



Friends of the Brick Library

Board Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month, September - June, at 10 a.m., except in December and June when the meetings start at 11 a.m. Visitors Welcome.

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Fall 2011 — October 5

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Message from the President

Greetings! I recently finished my second year as your president and am enthusiastically starting my third one. It is exciting to tell you that we raised \$8000.00 for our library this past year. It was a sincere pleasure for me to present Branch Manager Susan Gardiner with that big check at the June meeting. If there was a larger donation in the history of Friends of the Brick Library, I am not aware of it. The library staff is very appreciative. I thank all of you immensely for your donations, time and effort. You paid membership dues, participated in our Applebee's fundraiser in February and made donations in memory of longtime and well loved member Dorothy Epstein, who died on March 2.

Additionally, our trip committee ran two very successful trips to Manhattan. You can read about our enjoyable day in May to Greenwich Village and the Tenement Museum in this newsletter. Our Book Sales Committee is doing a superb job. Our generous Business Friends donated over \$800.00

Again I thank all of you for everything. It began last August with our successful 20th Anniversary Celebration of our library at its present location. It ended with our festive Spring Luncheon in a patriotic atmosphere at the June Meeting. We thank Joanne Nebenburgh and Irene Veith of the hospitality committee for planning the event and the delicious food from Mul-

berry Street. I reported in the last newsletter that our meetings have had special guests. Due to limited space, I was unable to express my gratitude to thank Christa Grev and Matt Turner for making the guests possible. I thank both of you now.

At the June meeting, the plaque committee announced who was selected for the Friends of the Brick Library Honor Roll. Carol Farley and Kathryn Crane were selected. Carol served as president for several years and as secretary for a year. She also implemented the Friends Committees. Kae was very instrumental in establishing the timely publication of our newsletter in a professional format and served as both editor and publisher for several years. Both also worked with trip planning for several years. Their names have been added to our plaque near the front door across from the circulation desk. Former membership chairman Patricia Turner, former treasurer Matt Turner and former secretary Yvette Schwartz all received Honorable Mention.

Congratulations to all of you! One last note is for everyone to enjoy summer. Our next meeting is at the library on September 7 at 10:00 A.M.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Holtzman



October 13th Bus Trip to Brooklyn

Want to see Greenwood cemetery (We will divide into a light walking group and a more active group for about 1 ½ hours)? Walk over the Brooklyn Bridge (actually halfway and back—a little over a mile walk)? Drive through the Historic District in Brooklyn Heights? These are some of the items on the itinerary for our October 13 trip. The price of \$75.00 will include lunch (Deli Sandwich and Cheesecake) at Junior's on Flatbush avenue, transportation to and from Brooklyn and a tour guide to explain what you are seeing (guide's tip included). We will leave the Brick Walmart parking lot at 7:30 am and leave NYC at 3:30 pm. We are accepting reservations which are by check to Friends of the Brick Library and can be dropped off at the Library or mailed there. We will only have one bus with 52 people and reservations are by check received date. Advertising to the public will start soon so send in your reservations. For questions contact Pat Merk at 732-840-1040.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS !!

At our June meeting we were able to give an \$8,000 check to the Brick Branch. This is a record for us and we thank all of our members. Without your continuing support and interest in the Friends and the library this would not have been possible. Please continue to support us in raising funds for our Brick Branch.

Thank you!!

Pat Turner, Membership

Dear Friends of the Brick Library,

On behalf of the Ocean County Library Commission and the staff of the Brick Branch, I would like to thank the officers and members of the Friends of the Brick Library for your generous donation of \$8,000 to the Brick Library in support of programs offered at the branch. I would also like to congratulate the Friends on the completion of a very successful year.

We are very fortunate to have such a generous and active Friends group and it is an honor and a pleasure to work with everyone involved. Thank you for your continuing support, not only financial, but also of friendship and encouragement you extend to us throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Susan Gardiner, Branch Manager

Literary Tour of Greenwich Village and the Tenement Museum



We had lots of sunshine and cool breezes for our Friends' trip to NYC on Thursday May 12.

Due to the very narrow streets, we walked around part of the village to see the buildings which are currently occupied as private residences and are not open to the

public. However, the exteriors have been maintained to show similar appearances to the time periods in which they were built. Gardens have been created here in Greenwich Village on roofs, in window boxes, in containers on the steps and around the trees at the edges of the sidewalks. These efforts emphasized that spring was here.

