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## Collette Ricaud is the 2019 Friends Volunteer of the Year

by Judy Zawislak (edited for Friends Trends by Anna Campos)



*Judy Zawislak, left, presents the Volunteer of the year Award to Collette Ricaud at the Friends' June Volunteer Luncheon. Photo by Meade Phelps.*

Since joining the Friends in 2012, Collette Ricaud has taken on more responsibility with our organization with each passing year.

She helps at the sorting center one or two days a week, sorting, pricing, and packing books primarily in the fiction area. She is usually one of the last persons to leave on those days. She also works one day a month putting together Raise a Reader packets to send to new mothers at local hospitals.

Collette sends notes of sympathy, get well, and caring when the need arises among our membership. Any-

one receiving those warm, caring connections surely appreciates her efforts.

She is a regular volunteer at all of the book sales, working as a cashier multiple days throughout the sale, and has agreed to meet the moving truck on Mondays after the sale to return our supplies to the sorting center.

Collette's career in public health and her 21 years in the military helped to form her sense of responsibility and dedication to doing a good job, which is evident in her volunteering endeavors since retiring. We are very lucky to be on the receiving end of such dedication and skills. She has an upbeat work ethic and is an eager participant in the varied things in which the Friends are involved.

It is with great pleasure and sincere appreciation that the Friends give the 2019 Volunteer of the Year award to Collette Ricaud.



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**"I couldn't write a book, because there's  
no applause at the end of a book."**

**--Lin-Manuel Miranda**

**Correction:** On some editions of Issue 56, the caption  
for the top left picture of page nine was incorrect. It should  
read: Jeanne deMontluzin, Jack Young, Ann Buchel, Jim  
deMontluzin and Susan Young. The bottom left picture  
should read: Mary Ellis Hasseltine, Maria Anthaume, Judy  
Zawislak, Susan Ward and George Hasseltine.

## Marie Orth is named a Friend of Distinction


by Patricia Cox (edited for Friends Trends by Anna Campos)

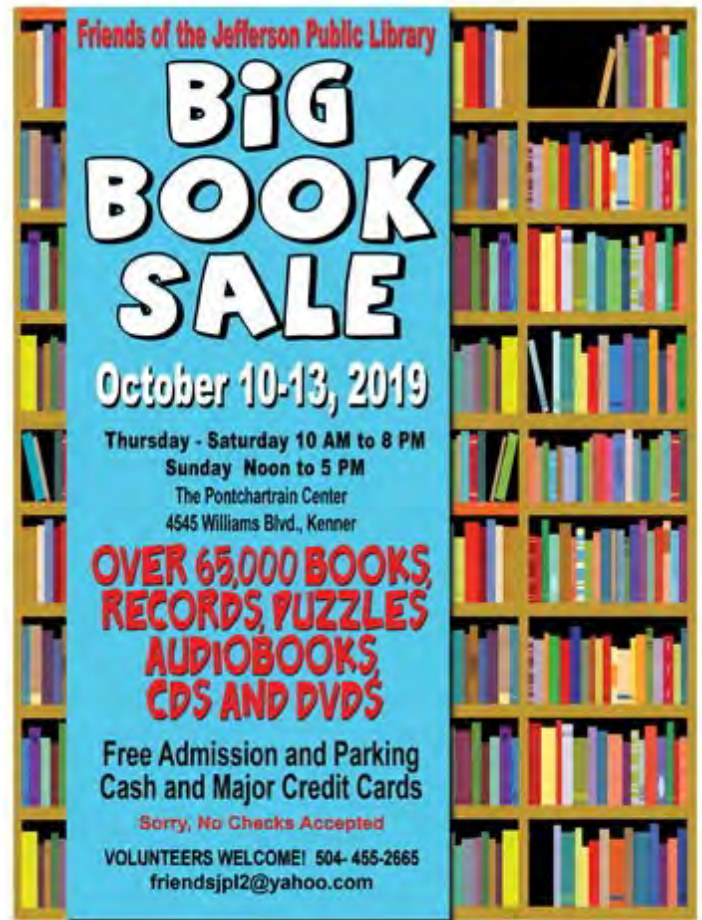


Patricia Cox, left, awarded the Friend of Distinction plaque and certificate to Marie Orth. Photo by Meade Phelps.

