

**The Friends of the Brick Library Branch of the Ocean County Library
301 Chambers Bridge Rd., Brick, NJ 08723
January 2017 Newsletter**



Mark your calendars: The Friends of the Brick Library meet on the first Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is February 1, 2017 at 10 a.m. in the Library Meeting Room.

Message from the President

Greetings, everyone! If this newsletter reaches you before the holidays, I wish all of you the merriest and happiest time. If they are past, I hope that they were the best.

As usual, Friends has been a very busy organization. When the National Friends of the Library Week was celebrated from October 17-22, Sue MacDougall, Judith Richter, Marianne Moscatiello, Mariette Muller, Aleta Cole, Patty Krall, Jill Holland and Joanne Nebenburgh worked the membership table at various times.

Our bus trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for the production of **Squabbles** and a very tasty luncheon on October 19 was a delightful time. Another exciting bus trip is scheduled for May 17. Please read more about it in this newsletter.

We helped the staff at the Community Fair in November. Member Barbara McGabe and I provided refreshments in addition to the ones from the branch. Patty Krall and Louise Mallon served on the membership table.

I want to thank Jill Holland and Marilyn Lago. Jill is now chairing the Sunshine Committee and Marilyn Lago is a new Member-at-Large. Please keep in mind that no group would be able to function if it wasn't for the time, the talents and the efforts of its members.

If you did not attend the December meeting, you missed a delicious holiday luncheon. Joanne Nebenburgh of the Hospitality Committee did an outstanding job with the décor to make the atmosphere so festive. We also presented Branch Manager Susan Gardiner with our annual donation to the branch. The amount of \$6,500.00 was made possible by all our efforts.

Speaking of the holidays, the branch had the Festive Flutes Holiday Concert on December 10. Even though I was sorry to miss the event, I thank Emmy Castaldo and Anna Forfa for performing membership duties.

The annual Business Friends campaign will be underway in January 2017. If you own a business or know someone that does, please let us advertise for you. You only have to complete the membership form in this newsletter when making your donation.

Last, but not least, you have my sincere wishes for a happy, healthy, safe and prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Holtzman



Brick Friends Holiday Luncheon (from left to right) Mary Roberts, Ann Bisignano, Marilyn Lago, Dottie Randazzo, Joanne Nebenburgh, President Dorothy Holtzman, Branch Manager Susan Gardiner, Treasurer Barbara Guzzi.

Programs

by Dorothy Holtzman

At the November meeting, we had a very interesting program on the **New Jersey Pinelands** by Ben Ackerman of the Ocean County Parks and Recreation Department. Ben, an employee of Jakes Branch County Park, took us an informative journey as the origins, ecology and present day threats of this unique and internationally protected ecosystem were discussed. His slide presentation included the location and formation of the Pinelands, the Lenni-Lenape, the industries, the plant and animal species and other topics of the first national Natural Reserve.

A program is planned for the meeting on April 5, 2017. A representative from Consumer Affairs of Ocean County will be speaking on current consumer fraud issues and trends with such matters as home improvement contractors, telephone solicitations and internet scams. I anticipate it to be quite informative.

The Friends Bookshelf

The Brick Friends has an up-to-date bookshelf where you can purchase inexpensive current hardback and paperback books. While we welcome donations of current books in "like-new" condition we are not able to accommodate a large number of donation items. Please no more than 6-12 donated books at a time. Donations may be made at the monthly Friends meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

Community Volunteer Fair by Susan Gardiner

The Brick Branch partnered with the Ocean County Jewish Federation's Children and Family Services to host a Community Volunteer Fair on Thursday afternoon November 10. Ten organizations were represented offering a wide variety of opportunities for volunteering in Ocean County: RSVP—Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Take Control of Your Health, B'nai Israel and B'nai Israel Kosher Meals on Wheels program, Ocean County Library's Homebound & Volunteer Service, Friends of the Brick Library, Jewish Family & Children's Service, Jewish Federation of Ocean County, AARP Tax Aide Preparers, Chabad (Loaves of Love), and Veterans Services Group. Over 55 people stopped by to talk with representatives of these organizations about how they might make a difference in their community. We thank the Friends of the Brick Library for providing coffee, tea, and refreshments for all. Pictured: Patty Krall and Louise Mallon.



Membership Corner Susan MacDougall

It is time to renew your membership for 2017! If you are not sure if you have renewed, call Susan MacDougall at 732 604 9303 and she will check your status. Membership stickers for your library card are available at each meeting. If you know of anyone who would like to become a member of the Friends of the Brick Library, please share the membership form in this newsletter with them or let them know they can pick up a form at the library. Welcome to our newest members: **Magda Diaz, Anthony Giannattasio, Lori Goldstein, Mary Lucia, Barbara McCabe, Dottie Randazzo, Judith Richtmyer, Sandra Rutzler, Linda Sperduto, Irene Szeliga, Judy Wagner, and Melissa Weiss**

The Brick Friends has a **Facebook** page – Search for us at *Friends of the Brick Library* and like our page.

Spring Trip

The Friends of the Library Spring trip will be to Staten Island on Wed, May 17, 2017. The pickup will be at Kmart Shopping Center at 8:45 a.m. for a 9:00 a.m. departure returning at 6 p.m. We will visit the Snug Harbor Botanical Garden, have lunch near the waterfront, and then visit the National Lighthouse Museum. The cost of the trip is \$88, which includes transportation, entrance fees, gratuity, and lunch. Please contact **Vicky Aufiero at 732 713 6084** if interested. All are welcome.