At 75 Bedford Street, poet Edna St Vincent Millay, fresh from Vassar, lived from 1923 (the year she won a

Pulitzer Prize for her poetry) to 1925. Other famous occupants of the narrow house have included a young Cary Grant and John Barrymore. This location is the narrowest house in the Village (a mere 9 1/2 feet across). Some of the other homes we saw were of Washington Irving, Edgar Allan Poe, Thomas Paine and Louisa May Alcott.

Other sights included Chumley's (86 Bedford St.) opened in 1926 in a former blacksmith's shop. During Prohibition, it was a speakeasy with a casino upstairs. Chumley's has long been a writer's bar. Its walls are lined with book jackets of works by famous patrons who, over the years, have included Edna St. Vincent Millay (she once lived upstairs), Theodore Dreiser, e.e. cummings, John Dos Passos, Eugene O' Neill, F. Scott Fitzgerald, William Faulkner, John Steinbeck, Allen Ginsberg, Norman Mailer, and Harvey Fierstein. Even the elusive J.D. Salinger hoisted a few at the bar here.

We had a great lunch at the Dallas Barbeque restaurant and toured the Tenement Museum in the afternoon. More about what we learned next time.

Memorial for Dorothy Epstein

On Saturday June 18, family members and friends gathered at the Greenbriar I Clubhouse for a memorial service for our dear friend, Dorothy. Her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren spoke about her life and what she shared with them. Susan Gardiner, Branch Manager of the Brick Library, spoke about Dorothy's service and love of the Library. Also, representing the Ocean County Library were Susan Quinn, Director, and Valerie Bell, Assistant Director. Mat Turner, Vice President of the Friends, group, spoke of her service and care for the Friends of the Brick Library. Refreshments were served and it was a wonderful opportunity to reminisce about the extraordinary life of our great friend.



Thanks to the generous donation given in memory of Dorothy Epstein by the Friends of the Brick Library, Mrs. Rizzolo's Special Education class at Veteran's Middle School was able to enjoy a visit and book signing by Nan Marino, author of "*Neil Armstrong Is My Uncle and Other Lies Muscle Man McGinty Told Me.*" The class was overjoyed to have their very own copies of the book signed by the author.

Laura Beth Davis, Teen Librarian, Brick

Special Donation in Memory of Tung (Miranda) Chui

by Dorothy Holtzman

I want to express utmost gratitude to Phyllis Chui of Los Angeles, California. She made a significant donation to Friends of the Brick Library in memory of her mother Tung (Miranda) Chui, Branch Manager of the Brick Library 30 years ago. In the letter with her donation, Phyllis stated that Tung (Miranda) died in January 2011 and had fond memories of the Ocean County Library and the staff of the Brick branch. Phyllis realized in the present climate of budget cuts that public libraries struggle to maintain hours, staffing and services. Thank you Phyllis!

Broadway Ray

As summer goes by and you hear about new Broadway plays for the fall that you might like to attend, consider planning on attending via Broadway Ray. The deluxe motorcoach picks up at Manasquan Circle, drops you in New York within a block or two of the theater and picks you up at the same place. He includes the tickets (usually center orchestra or as otherwise described) and bus driver gratuity. Arrival time allows free time for lunch on your own and most trips are matinees. He is already taking reservations for Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show.

His flyers are often available at the information center near the reference desk on the second floor of the library. When you book, please let him know that you learned of it through Friends of the Brick Library. He is so generous that he donates part of the cost back to us and is one of our Business Friends. He also donates to various high school drama groups. This is also a great way to give a gift to family or friends. He can also be reached at 732-528-8434 or on his website: www.broadwayray.com.

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Membership Chairman Needed

By Dorothy Holtzman

Patricia "Pat" Turner served as our membership chairman the past three years. I did it the previous three years and Pat did it for several years before that. She did a superb job for our organization. However, she will no longer be serving in another one or two months. We need somebody to handle membership.

If you are computer literate and have some time to help, please call me at 732-262-3170 about becoming our new chairman. It would be very much appreciated. Pat and I will get you underway.

Welcome Our New Members!

Individual and/or Family:

Angela Duddy, Theodora Esposito, Sam Foster,
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