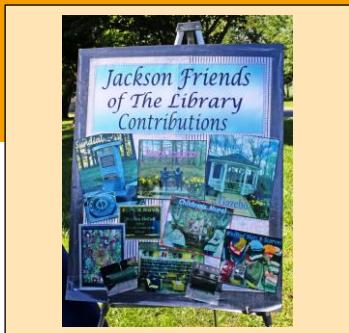


# JACKSON FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Fall*

It is with pride and satisfaction that I look over our activities and accomplishments for the year 2017. We had set our goals high, and we have reached the bar! The electronic sign at the entrance to the Municipal Justice Complex has more than met our expectations. In a glance, you can see what events are about to take place, become aware of what our library offers, and see where we are located.

We say, in our communication to members, to consider giving the gift of membership to Jackson Friends of the Library. I urge everyone who reads this to also consider an important gift to give yourself – a library card! Your Ocean County Library card opens the door to the world of books in all libraries throughout the county. But it also gives you special opportunities in Jackson. Our Friends group has made available to you 3 *museum passes* to borrow.

The Grounds for Sculpture  
The Battleship New Jersey  
The Newark Museum

Our commitment to enhancing what your library can do for you comes from the continued group efforts of our Friends. We work together year-round to raise funds to meet the needs of the library and beyond. Watch for the major changes planned for the children's space in 2018! Money earned from our Country Western Dance and Silent Auction, our annual used book sale in the spring, and our monthly book sales have helped made it possible to "reach our bar."

How about resolving to personally come see what our Friends group is all about and attend our first meeting of 2018, January 18, 7:00 pm, in the meeting room? I look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our team.

Respectfully,

*Rochelle Blum*

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### Featured Event

**Monday, December 4, 2017**

**2pm (adults only)**

**Grandkids Safe and Happy  
While in your Care**

'Tis the season for grandkids and gift-giving! During this program, we will discuss the current trends in child safety in the home, outdoors and on the road! We will also discuss this year's hottest holiday toys and how to select safe, age-appropriate gifts for your grandkids! Presented by Safe Kids Monmouth / Ocean County and Monmouth Medical Center Southern Campus.



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## MEMBERSHIP

Our total membership is now 173 family and individual memberships including Patrons and Benefactors. Members who are Patrons and have not been mentioned in our last issue are **Susan Dagate, Barbara Purcell, and Amy & Stephen Tetreauh.**

**Marge Olinger** has done such a wonderful job of keeping and sharing the membership records as well as promoting new membership whenever she had the opportunity. She is handing off the responsibility to **Samara O'Neil** and sharing past procedures for record keeping and the timing of mailings to members each year.

If you have not renewed your membership or joined the Friends, brochures can be found in a pocket near the used book sale shelves outside the meeting room.



## RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY



It was a bright, sunny August morning and folks gathered in front of the new electronic sign near the entrance from Veterans Highway. After three years of working on this project, many Friends members and some Library staff were thrilled to see the bright colored words on the screen wrapped in a big blue ribbon. Susan Hutler, the chair of Ocean County Library Commission thanked the Friends and noted that many libraries would love to have one. She noted that all the Friends groups are an integral part of the Ocean County Library. Susan Quinn, director of the Ocean County Library thanked Rochelle Blum for her leadership and both speakers praised Friends groups for showing community awareness.

Pamela Doug, Branch manager of the Jackson Branch, thanked the Friends and explained how the sign would be used. It can be operated from inside the library and changed often to let the public see the wonderful programs for the day or week. Since August that is exactly what has been happening. The committee who worked on this venture included Rose Marie Spingler, chairperson, Dave Whelan, Estelle Burke and Lorraine Palme, and of course Rochelle Blum.

Also attending the ceremony were Rita Oakes, Chief Librarian of Branch Services, and Joe Cahill from Maintenance both of whom were essential to getting this done. The ribbon was then cut by Rochelle Blum and Vice President Linda Lafer after which we all enjoyed refreshments supplied by our refreshment committee.



