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## Membership:

### *Leslie Pike*

It is hard to believe another year has passed and it is time again to ask you for your membership renewals. Please recognize that your on-going support is so vital to the library. We certainly welcome you all back and would love to have any new members join our group. With so much interest in our library, we are very proud of the Friends and how we contribute to keep so much going that please so many. All your deductible donations through our membership drive go directly to Snow Library.

Here are some of the things we do: hold weekly and seasonal book sales, offer Life-time Learning classes, sponsor Saturdays at Snow programs, provide passes to museums and cultural sites, fund financial reference materials, sponsor book and author luncheons, support library staff in professional development, upgrade furnishings and equipment, produce our newsletter, buy books, books, and more books!

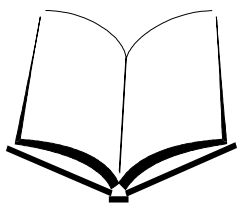
Enclosed in this issue are envelopes for membership dues that can be mailed back or just dropped off at the library. If you are already a member, please note the two digits after your name. They indicate the year in which you last renewed. Also please take a moment to check the accuracy of your mailing label and make note of any necessary changes on the envelope. You can also indicate any areas of volunteer interest you may have. As we zoom into a new decade, we would love your e-mail address for future correspondence. Thanks in advance for your support and Happy New Year!

## The Friends of Snow Library Webpage

Early in 2009, Jon Rolf began working on a website to support the work of the Friends of Snow Library and the Snow Library itself. The web address is:

**[www.friendsofsnowlibrary.org](http://www.friendsofsnowlibrary.org)**. This user-friendly website offers the following resources:

- ✓ Access to the Snow/CLAMS library catalogues
- ✓ On-line book reservation system
- ✓ Calendar of Events
- ✓ Lifetime Learning course schedules/signup
- ✓ Lectures and schedules for programs at Snow
- ✓ Friends of Snow Library
  - News
  - Publications
  - Volunteer activities
  - Board & committee rosters



## The Outer Cape Friends of Libraries

The Outer Cape Friends of Libraries (OCFL) is a group composed of officers from the Friends of the Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet, Eastham, Orleans, Chatham, Harwich, and Brewster libraries. The organization began last April at the suggestion of President Pamela Ritchie. In September, 2009, three members met and drew up a mission statement characterizing the group. These points were discussed at the November meeting. The attendees were: Pamela Ritchie, Orleans, Pat Wheeler, Truro; Pat Bartlett, Wellfleet; Judy Sebastian, Eastham; Ara Ishkanian, Wellfleet; and two at-large members from the Wellfleet Friends. They agreed that the group's purpose is to support each library's efforts to develop programs and to suggest fund-raising ideas. Starting in September, meetings will be held every other month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. The host library will give a tour of his/her facility and set the agenda. Each town will share their newsletters with the others.

## President's Message

### *Pamela Ritchie*



Happy New Year to you all. Two thousand nine was quite a year for the Friends. We enjoyed our participation in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, particularly the positive comments coming from the crowd. Our annual meeting featured an excellent speaker, Peter Smith, who spoke about reading and his concern about the "good stories, terrible writing" syndrome we're experiencing.

Many of you attended our Space-Needs-Assessment groups with Richard Waters. We are preparing early for the eventual expansion/revision of the library by hiring Mr. Waters to evaluate our space needs and to report on various possibilities. It is hoped that by considering these options, we will be able to create more efficiency and comfort in our library. This is the first step in a long process, and we thank all of you who participated in the discussion groups.

Two of our social events, the Volunteer Appreciation Party in April and the Major Donor Appreciation Party in September were well attended. As always, they give me an opportunity to meet and thank all of you who are so special to our organization. The Snow Ball dinner dance in November exceeded all our expectations in terms of funds collected and fun with dancing, eating and bidding on silent auction items.

I always enjoy the holiday party for the library staff that we host in December. It provides an opportunity for us get to know those on whom the daily workings of the library depend. We always looking for ways to thank the staff for all they do for patrons of the library.

All in all, I'd say we brought you, our friends, some new and some continuing programs and activities during the past year. We expect the dinner dance to be an annual event, so be looking for information in early fall of this year. We will be in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade again, for sure. This newsletter will be too late to tell you about the January music programs at Snow Library, but I hope that you took the opportunity to enjoy them. We cannot thank you enough for your continued generosity in giving more than necessary for membership. Your contributions in money and time keep Snow Library at the top of the list for excellence. Enjoy the winter.

## Saturdays at the Snow Library

Topics for the Saturdays at the Snow Library winter programs vary widely so there should be something to interest everyone. These free programs help a cold Saturday afternoon pass quickly. All the programs begin at 2:30.

