

Bookfriends



2015, Vol. II

A Message From Our President, Kris Axtell

Dear Friends, I want to apologize for missing our Annual Membership Meeting & Luncheon; I had a medical situation which prevented me from attending. Happily, I am on the mend now! We had another record crowd of 72 Friends! Many thanks to everyone who made it such a success!

As you know, we lost our dear Friend Gloria Shapiro, longtime manager of the Loma Colorado Friends' Shop (see memorial page 2). We are so fortunate that Gloria trained Desiree Kim as her assistant, & Desiree has now taken over the many duties of managing the Shop. If any of you have a few hours each month to work in the Shop, Desiree will train you. We always need more volunteers!



Carmen Jeffrey (right) was presented a surprise award for her 35 years of Friends' volunteer service by Desiree Kim, new Friends' Shop manager, at the Annual Meeting!

I am happy to report that the **National Junior Honor Society of Mountain View Middle School** sponsored a fundraiser for our Books for Babies program called "For the Love of Read-In." On their own initiative, these students held the event because they "realize how reading to small children can increase their chances of being successful in school....We are happy to send you a check for \$133...[and] we thank you for encouraging reading through the Books for Babies program." The Friends appreciate these fine students and Esther DeSoto & Lynne Bagby, their NJHS advisors!

In April, Rita Armijo, Mary Burnett, Steve Dietzel, Joe Driear, Anne & Bruce Goodman, & Jeanette Kinker attended **Making Friends: NM Friends of the Library Day** at the NM Museum of Natural History & Science in Albuquerque. This day of training & sharing ideas among Friends groups from all over the State was sponsored by the NM State Library, the Friends of the Santa Fe Public Library, & the Santa Fe Public Library. All seven of our group came away from the many workshops with new ideas & the

knowledge that we here in Rio Rancho are doing a lot of things right!

You may have noticed an influx of children at both Loma Colorado & Esther Bone libraries—it's that time of year, the **Summer Reading Program**! On the first day, 1350 people walked through the door at Loma Colorado—1100 on the second day! **This is such a worthwhile program for Rio Rancho, & the Friends can only provide financial support with YOUR help!** 📖



Thank you ALL for volunteering your time & talents for our Rio Rancho Public Libraries!



Dianne Mayeda
2015 Volunteer
of the Year!

"A person who has a book to read is never alone."

So says Conferina "Connie" Gregory (shown at right). Her daughter drives Conferina to most of the Friends' monthly book sales. **"I look forward to this! We are very lucky to have this service to our community."** At a recent book sale, Conferina reminisced about her childhood in Las Vegas, NM, & her lifelong love of reading sparked by walks to the Carnegie library there.





Dianne Mayeda has sold \$6,000 in books on Amazon this past year! She is the chairman of the Friends' Amazon committee. In the past, she was the Friends' treasurer for 4 years. ***Thank you, Dianne, our Volunteer of the Year!***



The Annual Meeting of Friends!

Many thanks to the crew who prepared the decorations & arranged the buffet for the Annual Meeting & Luncheon! Special thanks to ***Rachel Johnson*** (shown center in orange blouse), whose company ***naviHealth*** allowed her the day off to help the Friends. A post-acute care management company, ***naviHealth*** works in collaboration with Medicare & Lovelace in our community.

Bruce Goodman, treasurer, shared the following ***yearly totals of financial support the Friends gave to Rio Rancho library programs:***

- Loma Colorado = \$12,700
- Esther Bone = \$4,900
- Books for Babies = \$7,000



Door prizes included the pots of daisies on each table, gift cards for ice cream, & books, of course. ***Our sincere thanks to Friends' members & published authors Vaunda Nelson & Babs Langner, who each donated two of their own books!***

☞ In Memory of our dear Friend Gloria Shapiro ☞

From 1999 until her passing, Gloria Shapiro was our bookstore manager, the one person who trained and scheduled all Friends' Shop volunteers—that is 15 years of near daily work for the Friends! She was the 2005 Volunteer of the Year and was a VERY dedicated, joyful, amazing woman who will be truly missed by all of us. Mary Roskom also gave a memorial tribute to Gloria at our Annual Meeting & Luncheon.

