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LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS HONORED AT ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Judy Finnegan, Marsha and Jim Pollard and Pat Burkey

Paul Hyatt, Stacy Heider, and former Star Award winner, Rose Dybalski

On March 28 President John Dubowik and members of the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Board welcomed over fifty library volunteers and guests at La Stanza Ristorante. At every table setting, luncheon organizers Becky Dubowik, Camille Thinnes, and Miriam Rullan Alba had placed green and yellow candy favors inscribed with "thank-you", "volunteers", or "Elsie Quirk Library". As a tasty dessert treat they also provided a decorative thank-you cake shaped as an open book.

John Dubowik with Shannon Staub

After lunch, Library Manager, Heidi Holmes, thanked library volunteers for logging in the equivalent of $98,904 in volunteer hours. President Dubowik went on to recognize Friends Board members, and special guest speaker, Shannon Staub. During her years as a Sarasota Commissioner, Shannon Staub always supported our Friends of Elsie Quirk Library projects, and President Dubowik expressed appreciation on behalf of the Friends board. Shannon Staub went on to serve as the Founding President of the Library Foundation for Sarasota County that supports all libraries in the Sarasota County Library System. In appreciation for her years of service, a new North Port library, scheduled to open in the fall, has been named in her honor. At our luncheon

Shanon Staub explained her new role as an advocate for the Children's Literacy Campaign whose goal is to provide books for hundreds of children who do not have access to reading material. Her passion for libraries began when she, as a toddler, visited her local library. Now, in retirement, Shannon Staub wants to help children receive the same joy and power of reading that she experienced. After many months of hard work by volunteers, the committee finally succeeded in reaching their goal, she explained, as over $500,000 dollars was raised during the Children's Literacy Endowment campaign. Shannon Staub concluded by offering praise to the Elsie Quirk Library staff and volunteers for their excellent library service to the Englewood Community.

Jim McArdle with Star Award winner, Jim Pollard

After Shannon Staub's presentation, John Dubowik announced the winner of the 2017 Star award for exceptional volunteer service to Jim Pollard. Every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. throughout the year Master Gardener, Jim Pollard, works on Golden Garden projects. In addition to receiving a framed photo that will be placed in the Friend's Bookstore alongside those of previous Star Award winners, he received a personalized desktop plaque. A second surprise award followed when Jim McArdle came forward to announce that he was donating a patio table for the Elsie Quirk Golden Garden in honor of his friend, Jim Pollard.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

JOHN DUBOWIK

THANK YOU to our Patrons, Volunteers and Staff!

The Board of the Friends of Elsie Quirk want to thank all those who visited our library this season, became a Friend of the library and to all who make this wonderful library an enjoyable, educational and fun experience!

I like to say that if you are bored in Englewood - you certainly have NOT found the Elsie Quirk Library! What a season we have had of free educational programs, musical entertainment and fun activities for all ages. We want to especially thank Pat Burkey who volunteers her time to arrange so many of these programs!

In this newsletter you will read about our successful Friends fundraiser at the Lemon Bay Playhouse. We want to thank those who supported this event by selling out the house and especially the Lemon Bay Playhouse actors and team who are willing to give back 100% to the community.

We also want to thank Heidi Holmes, Library Manager for her tenure here at Elsie Quirk. She will be leaving us at the end of April as her husband pursues new business opportunities in North Carolina. You will be missed and we wish you all the best!

If you are leaving us for the Summer, be sure to stay in touch by visiting our website (www.friendsofelsiequirk.org) or Facebook page (Friends of Elsie Quirk). If you are not leaving town, there will be many activities at the library for you to enjoy.

Wishing all an enjoyable Summer!

JOIN THE FRIENDS TODAY!

