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FRIENDS OF ELSIE QUIRK LIBRARY • ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

President, John Dubowik, welcomed guests and board members to the Friends Annual Board Meeting on May 26. He began by thanking Ron Cutsinger, our Past President, and wishing him well as he assumes his new role as a member of the Sarasota County Library Advisory Board. John also noted that Ron will remain an advocate for Elsie Quirk Library as a member on the Sarasota County Planning Commission.

John went on to pay tribute to Hal Roberts, an active board member who passed away on December 11. An additional plaque in Hal's memory was recently installed in the Golden Garden gazebo that Hal had donated in memory of his wife, Dr. Sylvia Roberts. A Time Capsule, designated to be opened in 50 years, was also installed in the garden, along with a number of engraved bricks costing $75 each. John reminded the group that order forms for purchasing bricks honoring or memorializing a loved may be found in the Friends' Bookstore.

Membership Committee Chairman, Becky Dubowik, reported a total of 92 new and renewed members and 3 lifetime members. Annual dues totaled $2,275 in revenue. She's assisted by team members Kris Toothaker and Beth Sarles.

John Dubowik, President, and Becky Dubowik,Secretary/Membership Committee Chairman

A detailed Garden Committee report by Becky Dubowik listed team members: herself, Jim Pollard, Vivian Cohen, Kris Toothaker, Paul Johnson, Muffy McDowell, Pat Burkey, and Tom Swepston. They meet the first Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. for cleaning, mulching, planting, and naming Florida plants. In December the Friends hired Diaz Lawn Maintenance at a cost of $100 a month for trimming and weed control.

Chris Kourapis, newsletter editor, announced that four, full color eight page newsletters were published for the year. Newsletters are mailed electronically to those with email addresses and can be read on the Friends' website. Hard copies may be picked up at the library, the bookstore, and the Englewood Chamber of Commerce. Newsletters are also distributed to people attending Elsie Quirk Library programs. Photos, notices, and e-blasts are also sent to various news outlets and the Friends' website.

Barbara Seed, Project Manager, gave an overview of the making of the Garden Brochure. She distributed brochures to 25 organizations as a way to promote the Golden Reading Garden and EQ Library.

Library Alliance Representative, Tom Swepston, explained that Alliance members from each of the nine Sarasota libraries meet monthly at various locations to discuss particular subjects. Alliance meeting dates will be announced in the fall. Tom commented on possible new joint ventures with other libraries and local schools. It was noted that it's important for the Friends and library staffs to support each other, and a Comprehensive Plan meeting was set for June 9 in Sarasota.

President Dubowik listed a number of objectives for 2016-17: to grow Friends membership by 20 %, to increase brick sales by 100 %, to create a committee to activate our Reading Garden as a fund raiser, to focus on grant initiatives, and to add more board members.

Tom Swepston and Angie Zerad

President John Dubowik, Elsie Quirk Manager, Heidi Holmes, Bookstore Manager Camille Thinnes, and Teen Board Representative, Angali Sharma

Guests (l-r) Loretta Martin, Susie Summerlin, and Judy Kauk attended the meeting. Other guests included Vivian Cohen, Paul Hyatt, Helen Wikoff, and Angie Zerad.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

JOHN DUBOWIK

ELSIE QUIRK LIBRARY , , . SUMMERTIME AT THE LIBRARY IS A GREAT PLACE TO BE!

The community has slowed down for the summer – but not at your local Elsie Quirk Library! Come to the library to relax, learn, read and stay cool! Enjoy the programs for youth and adults and don't forget the free movie on Monday nights or enjoy the summer breeze in the reading garden!

Friends of the library ended the fiscal year (FY) April 30, 2016. While bookstore sales were up 10%, our membership was down over 30% in revenue. We are starting off our new FY with membership up and it is our objective to increase annual Friends membership by at least 20%. We appreciate all those who have renewed or become a Friend since May 2016. It is with your support we can continue the free programs and support of Elsie Quirk Library! Your tax dollars don't pay for these activities – it is the Friends who make up the difference!