Gloria was very compassionate and caring—willing to listen to people and understanding of our personal or medical problems. I miss her terribly. She was a wonderful person! *Kathryn Lee*

Gloria was a remarkable woman! She touched a lot of lives—she certainly touched mine! I hold a special place in my heart for her and will miss her very much. She was a lady in every sense of the word. Rest in peace, Gloria. *Carmen Jeffery*

Gloria was a tireless and wholly dedicated volunteer. She was an excellent leader who took great pride in the citizens she trained as bookstore staff. In spite of declining health, she was a hard-working member of the Friends leadership. Her contributions will be gratefully remembered for a long time. *Doug Thomas* 📖

Our Appreciation for the Generosity of Elizabeth "Betty" Witter!

Some of you may remember Betty Witter, a dietician who retired in Rio Rancho & served as vice president of the Friends for ten years until she moved to Tacoma, Washington, in 2000. During her time here, Betty helped with nearly every Friends' activity, pricing books, working for library bond issues, selling raffle tickets, & heading the monthly book sales. According to a 2000 newsletter, ***"She has the combined personality of Mother Teresa, Julia Child & Rosie O'Donnell, ever ready to help one & all."*** What a person she must have been!

Betty recently left in her will a gift of \$1,000 to the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho. She is an excellent example to us all by her volunteerism to benefit her community! Each of us should consider giving a gift in our wills for causes we are passionate about - including the Friends who support our Rio Rancho Public Libraries! 📖



Yoda...or Director Lynette Schurdevin?

Star Wars Fest III drew 1101 people to Loma Colorado! This annual event is the second largest library program the Friends support, after the Summer Reading Program.



Making light sabers & lots of memories!



Be a Friend of the Library of Rio Rancho!

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New Member

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Annual Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Date _____

Membership Categories

- ☐ Student/Senior (62 & over) \$5
- ☐ Friend (1 person) \$10
- ☐ Family \$20
- ☐ Sponsor (1 person) \$25
- ☐ Supporter (1 person) \$50
- ☐ Patron (1 person) \$100
- ☐ Benefactor (1 person) \$250

📖 The Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho (FOLRR) is a 501(c)(3) organization that raises funds & promotes the Rio Rancho Library System. Membership dues & other contributions are tax deductible to the extent of the law.

📖 We can be contacted at (505) 892-7323 (89-2READ).

📖 Your membership & contributions help to expand the effectiveness of the Library System as an educational & recreational center in Rio Rancho. The Friends of the Library gratefully accepts bequests, memorials, & tributes.

📖 Please make your check payable to: **The Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, Inc.** Mail to PO Box 15143, Rio Rancho, NM 87174, or bring your membership form to the Friends' Shop at the Loma Colorado Main Library.

I would like to help:

- ___ in the book store
- ___ with book sorting & pricing
- ___ by serving on the Board
- ___ at monthly book sales



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Rio Rancho, NM 87174

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Rio Rancho Library System Locations & Hours

Loma Colorado Main Library

755 Loma Colorado Drive NE
(505) 891-5013

Monday-Thursday, 10 A.M.–8 P.M.

Friday-Saturday, 10 A.M.–5 P.M.

Esther Bone Memorial Library

950 Pinetree Road SE
(505) 891-5012

Sunday-Monday, Closed

Tuesday, 12–8 P.M.

Wed-Sat, 9 A.M.–5 P.M.



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Announcements & Upcoming Events

Visit FOLRR.org or call us at 892-READ for details.



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*G*IGANT Book Sales



Loma Colorado Main Library Auditorium

**Second Saturday every month &
Fri. AND Sat. 3 times per year!**

Saturday, July 11

10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

**Aug 8, Sept 11 & 12,
Oct 10, Nov 14, & Dec 12**