



Bookfriends

A Message From Our President, Mary Roskom



Mary (left) with Linda Downey, FOL RR Volunteer of the Year

The Friends have had so many things happening since our last newsletter, it's hard to know where to begin, so I will cover it chronologically.

Our Spring Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was a huge success. We are so happy that more and more Friends participate each year. Once again, Children's Librarian Rebecca Donnelly was chosen as the Pat Watson Scholarship recipient. Congratulations, Rebecca — we wish you well in your studies! Also, this year it was my honor to announce that Linda Downey was chosen as Volunteer of the Year. Linda served on the Board of Directors for three years. She started the online book sales

program and trained other volunteers to research book values as well as to list books for sale on Amazon.com. We are so indebted to her for sharing her expertise with us! At this time, Linda and husband Kirk are in the process of moving from Rio Rancho to the Dallas area to be closer to family. She will really be missed by all!

The annual Bowlathon was another success. Our thanks to the many bowlers and sponsors who participated! Our goal was to raise funds for children's programming at both libraries. Although we didn't quite meet our goal, we will still be able to fund the summer reading programs and a book giveaway with Santa during the holidays.

Also, the Friends hosted the Business After Hours at the Loma Colorado Main Library for the Rio Rancho Regional Chamber of Commerce. The many who attended were impressed with the facility and its programs. They were amazed to learn that the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho has been funding various library needs for over 29 years! Currently all our fundraising activities are accomplished through thousands of hours of dedicated work by over 60 unpaid, active volunteers. None of the programs currently offered by Rio Rancho's two public libraries are funded by tax dollars. The few programs not funded by the Friends are ones that the presenter wishes to provide free of charge. Please pitch in as we undertake more ventures! 📖



Mr. Mackie & Friends at the Bowl-a-thon on May 7



Business After Hours Hosted by the Friends on May 17

A Request from Gloria Shapiro, Friends' Shop Volunteer & RSVP Liaison:

Hello, FOLers! It's been a long time, or so it seems, since I have written for the newsletter. Maybe it's because we've been doing the "same old thing": selling books, making money, paying for programs, supporting the libraries! **But now, I really need your help!** More volunteers are needed to work in the Friends' Shop at Loma Colorado Main Library. I really need people to work the evening hours between 4 or 5PM to 7PM. I even have a "permanent" opening on Tuesday from 5 -7PM. Subs are also needed for any & all hours. Just let me know when you can work, and I will call you when an opening occurs. Call me at 505-891-1190. I can train you, the work is easy, and **you will love working in the Friends' Shop.** Thanks! 📖

The Friends' Annual Meeting & Volunteer Luncheon

Thank you, Linda Downey, Our Volunteer of the Year!

By Cynthia Jacques, Membership Chairperson



Annual Membership Meeting & Luncheon on April 8

Forty-six Friends' members, volunteers, Board members, and Advisory Council members attended the Annual Meeting and Volunteer Luncheon on April 8 at Loma Colorado Main Library. Mary Roskom, President, welcomed them all by saying that, "When you help the Friends of the Library, you help the community. Thank you!"

Bill Cicola also greeted the group saying, "I'm constantly amazed at your dedication. Without the Friends' support we couldn't do what we do." Mary thanked Bill for his remarks.

Mary introduced Rebecca Donnelly, 2009 and 2010 recipient of the Pat Watson Memorial Scholarship, and outlined Rebecca's background and accomplishments. Rebecca graciously thanked the Friends for honoring her with the Scholarship.

Mary reported that each year the terms of one-third of the Board expire. This year directors Anne Goodman and Linda Downey were not seeking re-election. Kim Newell and Dianne Mayeda were seeking re-election, and long-time FOL member Dan O'Connell, who was unable to attend the luncheon, was seeking election to the Board as a write-in candidate. Each candidate was elected by a majority of those present.

Mary introduced the Volunteer of the Year Award by saying that the Friends are very grateful for ALL of the many loyal volunteers! In the past the award has only been given to non-Board members. However, because of Linda Downey's efforts in starting online book sales, approximately \$20,000 has been raised thus far for the Friends, and the Board felt Linda richly deserved the Volunteer of the Year Award. The audience showed their agreement with warm applause! Besides having her name engraved and added to the Volunteer of the Year plaque, Linda received an etched clear plastic building block because, as Mary said, Linda's efforts to introduce the Friends to another revenue stream was the building block to a revenue stream that now exceeds that of our monthly book sales.

