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- **Vice President:** Waid Vance
- **Secretary:** Phil Barnhart
- **Treasurer/Library Director:** Lois Szudy

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Memorial Library
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'Friend'ly Correspondence



Sign up for April 16th Annual Meeting

Be sure to fill out and return the RSVP for at the end of the new letter, to reserve your spot at the meeting (and Dinner!!).

Agenda for the April 16th Meeting:

- 5:00 Instruction Session for the new automated catalog system (OPAL and Ohiolink) in Library 107 (formerly Library Late Hour Study) for those who desire this instruction
- 6:00 Dinner - 2nd floor of the library including "Literary Figures Brought to Life" (Can you identify them?) \$6.00 per person
- 7:00 Annual business meeting and election (2nd floor of the library). Setting of Friends' Priorities regarding:
- (1) membership
 - (2) programs and
 - (3) fund raising in conjunction with the library "wish list"

*** SEE RSVP AT THE END OF THE NEWLETTER

Feature Article about... Betty Woodworth Clark:

The "first annual" Courtright Memorial Library bookmark will have as its distinguished designer, a Friends member, Betty Woodworth Clark, water colorist. A native of Jamestown, New York, she grew up in the deep woods and sunlit meadows of Chantauqua County, and influences of those years are evident in her work. An alumna of Otterbein College, Clark received her M.A. from Ohio University, and has studied with a number of artists through the years.

Clark's works have been exhibited in hundreds of Ohio and national exhibitions and have won many awards over the years. She has taught Art in Euclid Schools, Cleveland Museum of Art, Tri-C Western Campus, Parma Continuing

Education, and Parma Center Gallery, where she served as volunteer Director from 1963-1993. The Westerville Otterbein Women's Club in 1966 named her Woman of the Year for her achievements in art. Two of her paintings rendered in iridescent watercolors were published with her commentary at the invitation of editors of Watercolor Magazine, Summer 1997 issue.

A recent project has been the creation of three large illustrative panels to be installed in the Children's Room of the Middleburg Heights Library. The illustrations are a memorial to William Morse, a library supporter who—once a week for thirty years—brought into the library children who otherwise would likely not have been regular visitors there. Clark's work features these children, including the handicapped and the bi-racial, who typify the groups he befriended. The commission for this visual tribute came to Clark as the

result of a competition sponsored by the Middleburg Heights Library.

In honor of Betty Woodworth Clark, Courtright Memorial Library will feature a selection of her paintings. The exhibition is timed to begin with the Friends' annual meeting on April 16th.

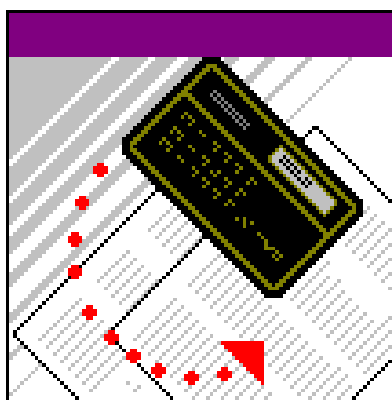
A Report from Your President



I've been looking over our "Friends Member List"—90 names as of 7 March as I write. A few live far away from the campus and probably can't attend the Friends' April 16th Annual Meeting. But what a rich source of good planning advice it will be if the rest of you (who live not so far) can join the group in setting priorities for the year 1999-2000. You are not only most cordially invited, you are urgently invited to contribute your ideas on programs, on fund raising, and on membership expansion. The library staff has been working on prioritizing a "wish list." (I'm tempted to call it a "necessity list.") There'll be an election, and you will also be able to help decide how to put to use funds already raised by Friends' activities under Lois Szudy's able leadership.

And—just in case all of this sounds like "serious stuff"—I am delighted to be able to promise you some light-hearted moments during dinner. Friends member Mary Pat Knight and her "cast of characters" will bring before us, in the flesh, some literary figures for us to identify—with what ground rules and through what clues, I can now only speculate. Don't miss this!! The officers who have been planning the annual meeting look forward to seeing you on April 16th. (Reservations by April 9th, please; see form that follows.) The lasagna dinner will be catered by the Olive Garden, including a vegetarian option. Desserts by local member hostesses.

Sylvia Vance



A Report From Your Treasurer:

As of March 12, 1999, the Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library has \$8,432.37 in our account. Thank you to all who have renewed your memberships or have become new members. Also a big thank you to those who have donated additional

funds beyond the amount required by the dues. A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Auctions last year. You all are wonderful FRIENDS!