Business Friends

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

Acupuncture

Koehler Acupuncture, 128 Drum Point Rd, Brick, NJ 08723, 732-262-0637,
Keith_Koehler@hotmail.com

Automobile Care

Route 88 Auto Body, 1700 Route 88, Brick, NJ 08724, 732-458-6300, rt88autobody@aol.com

Childcare

Kiddie Academy of Brick, 920 Cedar Bridge Av, Brick, NJ 08723, 732-262-3600,
Brick@KiddieAcademy.net

Creativity and Paper Crafting Classes

Stampin' Up!, Lois Folla, Senior Manager, 755 Hardean Rd, Brick, NJ 08724 732-785-1558
Lois@StampinPress.com

Department Store

Your Friendly Brick Wal-Mart, 1872 Route 88, Brick, NJ 08724, 732-840-7772

Environmental Services

John Zingis of Environmental Management Services, Inc. Air, Land & Sea, 11 Tunes Brook Dr, Brick, NJ 08723, 732-600-2700, jzingishome3@verizon.net

Fitness

D Fitness/Princess Party Productions, 11 Princeton Av, Brick, NJ 08724, 732-600-1068
gotzumba@yahoo.com

Health Spa

Holistic Health Spa, 74 Brick Blvd., Bldg 4, Ste118, Brick, NJ 08723, 732-262-2100
Holisticspa2003@aol.com

Law Firms

The Pontoriero Law Firm, 2597 Hooper Av, Brick, NJ 08723, 732-785-9700
pontorierolaw@gmail.com

King, Kitrick, Jackson and McWeeney, LLC, 241 Brick Blvd., Brick, NJ 08723
732-920-8383

Lodging

88 Motel, 2236 Route 88, Brick, NJ 08724, 732-892-4115, Elizabeth_plackis@yahoo.com

Marine Contractors

R. Kremer & Son, Marine Contractors, LLC, 253 Drum Point Rd, Brick, NJ 08723,
732-477-8012 kremermarine@comcast.net

Mosquito Control

The Mosquito Authority, 522 Brick Blvd., Ste 100B, Brick, NJ 08723, 732-998-5019
marsha@BugsBite.com

New Homes and Remodeling

Baine Contracting, Inc., 926 Arnold Av. Brick, NJ 08724, 732-840-4011,
BaineContracting@aol.com

Dentistry and Orthodontics

Princeton Dental, 15 Princeton Av., Brick, NJ 08724, 732-840-1199,
princeton dental@msn.com

Wang Orthodontics, 525 Route 70, Brick, NJ 08723, 732-477-0080,
info@wangorthodontics.com

Orthopaedics

Seaview Orthopaedic & Medical Associates, 1640 Rt. 88 W, Brick, NJ 08724, 732-458-7866
dlaurita@seaviewortho.com

Perennial Gardens Installation and Maintenance

Marcia's Country Gardens, 56 Long Point Dr, Brick, NJ 08723, 732-451-0793, Marcia-StJohn@comcast.net

Professional Therapy

Professional Therapy Associates, LLC, 2557 Hooper Av, Brick, NJ 08723, Phone: 732-701-3711 Fax: 732-701-3709, ptasensorygym@yahoo.co

Restaurants and Cupcakes

Brick IHOP, 1759 Rte 88, Brick, NJ 08724, 732-202-0511, BrickIHOP@hotmail.com

Manhattan Bagel, 702 Route 70 & Chambers Bridge Rd, Brick, NJ 08723, 732-477-7443

Chick-fil-A, 522 Route 70, Brick, NJ 08723, Phone: 732-477-1093, Fax: 732-477-1094, E-mail: 02744@chick-fil-a.com or chick-fil-a.com

One Girl Swirl Cupcakery, 732-966-6226, onegirlswirlcupcakery@gmail.com

Senior Living

Leisure Park, Five Star Senior Living, 1400 Route 70, Lakewood, NJ 08701, 732-370-0444
PDuffy@5ssl.com

Supermarket

Mulberry St. Italian Food Center 474 Brick Blvd. Brick, NJ 08723 732-477-4520

Ralph@MulberryStreet.net

Stop & Shop, 55 Brick Blvd., Brick, NJ 08723, 732-255-9879

Wicker Furniture & Products

Wicker - Plus Imports, Tropical - Casual Furniture, 2034 Highway 35, Wall, NJ 07719
732-449-3880 Fax: 732-449-7880 carmine@wickerplusimports.com

Veterans Organization

American Legion Post 348, 822 Mantoloking Rd, Brick, NJ 08723, 732-477-1915

Brick Friends Flea Market

Save the date for our Spring Flea Market on Saturday, May 13th! More information will be provided in our April newsletter.

Sunshine

Jill Holland

If you hear of a member of the Brick Friends who is hospitalized, in rehab, or ill, **Jill Holland** will gladly send a card on behalf of the Friends. She can be reached at **732 899 5455**.

Become a member NOW or invite a Friend!

Individual/Family - \$10.00 Sponsor-\$15.00 Patron - \$20.00

Business Friend – Contributions of \$25+ entitles your business to be listed in our newsletters for 1 year and a certificate for display in your place of business.

Business Patron - Contributions of \$100+ also entitles your business card to be added to our Wall of Sponsors at the Brick Library. (Please send business card.)

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY/ ST/ZIP _____

PHONE _____ **CELL** _____

EMAIL _____

I may be available to volunteer for special projects: Please include me on the Friends list for help requests . Yes Areas of interest include (Check all that might apply):

Bake for library events _____ Assist as host/hostess at library events _____

Print computers labels once a month _____ Help with Newsletter and Mailings _____

Maintain Excel spreadsheet once a month _____ Assist at membership table _____

Check your mailing label to see the expiration date of your membership.

Use the form above to renew.

Check here if you are a New Member _____

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