Please join us next year for an enjoyable lunch and excellent conversation with Friends who love books. 📖

A Blast from the Past – The 1990's: The Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho

By Patience McGuire, Former President of the Friends During Most of the 1990's Decade

When we moved to Rio Rancho in 1989, I needed something meaningful to do. Having been a school librarian, I naturally gravitated to the public library to see if I could find a niche there. It was the Esther Bone Library then; now we have the Loma Colorado Library as well.

I always feel comfortable in the library. I was fortunate to be allowed to become a member of the Friends of the Library Board. What a superior group of people with whom to serve! Among them were Sue and Omar DeWitt, Susan Bliss, Karen Reinhold and, of course, Gloria Shapiro. It is rare to have people working together so well as a team.



Toni Beatty, the Library Director, was exceedingly encouraging, and the library staff, a close-knit group, was very supportive. It was a gratifying opportunity to serve them. Also, many people in the community became aware of the Friends of the Library. It was pleasant and most rewarding to meet them and to observe the development of their interest.

What a thrill to watch how the Friends of the Library has continued to grow as the volunteers give so much to the community. It is absolutely inspiring! 📖

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Gently Used Book Donations & Book Hutch

We can only accept book donations at our book hutch outside of Loma Colorado Main Library (LCML):

- Drive to the far right of the Library, into the Employee Parking area.
- Place your bagged or boxed donations inside the unpainted wooden donation hutch (shown in this photo), which is located against the northern wall of LCML.
- If you would like a receipt for tax purposes, please drive to the main lot by the Library's front door, park, enter the library, and go directly to the Friends' Shop. 

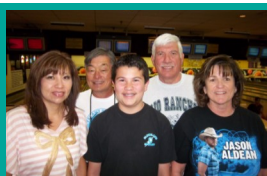


The Friends' Bowl-a-thon Afternoon

On Saturday, May 7, children to senior citizens came together for an afternoon of fun, prizes, and the good feeling of helping their community. The Friends held our third annual Bowl-a-thon, proceeds from which were used for children's programs at both libraries. The Friends now provide "the **sole source** of funding for all our library programs," according to Bill Cicola, Rio Rancho Library Director. We sincerely want to thank everyone who bowled, pledged, and donated – and helped us **clear \$1,103.59 after expenses!**



Three generations of the Breeze Family Bowlers!



Joey Balistreri & Family
Highest Individual Score
(545)

The cost of 3 games, shoe rental, and a very special t-shirt, designed by Claire Mullen Design, LLC, for each bowler was provided by the following very generous sponsors: Doris Alan, Vicki Bachechi, Susan & George Bliss, Kristal & James Breeze, Natalia Davis, Ed & Donna Goettl, Anne & Bruce Goodman, Juneal & Joe Grainey, C. Jacques, Kathleen Marr, Mountain Shadows Photo, Karen & Stew Reinhold, Mary & Larry Roskom, Sandoval Masonic Lodge 76 (3 teams), Charlie & Joyce Smith (2 teams), and anonymous sponsors (2 teams). Thank you so much!

Also, over twenty door prizes were most generously donated by the following: All About Me Full Service Salon, Chick-fil-A at Cottonwood, Sue Defnet of Geiger Company, Anne & Bruce Goodman, Mary & Larry Roskom, Santa Ana Star Center, Starbucks Coffee Company on Southern, Southwest Authors Aimee & David Thurlo, Touch of Enlightenment Massage Therapy, and Under Charlie's Covers. We really appreciate you and your support!

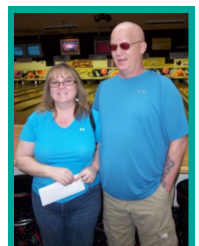
Prizes for skill were given to Joey Balistreri for the highest individual score (545), Dana Sander's team for the highest team score (2384), and Jane Petre's team for the most pledges collected (\$150).



Jane Petre's Team
Most Pledges Collected
(\$150)



Board Members



Dana Sanders &
Team Highest
Team Score
(2384)

The Friends are especially grateful to Steve Mackie of Tenpins & More for his patience and for being such a pleasure to work with. 



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Friday-Saturday, 10 A.M.—5 P.M.

Esther Bone Memorial Library

950 Pinetree Road SE

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Tuesday, Thursday, 12—8 P.M.

Friday-Saturday, 9 A.M.—1 P.M.



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