Lois Szudy



Secretary's Report :

The executive committee has met twice to plan the annual spring meeting of the Friends. Of general interest to the members we announce the following:

1. We have a new volunteer editor for the Newsletter. This is a momentous announcement for your secretary!
2. We still have need for a Friends logo. Letterheads and return envelopes will be produced when one is selected.
3. Exciting things are planned for the April 16 meeting.
4. A nominating committee is being appointed. Its tasks and composition will be announced at the April 16 meeting.

With much released time the secretary is planning all sorts of happy events.

Phil Barnhart



Report from your Director:

Library Requests for Use of Funds

The following items have been identified by the library staff as valid purchases for the Friends. The list is in order by priority (the top priority item is listed first). The Friends group can choose to allocate the entire amount needed for one (or more) of these items or can allocate a portion of the money needed for the more expensive items. The voting will occur during the April 16 Annual Meeting.

1. **Re-framing Historical**

Pictures: the Otterbein Room (Archives) would like to reframe a number of historical pictures/photographs. Several of these have hung in Towers Hall for many years. They were removed during the reconstruction for safe keeping. Upon inspection by the Archivist it was realized that the frames are not in good enough condition to allow them to be re-hung when the Towers remodeling is complete. They need to have new frames, with acid free/archival quality matting to preserve the items. The total cost will be approximately \$5,000 - \$7,000 to reframe all of the Otterbein Room photographs that need attention. However, a lesser amount would allow us to begin re-framing a few at a time.

2. **Public Announcement System:**

the library needs to install a public address system to improve the safety of our patrons. The system would be used to notify occupants of the building regarding tornado drills/warnings/watches and other natural disasters. It could also be used to notify patrons about closing times. The cost has not yet been determined.

3. **Display Accessories:** the library needs additional pieces for our display racks and stands. The accessories needed would allow us to better display larger children's books, faculty development materials, government publications, new books, and special book displays. The cost would be approximately \$250.

4. **Microform Reader/Printer:**

The library has one operational microform reader/printer and needs an additional machine. This reader/printer would allow patrons to make paper copies of anything housed on both microfiche (government publications, periodicals, and annual reports, etc.) and microfilm (newspapers). Our one machine cannot handle the demand placed on it. The approximate cost would be between \$7,500 and \$8,000.

5. **Reference Works:** The library could use several expensive reference sets, including:

- Columbia Gazetteer of the World (\$750.00)
- Encyclopedia of the United States in the 20th Century (\$385.00)

- Congressional Quarterly's Guide to the Presidency (\$315.00)
- Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion (\$250.00)

6. **Reupholstering Furniture:**

Much of the library furniture is original with the building (purchased in 1971-1972). While it is solid furniture, the fabric is becoming worn and the color choices really "date" the items. We especially need the couches for the staff lounge reupholstered and the chairs on the first floor (Reference area). The cost will vary depending on what is done, but should cost between \$500 and \$3,000.

7. **Cash Register:** The Circulation Desk could use a cash register to better manage our cash flow. We collect money for fines, fees, and make change for the copiers. A cash register would protect these funds and would allow us to better track the money collected for the different purposes. The cost would be approximately \$100-\$400.

8. **VCR Units:** The Instructional Support Services department (lower level of the library) could use two additional VCR units to help with video duplication. The ISS copies videos for different departments on campus for use by the faculty and students. The cost would be \$570.

Lois Szudy



A note from the editor:

Hi! My name is Jaimie, and I am a junior at Otterbein. I am an Elementary Education Major, with a concentration in English & Language Arts, as well as a minor in Equine Riding & Training.

Aside from being the President of Otterbein's Equestrian Team, my campus involvement includes working at the OCML. I have worked for Lois for 3 years now, the duration of my time at Otterbein. I look forward to serving as the Editor of the Friends' Newsletter, and am open to any suggestions you may have for the format, or style of this publication.

Jaimie Philips



OUR NEXT ANNUAL MEETING:

APRIL 16, 1999

Friends of the Otterbein Courtright Memorial Library Membership Form

Please use this form to join FOCML or renew your membership.

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☐ **New Membership**

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Name: _____

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E-mail Address: _____

Year of Graduation (if from OC) _____

Clip this membership form, and mail with payment to:

Lois Szudy, Director
Courtright Memorial Library
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Westerville, Oh 43081

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**Friends of the Otterbein Courtright Memorial Library
RSVP for April 16th Meeting & Dinner**

Names: _____

_____ Yes, please reserve _____ seats in the instructional session

Number attending dinner _____ @ \$6.00 per person = \$ _____

Checks to be made out to Waid Vance (with "Friends of Library" on memo line). Clip and return to Sylvia Vance on or before Fri., April 9, enclosing payment. Send to: Sylvia Vance

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