

MOHAWK VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM
ANNUAL MEETING

River Stone Manor
Glenville, New York
May 15, 2013

- MVLS Trustees:** Sarah Beekman, Jane Borrelli, Elizabeth Cleary, Cheryl Cufari, Patricia Franco, Marion Grimes, Bonnie Kerr, Barbara Madonna, Ellen McHale, Janet Sand, Deb Wyngowski
- MVLS Staff:** Valerie Catlin, Lois Gordon, Kathy Insero, Sharon O'Brien, Sally Rappa, Sue Rokos, Eric Trahan
- Guests:** Tim Burke, Linda Burns, Carol Clingan, Terri Flower, Jeremy Johannesen, Bonnie Keller, Kathryn McCary, Eli McNett, Carol Young

Library Trustees, Library Directors and Staff, and Friends

Fulton County

- Gloversville** Michael Daly, Lance Gunderson, Bonnie Howard, Donna Kuhner, Peter Kuhner, Barbara Madonna, Hannah McAllister, Christine Pesses
- Johnstown** Deb Callery, James Cleary, Barbara Germain, Mary Ann Harzinski, John Harzinski, Joyce Kirkpatrick, Michael Kirkpatrick, Bridget Polidore, Joe Polidore, Liz Russo, Paul Russo, Tom Walsh, Denise Walsh, Erica Wing
- Northville** Michael Burnett, Dylan Thomarie

Montgomery County

- Fort Hunter** Norma Jean Bennett, Tina Shave, Sue Summerfield
- Fort Plain** Eileen Chambers, Catherine Clinton, Virginia Hill, Whitney Hubbard, Paige Young
- Fonda** Linda Bell, Charlene Fonda, Alice Hinkle, Sherri Kirschman, Andrea Moran

- Schenectady County** Karen Bradley, Mary Ann Warner

Schoharie County

- Cobleskill** Devon Hedges, Gerald Peters
- Middleburgh** Will Beekman
- Schoharie** Meg Berdan, Michele Borst, Cathy Caiazzo, Margaret Carballeira, Sharon Janik, Deb Paden, Arlene Price, Laura Rosenthal, Carl Stefanik
- Sharon Springs** Liz Cooper Mary Ellen Wolfe

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The fifty-fourth annual meeting of the Mohawk Valley Library System was held at the River Stone Manor in Glenville.

Eric Trahan, Executive Director, welcomed all and introduced Assemblyman Phil Steck, Assemblyman Jim Tedisco, and Eli McNett, representing Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara's office. They congratulated our award winners and reiterated the need for libraries and the services they give to their communities.

Eric welcomed special guests Carol Clingan, past Executive Director, Tim Burke, Director, Upper Hudson Library System, Jeremy Johannason, Director, New York Library Association, Bonnie Keller, NBT Bank, Terri Flower, MVLS retiree, and the Outreach Advisory Council members Marion Grimes, Linda Burns, Donna Kuhner and Carol Young.

Eric introduced the members of the Mohawk Valley Library System Board and MVLS staff and noted the Joint Automation Project staff was unable to attend due to the Polaris upgrade.

Michael Burnett, Chair of the MVLS Directors' Council, acknowledged member library directors from each library.

Business Meeting:

MVLS Board President Cheryl Cufari called the annual meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

She stated that 11 libraries were in attendance and recognized their trustees.

Cheryl noted copies of the 2012 MVLS Annual Report were on tables. The report highlights the activities of the past year, including statistics from each of the member libraries. An online version is posted on the MVLS website.

Cheryl called for the report of the Nominating Committee:

Ellen McHale, Chair, of the Nominating Committee, presented the nomination for the following seat on the MVLS Board:

Gordon Beebe, representing Montgomery County

Cheryl asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, she asked Secretary Patty Franco to cast a single ballot for the slate.

Cheryl Cufari presented a staff recognition award to Terri Flower, who retired from MVLS after being employed for more than twenty-five years.

Cheryl recognized Marion Grimes, Chair of the Awards Committee, to introduce the annual MVLS Awards. Marion thanked Patty Franco and Bonnie Kerr for their work on this year's awards and thanked those who submitted wonderful nominations. Marion spoke of how great it felt to "thank" someone for doing something for the benefit of others and noted MVLS is very thankful for all of the staff, trustees and volunteers who benefited member libraries. She introduced Patty Franco to present the 2013 Harold and Junice Wusterbarth Volunteer Service Award.

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Patty presented Thomas C. Walsh with a framed certificate. She then introduced Barbara Germain and Erica Wing who spoke of the many reasons Thomas was nominated. The Johnstown Public Library received \$200 in his honor. Cheryl Cufari presented certificates from Assemblyman Marc Butler and Senator Hugh Farley.

Marion Grimes introduced Bonnie Kerr to present the 2013 Library Recognition Award to the Gloversville Public Library for their *Technology Class* program. Barbara Madonna, Director introduced Michael Daley, an Instruction and Public Services Librarian at Fulton-Montgomery Community College, who volunteered to instruct this class. Michael described the class and the way it benefited the community members. Barbara accepted the award on behalf of the library. The library was awarded \$500, a framed certificate and a certificate from Senator Hugh Farley.

Cheryl congratulated the 2013 award winners on behalf of the MVLS Board of Trustees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

The evening ended with the eighth annual Library Trivia contest hosted by Michael Burnett and assisted by Sharon O'Brien and Sue Rokos. Winners received coupons for books by answering book related questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Franco, Secretary