Display at Cornerstone



Ira Blum & Carol Whelan

## **DESSERT PARTY MURDER MYSTERY**



## **FOL MONTH**

This year Rochelle and the board endeavored to offer different activities for different age groups and involve our members too. Participants ages 5-12 had an event designed for “big kids” to bring along their younger loved ones and caregivers. They had fun painting and enjoying snacks on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

On October 7<sup>th</sup> Rochelle Blum read scary stories to children ages 4-10. At Friends, Family and Fun Night on October 18<sup>th</sup> participants discovered the origin of crayons, soap, or scissors and completed a craft activity with a tool. They also spun a wheel to win a prize. This was open to all ages and all enjoyed the evening.

The adult activity *Books to Beer* was held at Cornerstone Kitchen and Tap on Hope Chapel Road in Jackson. Participants tasted 3 craft beers; We Want the Gold, Build me up Butternut; and Mr. Octoberfest. A representative from the Icarus Brewing Company provided the beer and enlightened the guests about craft beers and how they are different than bottled beers.

The library staff supplied books and a display on the subject. There were beer recipes and a number of gifts from the library, too. Mostly active members of the Jackson Friends attended and had a nice time. If you missed out, join us next time!

The Icarus Brewing Company is located in Lakewood. [www.icarusbrewing.com](http://www.icarusbrewing.com); Thursdays 5-9 Fridays 3-10 Saturdays 12-9 and Sundays 12-5; 1790 Swarthmore Avenue Lot 2 Unit 3.

Thanks to the library staff and the Cornerstone Kitchen for their help and participation

## *The Jesse Walker Show*

It was Halloween. We entered the Jackson library meeting room. It was dark and very spooky. As my eyes adjusted we realized we were in a café with tables for six persons. Dim table lighting illuminated the very spooky objects on each table. Jesse and his technician were almost ready to start the show.

Someone at our table discovered we had a card that listed clues about a female character in the film called *Murder at the Guild Inn*. We wanted to win so each member at the table tried to remember the clues about the character on the card.

The film was shown in three parts. After each part the film was stopped, and each team shared the clues for their character with the other table teams. There were a lot of characters to remember in this forty's era film about murder at a hotel called the Guild Inn.

One member recorded as we explained our individual ideas of who did it while more sweets were served each time the film was stopped. It was pretty difficult because of so many characters! Our table didn't win, but it was an entertaining evening overall. Jackson Friends of the Library provided the pastries, punch, and a prize.

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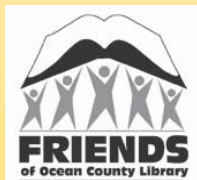
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**INTERVIEW WITH  
David Whalen**

Dave has been chairperson of the annual book sale for the past three years and this spring he is teaming with Laura Reeves to run this most important fund raiser for the Jackson Friends. He has done such a wonderful job in the past and we are sure they will have some new ideas for 2018.

After living in Ohio, Dave, originally from Hamilton, and his wife Carol resettled in Hamilton Township, New Jersey. His long career in business management included working for producers of chemicals, foods and pet products, such as Sun Chemical, Frito Lay, Harts Mountain, and others. He developed skills in working with people as well as negotiating contracts. He has made use of some of these skills in helping our Friends committee to obtain the new electronic sign.

Dave is a busy guy! He has had a parallel career in the army for four years of active service and twenty-five years in the reserve from which he retired in 1997 as Lieutenant Colonel. Beside his work with the Jackson Friends of the Library Board, he is currently serving as the commander of the Jackson American Legion Post 504 and a member of the Veterans Commission.

Carol and Dave have been married for 48 years and have three adult sons and three grandchildren. The youngest, Daniel, is an IT specialist working for Samsung in San Francisco; David, the oldest, runs his own consulting company out of Los Angeles. Middle son Chris is presently a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army and working for the Department of State in Washington, D.C.

Dave & Carol live in the Westlake community where he serves on the Board of Trustees