- ✓ **February 6** **The People's Republic at 60** with Peter Geithner
- ✓ **February 20** **The Greening of a Building** with Robert Prescott
- ✓ **February 27** **Medical Ethics in a 21st-Century American Hospital** with Dan McCullough
- ✓ **March 6** **North America's National Parks, the Quiet Side** with Ed Daniels
- ✓ **March 20** **Other Voices - Poetry and Song, IX** with Tim Joyce and Nauset High School students
- ✓ **March 27** **Katrina Animal Rescue and Recovery** with Cheryl Malone

## Greetings from Snow Library

*Mary Reuland*



The new decade is upon us, and I think 2010 will be an excellent year. We are enjoying a winter wonderland scene as I write this, and I am hoping that all the seasons of '10 will be as beautiful as today is.

Libraries strive to reach all age groups, and the Friends' support in this area has been consistent and generous. The Lifetime Learning program and the Friends' support of the Children's Summer Reading activities span the ages. Teenagers, a group which has not gotten much attention recently, will be quite pleased to see the improvements provided by the Friends this year. The Snow Ball was such a great success that teens will now enjoy the use of four new computers in the Young Adult area and an improved collection of music, games and magazines for them. The library has also created a Teen Advisory Board for students to share their ideas about programs and services that they would like to see at Snow Library.

The Space Needs Study has been completed, and the final report provided quite a bit to think about as we begin the Long-range Plan for Snow Library. The Long-range Plan reviews all elements of library service and the Space Needs Report offers several options for improved space and service. All of those options are open for discussion and will be considered as the Long-range Plan is developed this year. Community input is a key component of all library initiatives, and I encourage those who are interested in Snow Library's future to join us as we share ideas and goals in the next few months.

The November 15 issue of *Library Journal* identified Snow Library as one of America's Star Libraries in a national ranking of over 7,000 public libraries. The ranking was based on four per capita measures of public service: circulation, visits, program attendance, and public internet use. Only 258 libraries received stars, and such recognition would not have been possible without the incredible support of the Friends of Snow Library and the Town of Orleans. On behalf of all our patrons and the library staff, thank you for helping us reach the stars!

Wishing all a wonderful New Year and looking forward to seeing you at Snow!

Sincerely,  
Mary Reuland, Director

## The Friends of Snow Library Webpage

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Our Webmaster, Jon Rolf, although California born and raised in the shadow of show business, has deep roots in Massachusetts. He attended secondary school in Easthampton and Amherst College. He has been coming to family homes on Cape Cod since 1962. He retired to live fulltime on the Cape in 2008 and currently serves on the boards of Nauset Newcomers and the Friends of Snow Library.

We expect that this developing website will increase the dissemination of the Snow Library's upcoming programs and emerging needs for support. Future enhancements include adding the means for easy communication with coordinators of library services and Friends-of-Snow support programs.

Please go to our new website, use it, and let us know how it can be improved to make it more useful for you.

## Upcoming Snow Library Book Group Titles

Feb. 8 *Vagrant*,  
Yiyun Li

March 2 *Cadillac  
Desert*, Marc Reisner

April 6 *Gentle Madness*,  
Nicholas Basbanes

May 4 *Future of the  
Past*, Alexander Stille

June 1 *Farewell to Arms*,  
Ernest Hemingway

**Groups begin at 5:30**

The Thornton Burgess Society in Sandwich is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the publication of *Old Mother West Wind* with a children's program in the Snow Library's Craine Room on Saturday, February 6 at 11 AM.

The program called Johnny Woodchuck's Weather Facts and Lore is for families and no registration is necessary.

The Society's celebration continues all year long with events for children and families. We have a copy of their calendar of events available at the library.

# Oh, What a Night!

## *Snow Ball Dinner Dance a Big Success!*

Tables adorned in linen and silver, with generous bouquets of white mums and greens greeted the crowd of over 70 people at the Captain Linnell House Restaurant as they arrived for the first annual *Snow Ball* dinner dance. Guests in their elegant finery enjoyed a cocktail hour that included a generous selection of hot hors d'oeuvres as they perused the large array of items presented for the Silent Auction. Restaurant owners Bill and Shelly Conway, whose generosity made the evening possible, went all out in serving a wonderful gourmet dinner to all the guests at this black-tie-optional affair. DJ Tom Tuttle provided delightful dinner and dancing music throughout the evening.

The first annual *Snow Ball*, a fund raiser for the Friends of Snow Library, raised over \$9000, money which will go towards enhancing the children and youth programs of Snow Library. The Friends are very grateful to all the people who participated in this fun filled event and to those who so generously donated their time and expertise, especially my committee: Ellen Dickenson, Sue McFarlane, Anne Minotti, and Pam Ritchie. We also wish to thank the many businesses, artisans, and private donors for the wonderful quality items offered in the silent auction.

