

Friends of the Friona Public Library...

2015 FALL NEWSLETTER

*An attitude of gratitude...let us
continue to give our thanks and
our service...*



Friends Tribute: We have now almost completed our year of trying to give back to our community as a tribute to our past president Terry Hunt who passed away suddenly last fall. It began at the Veterans Breakfast last year while she was still in the hospital. We hope that the things we have done in her memory will help us all to have a pay it forward, giving attitude of community service and to help us remember her for the service she gave. In our quest to honor community volunteers and heroes, some of the projects and partners we have supported are: most recently 2015 Veterans Breakfast:



Veterans of the Veterans Breakfast



Terry Hunt & Elaina Procter 2013



E.G. Phipps, World War II USAF Veteran

A message from our President: Well, Girls, we made it!! Just goes to show you what can be done when a group of dedicated “Friends” put their minds & talents to the task. I am so proud of what we have managed to accomplish this year & I think my friend Terry would be most proud also. She *loved* all of these things.

Tracy Ellis, President

Book Shoppe - Yes, that little used book shop around the corner has come a long way since last October 15th the anniversary of its reopening. For those of you who may not be aware, the Book Shoppe is on Facebook and our shopkeeper Connie Slagle has done a **tremendous** job of converting it to the cozy, little place that it now is. From window dressing to mystery contests and gift bag giveaways, she has done excellent work making it the success it has been. \$700 and we have also donated and sent 26 boxes of books to various other service organizations including the VA Hospital and Women’s Shelter. We have also shipped 8 boxes of books to Better World Books, an online bookseller/buyer, postage free. Please *like* and *share* Friona Friends of the Library Book Shoppe posts on Facebook to help us promote the book shop. We appreciate your help.

Excerpt from a recent post: “Since the book shop re-opened a year ago today, we have brought in over \$700 and re-donated 26 boxes of books. But my favorite book shop activities have nothing to do with numbers. Here are a few: Helping Terry Hunt, former Friends president, choose books for her students – one of the last things she did for the children she loved. Giving a birthday card and other memorabilia (found in donated books) to a young lady who lost her grandmother, the original owner, years ago. Finding a home for the treasured books of a friend’s angel daughter, knowing they will be enjoyed and cared for by three young families. Admiring a young woman with limited English whom I tried to talk into taking the “English as a second language” course offered by the library. Having her tell me she had considered it, but decided she would just --- go to college instead! Reading the strong, precise handwriting of a former teacher who now has Alzheimer’s, finding new owners for her books, and knowing their beautiful pages will decorate the walls of a child’s room although their outer covers have faded away. Sharing on Facebook the heartaches and celebrations in our little town, occasionally some history, and hopefully a few positive thoughts along the way. (Not to mention my very favorite thing, the excessive use of commas!) I’m looking forward to another great year. Come see me! Wednesday 2-5:30. 119 West 6th....” P. S. The Book Shoppe was open on Thursday mornings 9 to

11:30 during the summer due to lack of air conditioning and also during the Cheeseburger Festival and at Maize Days, for meetings including All School Reunion Planning and other special openings. *Winter Hours Wednesdays 2:00 to 5:30 PM*

Prairie Acres: Donation to Prairie Acres Crafts and Project in honor of all those who volunteer there, what a blessing Little Rolling Prairie Library added November 23, 2015.



Activities Fund and Library they are to the residents!

Friona Heritage Estates: Large Print Library We want to say thanks to FHE resident Margaret Parsons for her assistance as our in-house ‘librarian’. We have added over 100 new large print books to this library that we started in 2000 with all donated books. We have also weeded and revamped the collection (& dusted!)

Veterans Breakfast 2015: We added a photography display of vintage photographs from a cross section of **local** vets and their service.



Good

participation with 25 veterans attending. Really interesting pictures hope to do it again this year. This year Friona ISD is in the process of honoring all graduates who are veterans...a really BIG undertaking, but extremely worthwhile project. Thanks to all who shared photos & to Friona Kindergarten classes for letters.



Pioneer Heritage Museum : The museum 218 W 6th is now open on Mondays and Fridays from 11 AM to 4 PM thanks to some very dedicated volunteers. Donation made toward ADA accessibility project in progress.

ESL Classes continue at the Redeemer Center 1304 Virginia under the instruction of Linda White through Amarillo College and Friona ISD. Friends furnish the Burlington English Software for the students, 11 computers, phone service, cleaning, and technical services via Lee Carter of Technical Lee of Amarillo, WT Services sponsor the Internet Service at the Redeemer Center. City of Friona furnishes the building, the utilities and maintenance. Classes are held during the school year. 20 Students are currently enrolled. New United States & Texas Flags donated.