Our Friends Board will have some changes this new FY. As previously mentioned, Ron Cutsinger and Ruth Jameson stepped down and also Barbara Seed will join as past board member. We thank them for their service and dedication to Elsie Quirk Library. Please note in this issue the two new board members joining us – we are happy to announce the addition of Larry Reister and Susie Summerlin. Larry and Susie are residents in our community who care about our library and enhancing the assets for you.

Please remember to visit our great Golden Reading Garden located directly north of the entrance of the library. Take a look at the engraved pavers in the walkway. If you would like a special permanent brick in your name for a loved one, please obtain a form at the library. For just $75, a memorial brick paver makes a great gift and lasting treasure.

Wishing you all a Great Summer! Thank you for your continued support!

MANAGER'S REPORT

HEIDI HOLMES
LIBRARY MANAGER

The Summer Reading Program continues to keep staff and patrons very busy. We have conducted a program like this for children and teens for many years but some local residents do not realize that this is the third year that we've extended the program to adults as well. Registration for the program can be completed at the Reference Desk or online and there are weekly prizes, monthly prizes and even a few grand prizes which include a Kindle and a bicycle.

We are also holding a monthly Adult Summer Book Club. The book for July will be, "The Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins and will meet on July 21 at 10:30 am. Due to the overwhelming generosity of the Friends, we are able to provide a tremendous amount of dynamic children's programs including several that coincide with this year's theme of fitness and healthy living. In addition, we are able to provide a daily nutritious meal to youth ages 18 and under in partnership with Sarasota County Schools and the Summer BreakSpot.

Have you noticed that the library continues to evolve into a world class learning center? The Sarasota County Library System is committed to partnering with area agencies to offer Artists in the Libraries. This cultural experience offers visitors a chance to participate in a free studio art session with a trained teaching artist. Each workshop is a hands-on, interactive art exploration in a unique discipline. Specific age appropriate sessions are being offered at area county libraries for children, teens and adults. Artists will provide training in numerous art forms including Kagura Japanese Dance, optical illusions, jewelry design, oriental brush painting, watercolor painting, percussion instruments, Balinese dance and Origami. To find the full schedule of events and to register, visit **www.scgov.net/library** or call the Sarasota County Contact Center at **941-861-5000**.

The ultimate goal of the library will always be literacy and providing educational experiences and resources to all. With that goal in mind, we continue to move forward alongside the advances of technology and increase our electronic access to materials. As of June 1, the Sarasota County Library System obtained a new platform for eBooks called, *3M Cloud* Library. We will continue to provide eBooks and eAudiobooks through *Overdrive* as we migrate to this new system. Please stop into Elsie Quirk and allow us the opportunity to show you our brand new 3M kiosk. It is incredibly user friendly and offers a simple solution to access electronic books. Please never forget that our number one goal is to provide you with a wonderful library experience!

BOOK DISCUSSION SCHEDULE • FALL 2016/SPRING 2017

The Great Books Discussion Group

The Great Books Discussion Group meets every **First Thursday** of each month at 10:15 a.m. in the Small Meeting Room on the second floor of the library. For fall, we will be reading selections from the Great Books Foundation's *Great Conversations 2* and then go on to *Great Conversations 4.* Copies are available at the Reference Desk. You may also buy an inexpensive copy through Amazon or e-bay. Contact Discussion Facilitator, **George Mahoney**: **941-474-7685 e-mail: mahoney74@verizon.net**

November 3	*Distributive Justice*	John Rawls	GC 2
December 1	*What WeTalk About When We Talk About Love*	Raymond Carver	GC 2
January 5	*Meno*	Plato	GC 4
February 2	*The Life of Nicias*	Plutarch	GC 4
March 2	*To Perpetual Peace*	Immanuel Kant	GC 4
April 6	*The Chilean Earthquake*		GC 4

The Short Story Group

The Short Story Group meets on the **Second Thursday** of each month at 10:15 a.m. in the Upstairs Small Meeting Room. The best American Short Stories (Expanded edition, 1999) edited by John Updike, is our text. A copy is available at the Reference Desk or you can purchase a book at any bookstore or online. We welcome new members. For more information, contact **George Mahoney: 941-474-7685; e-mail: mahoney74@verizon.net**

