From the President's Desk

Friends of the West Bloomfield Township Public Library 2019 Annual Meeting and Luncheon.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us at the Friends of the West Bloomfield Township Public Library Annual Meeting and Luncheon. This year’s event will be on Thursday, May 9, at 11:30 a.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room. We will have a short business meeting and election of officers for 2019-2020. We will announce the Friends Volunteer of the Year. Then we will enjoy a delicious lunch and some social time. It is important for you to RSVP by May 3 to Robin Kaufman, 248-851-0463, or email her at rck.bird@yahoo.com. Enclosed is a form to nominate our Friends Volunteer of the Year. The Volunteer of the Year is someone who has made a particular difference this year to the Friends organization.

Please use the same form if you wish to nominate someone for a Friends officer position: President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary. There are plenty of volunteer Board opportunities in addition to the four officers. For your convenience, we offer two options for returning your completed nomination form. You may drop it off at the Friendshop, or mail it using the addressed mailer inside this newsletter. Also for your convenience, if you need to renew your Friends membership, the Annual Meeting is an excellent time to do so. Please take this opportunity to solicit new Friends from your neighbors and acquaintances. Then, bring them with you to the luncheon so they can enjoy the warm fellowship and Friendship this organization gives us. You will strengthen this community by strengthening our library! Just let us know you have found a new Friend so we can reserve a spot for them at the luncheon.

We have had a significant change to a very important position on the Friends Board. Kari Eickemeyer has resigned from her position as Treasurer, or “Treasurer for Life” as past president Steve Swarin named her. Kari served as Friends Treasurer for almost 20 years! She continues her volunteer work on behalf of our beloved library by serving as an elected member of the West Bloomfield Township Public Library Board. In 2004, she was honored as the Friends Volunteer of the Year. Unfortunately, she is not able to attend our luncheon, but I would like to recognize her efforts on the Friends behalf in this public place. We wish her continued success in all her endeavors, and we will certainly miss her!

Luckily, we have an excellent new Treasurer elected by the Friends Board – Rhonda Orr. Rhonda has recently retired from a long career in finance with GM and is ready to volunteer with us. Rhonda has been a member of the Friends for many years. She remembers bringing her now grown up children to the library when they were toddlers. We are so very fortunate to have this well-qualified and lovely person working on our behalf. She is also volunteering in the Friendshop, so perhaps you can say ‘Hello!” to her there.

Please read on inside the newsletter to find the many upcoming events that the Friends sponsor for library patrons: The Used Book Sale, Music@Main, What’s Cooking, and BOOKTalk.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Annual Meeting and Luncheon!

In Friendship,  
Trudi Hill, President
Upcoming Events

Spring 2019 Used Book Sale

West Bloomfield Main Library
Meeting Room

May 31, June 1 – 2, 2019

Friday May 31:  7:00 - 9:00 PM
FRIENDS MEMBERS ONLY! 50% All marked prices
(You may join at the door)

Saturday June 1
9 AM - 5 PM
(General Public; Prices as marked)

Sunday June 2
Noon - 5 PM
Bag Day! $5 per bag
Sunday is cleanout day. Be first in line for the best picks!

Music @ Main

Programs sponsored by the Friends of the West Bloomfield Township Public Library.
All programs take place in the Main Library Meeting Room

Spring 2019
TWO SHOWS! Sundays 3 – 4 pm and 4:30 – 5:30 pm
Doors open at 2:30

May 5, 2019  Tio Chorinho
The first Canadian Brazilian soul music (Choro) ensemble, playing mandolin, percussion, guitar and the Brazilian cavaquinho.

June 9, 2019  Ramona Collins and Friends
A jazz/blues vocalist with a 30+ year career, Ramona is a premier entertainer with a fun, sassy, swingin’ style. An audience favorite!

Summer 2019
Sundays 3 – 4:15 pm; Doors open at 2:30

July 21, 2019  Skye Island Band
Motown, jazz, and blues with spicy Latin flavors and a dash of R&B on keyboard, sax, percussion, guitar and more.

August 4, 2019  Matt Watroba
The Voice of Michigan folk music, Matt has been a radio host on WDET, Folk Alley, and now WKAR in Lansing. Matt is a wonderful singer/songwriter in his own right and loves to get the audience to join him in song.
**Size and Distance in the Universe**

Have you ever looked up at the night sky and wondered how long it would take you to get to the moon? Join Ken Bertin, a NASA Solar System ambassador and lifelong astronomy student, on the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. He will discuss the challenges of space travel to the moon and beyond, and explain how the staggering size and distance of the universe presents unique difficulties for those seeking to leave Earth.

**Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 7 PM in the Main Library Meeting Room**

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**The Library is a Place for Seniors**

Enjoy comfortable spaces to read and relax, connect with family and friends, and find services and programs for many interests.

- The Library offers opportunities for lifelong learning with resources such as online courses, computer workshops, and programs and classes.
- The Library features materials available for many interests such as books, movies, music, audiobooks, magazines and newspapers as well as digital materials.
- The Library provides tech support from our computer assistants and information experts as well as through one-on-one computer and tablet tutoring sessions.
- The Library has spaces for family time so you can hand down a love of reading and share experiences that create memories and strengthen family bonds.
- The Library presents cultural programs such as book discussions, author visits, film discussions, musical performances, and art programs.
- The Library provides mobility and low vision assistance with hand-held video magnifiers, an ADA-compliant computer workstation, and a motorized scooter.

**Seniors belong here!**
What’s Cooking?

Programs on our cooking demonstration series begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room. No reservations are needed. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and seating is limited.

Thursday, May 2, 2019
“Anna’s House”

The Friends of the West Bloomfield Township Public Library present Anna’s House. They are dedicated to providing fresh, local, quality ingredients in their dishes, while saving the world from ordinary breakfast. You will leave full, satisfied, and glad you spent your time at Anna’s House making meaningful life connections with family and friends.
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Thursday, June 6, 2019
“Sweet Dreams”

The Friends of the West Bloomfield Township Public Library present Sweet Dreams. Voted “Best Pastry Shop” by the Detroit Free Press three years in a row, they have earned their reputation by combining the finest ingredients with outstanding artistry. Samir Daher takes pride in creating one-of-a-kind cakes and desserts for all occasions.

~Johnnie Roquemore, Committee Chair
**BOOK Talk Series**

Sponsored by the Friends of the West Bloomfield Township Library.

Last BOOKTalk until Fall 2019!

**The Sympathizer**

By Viet Thanh Nguyen

Leader – Diane Henderson

Wed. May 1, 7 pm, Conference Room
Fri. May 3, 10 am, Meeting Room

**News From the Friendshop**

One of the great things about the Friendshop is its uniqueness; starting with its location within our nationally recognized library to the wonderful assortment of items available for purchase. Staffed by friendly volunteers who greet you warmly regardless of whether you are purchasing or just browsing. We are convenience that “”browsers”” will transition to buyers as they witness the imaginative mix of merchandise. What can you expect as a patron of the Friendshop?

- Unique service (no pressure)/products
- Gently used books for adults and children
- Localized assortments – think Michigan Made
- Convenience
- A fun experience

Remember that all monies earned from the sales at the Friendshop go to support our library. We invite you to visit the Friendshop. You will be glad you did.

~Ann Finn

**Like Us on Facebook!**

Did you know the Friends has a Facebook page? Like us at Friends of the West Bloomfield Township Public Library!
**Spotlight on Our Volunteers: Sharon Roeseler: Enriched by Positive Attitudes**

Often, when I do interviews, I get to meet people who project extra energy and enthusiasm. These are qualities that I especially found in Sharon Roeseler when I talked with her early this winter.

She had come from a family of eight siblings, so as she grew up she was surrounded by many rich relationships and energetic interactions. As the family enlarged, it moved from Detroit then to Royal Oak and lastly to Southfield where Sharon graduated from Mumford High School in 1961…and at which she felt she had had “a wonderful experience”.

After she met and married her husband Doug, they found travelling to be a great joy and pleasure.

Over the years, they visited ten countries: China, Vietnam, Burma, Cambodia, Italy, France, England, Scotland, Ireland and Cuba.

Next on the agenda is possibly a safari in Africa or a trip to Australia.

When she retired from teaching and moved to West Bloomfield, her love of books took her straight to our libraries. She soon began volunteering as a page at the West Acres Branch. Eventually she transferred to “The Friendshop” at the main library where she felt she could better apply her training and skills. She finds it particularly interesting to train new store workers, and she always looks forward to working with Doug at the Library’s Book Sales.

Although she appreciates being very busy, she treasures her quiet times at home. However, eating out is one of her “away from home” pluses!

During the early winter, from November to April, she and Doug travel down to Florida, but they eagerly return to their West Bloomfield home as spring begins.

As we ended the interview, she turned to me and added, “I really, really like what I do. No matter how I feel, where I am or what I do: I am happy.”

Just being with her that short time convinced me of that.

~Janet Halper
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