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MANAGER'S REPORT

HEIDI HOLMES
LIBRARY MANAGER

April is National Volunteer Month and was first established in 1974 to honor all those wonderful individuals who donate their time each year to make their community a better place. Aristotle said that serving others and doing good is the essence of life and the volunteers at Elsie Quirk Library have certainly mastered that essence. This past year, volunteers contributed over 4,198 hours to helping our library. The Points of Light organization, values these hours at $98,904! We can attempt to place an amount on this fantastic donation of time but the true value of volunteers is priceless. Each year the Corporation for National and Community Service, compiles the annual "Volunteering and Civic Life in America" report. Their research shows that 25% of Americans participated in formal volunteering through an organization and that two-thirds engaged in informal volunteering such as helping a neighbor. The most recent report from November 15 shares truly remarkable data. This year's report found that 62.6 million adults volunteered with an organization last year.

Older Americans, including Baby Boomers and members of the Silent Generation, tend to volunteer more hours than any other age group. In 2015, the age groups with the highest median hours among volunteers were ages 65 to 74 with 88 hours of service a year and those 75 and older with 100 hours for the year. Volunteering is a selfless act but I must mention my favorite thing about the way providing service to others works. While most volunteers are inspired to begin their efforts so they can make a difference in someone else's life, the largest impact is really made in the life of the volunteer themselves. Study after study continues to show that helping others creates happiness and better health. Researchers at the London School of Economics examined the relationship between volunteering and levels of happiness in a large group of American adults and they found that the more people volunteered, the happier they were. One other study published in Harvard Health stated that adults over age 50 who volunteered on a regular basis were less likely to develop high blood pressure than non-volunteers. It was also noted in a Carnegie study that there was a direct correlation with individuals who volunteered experiencing lower rates of depression and higher rates of life satisfaction.

Overall, volunteers are more likely to talk to neighbors, attend community meetings, participate in civic organizations, do favors for neighbors, and fix things in their neighborhood. Audrey Hepburn said that as we get older, we will learn that the purpose of our hands is to first help ourselves with one hand and that the second hand is to help others. I would dare to challenge Ms. Hepburn and say that volunteers contribute not only both hands to others but also their time, resources, and heart to make our world a better place.

BOOK DISCUSSION SCHEDULE • FALL 2017-SPRING 2018

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 6	*The Story of Samson*	Judges 13-16	GC 2
December 7	*Where I Lived (from Walden)*	H.D. Thoreau	GC 4
January 4 • 2018	*Culture and Anarchy*	Matthew Arnold	GC 4
February 1 • 2018	*Pragmatism*	William James	GC 4
March 1 • 2018	*Major Barbara*	George Bernard Shaw	GC 4
April 5 • 2018	*The Darling*	Anton Chekhov	GC 4

The Short Story Group

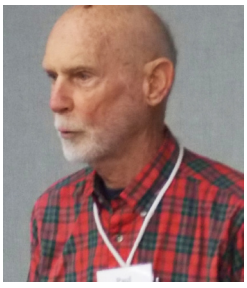
The Short Story Group meets on the **Second Thursday** of each month at 10:15 a.m. in the Upstairs Small Meeting Room. ***The Best American Short Stories of the Century*** (expanded edition, 1999) edited by John Updike, is our text. A copy is available at the Reference Desk or you can purchase a book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

November 9	*The Country Husband*	John Cheever	p. 325
December 14	*The Christmas Gift*	R.P. Warren	p. 169
	Blood-Burning Moon	Jean Toomer	p. 60
January 11	*The Silver Dish*	Saul Bellow	p. 539
February 8	*Greenleaf*	Flannery O'Connor	p. 348
March 8	*The Resemblance Between*	T. Williams	p. 312
	The Key	Isaac B. Singer	p. 493
April 12	*Bright Morning Star*	Richard White	p. 179

GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP

Tom Swepston

The Friends of Elsie Quirk Library sponsor the Great Decisions Discussion Group, the largest in Florida, from 10 a.m. to noon on most Monday mornings from January through April. Organized by the Foreign Policy Association, Great Decisions is the nation's oldest organization devoted to citizen education on world affairs. The programs are offered free and are open to the public. 2017 moderators were Tom Swepston, Frank Vorlicek John Regan, Tom Pritchard, and Paul Hyatt. For information about "Great Decisions" or to become a moderator in 2018 contact Tom Swepston at 941-474-2214.



Paul Hyatt led a Great Decisions discussion entitled "Nuclear Security" At Elsie Quirk Library on March 13 in the upstairs meeting room.

