



## Friends of RADL September 2021 Newsletter

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### September Annual Membership Meeting

Please join us for the Friends Annual Meeting on Tuesday, September 7 at noon. We will be meeting in the Community Room at RADL. The agenda will include:

- Presentation of the proposed 2021 - 2022 budget,
- Election of a Board Trustee. Nominations will be taken from the floor,
- Membership renewal - \$5.00,
- Status of Family Fare "Direct Your Dollars" receipts collection, and
- Presentation of the "Basket of the Month" event.



**Hope to see you there!**

### Membership

Membership chairperson, Lisa Sutton, is processing annual membership dues renewals. **Thank you to all who have renewed!** If you need to renew your membership you can renew in 3 easy ways:

- Bring \$5 to the Friends Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, September 7 at noon in the Community Room at RADL,
- Bring \$5 to the Circulation Desk at RADL, or
- Fill out the attached form, include a \$5 check made out to "Friends of RADL" and mail to:  
Friends of RADL, Attention Lisa Sutton Membership  
P.O. Box 311  
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### Bylaws Revisions

The revised Bylaws, as discussed at the August Membership Meeting, are now available. A copy is attached or included with your newsletter. A copy is always available at RADL. A few hard copies will be available at the September Meeting. Copies are always available upon request.

### RADL News

RADL thanks the Friends for approving at the August Membership Meeting, \$5,000 funding for the purchase of 12 new conference tables for the Community Room. Director Colleen Dyke reports the tables have arrived! (Did you see RADL's Facebook posting?) These tables are needed to replace the ones that have been in service since the library opened in 2014. Several tables could no longer be repaired. The staff intends to keep the usable tables and use as needed.

Staff member **Molly Harwood has been promoted to Circulation Manager.** Congratulations, Molly!

**RADL announces new hours - Effective September 7** - Tuesday - Thursday, 10am-7pm, Friday 10am - 5pm  
Saturday, 10am-3pm **Lyon Branch** Tuesday - Friday, 10am - 3pm

## **Family Fare “Direct Your Dollars”**

Oh yeah! We did it again! In August, we turned in \$150,000 in receipts to Family Fare in Roscommon. The receipts are being processed and in return, we will receive a \$1,000 check from SpartanNash Foods. That will be our second check in less than a year. We continue to collect receipts. So, keep stuffing the box in the vestibule at RADL. Please remember,

- Your “Yes” card (not the store’s) must be used at time of purchase to receive the “Direct Your Dollars” credit,
- The entire receipt is needed and should be turned in, and
- Purchases may be made at any SpartanNash store.

## **Amazon Smile Donations**

If you purchase items from Amazon, you may designate the purchases to credit The Friends of RADL through the Amazon Smile program. You shop. Amazon gives. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases - at no cost to you. AmazonSmile offers the same products, same low prices, and same services as the Amazon you know. Sign in using your existing Amazon account to get started.

## **Basket of the Month Event**

At the August Membership Meeting, Heidi Luebke announced plans to develop a Basket Event at RADL in the coming months. The initial plan to hold a basket raffle similar to the fundraiser held at the Wine Tasting proved problematic. Treasurer Lisa Sutton investigated the requirements to receive a license for the Friends to sell raffle tickets. That process, coupled with the discovery that this fundraising activity does not align with policies at RADL, caused the fundraiser idea to be dropped.

But that didn't stop great minds! Heidi Luebke, Linda Udy, Susan Horvat, Connie Allen and Martha Clapp met with Colleen Dyke. A Basket of the Month Committee was born and the brainstorming began! And what an idea they have! Heidi will be sharing their thoughts at the September Annual Meeting. Briefly, an event to create interest and goodwill emerged in keeping with our goals as Friends to support our library in many ways such as growing the numbers of patrons, encouraging reading and participation in the many programs that are offered to adults and children, utilizing the state-of-the-art Computer Lab and the supporting fun events that our Friends of RADL has created. In that spirit, the committee proposes the Friends create a "Basket of the Month" (actually two - one for an adult, one for a child) that patrons may earn tickets for a drawing, much in the way tickets are earned for the Summer Reading Program. Patrons may earn one ticket a day ticket when they visit the library or attend a program. Any patron may enter, including Friends members. Baskets will be created by items donated by the Friends. Friends or teams of Friends may also volunteer to create a themed basket. Membership will be asked at the September Membership Meeting for permission for the Friends to purchase a gift certificate each month from a local merchant to include in the adult basket.

Presently, the committee is thinking of a "kick-off" event in mid-December with drawings for three baskets; 1 adult, 1 child and 1 "Mystery Basket". There will be no baskets in June and July during the Summer Reading Program.

Donations and volunteers for themed baskets are needed. Sign-up sheets are attached if you are interested in volunteering now. We will keep you updated on basket themes. Additional theme ideas are very much welcomed. Please share! Donations may be dropped off at RADL all through the year.

We hope that this will also give Friends a chance to feel they are participating in library events during this time when activities continue to be limited. The Basket of the Month Committee has room to grow! If you are interested, please contact Heidi Luebke at [luebkefamily@yahoo.com](mailto:luebkefamily@yahoo.com) or 989-273-1061.

Heidi extends, "A big thank you to our amazing membership. Your continuous effort to help out with this new and exciting program will hopefully grow the participation in the many wonderful programs our library has to offer." And we thank Heidi and Linda Udy for first exploring this idea.

## **Chairpersons Needed**

Hello! Linda Brick is looking for members interested in leading two activities.

### **Coordinator for the Family Fare “Direct Your Dollars”**

We always have volunteers to count receipts. (Thank you!) We need someone

- to keep the overall tally,
- hold on to counted receipts,
- pass on counting “kit” to next counter, and
- filling out forms to submit the \$150,000 in receipts to Family Fare. (It’s very easy to do.)

This task only involves a few hours a year. I have instructions in the kit for the counters and instructions for preparing receipts for submission. Really and truly, it’s very doable! How about it? Great chance for someone who hasn’t had a chance to pick a Friends’ task!

### **Publicity Chairperson**

Do you like to write a bit? Here’s a task you can do at home according to your schedule. Being able to send emails is necessary. The Publicity Chairperson

- puts together a newsletter. Currently the newsletter goes out every other month. The newsletter is emailed to members. Members who do not provide an email address, receive theirs via U.S. mail. (Currently that is only 5 members.)
- sends out email notifications to members as needed,
- assists committees with event publicity such as sending news releases to newspapers and radio, and
- manages the Friends’ Facebook page.

I have complete records for all these tasks and media contact lists. You won’t have to “invent the wheel” but you also do not have to follow the format you’ve been seeing from me. This is an interesting task. And let’s you exercise your creative side as much as you wish!

Please feel free to ask any questions that come to mind about either position. Thank you!

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Friends of RADL Officers & Committee Leaders President - Linda Brick, Vice President - Heidi Luebke, Secretary - Sue Glover, Treasurer - Lisa Sutton, Trustees -Steve Remenar & Linda Udy. Leadership Committee Leaders: Membership - Lisa Sutton, Publicity - Linda Brick, Landscape - Joyce Ballard (All “boo-boo’s are mine! Sorry. :) Linda