November 10	*Where Are You Going*	J.C. Oates	p. 450
	City of Churches	D. Barthelme	p. 503
December 8	*Gold Coast*	J. McPherson	p. 477
	The Shawl	C. Orzick	p. 576
January 12	*In the Gloaming*	A. Dark	p. 688
	Janus	A. Beattie	p. 595
February 9	*Defender of the Faith*	P. Roth	p. 384
	Wild Plums	G. Coates	p. 100
March 9	*That Evening Sun*	W. Faulkner	p. 111
	The Second Tree	E.B. White	p. 281
April 13	*Death of a Favorite*	J.F. Powers	p. 295
	Zelig	B. Rosenblatt	p. 1

The Reading Discussion Group

The Reading Discussion Group meets every **Third Thursday** of the month at 10:15 a.m. in the upstairs meeting room with Pat Burkey and Erin Krasnove, co-facilitators, will not be offering films this year. Books may be checked out at the Circulation Desk or participants may purchase a copy. Contact **Pat Burkey** at **941-460-0022**, **Erin Krasnove** at **erinkrasnove@live.com**.

November 17	*The Rosie Project*	Graeme Simsion
December 15	*Cutting for Stone*	Abraham Verghese
January 19	*Elle Minnow Pea*	Mark Dunn
February 16	*The Immortal life of Henrietta Lacks*	Rebecca Skloot
March 16	*Bel Canto*	Ann Patchett
April 21	*TBA*	

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If you would like to share your news with us, call **Chris** at **941 475-6592.**

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NEW BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBERS

Lawrence "Larry" Reister, new Friends Board member.

Larry is a former financial planning executive from Lansing, Michigan. After working as an advanced underwriting assistant at John Hancock Life in Boston and as a general agent for John Hancock Life in Indiana he opened his own business Malaysian Assurance Alliance Bhd, Kuala Lumpur from 1990-94. He Co-authored "Profits and People" in 1992 and has contributed articles to professional journals. He's a past president of the Cancer Society of Jamestown and is a Million Dollar Round Table Life Member. He's also a past president of Rotary and retired from the South Venice Rotary. For three years Larry was a member of the Englewood CRA and a board member of the Manasota Key Homeowners Association. He's listed in the 1997 edition of "Who's Who in the World".

Susie Summerlin, new Friends Board Member

New Friends of Elsie Quirk Library Board member, Susie Summerlin, has been an active member or served on library boards in Herber Springs, Arkansas and St. Charles, Missouri (located outside St. Louis), before relocating to Englewood where she resides in Foxwood. She has organized a number of fund drives for various organizations and served on many boards over the years and is currently serving as the Secretary of the Southwest Sarasota County Homeowners Alliance.

New Reference Librarian, Alyssa Lopez, is excited to join the team at Elsie Quirk. She recently worked for the Lee County Library System as a Library Assistant and has also worked at the Mid County Library in Charlotte County. Alyssa, originally from upstate New York, was raised in Florida. She currently lives in Port Charlotte with her husband, Max, and cat, Watson.

Several times during the year Geraldine Scott shares some of the many rare and unusual items she has collected over the years by showcasing them at Elsie Quirk Library. She has collected childhood toys for over 40 years, an "Occupy Japan" collection of Japanese porcelain for over 30 years, and a doll house collection of over 56 doll houses, for the past several years years. On Mothers Day Geraldine assembled an appropriate display of Mother's Day books, cards, figurines, and other related items.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT NEWS

On June 3, Paul Stonebridge (far right) presented "Henna Art for Teens" to: Juliana McIntyre, Rowyn Shortuse, Journey Roeder and Sean Roeder in the Elsie Quirk Library upstairs meeting room. Participants learned how to draw artistic designs on their skin with henna. The program was sponsored by the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library.

HANNAH GURLAND FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Two or three times a month since she was in the eighth grade, recent Lemon Bay High School graduate, Hanna Gurland, has volunteered in the Youth Department at Elsie Quirk Library. At the 2015 Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Golden Garden Grand Opening, she entertained children as a friendly lady bug. Hannah, who plans to attend Stetson University in the fall, was awarded a $1,000 scholarship from the Friends for her outstanding work with children at Elsie Quirk Library.

SARASOTA COUNTY SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

"On Your Mark, Get Set . . . READ!"