Marie Orth is a relative newcomer to our organization. She joined the New Orleans area Newcomers Club and met the Friends super volunteer Judy Zawislak, who told her all the exciting and fun things about the Friends of the Library. It was also the perfect place to donate her surplus books, so she promptly donated her books, and then joined our organization. Since then she has totally immersed herself in the Friends! She never says NO.

Marie volunteers in the store and at sorting. She works at the book sale and raises her hand for every request we make. When asked, she agreed to run for a board position and was elected. All this was done during her first year as a member.

Every job Marie takes on is done extremely well. Even though she is still a 'new' member, she has distinguished herself as a real 'worker bee'. Congratulations to our 2019 Friend of Distinction, Marie Orth. 



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"The end of reading is not more books but more life."

—Holbrook Jackson





## In Memoriam

**Kathleen Howard Brady**

*July 27, 2019*

Kathy was a Wednesday volunteer in the Online Sales department of the Friends for several years, and also participated in our book sales. She had been battling cancer for two years.

If you wish to make a donation in her memory, you can send a check payable to the Friends of the Jefferson Public Library. Put Kathy Brady's name in the memo section of the check and mail it to Friends of the Jefferson Public Library, P.O. Box 9391, Metairie, LA 70055.

## News Notes

### Recent happenings at the Jefferson Public Library

John Lipani, Sean Fitzwilliam, and Michael Purvis won first, second, and third place, respectively, at the recent adult spelling bee held at the East Bank Regional Library. Chris Smith, manager of adult programs for the library system, prepares the words for the contest, each with a definition and a sentence illustrating its use. It took 13 rounds and more than 60 words to winnow the 13 competitors down to one winner.

The event has taken place annually since August 2013. Prizes for the top three contestants were gift certificates to the Friends' semi-annual Big Book Sale.

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## The Shadow Knows (and TELLS All)

Greetings, Fellow Booklovers!

It has been a long, hot, typical New Orleans summer, in and out of the Sorting Center. Nothing much exciting has happened for me to report about; no one has found a \$20 bill in a book, no one has even lost 10 pounds to brag about. Nonetheless, I will try to weave a tale or two to catch you up on Friends' doings, or better yet, to give you a chuckle.

Sorting has been operating with a skeleton *krewe* all summer. On some days, the lunch table has actually been quiet. I predict it is the calm before the storm. **Judy Zawislak**, Book Sale Co-Chair has returned, and when a few of the others return from their extended vacations or hooky days off, the Center will enter the final push to get ready for the October 10-13 Big Book Sale. Mark your calendar! It's coming around again, fast!

**Kathleen Deao**, Past President now living in Foley, Alabama, dropped in for a visit in June and lunched with the Tuesday ladies. It was like old times, seeing her. It made my day when she told me she always reads my Shadow column. I hope you enjoy seeing your name in print, **Kathleen**.

Two Friends couples are celebrating fifty years of marriage this summer. **Marie and Greg Breerwood** recently had their whole family in for a week of festivities, then celebrated all together with a lovely lunch out. **Anna and Robert Campos'** anniversary will not be until December, but they

have already celebrated with an Alaskan cruise. Congratulations from all of us to both couples!

**President Diane Schleifstein** has done her level best to keep Board meetings to about an hour. The last several meetings have clocked in at between 40 and 45 minutes. Way to go, girl! Ready to serve another term?

New Friend **Lisa Williams** has recently joined the ranks of our volunteers. **Anna Campos**, Amazon packer/lister was quick to appropriate **Lisa's** services to help her on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She is now doing a good job of listing and packing. On other days, **Lisa** enjoys working at the Friends' Store off the lobby in the Library.