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MORE VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

Former board member/long-time bookstore volunteer, Miriam Rullan Alba, and bookstore volunteer,Gloria Gaylor

Garden Volunteers Vivian Cohen, Paul Johnson, and Kris Toothaker

Spanish teacher, Dan Duffy, who has volunteered for several years, met with Elaine Monroe, a new library volunteer

Shannon Staub explained how community support and publicity contributed to the success of the Children's Literacy Campaign.

GOLDEN GARDEN NEWS

Golden Garden Committee (L-R) Kris Toothaker, Mary Jean Greene, Muffy McDowell, Vivian Cohen, Jim Pollard, Becky Dubowik (absent-Paul Johnson)

The Golden Garden Worker Bees

Garden Committee member, Mary Jean Greene, donated a statue of children reading.

Garden Committee members gathered at the installation of an engraved table that was donated in honor of Master Gardener, Jim Pollard by his friend Jim McArdle. (L-R) Paul Johnson, Kris Toothaker, Muffy McDowell, Becky Dubowik, Jim Pollard

LEMON BAY PLAYHOUSE FUNDRAISER A HUGE SUCCESS FOR THE FRIENDS OF ELSIE QUIRK LIBRARY

Playhouse staff member, Jim Sciarello and Friends Board member, Paul Hyatt welcomed guests at the Lemon Bay Playhouse production of "Tuesday's with Morrie".

Becky Dubowik sold thirty 50/50 tickets to Tanya Nidess at right and Edina Setty.

Elaine O'Reilly was the first "Customer" to purchase a 50/50 ticket from Friends Board Member, Daryl Clark.

Geraldine Scott donated a copy of the play "Tuesdays with Morrie" as a special prize. Board member, Larry Reister, was the happy recipient.

Reserved seats for the March 14 benefit performance of "Tuesdays with Morrie" at the Lemon Bay Playhouse sold out. Thanks to the efforts of the Friends Fundraising Committee, assisted by Board members, locals, and visitors who support the library, ninety- five reserved seats costing $25 each, a 50/50 raffle (where an anonymous winner turned over his winnings to the Friends) and refreshment donations brought in over $2,500, money that will help the Friends sponsor free programs for children, teens, and adults throughout the year.

Prior to the sold out performance, Friends committee members welcomed ticket holders in the Playhouse lobby where they handed out programs and a special thank-you gift for a free ice cream cone from the Lickety Split Café, located in Tiffany Square. At the last minute, the committee learned that actor, Murray Hudson, due to a bad fall, was unable to perform his role as the terminally ill professor, Morrie Schwartz. That's when the show's Director, Ric Goodwin, took over by reading the script, and his outstanding performance moved many in the audience to tears. Jim Griesmeyer, who portrayed Mitch Albom, a former student seeking lessons on how to live a better life, spoke directly to the audience in a number of equally moving scenes. When the actors spoke directly to each other Director Goodwin allowed the audience to focus on the two characters and the inspiring and poignant dialogue they were sharing with them.

The success of the Friends fundraising project would not have been possible without the generosity of The Lemon Bay Playhouse, staff, actors, director, and stage manager, who donated their facility and talents. Lemon Bay Playhouse Executive Director, Bob LaSalle, explained that the Playhouse mission is to give back to the community by offering a yearly benefit performance to a non-profit organization that provides services to the Englewood community. Thankfully, they chose The Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library this year.

In February, the Friends set up a colorful booth at the Farmers Market that advertised the Lemon Bay Playhouse fundraiser and the Love Your Library Membership Drive. Seated: Susie Summerlin Back: Mary Jean Greene and Becky Dubowik.

TEEN NEWS

Youth Librarian, Deidre Morrow

It's going to be a busy summer for teens at the Elsie Quirk Library! We are going to have a teen program every Friday at 2 p.m. from June 9 through August 4. Some of the exciting programs in our line-up: T shirt grocery bags, Light Bulb Art, Shrinky Dinks, and Yoga! Check back with the Youth department in late May to help with our children's programming! Come to the Teen Volunteer Orientation on Friday, June 9 at 2 p.m. and sign up to volunteer. As always, our Teen Advisory Board meets every 3rd Wednesday at 5:30 p.m., immediately followed by Game Night at 6:30 p.m. Yes, we have Minecraft! Both TAB and Game Night are open to all middle and high school students. The library is a great place for Teens to meet during the summer.