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends, a variety of programs have been designed to stimulate imaginations, encourage creativity and to support continued learning. Reading incentives for Children include a prize for every 10 activities completed. After completing all the scheduled activities, a child may choose a book and will become eligible for the grand prize drawing.

Teens who register, read, and record the minutes they read may win a mystery prize bag each week. Those who complete all 30 minute activities will be entered to win a Kindle Fire. All winners will be contacted to collect their prizes during the week of August 8th. Teens can register online at **http://bit.ly/2016-Teen-Summer-Reading.**

ANJALI SHARMA HUMANITARIAN AWARD WINNER

Anjali Sharma, the Friends' Teen Representative, was recently awarded a prestigious humanitarian award at the Florida Holocaust Museum in downtown St. Petersburg. One eleventh-grader from area schools is recognized each year, and Anjali, a junior at Pine View School, received a glass plaque engraved with her name and school as well as a certificate of recognition for her humanitarian efforts. She was also awarded a family membership to the Florida Holocaust Museum for one year, and a key stone engraved with a quote from Anne Frank.

ELSIE QUIRK LIBRARY ON THE AIR!

Assistant Library Manager Michele Strickland promotes upcoming Elsie Quirk Library activities every Thursday morning on **News/Talk 1530 WENG AM or 107.5 FM Radio** with host Ken Birdsong. She invites the Friends to listen to the "Suncoast This Morning" program at 8:10 AM when she shares weekly happenings at Elsie Quirk.

LISTEN & LEARN SPANISH-FUN FOR ALL AGES

Enjoy stories, songs, finger plays, and more presented by library volunteers at **10:30 a.m.** every **4th Saturday** of the month. **September 26, October 24, January 23, February 27, March 26, April 23, May 28.**

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

Scarlett Carroll, who loves "Grumpy Cat" and "Pokey" Comics and Aaron Lattin, who collects science-related comics, visited Elsie Quirk Library during National Free Comic Book Day. Every year Free Comic Book Day is sponsored by the Friends of Elsie Quirk Library who believe that comic books and graphic novels can be a gateway leading to a life-long love of reading.

FRIENDS GOLDEN READING GARDEN

While visiting Elsie Quirk Library during the summer, don't forget to visit the Friends' Golden Reading Garden. The paved walkway is surrounded by a number of beautiful Florida plants and a Cassia tree that produces brightly colored golden flowers that former board member Barbara Seed's brochure (find one at the front desk) describes in detail. Plantings include: firebush evergreen plants, variegated ginger, wild coffee, porter weed, muhly grass, calamint, and bromeliads.

Master Gardener, Jim Pollard, and committee members Muffy McDowell, Vivian Cohen, Kris Toothaker Paul Johnson, Becky Dubowik, and Pat Burkey meet every first Tuesday of the month to work on garden projects. Members who enjoy gardening are invited to join them by contacting Jim Pollard at 941-473-1360.

To order an engraved brick honoring a loved one, members may stop pick up a form at the Friends Bookstore. Bricks cost $75 each and provide a permanent marker in our reading garden.

SUMMER BOOKSTORE NEWS

Janie Byrnes

New Friends' Bookstore Volunteer, Janie Byrnes, hails from Wells, Maine and St. Augustine, Florida. Janie, a retired nurse who has had years of experience as a bookstore volunteer, loves books. She'll be volunteering every Tuesday morning from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Donations of books, magazines, music CD's, movie DVD's will be accepted mornings from **10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday-Saturday**. Call the bookstore at **941-861-1216** for additional information or to arrange for heavy delivery. Money from bookstore sales is used to sponsor programs and purchase equipment for our library that is not funded by Sarasota County.

To become an Elsie Quirk Friends Bookstore Volunteer, please contact **Camille Thinnes** at **941 861-1216**. Applications are available at **friendsofelsiequirk.org.**

Summer Bargains at the Friends Bookstore

This July and August, the Friends of the Library bookstore, located at the Elsie Quirk Library entrance, is offering dozens of gently read used books for sale. Every single hard and soft cover book in the store will be marked down to half the listed price including: art books, travel guides, gardening books, recipe books, "how to" manuals, novels biographies, foreign and English language dictionaries, and illustrated children's books. All make wonderful birthday or holiday gifts. Low priced jigsaw puzzles, magazines, CDs and DVDs also are available for sale. Proceeds allow the Friends to provide enhancements for youth and adult programs and to pay for library equipment or materials not funded by the Sarasota County Library System.

