FROM THE FRIENDS' PRESIDENT

The Friends have enjoyed another successful year! As of September 2001, the cash balance of our Friends' account is 15% higher than it was at this time last year. In May, we held the latest in a series of successful used book-sales on behalf of the Library. The Friends continue to support the Golda Meir Library and its programs, such as the UWM Academic Adventurers and the Book FOR[u]MS, as well as offering programs of our own, such as this spring's “Beyond the Blue Shirt.” We also provide support for Library staff to attend workshops and conferences that enhance their professional development. You will find details of upcoming Friends-supported activities on the following pages of the newsletter.

There are a number of newsworthy items to report from the most recent Friends Board meeting, held October 3. The Friends welcomed Simone Conceicao-Runlee and Scott Sampson to the Board; we appreciate their participation. Thomas and Jean Bliffert received the Board's thanks for a very generous gift to create “The Thomas and Jean Bliffert Trust for the Friends of the Golda Meir Library,” which will have as its priority the acquisition and dissemination of information on the local history of the arts, in which Tom and Jean have long had a special interest. Davey Singer, the Library’s Development Director, introduced a new fund-raising program called Inside Inscriptions. For a $35 contribution to the Friends, the Library will place a bookplate inscribed with an honoree’s name inside a new book. Look for the application accompanying the newsletter. Also on the subject of maintaining the financial health of the organization, the Board heard from its own fund-raiser, David Tucker, concerning his plans to raise $70,000 for the Friends during the current year. The Board then discussed ways it might coordinate new and interesting activities among the general membership—stay tuned for details! Finally, in response to the tragedy of September 11, the Board agreed to make a contribution to the Friends of the New York Public Library—one Friends group to another.

As always, we welcome your input, support, and involvement. If you would like to become involved with the Friends, contact me or one of the other Board members. Thank you for supporting the Golda Meir Library.

Norman Lasca

FRIENDS-SUPPORTED ACQUISITIONS

In 2000-01, the Friends made several purchases on behalf of the Library for the Music Collection: two very different sets of the complete works of Bach, a set of the complete works of Mozart, and a set entitled One Hundred Great Pianists.

The first set of Bach, Bach 2000, was conducted by Nicholas Harnoncourt and performed on period instruments. It consists of 153 CDs. The second set, Hänssler Edition Bachakademie, was conducted by Helmut Rilling and performed on modern instruments. It consists of 172 CDs.

Rebecca Littman, Head of the Music Collection, proudly displays recent acquisitions made possible by the Friends.
The Mozart collection consists of 180 CDs in 45 volumes and encompasses Mozart's complete works, including juvenilia and unfinished works.

*One Hundred Great Pianists* surveys some of the greatest pianists ever recorded, from one of the earliest, Ignace Paderewski, to one of the most recent, Evgeny Kissin. It holds 250 hours of music on 200 discs. Library Director Peter Watson-Boone describes these landmark sets as “valuable additions” to the Music Collection” and an “excellent resource for researchers.”

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING**

The Friends’ annual business meeting and summer program took place on June 12. The complete text of the minutes from the annual meeting will be posted on the Friends’ Web site at [www.uwm.edu/Library/Friends/minutes.html](http://www.uwm.edu/Library/Friends/minutes.html).

Entitled “Beyond the Blue Shirt,” the Friends’ summer program explored the subject of public art in Milwaukee. Panelists Tom Bamberger, adjunct curator of photography at the Milwaukee Art Museum; Whitney Gould, urban spaces columnist for the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*; and Jill Sebastian, a widely exhibited local artist, provided insightful comments and engaged the audience in a lively dialog. Bamberger focused on the “dark side” of public art and cautioned program attendees that “bad public art is worse than no public art at all.” Gould discussed some examples of successful art in Milwaukee and identified what she considers to be their defining characteristics. Schneider argued that public art should stimulate a viewer’s interaction, but added, “Beyond that, there are no formulas for successful public art.”

**FRIENDS BOLSTER FUND-RAISING EFFORTS**

Recognizing the importance of increasing financial support to meet non-tax funded needs at the Golda Meir Library, the Friends, at the Annual Business Meeting on June 12, voted to hire David G. Tucker Consulting, L.L.C., to work with the Board of Directors, the Director of Libraries, and the Library Development Director to plan and implement a significant fund-raising effort for the Friends. The Friends can play a major role in enabling the Library to enhance and preserve its collections, and continue and expand Friends’ programs such as lectures and exhibits. Friends' President Norman Lasca notes that “increased financial support will help the Library to move up the ranks of U.S. research libraries, and to fulfill its service mission to the campus and the broader southeast Wisconsin region, under Chancellor Zimpher’s ‘Milwaukee Idea’ initiative.”