When **Maria Tujague** opens the fridge and lets out a small shriek, we all know she will start pitching things out. **Maria** admits she has an actual phobia of "green stuff." This summer she found an item that had been refrigerated and forgotten by **Sue Hellwig** since 9/2018, and some ice cream (put there by goodness-knows-whom) with ice all over it. When did we have ice cream? I surely didn't get any! Anyway, the refrigerator is now spotless.

Speaking of **Sue H.**, though she is awfully svelte for a woman of "our" age, I seriously question her idea of nutrition. For Tuesday lunches, she always dips into the Chex Mix container, then eats anything **Maria T.** has baked, to top it off. But silly me—doesn't Chex contain whole grains, and the cake, some eggs and cream cheese? **Sue**, you're spot on, after all!

We are "recycling fools" here at the Center; nothing ever goes to waste. Of course, you'd **expect** us to recycle books and turn them into money, but

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we also tote newspapers for **Peg Phelps** to take for her veterinarian's cages. We save plastic bags for **Aileen Janney** and **Peg** to take on doggie walks, and we recycle boxes, cardboard and egg cartons to be used by the Amazon and Sorting packers. The egg cartons are great for stuffing boxes so that books don't move around in them when they are transported to the sale.

Now, word must have gotten around about the egg cartons, because recently, one of the donation bins was filled with them! Imagine the surprise of the volunteer who opened the bin expecting to see books! Unfortunately, **Anna C.** was not around with her trusty camera to capture the moment for the newsletter, but you can picture the scene-- more cartons than we could ever use. The story has a happy ending, however. **Joan Fontaine**, sorter/pricer/packer, **happened** to know that the Kiwanis Club was *looking* for egg cartons to be used as paint holders at Children's Hospital during its fundraiser, "Painting for a Purpose." Thus, even our surplus egg cartons had found a noble re-purposing!

Sometime during the summer **Diane Davey** discovered a Bible that had newspaper clippings in it. Suspecting it had been relinquished by mistake, **Diane** turned it over to **Maureen Howat**, amateur genealogist, who had been featured as a "Bible Sleuth" in the May, 2010 issue of *Friends Trends*. As **Maureen** was perusing the clippings, **Maria Tujague** looked over her shoulder and realized she knew the family name in the obituary article. **Maria** was able to contact her friend whose aunt was the subject of the obituary. He then passed the Bible on to his cousin, the daughter of the deceased, who was glad

to have it back.



*Anna Campos*

*Diane Davey, left, and Maria Tujague examine some of the newspaper clippings attached to the family Bible that turned up in Sorting.*

An incident on August 13 involved another Bible. **Sandra Blount**, at Sorting gathering books and items for the Store, fielded a telephone call from **Cheryl Smith**, on duty in the Store. **Cheryl** had a customer who had seen a large print Bible in our Amazon online inventory, and wanted to buy it. At that point, **Sandra** handed the phone to me, the only Amazon employee at work on a computer that Tuesday morning. The said elderly gentleman was on a large, motorized scooter, and had to be escorted from the

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Store to the narrow aisles of the Amazon area. That was a first! Together, he and I tracked down the Bible he wanted, and he was thrilled with his purchase. I was so happy to have been able to help him.

There are still a lot of discarded weeds lying around, donated by the parish libraries that are being renovated. There are also tons of donations, making for a huge pile of assorted boxes and bags in the middle of the floor at the Center. We will be so ready to have our vacationing wanderers back to sort, price and pack. On another front, Amazon ladies have been readying Collectibles for the sale, packing and sealing them up for transport. There is never a shortage of work to be done.

**Patricia Cox**, Store Manager, says that the summer has been uneventful there, as well; "But," she says, "that's a good thing." In mid-summer, on

one of the hottest days of the year, the Store sold six New Orleans Afghans. Go figure! Maybe people are holiday shopping early this year.