FREEDOM TO WRITE
Jean Airey

A few years ago, I reconnected with my BFF from high school and found she was involved in a writers' group in San Miguel, Mexico that was a part of a larger, international organization called *PEN International*. I knew that the purpose of the group was to promote freedom in writing, obviously something I agreed with, but didn't realize just how lucky we are to live here, in America, and how lacking this freedom is in other countries. Some of the Letters to the Editor I've seen in the local papers would get the person arrested in another country. Our freedom to write is indeed precious, and I don't take it for granted anymore.

WORDS
Jean Airey

Our words are our thoughts
Coming to you across time and space
Telling you of love and hate
Of fear and courage
Of a woman's life and dreams.
You cannot stop our thoughts.
You will not stop our words.
Silence is not an option.
We will speak through our words.
And someday you will listen.

JEAN AIREY

IN MEMORIUM

Jean Airey was always creating, from *Dr. Who – The Doctor and the Enterprise*, to home and garden columns for *The Englewood Review* and historical pieces in her *Englewood Fireside Tales*. Her Billery/Hillery Dean mystery plays, presented in the historic Green Street Church as part of the *Lemon Bay History Fest* for many years, were very popular. Linda Lou Lewis collaborated with Jean by writing music for several of those plays. Suncoast Writers Guild member, Gaile Harpan described Jean as "a force." That's certainly true and it is taking several people in various organizations to continue doing the jobs that Jean did so well. She is remembered and missed by many.

Cheryl Baker

SunCoast Writers Guild

The Suncoast Writers Guild meets every **first Saturday** of the month in the Upstairs Meeting Room at Elsie Quirk Library. A Sub Group "Poetry Pod", meets every **second Friday**, and on the **third Saturday** of every month, a workshop brings together persons interested in the art of writing. Fellow writers exchange ideas and provide a support system. Three additional sub groups are: The Long Writers Group, The Little Band of Writers who perform musical shows, and The Suncoast Players who write and perform original theatrical works.

The Guild is a member of the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library. For Information, call **941-918-9737** or visit their website **www.suncoastwriters.com**

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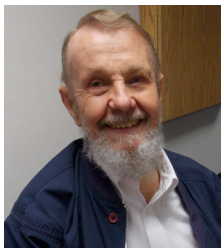
GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP



Tom Swepston

In February, Great Decisions Moderator, John Regan, spoke about The United Nations Post-2015 Development Agenda and Leadership. The Elsie Quirk Library Great Decisions Discussion Group, the largest in Florida, meets from January-April from 10:15 a.m.- noon. 2017 topics will be listed in the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Fall Newsletter. Great Decisions Organizer, **Tom Swepston**, welcomes new members and volunteer moderators. Contact him at **941-474-2214** or **sukiandtom@comcast.net**.

COMING ATTRACTIONS FOR 2017

BAILA MILLER PROGRAMS

January 19

1800's European Nationalism: Folk Music, Russian, Gypsy, Klezmer, and Music influences in Modern Jazz

February 16

The Personal Novel: Jane Austen and the Bronte Sisters

March 23

Fashion Photography

April 20

The Pre-Raphaelites, Victorian Painters

PROGRAMS BY JOHN J. REGAN

January 17, 24, 31 • February 14, 21, 28 • All on Tuesdays 10-12 noon

The Treaty of Versailles

The Treaty that changed the world in the 20th and 21st Centuries. John Regan, moderator, with the use of presentations and video materials, will trace the failure of the treaty to WWII, the Cold War, and today's problems in the Middle East. Discussions will follow each presentation.

JOIN THE FRIENDS TODAY!

HELP SUPPORT OUR ELSIE QUIRK LIBRARY

Become a member of the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library in 2016! Join, and support the efforts of the Friends to provide books, technical equipment, furnishings and community programs for all ages. Our annual Volunteer Luncheon is given to show appreciation for all our wonderful Library Volunteers and Library staff. Our membership form is on page seven. Mail it or leave it at the Friend's Book Store along with your check. THANK YOU!

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