**FRIENDS’ BOOK-SALE**

The Friends held a used book-sale on April 9-11 this year. The Friends sold more than 3,000 items and raised over $3,100. Proceeds were donated to the Golda Meir Library to enhance collections. Thanks to the following volunteers for their help: Douglas Zander, Elizabeth Bottrum, Viriginia A. Palmer, Max and Patricia Schramach, Judith Hestoft, and Ralph and Melba Stockhausen. Special thanks to Lois Blinkhorn of the Programs Committee for coordinating this event.

Book-sale donations are always welcome. Anyone interested in donating books, music recordings, and videos either for possible addition to the Library’s holdings or for the book-sale should contact Jim Tobin, the Collection Manager, at 229-6814 or by e-mail at rjt@gml.lib.uwm.edu.
SUPPORT FOR UW SYSTEM LIBRARIES

On behalf of the Friends, President Norman Lasca sent a letter to (then) Governor Tommy G. Thompson, asking him to include the University of Wisconsin System’s request for strengthening UW System library collections in the 2001-03 state budget.

Some years ago, the UW Board of Regents requested $12 million to augment UW System libraries with additional electronic information resources; expanded document delivery services; and the highest priority books, journals, and other documents. The final budget provided $7.3 million for UW library collections, of which UWM’s share was approximately $230,000 each year. The $4.7 million requested by the UW System for the 2001-03 budget is the balance of the earlier request for $12 million.

In his letter, Lasca noted that “the UW System’s libraries are a priceless asset for the State of Wisconsin. They are not only crucial to the universities’ instruction and research missions, but also heavily used by Wisconsin businesses, government agencies, the K-12 education community, and Wisconsin citizens. For instance, the Golda Meir Library is a primary resource for approximately 40% of the state’s population living within a 30-mile radius of the UWM campus. UW System libraries need adequate funding in order to provide the information resources that will keep Wisconsin competitive in the global economy of the 21st century.”

JUDGE STANLEY MILLER

The Friends note with great sadness the passing of former Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Stanley A. Miller on Sunday morning, November 4. Stanley was a valued member of the Friends’ Board and a staunch supporter of the Golda Meir Library. At Chancellor Nancy Zimpher’s inauguration in 1999, he and Ed Hinshaw presented her with a rare first edition of Herman Melville’s Moby Dick, which was purchased by the Friends for the Golda Meir Library. The Friends extend their deeply felt sympathy to Stanley’s family.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION

The Golda Meir Library has now implemented a generic e-mail address for its Administrative Office (the Director of Libraries, the Associate Director, and the Administrative Office support staff): libadmin@uwm.edu. This address will make communication with the Administrative Office easier and more efficient.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE GOLDA MEIR LIBRARY

Dec. 7, 2001, 3:00 p.m.
UWM’s Academic Adventurers: Dr. Russell Cuhel, UWM Great Lakes Water Institute, “A Great Lakes Research Expedition.” Held in the AGSC, 3rd floor, east wing.

Dec. 14, 2001, 2-3:00 p.m.
The Scholar and the Library: Prof. Emeritus James Fisher and Prof. Larry Martin, both of the UWM Dept. of Administrative Leadership, “The Welfare to Work Challenge for Adult Literacy Educators.” Held in room 281, east wing.

Feb. 15, 2002, 3:00 p.m.
UWM’s Academic Adventurers: Prof. Patrick Bellegarde-Smith, UWM Dept. of Africology, “The (Re)Presentation of Deities in African Diasporic Discourse.” Held in the AGSC, 3rd floor, east wing.

Feb. 22, 2002, 3:00 p.m.

Mar. 15, 2002, 3:00 p.m.
UWM’s Academic Adventurers: Prof. Swarnjit S. Arora, UWM Dept. of Economics, “Mera Sona Punjab—Cradle of Civilization.” Held in the AGSC, 3rd floor, east wing.

Mar. 29, 2002, 2-3:00 p.m.
The Scholar and the Library: Prof. Stacey Oliker, UWM Dept. of Sociology, “Caregiving After the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Program.” Held in room 281, east wing.

April 12, 2002, 3:00 p.m.
FRIENDS OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Officers

Norman Lasca
President
(414) 229-4561
nplasca@uwm.edu

Rabbi Barry Silberg
Treasurer
(414) 964-9997
silberg@uwm.edu

Bruce Fetter
Vice President
(414) 229-5207
ruf@uwm.edu

Lois Blinkhorn
Secretary
(414) 964-3494
loisblink@uwm.edu

Board Members, 2001/02

Albert Adelman
Norm Balthasar
Tom Bliffert
Gilbert Church
Simone Conceição-Runlee
Susan Engberg
Ted LaTour
Michael Lord
Judge Stanley Miller
Maria Monreal-Cameron
Scott Sampson
Martin Schreiber
Leigh Sherman
Katherine L. Smith (ex officio)
Sally Tolan
Pat Van Alyea
Professor Winston Van Horne (ex officio)
Peter Watson-Boone (ex officio)

Directors Emeriti, 2001/02

Felmers Chaney
Ed Hinshaw
Bob Seay