



Friends of the Brick Library

In Memory of Dorothy Epstein

by Dorothy Holtzman

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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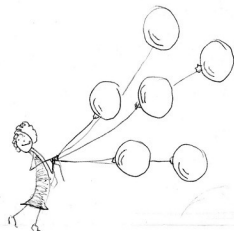
Spring 2012 — April 4

We mourn the passing of our dear friend and member Dorothy Epstein, who died on March 2, 2011 at the age of 99. She was instrumental in establishing the Friends of the Brick Library when it formed in the 1970s. She attended all meetings and activities and got numerous other individuals to come to the meetings and become members. She volunteered on many occasions and never refused a request to help.

In addition to serving as corresponding secretary for many years, Dorothy frequently used her artistic abilities to make posters advertising day trips and other activities that Friends sponsored. Due to her thoughtfulness and kindness, she remembered the library staff every December at the holidays with delicious refreshments. It helped establish rapport and cooperation between the Friends and the staff. It developed into the luncheon that the Friends purchase for the library staff annually in December. She advertised the trips and other activities on the local radio station until only one week before her death. She also attended the Applebee's Luncheon mentioned in this newsletter.

Dorothy contacted new members via telephone to personally welcome them to our organization. She wrote short biographies of Friends' members and the library staff for our newsletter and helped edit it as recently as 2010. Her advice and expertise was always welcome at our monthly meetings. She was deeply loved and will be sadly missed by all.

Dorothy's family is planning a memorial service on Saturday, June 18 at 2 p.m. at the Greenbrier 1 Clubhouse. You will be welcome to contribute an anecdote or other comment about Dorothy. The family has asked that donations in her memory be made to the Friends of the Brick Library.



The whimsical artwork above was drawn by Dorothy and graced a thank you note received by branch manager, Susan Gardiner, for pictures sent of her 99th birthday celebration with the Friends of the Brick Library.

Message from the President



Greetings! I am glad that winter is gone and spring has arrived. Regardless of the season, Friends of the Brick Library is busy with activity. In January, our secretary Ethel France and I solicited our Business Friends for donations. Their generous contributions raised \$775.00 for

our library. Friends sponsored a fundraiser at our local Applebee's Restaurant in February. I thank all that patronized this delicious way to raise almost 200 dollars. Speaking of February, we had our annual drawing of two Barnes and Noble gift certificates for \$25.00 apiece. All members who paid their 2011 membership dues by January 31 were eligible. The lucky winners were Theresa Naman and Jean Rielly.

Our meetings have included special guests. Please read about them in this newsletter. A special gratitude is sent to Joanne Nebenburgh for becoming the new chairperson of the Hospitality Committee. We appreciate the efforts of

former chairperson Ruth Gunther at our meetings and for making our luncheons such festive occasions. We thank Patty Krall and Ann Bisignano who have recently started serving on our Book Sales Committee. The books are available for a nominal cost in our bookcase outside the meeting room on the first floor of the library.

I am looking forward to our spring bus trip to New York City on May 12. We are exploring Greenwich Village and visiting the Tenement Museum on the Lower East Side. Although the bus is full, we are taking names for the waiting list. We will leave from the Brick Wal-Mart parking lot promptly at 7:30 A.M. as we have much to see and do not want to miss anything.

Our annual spring luncheon will be after adjournment of our meeting on June 1. This meeting will start at 11:00 a.m. The Hospitality Committee will accept reservations at the May meeting. If you are unable to attend the May meeting, please call me from May 9-27 at 732-262-3170 to reserve your name.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Holtzman

Report from Trip Committee

By Marie Alfano

Our May 12 bus trip to Greenwich Village is sold out. We have a waiting list and will still take names for it. We leave the Walmart parking lot at 7:30 AM promptly so please be there by 7:15 AM so we will be on our way on time.

We are in the process of planning our Fall trip to Brooklyn for Thursday, October 13 so save this date. Watch the next newsletter for more information on this trip and the date we will begin taking reservations.