Don't miss this exciting event next year! It was a night to remember.

Holly Trevisan  
Ellen Dickinson  
Co-Chairs



# Lifetime Learning Fall Session

## *Winter Sessions Begins February 1*

Participants in the fall session of Lifetime Learning enjoyed a full schedule of interesting and fascinating courses covering fourteen subject areas. Highlights of the fall session included a continuation of the world's major religions with the focus on Judaism, the second part of a study of the piano over three centuries, a fascinating discussion of God, religion and evil, and a continuation of the study of ornithology. The ever-popular Mind in the Movies, classes on developing a personal writing style, digital camera and a new presentation on the United States Constitution rounded out the list of fall favorites. The committee has been busy preparing an equally tempting series of offerings for the winter session beginning February 2, 2010.

Course and registration information was made available by the second week of January at the Snow Library in Orleans, on the library website, at other sites in town, and at the other lower Cape libraries and councils on aging. Members of the Friends of the Snow Library received their registration brochures by mail.

Courses for this winter's Lifetime Learning Program will cover seventeen exciting subject areas. We look forward to introducing seven entirely new programs. Many of these programs have been in the works for several years, and it is only now that we have found exactly the right people to present them in our upcoming series.

- ✓ ***State of the News Media:*** A one-week-only blitz of radio, TV and print journalism by two major writers whose names you will recognize—Edward Fouhy and Arthur Kane
- ✓ ***Seashore Sentinels:*** Richard Ryder brings us true tales of Cape lifesaving episodes.
- ✓ ***You Too Can Do the New York Times Crossword Puzzle:*** with Irene Nelson helping you with the challenge.
- ✓ ***Organic Vegetable:*** with Gretel Norgeot and Clare Bergh adding a new dimension to our gardening classes.
- ✓ ***Good Time Rock 'n' Roll:*** John Whelan will entertain you with the music of that era.
- ✓ ***How We Discovered the Universe:*** Jarvis Hunt adds new insight into our universe.
- ✓ ***Comparative Denominations*** will continue our world religions courses with local pastors presenting.
- ✓ ***Big Ideas from Short Novels II:*** Steve and Jeff Bornemeier return as presenters
- ✓ ***In Search of Ireland:*** with Bill Barker, one of our favorite speakers, who will regale you with tales of Ireland
- ✓ ***The Life and Poetry of John Keats:*** with Maureen Andrews returning
- ✓ ***Chaucer: Canterbury Tales:*** with John Clark also returning
- ✓ ***Cape Cod Symphony:*** Jung-Ho Pak and George Scharr will bring the back **Joseph Firecrow** as guest soloist on the Native American flute.

Old favorites are back by popular demand:

- ✓ ***So You Want to be a Poet:*** featuring Peter Saunders in the writers' corner
- ✓ ***Writing Your Memoirs:*** with Carol Bright teaching you to preserve your memories
- ✓ ***Cape Cod Gardening:*** Connie LeClair and Sheila Garry are back with their gardening ideas
- ✓ ***Antiquing Can Be Fun:*** Irene DeBoer returns with her finding-treasures course



### ***The Amazing Ruth Higgins***

Many people associate Ruth Higgins with the exquisite table decorations and lovely displays of refreshments at Snow Library functions. As chairman of the Friends' Hospitality Committee she has set a high standard for library functions.

Others may know her as an avid Red Sox fan who spends many winters in Florida watching them get ready for the summer games. She is also a regular at Skaket Beach with her husband Kendall.

If you follow the education scene, you might know her as an educator and principal in Massachusetts' schools between Springfield and Truro.


How many know of her virtuosity in the world of music? After gaining an additional graduate school degree in music, Ruth became a prize-winning coral director performing with her students in some of the best symphony halls.

The next time you are fortunate to eat from her table or see her at a music concert or at the beach, ask her a question you might get an amazing answer.


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## Volunteers Needed for Very Important Jobs

 Have you made a New Year's Resolution to get involved in a worthwhile activity? Well, we Friends of the Snow Library, have two major jobs opening up this coming July—Treasurer and Membership Chairperson. Those interested please call Pamela Ritchie at 508 255 4528 and discuss with her the job requirements and your qualifications. **Thanks. We look forward to hearing from you.**

## Memorial Donations

 If you make a donation to The Friends of Snow Library, either in honor of or in memory of someone, please be sure to include the name and address of those you would like notified for a thank you. In future issues of the newsletter we will include a form for such donations.