From the Friends President

A Happy New Year to all Friends: I trust you had a pleasant holiday season and that your new year is off to a good start.

Friends affairs and programs continue to be in very good health, thanks to you, who give the Golda Meir Library at UWM your financial and moral support. GAL is truly an outstanding resource for the whole community, not just for the UWM faculty, staff and students. This was indicated clearly in a recent survey of library users when we learned that approximately 10% of our patrons were community users.

I’m pleased to report that, to keep pace with our rapid development from a small group to an organization of over 650 members, the Friends will soon be looking at expanding its Board of directors, to allow for more participation. This, plus a few minor technical changes to the Bylaws, will be an item for Friends to consider at our Annual Meeting later this year.

In the meantime, the Friends’ Spring 98 book sale is coming up. We’d very much appreciate your help in staffing the sale and with keeping the display of books in good order. To volunteer some time (it can be as little as an hour) please call Linda Kopp at 229-6202.

Friends Activities: Recap
1996-97 Academic Year
Projects and Activities

The Friends had another active year in 1996-97:

> Over $16,100 was provided by the Friends in support of the Golda Meir Library for:

  - the Special Collections Book For[u]ms on the book as an art form
  - the reception at the October 23, 1996 American Geographical Society Collection symposium, "The Sphere of the Cartographer"
  - the reception at the April 16, 1997 8th annual Holzheimer Lecture, Maps and America, "Mapping the West"
  - the purchase of Special Collections materials with the proceeds of the 1996 used book sale
  - the purchase of a rare book, *A Private Fall*, by Robert Bly for Special Collections
  - funding for library staff travel and professional development
  - funding for the Library Director’s unrestricted account for general Library support
  - the purchase of a rare 18th century French map of the Holy Land (the Nolin map), for the American Geographical Society Collection

> The first issue of the Friends’ newsletter was published.

> The Scholar and the Library speaker series was again sponsored by the Friends.

> The April 2-3, 1997 used book sale brought in $2,867.53, one of the highest amounts ever obtained in a Friends book sale.

> A talk April 24, 1997 by speaker Alice Wexler, author of *Mapping Fate: A Memoir of Family, Risk, and Genetic Research* (UCLA, 1995) was co-sponsored with the Center for Twentieth Century Studies.

> June 1, 1997, the Annual Meeting program, "The Iron Brigade," and the accompanying exhibit of Civil War maps, documents, and books attracted Civil War enthusiasts.
Annual Meeting: 1 June 1997

The Friends of the Golda Meir Library, at their annual meeting:

- approved the transfer of the $2,867.53 proceeds from the 1997 book sale to the Library for special acquisitions
- increased to $3,000 the amount given to support library staff development in recognition of the excellent work done by all library staff and the need for ongoing professional development to enable that work to continue. The members expressed their appreciation to the entire library staff for their continued outstanding contribution to the intellectual life of the University.
- voted to contribute $1,000 to the Library Director’s unrestricted account to help support library activities not funded by State budget monies
- approved $8,000 to help purchase a rare French map of the holy land, dating from 1700, for the American Geographical Society Collection
- pledged another $8,000, if needed, for the 1997-98 fiscal year, for the map purchase, in the event that the funds were not raised from other sources
- elected officers and directors:
  - Norman P. Lasca, President, 1997-99
  - Bruce Fetter, Vice-President, 1997-99
  - Hope Winter, Treasurer, 1997-99
  - Bob Seay, Secretary, 1997-99

Directors:
- Felmers Chaney, 1997-99
- Arlene Hansen, 1997-98
- Ed Hinshaw, 1997-98
- Judge Stanley Miller, 1997-99
- Lolita Schneiders, 1996-98
- Rabbi Barry Silberg, 1997-99
- Peter Watson-Boone, ex-officio

- expressed appreciation to retiring board members Janet Bur, who served since 1992 and who was Vice-President since 1995; Robert Cooper, who served since 1990 and who was Treasurer since 1991; Irene Sanderson, immediate Past President, who served as President 1993-95 and was on the board since 1990; and Myron Sielaff who served since 1991.

Friends Logo

When the Friends decided to update their logo (actually, there were two unrelated logos in use) they thought it would be a good idea to enlist the help of UWM, and at the same time offer students the experience of participating in a design competition.

A contest, open to UWM students, for the design of a new Friends logo was held in March and April, 1997. A committee of the Friends Board of Directors did the judging, and a total of $500 in cash prizes funded by the Friends was awarded:

- 1st place, Kerri Schneider, a senior majoring in geosciences, $250
- 2nd place, Andy Risser, a senior majoring in art, $150
- 3rd place, Nicole Hegge, a first year student majoring in art, $100

Honorable mentions went to Tracy DeCori, art; Daniel Foulard, architecture; and Lisa Kallenbach, art.

The new logo is on the masthead of this newsletter.

Friends support two Library Speaker Series

- Book FOR[u]Ms is a guest speaker series dedicated to bringing artists, printers, designers, papermakers, binders, and other practitioners of the arts of the book to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to offer public presentations about their work and the significance of the book arts as a form and forum for self-expression. During their visits they also participate in the Book Arts Workshop course in the UWM Art Department. This program is co-sponsored by the Golda Meir Library, Friends of the Golda Meir Library, Fenwood Imprints, and the UWM Art Department.

Lectures are free and open to the public, 7pm - 9pm Special Collections, Fourth Floor, Golda Meir Library.

The Fall 1997 events were:

September 26 - Peter and Donna Thomas
Hand letterpress printers, printmakers, papermakers, book designers, book binders, and miniature book artists, this well-established book-making couple have been creating limited edition publications for over twenty years under their own names and under their former imprint, Good Book Press.
October 13 - Margaret Sunday
Margaret Sunday is a printmaker, book artist, assistant professor of art at the University of Northern Colorado, and curator of the exhibition, Shape-Shifting: Transformation in the Art of the Book.

October 20 - Martha Carothers
Martha Carothers is a letterpress printer, book artist, papermaker, teacher, scholar, book arts theorist, and chair of the Department of Art at the University of Delaware.

November 3 - Leslie Bellavance
Leslie Bellavance is a photographer, book artist, and professor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She will discuss her recently completed book, AnaLeMMic, a project conducted in collaboration with Nexus Press, Atlanta.

The Scholar and The Library
This series is a library academic event which may be of interest to Friends members.

UWM humanities and social science scholars discuss their recent research activities, and how library resources and services helped facilitate the research process.

All presentations are free and open to the public, and are held in room 281, Second Floor, East Wing from 2 pm to 3 pm.

The Fall 1997 Lecturers were:

Friday, October 10, 1997
Prof. Richard M. Blau
Fine Arts-Film, UW-Milwaukee
"Balkan ecstasies: music, dance and culture in northern Greece"

Friday, November 14, 1997
Prof. Donald L. Hanlon
Architecture and Urban Planning, UW-Milwaukee
"Adventures in Rajasthan"

The Spring 1998 programs include:

Friday, February 13, 1998
Prof. William Washabaugh
Anthropology, UW-Milwaukee
"Flamenco dancing in Spain"

Friday, March 20, 1998
Prof. Julio Rodriguez-Luis
Spanish and Portuguese, UW-Milwaukee
"Chile's crazy geography"

Friday, April 10, 1998
Prof. F. Xavier Baron
English and Comparative Literature, UW-Milwaukee
"Notting Hill Festival, London"
Spring 1998 programs will be announced individually as they are scheduled.

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