



Friends of RADL September 2020 Newsletter

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Hello, Friends! Yes, you are correct. Our Membership Meetings remain paused . . .

We may not be meeting, but behind the scenes, we are doing what we can to move along! We continue to be in a position to offer funding to RADL whenever needed. Meanwhile . . .

Membership Renewals

Thank you, Friends! Membership chairperson, Lisa Sutton, reports we currently have 67 renewals (including a few new memberships). This is phenomenal! You may still renew by filling out a form, enclosing it in an envelope with a check for \$5.00 to "Friends of RADL" and mailing to: Friends of RADL, PO Box 311, Roscommon, MI 48653. If you wish to leave the envelope at RADL, please enclose check or exact \$5.00 payment. We don't want RADL staff to have to make change. Your help and understanding in these unusual times is truly appreciated.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Lisa Sutton has continued to prepare monthly financial reports and has drafted a budget for 2020 - 2021, as prescribed by our bylaws. She has all kept up to date the applications and payments required for State of Michigan licensing fees and tax forms. And found time for some Friends' files housekeeping. Thank you!



Amazon Smile Donations

Thanks to all of our ordering, Amazon recently sent a direct-deposit of our earnings of \$16.42. Yay!

Family Fare Receipts

Rita Battocletti has been counting receipts this summer. And WE ARE SO CLOSE TO OUR \$150,000 COLLECTED IN RECEIPTS! We currently have a total of **\$142,006!!!** Isn't that incredible? Thank you for saving your receipts and taking them to RADL. We are getting closer to earning a \$5,000 check from Spartan Foods. Thank you, Rita Battocletti, Mary Lou Jennette, Linda Brick, Deb Livingston and Ann Jordan for counting receipts this year.

RADL

New RADL Hours Begin September 8th!
Tuesday-Friday, 10am-5pm Saturday, 10am-3pm

RADL is adding events. Please remember that **registration is required** for all indoor events. Participants will be physically distanced in the Community Room and required to wear masks at all times. Coming up:
Sept. 10th 12:30pm Throwback Thursday Movie Matinee: Houseboat (1958) Limited to 10 patrons per date.

Community Shred It - September 26, 10 - 1 In parking lot. No registration required.



Chuck Brick, Miss June & Miss Millie found a cozy place to read this summer. Miss June observed when they sit there, their legs were, "All the wall down, halfway down and zero the way down."

William Cohan, another MelCat gem. It's about a quartet of Cohan's 1970s classmates at their super-privileged Eastern prep school, including JFK Junior, on whose life Cohan sheds engrossing new light. He accomplishes the feat of presenting people you grow to really care about as he unfolds their stories.

If you've gotta be Coronavirus-sequestered, these books make the experience a lot easier.

Joe Battocletti

I discovered an author you may have already found. Eve Chase is the pseudonym of journalist Polly Williams. She lives in Oxford, England. I was drawn to her books because of the settings: Cornwall, the Cotswolds, the Lake District of England. And stayed because of the intrigue. Her stories intertwine family secrets and untold stories which naturally lead to unsolved mysteries. I especially recommend Black Rabbit Hill, published in 2015 and The Wilding Sisters, published in 2017. The Daughters of Foxcote Manor is new this year.

Linda Brick

Best Wishes to all! Be well, stay safe!

**I asked, "What have you been reading?"
Joe Battocletti answered. Thank you!**

The return of MelCat book requesting is like having Christmas every day! I'm just finishing Joyce Maynard's INTERNAL COMBUSTION, written 14 years ago about the 2004 axe murder committed by Farmington Hills "Teacher of the Year" Nancy Seaman on her husband. She's serving a life sentence, and anybody who was living in the Detroit area then will recall the sensational crime and trial. The book delves deeply into the sad, tangled lives of those involved, with some amazing circumstances that have you wondering "Could I ever get involved in something like that?" If you haven't tried MelCat yet, this is a book worth being your first check-out.

The very best book I read during 2019 was FOUR FRIENDS: PROMISING LIVES CUT SHORT by