The Store was closed for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and for the non-hurricane Barry for a total of a week. This made for less than average summer sales. "Not too many years back," **Patricia** mused, "July was the Store's busiest month."

The brightest note of the summer at the Store has been the return of **Arlene Manguno** as a Store substitute. Customers, as well as the staff love seeing her infectious smile. All say, "Welcome back, **Arlene!**"

Well, that's about all, Friends. You are up-to-date on everything I know. Let's stay well, so that we can all see each other at the October sale.

Until next time,

Your friendly **Shadow**

## We're on FACEBOOK!!!

Check out the "Friends of the Jefferson Public Library" Facebook page!

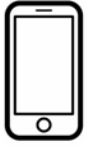
"Like" us on Facebook to get our reminders and updates on the latest happenings and Friends events!



## Cashiers needed for the Friends Store

*The Friends Store, located in the lobby of the East Bank Regional Library, is in need of cashiers to work 4-hour shifts. Store hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 AM-6 PM and Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 1 PM-5 PM.*

*If you or any other member you know would like to help out, please contact Sandra Blount at 504-835-1254 to sign up.*



Do you have an old Smart phone that is the equivalent of an iPhone 5 or higher? The Friends can use it to scan and price books in the Sorting Center. If you are willing to donate your phone, please call the Sorting Center at 455-2665 or e-mail Peg Phelps at [neworleanspeg@cox.net](mailto:neworleanspeg@cox.net).

## Worth a thousand words



*Two \$2 bills were recently found in a book donated to the Friends. Each one had a 13-cent cancelled commemorative stamp attached. It was apparently a common practice of collectors to have the Post Office stamp the cancellation date to show that the bill was purchased on its official issue date (in this case, April 13, 1976, in Hampstead, New York). The bills are worth anywhere from \$5 to \$15, depending on the condition, state, town, and boldness of the stamp. Our bills will be in the Collectibles Area at the October Book Sale, on sale for \$10 each. Photo by Online Sales staff.*

The Sorting Center is in need of volunteers to help empty the book bins on weekends. This would be a once-a-month job. It usually takes 1-2 hours; the day and time are flexible. Moving the books from the bins into boxes doesn't require much physical strength, but not everyone can push a full cart of books into the Sorting Center, so if you are able to do that, your help would be most welcome. Call the Sorting Center at 455-2665 or e-mail Peg Phelps at [neworle-anspeg@cox.net](mailto:neworle-anspeg@cox.net) if you would like to volunteer.

"It wasn't that time stopped in the library. It was as if it were captured here, collected here, and in all libraries—and not only my time, my life, but all human time as well. In the library, time is dammed up—not just stopped but saved. The library is a gathering pool of narratives and of the people who come to find them. It is where we can glimpse immortality; in the library we can live forever."

—Susan Orlean, *The Library Book*



# What's cooking at the Friends?

*Friends Secretary Susan Helwig provided this recipe:*

## Sue's New Year's Day Black-eyed Pea Salad

Three 15 oz. cans black-eyed peas (or mixture of black-eyed, crowder & field peas), rinsed thoroughly  
¼ cup diced celery  
2 tablespoons each thinly sliced red, yellow & green bell pepper  
2-3 tablespoons thinly sliced red onion  
2 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley  
2-3 bay leaves  
1/8 teaspoon celery seed  
¼ cup vinaigrette\*  
1 tablespoon Zatarain's Creole Mustard (or to taste)  
Tony Chachere's or salt, garlic powder, Tabasco & freshly ground black pepper to taste



*Anna Campos*

Combine all ingredients and marinate at least six hours or overnight. A "good luck" salad for New Year's Day!

\*Vinaigrette -  
Extra virgin olive oil  
Wine vinegar  
Dijon Mustard  
Garlic powder  
Pinch sugar  
Freshly cracked black pepper  
Few drops Tabasco

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