Friends of RADL

January 2019 Newsletter

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*Next meeting: *

*Tuesday, January 8 at Fred's of Roscommon - *11:30 to order lunch, buy wine tasting tickets, visit with a Noon meeting.

*REPORTS:*

*WINE TASTING & CRAFT BEER TASTING EVENT - FEB. 17, 2019, 3 - 6 pm.*

*Chairperson Ruth Mutchler* reports all plans are moving smoothly along.

*You can help!*

- *Tickets - *tickets remain at $25 a piece. Get yours at RADL or at the membership meeting. If you don't have a chance to pick up tickets, you will be receiving some in the mail. We'd love to see you there! Or sell them to a friend or neighbor. (21 years and older.) Or perhaps purchase one or two and give them as a gift. *Yes, if you are a volunteer at the event, you need to purchase a ticket. That way we may each enjoy the delicious offerings, too!* - *Spread the word - *please announce the event at meetings you attend such as book groups, quilt groups, church gatherings, etc. Pick up flyers at the meeting or RADL to pass out or share with a neighbor. It all helps! - *Chocolate - * Now's the time to buy the boxed chocolate on sale for yourself and the event! We use about 35 boxes each year as treats around the rooms at the event, - *Baskets - *are you working on a basket for the raffle? Thank you! This is a very popular and profitable part of the event. - flat-bottomed, large baskets are needed, bring to meetings or leave at RADL, - Themes to consider: Holiday Themed, Kitchen, Michigan, Health or Spa, MSU, UoFM, Dog or Pet, Picnic, Soup, Movie, Bird Feeder, Games/Family - Fun, Sports, Gardening, Kids Books/games, Travel, Winter
Comfort or what do you like? Go together with a friend or two to make up a basket.
- Anyone have something to add to a “Northern or North Woods or Rustic” themed baskets? We have a few items looking for a few more items.
- *Let basket chairperson know what baskets you’re working on, want to turn in or what items you’d like to donate to become part of a basket - Martha Clapp at 989-821-9115 **caseysmom107@gmail.com**<caseysmom107@gmail.com>.*
- *Volunteer*- Wine pourers are especially needed. Spouses, adult kids - hey! Sign them up! Please sign-up at the membership meeting or contact Ruth Mutchler (586-214-8037 or ruthmutchler@aol.com) to help out. It’s all fun!

*RADL NEWS*

*Trustee for RADL Board Liaison Ruth Mutchler* reports

- RADL Board reappointed Trustee Ann Jordan to represent Higgins Twp on the board.
- RADL Trustee Anthony Gnesotto spotted an anomaly in RADL’s internet bill that was investigated by the Board and resulted in repayments from Spectrum; $1125.96 for the Lyon Branch bill and $833.00 for the RADL bill. Thank you to the Board for its diligence.

*RADL Director Colleen Dyke reports*

- Kelly Sipin has resigned due to outside obligations. The staff has adjusted schedules to cover hours this winter. All will proceed smoothly. Summer staff member Emma Tussey helped out over the holidays and will return in the spring.
- *Congratulations to RADL on receiving a $5,000 grant from an anonymous donor for the Summer Reading Program! Wonderful news! *The staff will be moving forward on planning and details will come as available.
- *Additional kudos to RADL* on receiving an RCCF grant from the Alexis Luck Fund. The $400 grant will be used to help the staff develop an incentive program for our youngest patrons, “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten”. The grant helps the library bolster its collection of books for the youngest. Children participating in the program will be using library resources to experience 1,000 books before they start school.

- *At the December Membership Meeting, the Friends approved the funding of $400 to match the $400 grant to facilitate the purchase of books.*

- *Thank you to the Friends* from the staff for the Fred’s gift cards. The staff had the chance to enjoy lunch together on December 21.
- *Battle of the Books* will be beginning in January at RADL. We wish the teams and coaches all the best!

- *At the December Membership Meeting, the Friends approved the funding, not to exceed $300, to purchase 8 small folding tables, used for BOB and other library activities.*

*SPRING EVENT*

*Artist Among Us Chairperson Susan Horvat *is working with area artists to stage a show at RADL the week of *April 16 - 20. *This year’s theme is Art
>From Natural Resources. Stand by for more details! Last year’s display was wonderful. Can’t wait to see what this year brings.

*USED BOOK SALE*

*Chairpersons Linda Brick & Gail Lynch* announced at the October Membership Meeting they need to pass on leadership of the spring Used Book Sale. Linda says, “I’ve done 9 sales and have very detailed notes to share. It would be a great activity to have a small committee take on – no one needs to do it alone. I can help keep the sorting process go on all winter so even if you’re here only in the warm weather seasons - you can do this!” If you are interested or have questions, please contact Linda at 248-835-3036 or bayportbrick@gmail.com.

*FOML (FRIENDS OF MICHIGAN LIBRARIES) - from Linda Brick*

- Did you know that Friends of RADL is a member of the FOML? I occasionally visit the FOML website (and you can, too!) The website and group is evolving. I recently registered us for the FOML Listserv site being developed. (yes, that’s how it’s spelled.) A Listserv is a place where groups can ask questions and receive answers from other groups who may have experienced something similar or to share information that may be helpful to other groups.
- The FOML website taps into the ALA (American Library Association) services. You might be interested in the ALA Book Club Central found under the “News/Announcements” tab. Similar to the idea of Oprah Winfrey’s Book Club, Book Club Central shares reviews, author interviews, book lists and lists of books book clubs are reading. The current Honorary Chair is actress Sarah Jessica Parker, a longtime advocate of literacy and libraries. At this site, one can check out her book selections “SJP Picks”.
- The FOML 2019 Spring Workshop & Annual Meeting is on April 4 this year, in Novi. Details will be announced soon.

*WELCOME WINTER – IT’S BINGE READING TIME!*

*Let’s face it - we are readers. Bibliophiles. Literary giants. Hardcore, book bag toting, library card carrying BOOKAHOLICS! So, tell us what you’re reading! Could be the greatest thing you ever read, could be pure candy floss, could be a re-read or a truly guilty pleasure. Tell us! Let’s get through this winter together. Email **friendsofradl@gmail.com** <friendsofradl@gmail.com>* or leave a plain brown envelope at RADL with Linda Brick’s name on it.

*THANK YOU*

- *To all who provided treats for various events in November & December*
- *To helpers who manned the desks on staff luncheon day - *Linda Brick, Susan Horvat and Ann Jordan.*
- *And to all who see something that needs to be done and just do it!*

*Friends of RADL Officers & Committee Leaders*

Caroline Larson & Gail Lynch, Landscape - Joyce Ballard *All mistakes, omissions and general boo-boos are all mine. Sorry! Linda*

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