Friona ISD: Primary Scholastic Book Fair and Books for 1st Graders plus NIE- newspapers in education Amarillo Globe News. Amy Cook, Friona High School librarian, verified that they are received and are used.

American Legion Post 206: Friends were proud to donate money toward Boys and Girls state expenses this year. Bill Danheim, Parmer County Commander for Post 206 also attended our Veterans Breakfast.

Migrant Center: 33 Spanglish Packs checked, resupplied and circulated for use by families and sponsored “Dia de Los Ninos” Activities on April 30 to introduce to local families to library services.



Founder's Memorial Scholarships: Second year. Funded two \$1,000 scholarships awarded to Karina Hernandez and Lino Tarango. Visit www.frionalibrary.org for full story.

2015 membership includes 49 Family 12 Business 16 Individual 1 Student 64 Life 35 Business Life Total 177

Summer Reading: *Every Hero has a Story* Summer library: [see insert] Ventriloquist Nancy Burks Worcester, Chris Harrell and Indiana Bones Mike McCarthy were encores Volunteer Fire Department, Friona EMS and Friona Police presenters this year. Mayor Rick White made a special guest appearance to demonstrate 'What being a good Citizen is all about'. Friends also bought snow cones from *Snowies* for all those in attendance at the Indiana Bones program. Lots of Summer Fun!!



Reading Programs at the Singing Scientist Curious this summer. Friona Department all helped us as

Community Appreciation: Friends presented donations to Meals on Wheels for 30 years of services, Friona Fine Arts and Summer Drama for 45 years of service in honor of Dudley Campbell, Friona ISD Junior High Auditorium for contribution toward the new sound system in appreciation for several years of summer programs held there in honor of years of service to Friona ISD by Ron Smiley, Mitchell and Kim Smiley and Vickie and Dennis Field and to Depot Heritage Society in honor of the Reeve Family for generations of service to our community and to Friona 4H.

Plaques and donation presented to Friona Volunteer Fire Department in memory of longtime firemen Lee Campbell and Ron Smiley, Friona Senior Citizens Center and Flags, donation to Friona EMS in memory of EMS director Brandi McGee and plaques to Friona Police Department and to the City of Friona in honor of all of the volunteers who have served our community past and present.

Friendship Garden: See photo. revamped with lots of new plantings, FCCLA donated puppets to the Storytime



Kitty Gallman, chair. Garden has been prunings & removals. Group.

Caregivers: est. Caregivers with Bluebonnet Home Health and with Rhonda Sanders. See also

Resource Information Center along Hospice & Parmer Medical Center Senior Zone on our website.

CASA: sponsoring an informational meeting for Court Appointed Special Advocates by Jeri Wells, local representative of Hereford.



Endowment Report 3rd Quarter
422.58.

as of 9/30/2015: \$210,

Pens & Pages Writer's Guild sponsored a writer's workshop on "adding dimension to your writing" by Amarillo writer Deborah Elliott-Upton October 10th at the library.

Friona Heritage Society: Donation for the Depot in honor of the Reeve Family during Texas State Library October's History Month for community service across the generations past and present.

Parmer County 4H: Donation to help sponsor youth activities for our county & community.

Volunteers: Purchased T-Shirts for Library Board, Friends Executive Committee and Committee Chairs for their service during Friends Month October.

Friona★Star Friona Star online @ Texas Tech... www.frionaonline.com Chieftain news was included in the Friona Star in 1942, along with news from news from the war front.
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TO:

As we say Goodbye to Terri & Lonnie Ellis, we want to wish them well in this new phase of their lives. Terri, we appreciate your dedication and service to the Friends as our membership chairman. We also wish to express our sympathy to Brenda Patterson, now of Canyon, in the loss of her mother Wanda Robison of Hereford in October.

2015-2016 Budget

Adult Programming	\$ 750
Annual Meeting	500
Children's Programs	1250
Endowment expense	750
Fund Raising	750
Garden	1000
Literacy	1200
Postage	750
Scholarships	2000
Special Projects	2000
Burlington English	2600
Ancestry	1128
Youth Programs	250

Total **\$14,678**

2016 Friends Officers:

Tracy Ellis	President
JeriLynn White	Vice President/President Elect
Candi Geske	Secretary
Darla Bracken	Treasurer

Committee Chairs:

Connie Slagle	Book Shoppe
Jeri Lynn White	Fund Raising
Darla Bracken	Endowment
Kitty Gallman	Garden
Jyl Grimsley	Hospitality
Karen Renner	Literacy
Kathy Sandoval	Membership
Lucy Hernandez	Publicity
Ruby Rodriguez	Scrapbook
Kitty Gallman	Scholarship
Jamie Lewellen	Social Media

