

## Friends Winter Newsletter – January, 2019

This past year was a busy and fruitful one for the Friends. We were able to make substantial contributions to Downingtown Library's programs and equipment, all the while enjoying the camaraderie of our common efforts.

Our **Membership Renewal** campaign resulted in a total of 63 Members, 17 of whom are new members. The Membership Year extends from July, 2018, until June, 2019. All are welcome to join – simply fill out the “Join The Friends” form found on the [downingtowntownlibrary.org](http://downingtowntownlibrary.org) website under the Community tab or ask for a form at the library check-out.

There were many Downingtown events in which the Friends offered support to the Library: *Links for the Library* at Applecross selling raffle-tickets; the 4<sup>th</sup> of July *Good Neighbor Day* helping out at the Library's booth; the August *East Brandywine Community Day* distributing Library brochures and buttons; *The Unicorn Fair*; a family fun day at the Library; the town's *Fall Fest*, and the Library's *Brew Fest*. The Friends are proud to participate in these activities which showcase the Library's important presence in Downingtown.

The Friends' main events are the book sales. Planning for the **Fall Book Sale** began with reaching out to the media to broadcast this popular sale. Sorting the books occurred, over a period of several weeks, as patrons brought in their treasures to share. The final week of preparation was an “all-hands-on-deck” time to arrange the books for patrons to browse, during sale days.

**Proceeds** from the year's book sales and treats for seats amounted to nearly \$19,000 and have been donated to the Library.

### *Special Notes:*

**Friends Meetings** are held at 2:15 in the Meeting Room, on the first Friday of each month. All are welcome.

**Friends' Webpage** – keep up on our latest activities. Visit our webpage under the *Community Tab* of the Library's website: [downingtowntownlibrary.org](http://downingtowntownlibrary.org)

The Friends donated a *Chair Dolly* to the Library to facilitate the flexible seating arrangements of its various meetings and gatherings.

The Friends received a **Thank you** from Good Samaritan Services for our *donation* of \$100. in memory of Kathy Lovell who was so dedicated to our Library.

**Children's Books** are always among those donated to the Friends' Book Sale. This past Spring, dozens were in such beautiful condition that they were added to the *Children's Book collection and are now on the shelves*. Additionally, children's books which were leftover from our previous Book Sale were passed on to the *Laundromat Project*.

**Treats for Seats** is an ongoing Friends fundraiser. Children can purchase a bag of treats, as they come in for their reading programs, thus adding their small contributions for the Library's benefit.