forest Book Group
Baypointe Book Club
Beach Comber Book Club
Belles, Books, & Chatter
Bentley Book Club
Berkshire Lakes Women's Club
Bibliophiles –AAUW
Bonita Beachcomber BC
Brittany Book Club
Cincinnati
C.L.S.C. Chautauqua N.Y.
Country Side Book Club
Cracked Spine BC
Crazy Eights
Eagle Creek Book Club (1)
Eagle Creek Book Club (2)
European Book Club (Alliance Francaise of Bonita Springs)
Everglades Book Club
First Thursday Book Club
Forest Glen Book Club
Flamingo Floozies
Grey Oaks Book Club
Gulf Shore Book Club
Happy Bookers BC
Heritage Greens BC
Joanne's Salon
Kensington Book Club
Ladies That Read Club
Lakeside Book Club
League Club Book Club
L'Ermitage Book Club
Lincoln Readers
Literary Ladies Book Club
Longshore Lake BC
Loose Pages
Love of Books
Lunch Ladies
Mahalick Book Club
Mangrove Readers
Marco Ladies' Book Club
Marguerite Book Club
Mooring Park Book Club
Morning Tides Book Club

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LOUISE FRANCK and her husband Peter share an enthusiasm for travel. In fact, they have spent five months in Europe for the past 17 years and have enjoyed cruises to many locations around the world. Quite at home on the water, they also spend a lot of time on their trawler.

Two years after getting her degree in Education at Alabama College, Louise took a teaching position in Germany for the Department of Defense. After meeting Peter and starting a family, they returned to the States where, for many years, Louise taught first grade, the accomplishment for which she is most proud. Birmingham, Alabama, where Louise grew up, was home for them until relocating to Naples in 1998. The Franck's are parents of two sons and also have one grandson.

Like most of us who are lucky to live here, the Francks love Naples. Not surprisingly they are active in boating and their Yacht Club at Pelican Isle. Peter served as Commodore and remains active in that organization. In addition to serving in all offices of the Women's Club and co-chairing her book club, Louise also plays mahjong and does cross stitch.



Perhaps the best advice **CONNIE KINDSVATER** ever received was from her first hero, her dad Carol Squires, who taught her to respect others regardless of their backgrounds, while instilling in her the willingness to work hard for what she wanted. To that end, she became one of only eight women enrolled at the University of Denver Business College where she earned her undergraduate degree. Connie also has graduate degrees from Colorado State University and Roosevelt University.

Before relocating to Naples, Connie and her husband Jack, an executive for an international company, lived in Chicago where they raised a son and a daughter. Although she has held jobs in the business world and has been involved in nonprofits, Connie's primary career was that of Journalism professor. She is also a published news writer.

Inspired by her mom, who took her on weekly visits to the library at an early age, Connie has had a lifelong love of reading. Hoping to instill the same passion in her granddaughter, Connie takes her to the Children's Section at Headquarters every time she visits. In addition to being a member of two book clubs, she also belongs to the Naples Press Club, the Naples Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi, and the Pelican Isle Yacht Club. She serves on the Membership Committee at the Naples Botanical Garden and teaches at the Literacy Council Gulf Coast. Somehow she also makes time to play tennis and bridge, attend the opera and theater, and travel with husband Jack.

BETH O'BRIEN

FREE LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MANGO LANGUAGES – learn a language at your own pace

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FRIENDS BOOK CLUBS

Naples Couples Book Club
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Palomino Village Book Club

Paradise Readers

Park Place West

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Read and Rap

Riviera Readers

Royal Palm Book Club

Runaway Book Club

Sands Club of Naples "Book Ends"

Sand Dollars

Sea Stars

Sea Stars of Naples

Shells Book Club

Sidetracked

Stonebridge Book Club

Summer Book Club

That Dam Book Club

The Shores

Tiburon Book Club

Trieste

Vanderbilt Beach Library

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church Book Club

Verona Walk Daytime Book Club

Village Walk Book Club

Vineyards (1)

Vineyards (2)

Vineyards Afternoon Book Club

Vineyards Evening Book Club

Vineyards Night Time Book Club

Vineyards PM Book Club

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Windstar Book Review

Windstar on Naples Bay Book Review

Wyndemere Book Club

LIBRARY ELECTRONIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Do you wonder if you are using your electronic device properly? Are you concerned you aren't taking advantage of every option it offers? Would you like help understanding how to access information on your computer or Laptop, your Kindle, iPad, or iPhone? FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY would like to help!

Available at seven of the ten Collier County Libraries, funded by FRIENDS, with the approval of The Board of County Commissioners, LEAP (Library Electronic Assistance Program) was formed two years ago. Local students were hired and continue to be available to help Library Card holders with their electronic devices.

Librarians at Golden Gate, Headquarters, Immokalee, Marco Island, Naples Regional, South Regional, and Vanderbilt Beach Branches have trained students to assist Library members. Tasks such as downloading books or magazines, using data bases and e-mailing, familiar to a generation for whom electronic devices are second nature, are capably explained to patrons.

Recent reports from Library branches substantiate the success of the program. At Naples Regional, Manager, Marilyn McKay reports patrons said student, Diana, allowed them to "finally really understand" how to use their electronic devices. April Ristau, Vanderbilt Beach Library Manager, felt student, Klaudia, was indispensable, performing tasks allowing patrons to develop confidence in technology.

At Golden Gate Library, Manager David Chalick, said Jesse, a patient and technologically able student, liked solving the challenges of solving problems. Jamie Reilly, Marco Island Branch Manager noted it was beneficial to teach patrons about devices using a one-on-one approach.

FRIENDS is monitoring the progress of this innovative program. They will continue to fund and, hopefully, increase the program at branch locations. FRIENDS is particularly gratified students are excited at the enthusiasm of participants. An additional benefit to the younger members of our community is having exposed them to the rewards and satisfaction of helping others.

Call one of the branches listed above to make an appointment.....you will come away pleased and certainly more informed.

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BAGELS & BOOK CLUBS BREAKFAST

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY has scheduled Amy Hill Hearth, author of MISS DREAMSVILLE AND THE COLLIER COUNTY WOMEN'S LITERARY SOCIETY, to discuss her latest book at a B & B C Breakfast on Wednesday, February 10, 2016.

At a FOL Breakfast in 2013, after speaking about her book, Ms. Hearth was asked if she had plans to write a sequel. She paused briefly and then asked if the audience would be interested in a novel which continued the story. When the audience erupted with applause, she had her response!

The result, MISS DREAMSVILLE AND THE LOST HEIRESS OF COLLIER COUNTY, was published on September 8 of this year. The familiar characters from the first book are again part of an engrossing narrative, set in 1964 in Naples.

Ms. Hearth, known for Historical Fiction, is the bestselling New York Times author of HAVING OUR SAY: THE DELANY SISTERS' FIRST 100 YEARS; performed as a play on Broadway and later made into a film. She became a close friend of Sarah Louise and Annie Elizabeth Delany and wrote about them in later novels.

Tickets: \$70.00 for FOL members and \$95.00 for non-members. **(239) 261-8135**

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