Our trips are very interesting and informative with a guide to tell us what we are seeing. A great lunch is also included.

Broadway Ray

by Dorothy Holtzman

If you are interested in a show on Broadway, please stop at the information center near the reference desk on the second floor of the library for one of Broadway Ray's flyers and/or brochures. He offers a variety of excursions. When you book, please inform him 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.

The Children's Corner...

By Carolyn Belvin & Chien-Ju Lin



On March 16th the Brick Branch hosted a lively presentation by Floyd Cooper, an award winning children's book illustrator. Enjoyed by children and adults, over 50 people attended including a Cub Scout Pack, a Daisy Girl Scout Troop and members of the library's Bookworm Book Discussion group.

Floyd Cooper received a Coretta Scott King Honor for his illustrations in "*Brown Honey In Broomwheat Tea*" and "*I Have Heard Of A Land*." The technique Cooper uses is called oil wash on board. He paints an illustration board with oil paint, and then he does something unusual. With a stretchy eraser, he erases the paint to make a picture! He calls this method of painting a "subtractive process." He likes to demonstrate this technique for kids to show them "that there can be different approaches to age-old problems."

Pictured above is Mr. Cooper with a portrait of a Native American which he created during the presentation. He encouraged everyone to never give up on his or her dreams. All participants were amazed by Mr. Cooper's artwork.

Special Guests

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As mentioned in the President's Message, we have been having special guests with interesting information at our monthly meetings. In February, Laura-Lella Smith, Associate Director of Conference and Special Events at Georgian Court University spoke about membership in the McAuley Institute for Lifelong Learning. She told us about the top-quality entertainment that the McAuley Community Center has through lectures, concerts, theatrical performances, historic re-creations and other events. She distributed the Spring 2011 edition of the *Mosaic* that lists the offerings. Laura was accompanied by Ken Motts, volunteer Advisory Board Chairman of the Institute. For more information, you can call them at 732-987-2263. Valerie Bell, Assistant Director of Public Services of the Ocean County Library System, was also present to enjoy our monthly meeting.

The March meeting had Andrea Tarr, program director of the SCAN Adult Education Center in Eatontown,

speaking about their interesting classes in art, computers, crafts, fitness and health, literature, foreign languages and other subjects. She distributed the center's catalog to us. For more information you may call them at 732-542-1326 or review their website at www.scannj.com.

Roden Lightbody, Ocean County Traffic Engineer, presented interesting information about traffic safety in April. He discussed the effects and importance of drivers and pedestrians on traffic safety as well as various laws that are being created to improve our safety. He was accompanied by Suzanne O'Hearn, a highway safety specialist, who informed us of new tools such as red light cameras which are improving our safety. Janine Chiappetta, R.N. and BSN of Revera Health Systems spoke on testing new medications before driving to be sure they do not affect your driving skills. Drugs such as antidepressants, benedryl and blood pressure medications can be especially detrimental.



National Library Worker's Day April 12, 2011

Brick staff, Friends, and volunteers gathered to celebrate National Library Workers Day 2011 during National Library Week. The purpose of the day is to recognize the service of all library workers, including Friends and volunteers. Matt & Pat Turner accepted a certificate of recognition given to the Friends of the Brick Library on behalf of the staff of the Ocean County Library.

Business Friends of the Brick Library

Please let our Business Friends know that you are a member of the Friends when you patronize their businesses and that we appreciate their support.

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To Our Members

Last year we were able to give \$5,000 to the Brick Branch. We hope to do even better this year. To reach this goal we need the help of our membership.

If you have not yet sent in your 2011 dues please consider doing so now. If you are not sure of your status contact Patricia Turner at 732-262-8567.

Welcome Our New Members!

Individual and/or Family:

Ann Bisignano, Aida Boulos, Jeanne Caul,
Joan Fitzpatrick-Schreier, Catherine Treloar

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