BOOK STORE NEWS

On Mondays and Tuesdays, special books, by John McLaughlin are available. To purchase any signed books, please make an appointment to view them.

Call the bookstore at **941-861-1216** if you are interested in volunteering. Hours can be flexible to suit your schedule. Many thanks to the following bookstore volunteers: **Miriam Alba, Fran Consolazio, Gloria Gayer, Judy Kauk, Peggy Johnson, Odie Kourapis, Vera Landi, Louise Little, Lois Overton, Linda Ricke, Beth Sarles, Helen Wikoff** and volunteer bookstore manager**, Camille Thinnes.**

Friends Teen Board Member, Anjali Sharma, donated books from the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library to students at Memorial Elementary School in Arcadia.

Bookstore Volunteer, Judy Kauk, grew up loving libraries. As a registered nurse living in Illinois, she passed on her love of libraries to her daughter. Since relocating to Englewood 22 years ago Judy, her daughter, and her five grandchildren visit Elsie Quirk Library on a weekly basis, attending "Reading to the Dogs" and other activities. Grand daughter, Rowyn Shortuse, an active member of the library teen group, also volunteers in the youth department. Judy started volunteering at the Friends Bookstore last January. She's also the Englewood Shell Club's librarian.

ELSIE QUIRK LIBRARY

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Tuesday • 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Wednesday • 10 a.m.- 8 p.m.
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FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library will hold their Annual Meeting at 3 p.m. April 27 in the upstairs meeting room. A regular board meeting will follow at 4 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!

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ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Reference Librarian, Alyssa Lopez

June 1st- August 1st the Sarasota County Library System will be celebrating the 2017 Summer Reading Program with activities for the whole family to enjoy. At the Elsie Quirk Library, there are several programs that will be offered for Adult patrons that relate to this year's theme "Build a Better World" including book discussions, green living classes, and films.

Adults are also encouraged to participate in Summer Reading by filling out an activity log and submitting book reviews for a chance to win various prizes throughout the summer. For more details, please see library staff at the reference desk.

Alyssa Lopez will be leading a Summer Book Discussion Group the third Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. starting in June:

Thursday, **June 15** at 10:30 a.m.
Where'd You Go, Bernadette by Maria Semple:

Thursday, **July 20** at 10:30 a.m.
The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin:

Thursday, **August 17** at 10:30 a.m.
A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler:

Thursday, **September 21** at 10:30 a.m.
The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown:

OTHER SUMMER PROGRAMS

Tuesday, **June 20** at 10:30 a.m.
Smoothie Making 101: Ever wonder what fruits and veggies make the best smoothies? What ingredients go together and what they will do for your overall health? Join Certified Health Coach, Shelley Kohagen for a hands-on smoothie making class. You will leave the program with several recipes and ideas to create your own favorite drink.

Tuesday, **June 27** at 10:30 a.m.
Green Living: Where do you start on the road to sustainable living? This class will introduce ideas for energy and water savings, waste reduction, and more. The program will also provide community resources to help you and your family.

Saturday, **July 1** at 2:00 p.m.
Artists in the Libraries: Mixed-Media Found Object Jewelry:
Join artist Ellen Goldberg as she teaches how to create necklaces and focal pieces from recyclable and natural materials. Spaces is limited, registration is required. Sign up at scgov.net/library and click on calendar.

Tuesday, **July 11** at 10:15 a.m.
Film—The Boys of 36: This documentary details the true story of a group of working-class boys from the University of Washington who ultimately defeated the most talented rowing teams at the 1936 Berlin Olympics.
The eight-oar crew team shocked the world and inspired a nation by defeating the elite German team rowing for Adolf Hitler.

MONDAY NIGHT MOVIES
The library will be showing a featured film every Monday at 5:00 p.m. on our big screen upstairs in the meeting room. Please ask staff for movie selections